



**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Spring Hill, FL**

Proclaiming Christ in the heart of Spring Hill since 1971

**PARISH**



**CHIMES**

**November 2012**



## **A FINAL NOTE FROM FR. BOB**

*Dear people of St. Andrew's,*

I want to thank you for the honor of serving you for these past 4 months. As you may know, I have accepted a call to be the rector of Church of the Holy Comforter in Montgomery, Alabama as of November 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a difficult decision, but I think the right one for my family and me.

St. Andrew's is a wonderful parish. You, the people, are warm, embracing, faithful, and fun. I have really enjoyed being with you. The staff and volunteers are more than dedicated, they love this place and that shows in their work. The vestry has been and is working hard to maintain stability in this time of transition. They need support and encouragement from all of you.

If you'll allow me one last moment of preaching: You are all, and each of you, members of the community of faith called St. Andrew's. Focus on the strength and ability of each other. There is tremendous talent out in the pews. Draw on it to continue your movement forward. Remember your history, but look toward your future, enjoying your "now."

Although it has been a short time, I have grown to love you, and I will certainly miss you. I have also learned a lot about myself and my priesthood, and I thank you for that.

St. Andrew's is poised to be a model of Episcopal life in the "far north" of the diocese. I am confident that you will find the right priest to help you get there.

With much love,

Bob+



## **Sr. Warden's Remarks**

*Betty Jo McCann, Sr. Warden*

Thank you Fr. Bob. Congratulations and good luck in Alabama. Although your time here was short, you will be missed.

This does add a small kink in our rector search process. See details on page 2 of this issue of the *Chimes*.

Moving forward, we are very fortunate to have **Fr. Fred Scharf** with us during November and December. These are very busy months in the church life. We have the Service of Remembrance, All Souls, and Thanksgiving in November. Then there is December....

In addition to busy church schedules, our church staff also have a family life. Our secretary Kathy Crump will be on vacation the first two weeks of November; I will be out of the office the week of Thanksgiving, and the school is closed from Dec. 21 to Jan. 7, 2013. If any ministries or groups have changes in their meeting times or dates, please let Kathy know so the calendars can be properly updated.

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## **The Tool Kit**

*Harry Calderbank, Jr. Warden*

A **Lightning Strike** damaged the school computer system, the fire alarm monitoring system in Krysher Hall, the office and Sanctuary alarm systems, and the bell tower electronic control system. Our insurance company has been contacted and a claim filed to recover the expenses incurred in repairing and replacing the damaged systems and components. The school computers are back up and running. The Krysher Hall, office and Sanctuary systems will be repaired by the time you read this. The extent of damage and necessary repairs to the bell tower are under analysis and a solution is anticipated shortly.

**Thrift Shop Lavatory:** Significant damage was discovered in the Thrift Shop's ladies room. Faulty toilet seals and seeping plumbing fixtures caused serious water damage to one wall as well as the tile baseboard. Repairs to the plumbing fixtures and replacement of the damaged wall sections are underway along with modifications to provide wheel chair access. The remainder of the ladies room will receive fresh paint on the walls and ceiling at this time as well.

**Krysher Hall:** Both gable ends of Krysher Hall have needed repair for some time. The T-111 siding has buckled in a number of spots due to inadequate fastening techniques used at the time of construction. Damage was also noted to some of the fascia boards and soffit areas. Work to correct these deficiencies will be underway shortly. The T-111 siding will be removed to allow the installation of horizontal battens to provide proper surfaces for the correct fastening of the siding. New siding will be installed only where necessary.

The current material will be reused wherever possible. New fascia boards

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## Jr. Warden's Report Continued

will replace those currently installed where required and will then be covered with aluminum facing. New vented soffit material will replace the present non-vented material. Painting will be done with Sherwin-Williams "Emerald" lifetime warranty latex coating.

**Sanctuary & Office:** The Sanctuary and office buildings will be painted with the same Sherwin-Williams "Emerald" lifetime warranty material after proper preparation and repair or replacement of any damaged wood components including fascia and soffit areas, as well as installing vents in the soffits of the Adam & Eve, Youth & Usher buildings. Water damaged doors in the bath and storage buildings will be repaired at the same time.

**Perimeter Shrubs:** A decision was reached at the October vestry meeting to trim the perimeter shrubs down to a more manageable 3' height. This will provide a more open and welcoming appearance to our church while maintaining a clear and definitive border to our campus. This project will be done in mid-January, 2013 in accordance with the recommendations of our landscape professionals.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Library held its first meeting October 9 since adjourning for summer break. We have now donated used books for your enjoyment. Just remember there is a limit of two weeks to read your book, and no late fees. Come in Sunday or during the week when Krysher Hall is open to browse and find a good book to read: pull the card from the back of the book, sign and date it, and place it on the desk: it's that easy.

The Book Club also met October 9 and enjoyed Joanne Lillpopp's review of *Caleb's Crossing*. Not all of us had a chance to read the book prior to the meeting, but it tweaked our interest to read it later. **Tuesday November 13** the book for review is *The Paris Wife: A Novel* by Paula McLain. All who would like to join a great group of people please come on the second Tuesday of each month. The Library

meets 12:30 to 1:30 and Book Club is 1:30 to 2:45—join both or just one, I promise you good fellowship and lots of laughter. Happy Reading! — *Deb Wilks*

## VESTRY NOMINATIONS

**NOW is the time** to indicate if you are interested in being nominated for vestry; or if you know someone whom you think would be interested, please contact any vestry person. There are 3 vacancies for standard three year terms and 1 vacancy to complete the remaining one year of Tina Ogden's term.

Vestry members must be confirmed or received, and full members of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. They must be regular in attendance, faithful in stewardship of time, talent and resources, and able to attend meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. They must also be available for the Vestry Orientation Retreat the first Saturday in February.

Nominees will be asked to complete a

short bio which can be published in the Chimes prior to our Annual Parish Meeting in January. **Deadline is November 23<sup>rd</sup>** for the December issue.

Convention delegates: At our annual meeting we will elect 3 persons to be delegates to convention and 1 alternate. If you are interested in being nominated for one of these positions, please contact church office.

## PLEASE HELP

**We are in GREAT NEED of**

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers!!!**

**It is very rewarding and does not require much of your time.**

**For details, please contact  
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## Nov 2012 Rector Search Update

What is taking so long? Good question. Pastor Shanda announced her retirement late March 2012, 2 weeks later was Easter and 2 weeks later (April 22) was the retirement date. Whew! According to diocesan rules, numerous steps are required before an official call can be made for a new rector. It is a deliberate process. We have been fortunate to have Fr. Bob while we worked on this process. **Where are we in this process today?**

Step	Tasks	Result
Pastoral needs of Parish	Obtain assigned clergy	Fr. Bob
Develop parish survey	Distribute to parish by mid-June	Done
Receive surveys	4 weeks after distribution	Done
Tally results	Create complete report	Done
Distribute results to parish	August 15 – promised due date	Done
Analyze results	Mid-committee, a cross-section of parishioners is meeting with consultant during October	In progress
Fr. Bob is moving on	Obtain another priest-in-charge Vestry meeting with Canon Durning	In progress
Clergy for Nov/Dec	Cover all ministry needs for Nov/Dec	Fr. Fred Scharf
Discern what St. Andrew's needs & what qualifications are we looking for in a rector	After analysis is complete – mid-committee will move on to this	pending
Identify search committee	Parishioners who are willing and available	pending
Search Committee	Using information from mid-committee & names provided from Diocese, begin the official search	pending



# St. Andrew's VPK, Preschool and Child Care News

Gerri Anderson, Director



A heartfelt thank you goes to **Ester and Jo Marion** for granting one of the requests on our **Wish List** last month. Their generous gift has enabled us to continue our subscription to **The Weekly Reader** for our VPK students. We are so happy!

As far as the rest of our **Wish List** is concerned, we still could use the following items:

- 2 Tricycles
- 2 Child-sized wagons to pull
- 2 child-sized grocery carts to push
- Combination Record / CD Player

If anyone can help with these items, please contact me at 683-7013 each day from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Traditionally at preschool November is a month for thanksgivings and blessings. We have many things for which we are grateful. We thank Father Bob for his caring and guidance, we thank the Vestry for working with us as we accept as many children as we can to fill our school, and we thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for showing us how we can be of service to children. This year we are going in a new direction not only serving our community's VPK/Preschool children, but also serving children in foster care and at-risk circumstances where DCF has placed children in our care. The three of us here on staff are blessed and fulfilled knowing that we are helping so many children who face

many difficult problems in their young lives. We give them the love, care, guidance, security, and protection to help them grow up and feel they have self worth and importance no matter what problems they have in their personal family struggles.

We are truly thankful, dear Lord, to serve you in this ministry and outreach.



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION & EDUCATION

*Christian formation & education is a life-long process and is offered in the Anglican tradition of seeking the truth from diverse viewpoints, even as our relationship with God through Jesus never wavers.*

*Different viewpoints may be represented at different times.*

### FAITH JOURNEY GROUP

**Mondays, 7 pm, September—May.** Parishioners & friends meet for deeply rewarding and peaceful study and sharing. Open to all. Call Sarah Madsen telephone 796-0868 for more information.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Last week we threaded needles (camels are too big and do not fit) and discussed the importance of the Ten Commandments and ways to share one's wealth. The St. Andrew's Sunday School crew meets every Sunday at 10:15 am. All are welcome- visitors, friends, and family. Please join us in our conversations with one another!  
Susan Villnow, Director

### ORDER OF ST. LUKE

St. Andrew's newly forming chapter of the Order of St. Luke at St. Andrew's has begun this seasons meetings on the second Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm in the

Library. Anyone interested in healing is invited to attend. For more information contact Nancy Cotter 325-688-2803  
Email: [2cotters@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:2cotters@tampabay.rr.com)

### GriefShare

*Your Journey from Mourning to Joy:*

**Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays** will be held on **Sunday, December 9 at noon** in the library. This is open to anyone who acknowledges that holidays can be a time of stress and sadness when you have lost someone.












LOCATION KEY:

C = Church  
 CH = Coulton Hall  
 KH = Krysher Hall  
 L = Library  
 TS = Karen's Kit 'n Kaboodle Thrift Shop  
 PS = PreSchool in Friendship Hall



EVENT KEY: AE=Adult Education  
 BP = Back Packs  
 CC = Children's Chapel  
 CG = Cursillo Group  
 DOK = Daughters of the King  
 FJG = Faith Journey Group  
 FOL = Friends of the Library  
 GS = GriefShare  
 HC = Holy Communion  
 OSL = Order of St. Luke  
 SAB = School Advisory Board  
 SS = Sunday School  
 WC = Welcoming Committee  
 YI = Youth Inquiry  
 YMM = Youth Music Ministry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>On November 4th!!</b>				<b>1</b>  4:30 BackPacks 6:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>2 ALL SOUL'S DAY</b> 12PM Service of Remembrance OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3 4pm HC</b> 
<b>4 Pent 23—Proper 26</b> 8am HC 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC  Daylight Savings Time <u>Ends</u>	<b>5</b> 12:30 School Advisory Board Mtg. (L) 1pm Thrift Shop Board Mtg. (K) 2pm Bible Study (L)	<b>6</b>  	<b>7</b> 10am HC & Healing Srv 11am Children's Chapel 6pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 4:30 BackPacks 6:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>10 UTO WEEKEND</b>  10:30 DOK 4pm HC
<b>11 Pent 24—Proper 27</b> 8am HC 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC  12:20 Order of St. Luke (L) 3pm Atria Evergreen	<b>12 Veteran's Day Celebrated</b> <b>NO VPK TODAY</b> 2pm Bible Study (L)	<b>13</b> THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE 12pm FOL (L) 12:30 STAFF Mtg (L) 6PM VESTRY Mtg (L)	<b>14</b> 10am HC & Healing Srv 11am Children's Chpl 6pm Youth Group	<b>15</b> 4:30 BackPacks 6:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>17</b> 4pm HC
<b>18 Pent 25—Proper 28</b> 8am HC 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC	<b>19</b> 2pm Bible Study (L)	<b>20</b> 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>21 CHIMES DEADLINE</b> 10am HC & Healing Srv 11am Children's Chpl <b>NO</b> Youth Group	<b>22 THANKSGIVING</b> <b>9am HC</b> 	<b>23</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>24</b> 4pm HC
<b>25 Pent Last—Proper 29</b> <b>CHRIST the KING</b> 8am HC 10:00 YI 10:15 SS 10:30 HC	<b>26</b> 12pm S.T.A.R. Mtg (L) 2pm Bible Study (L)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10am HC & Healing Srv 11am Children's Chpl 12 S.T.A.R. Mtg. (L) 6pm <b>Movie Night</b>	<b>29</b> 4:30 BackPacks 6:15 Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>Dec. 2 Bishop's Visit &amp; CONFIRMATION</b> Advent Begins!!! 

## NOVEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries



1 Clair Eriksen	16 Charlene Fales
3 Maurice Stewart	17 Carolyn Hearn
3 Sal Mendoza	17 Brandon Bethoney
4 Ken Walker	18 Donal Candy
4 Adele Ruggiero	18 Hailey Anderson
4 Carol Fuller	19 Dennis Crisfield
5 Jim Rankin	20 Nancy Ashley
5 Jean Johnson	22 Joseph Frederick
6 Pete Jackson	23 Sarah Bedrosian
6 Autumn Blackwell	24 Pat Trama
7 Reg Williams	24 Maralyn Rummler
7 Lou Clifton	25 Nancy Koehle
9 Robert Bodeau	25 Pat Spencer
10 Walter Wincek	27 Rosamond Stewart
11 Nellie James	27 Linda Kline
12 Fred Lewis	28 Gary Wayne Emerson
13 Eileen Stone	28 Christopher Stone
13 Trish Gardner	29 Walter Erikson
13 Geddy Emerson	30 Robert Mohl
14 Marjorie Convery	30 Robert Lee
15 Paul Herold	30 Jaymie Jean Short
15 Harry Calderbank	
15 Michelle Traudt	



7 Robert & Mary Ward  
12 James & Carolyn Hearn  
20 Dave & Carla Newman  
23 Robert & Betty Tober  
29 Lou & Norma Clifton

## The Parish Register

**Deaths**  
June Lee  
Curt Fales  
Daniel Chiz  
Miner Cilley  
James Gildea

**Funerals**  
Curt Fales  
Miner Cilley

## Coming December Events

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> - First Advent** - Bishop Howe visits for Confirmation, Reception, and Baptism.

Saturday service at 4 pm and **One Sunday Service at 10:30 am.** Small reception follows the 10:30 service.

**Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - Second Advent** - St. Nicholas will visit again.  
3 pm Pageant at the Atria at Evergreen Woods

**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - Third Advent** - Christmas pageant at Sun. 10:30 am service

**Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fourth Advent** - regular services

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve** - 5:30 pm & 10:30 pm: Caroling prior to Holy Eucharist service

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Morning** - Rite I, 9 AM

**Dec 28/29 - Christmas Lessons & Carols** at all 3 services

## NOVEMBER Lectionary

**November 2**  
*All Soul's Day*  
Wisdom 116:10-17  
Psalm 130  
Isaiah 25:6-9  
1 Corinthians 15:50-58

**November 17/18**  
*25th Sun. after Pentecost*  
Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-18,19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

**November 3/4**  
*23rd Sun. after Pentecost*  
*Celebrate All Saints' Day*  
Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

**November 22**  
*Thanksgiving Day*  
Joel 2:21-27  
Psalm 126  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Matthew 6:25-33

**November 10/11**  
*24th Sun. after Pentecost*  
1 Kings 17:8-16  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

**November 24/25**  
*Last Sun. after Pentecost*  
*Christ the King*  
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

# The Apocrypha

by the Rev. Dr. Ludwig Wallner

! Our sincere thanks to Deacon Ludwig for continuing to send us such interesting & informative contributions!

There are books of the Jewish Bible which were not considered important enough to be included in the Old Testament. Depending on which bible you read, you may or may not find these books listed.

This set of sacred scrolls is known as the *Apocrypha*. The word Apocrypha in Greek means “hidden.” This set of books was written between 300 BC and 70 AD and they weren’t considered reliable enough for inclusion in the Jewish Bible.

Like the Old Testament, the Apocrypha covers the areas of history, prayer, romance, poems, songs and wise sayings.

There is no agreement among the world’s religions as to how many (if any), or which ones belong in the Apocrypha; for example: the Roman Catholic Church includes seven books in their bible, most Protestant bibles have dropped the entire section, and the Eastern Orthodox Church uses the entire Apocrypha.

The books included in the Apocrypha are:

**Tobit:** The story about a Jewish man deported to Nineveh (present day Iraq). Here he gives executed Jews a proper burial even though it was against Assyrian Law.

**Judith:** The story of how a Jewish widow, Judith, saves her city from attacking Assyrians.

**Esther additions:** This Greek version of Esther’s story adds 107 extra verses and over 50 references to God. The Hebrew version doesn’t mention God at all.

**Wisdom of Solomon:** A collection of wise sayings and essays designed to help people live righteous lives.

**Sirach:** This 51-chapter book is also known as “Ecclesiasticus.” It features songs and wise advice.

**Baruch:** Letters to the Jews in Jerusalem from Babylon (present day Iraq) confessing the Jewish nation’s sins and praying for deliverance.

**Letter of Jeremiah:** Letters written to the Jewish exiled in Babylon, warning them not to worship idols.

**The Prayer of Azariah and the Song of the Three Jews:** This is an add-on to the Book of Daniel and is said to be the song and prayer that Daniel’s three friends prayed as Nebuchadnezzar had them thrown into the fiery furnace.

**Susanna:** The story of a beautiful Jewish woman who is accused of having sex with a stranger. Daniel proves the woman’s accusers wrong.

**Bel and the Dragon:** This is the story of Daniel exposing the hoaxes about two false gods.

**1 Maccabees:** Story of a Jewish priest leading a revolt against the Syrians to secure Israel’s independence.

**2 Maccabees:** Story of the war continues but this includes help from God.

**1 Esdras:** Tells the story of the fall of Jerusalem, the Jews in exile in Babylon, the Jews returning home, and the rebuilding of the temple.

**Prayer of Manasseh:** This is a 15-verse prayer from King Manasseh, the most evil Jewish king, confessing his sins.

**Psalms 151:** This was David’s song after he killed Goliath.

**3 Maccabees:** A story about God’s protection of Jews from a King in Egypt who attempts to kill the Jews by having elephants trample them to death.

**2 Esdras:** This book deals with the prophet Ezeiel’s visions of the end times.

**4 Maccabees:** This book deals with a plea to the Jews to keep observing Jewish laws and customs even though the Syrians are executing Jews who don’t renounce their faith. This book is set in the days before the revolt against the Syrian rule.

## Become A Part of God’s Ministry

Being an usher is an important and fun ministry here at St. Andrew’s. As an usher you can be assured that you have an opportunity to make a newcomer feel welcomed and want to return for a second visit. You will also help make those who have been members of St. Andrew’s continue to feel welcomed, and you will begin to remember the names of all those faces you see every Saturday and Sunday. Ushers also help to ensure that services run smoothly and in an orderly fashion during moments of congregational transition, such as during the Eucharist. It is a great way to serve God and St. Andrew’s through the donation of your time and your willingness to smile, say hello and shake a hand.

We need more ushers as our ranks have been shrinking. As I am replacing Randy Mahurin as the head of the ushers, I am issuing an urgent request to anyone who would like to be an usher. Both men and women, young and not so young are invited. All it takes is a willingness to give of your time during a service you attend and to commit to fulfilling the obligation of being at your station on any assigned Saturday or Sunday. In most cases, an usher serves only one day a month. Learning the ropes is easy too.

If you are interested in being an usher, please contact me, **Paul Popalis**, at 727-534-1021 or email me at [paul.popalis@mac.com](mailto:paul.popalis@mac.com).



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## for Month Ending September 30, 2012

	Month ending 09/30/2012			YTD as of 09/30/12		
	Revenues	Expenses	Net	YTD Rev	YTD Expense	YTD Net
<b>Church</b>	\$24,412.00	\$20,677.62	\$ 3,734.38	\$217,108.53	\$215,610.67	\$ 1,497.86
<b>Thrift Shop</b>	\$ 5,118.26	\$ 1,344.36	\$ 3,773.90	\$ 69,626.78	\$ 11,640.22	\$ 57,986.56
<b>Pre-School</b>	\$ 4,958.65	\$ 7,477.72	\$ (2,519.07)	\$ 59,515.87	\$ 70,750.28	\$ (11,234.41)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,488.91</b>	<b>\$29,499.70</b>	<b>\$ 4,989.21</b>	<b>\$346,251.18</b>	<b>\$298,001.17</b>	<b>\$ 48,250.01</b>

**Krysher Hall Mortgage Balance      \$89,146.40**

September is the beginning of our program year, so attendance and contributions should be on the rise. Most of our pledges are up to date as we go into the final portion of the year. Due to budget cuts that took place in July the church's revenues are covering the expenses at this time.

The school will show an increase in income for October due to the VPK payments received for September in October. However it is expected that the school will end the year with a loss.

The Thrift Store continues to do an outstanding job thanks to all our volunteers.

### ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 2012

	Sat	Sun 8	Sun 10:30	Total Attendance
1/2	55		100	155
8/9	38	5	68	111
15/16	40	14	146	200
22/23	47	17	162	226
29/30	41	21	142	204
Avg	44	14	124	



## Christmas 2012 -- Birth of a New Tradition

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods -- merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse .....that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes there is!

It's time to think outside the box. Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese produced wrapping paper?

Everyone -- yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber? Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages who are thinking about some health improvement.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Small, American owned detail shops and car washes would love to sell you a gift certificate or a book of gift certificates.

Are you one of those extravagant givers who think nothing of plunking down the Benjamins on a Chinese made flat-screen? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are a bazillion owner-run restaurants -- all offering gift certificates. And, if your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about a half dozen breakfasts at the local breakfast joint. Remember, folks this isn't about big National chains -- this is about supporting your home town Americans with their financial lives on the line to keep their doors open.

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop run by the American working guy?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would LOVE the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

My computer could use a tune-up, and I KNOW I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make jewelry, and pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theatre.

Musicians need love too, so find a venue showcasing local bands. Honestly, do you REALLY need to buy another ten thousand Chinese lights for the house? When you buy a five dollar string of light, about fifty cents stays in the community. If you have those kinds of bucks to burn, leave the mailman, trash guy or babysitter a nice BIG tip.

You see, Christmas is no longer about draining American pockets so that China can build another glittering city. Christmas is now about caring about US, encouraging American small businesses to keep plugging away to follow their dreams. And, when we care about other Americans, we care about our communities, and the benefits come back to us in ways we couldn't imagine. THIS is the new American Christmas. Spread the Christmas cheer!

- Submitted by Deacon Ludwig Wallner



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### Worship & Formation Schedule:

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
<b>Second Sat.</b>	10:30 am	Daughters of the King
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
<b>First Sun.</b>	10:30 am	Contemporary Worship
<b>Nursery available Sundays 10:30 am—noon</b>		
<b>Sunday School 10:15</b>		
<b>Monday</b>	2:00 pm	Bible Study ( <b>Sep—May</b> )
	7:00 pm	Faith Journey Group ( <b>Sep—May</b> )
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 pm	GriefShare
<b>Second Tues.</b>	12 noon	Friends of Library & Book Club ( <b>Oct—May</b> )
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist & Healing
	11:00 am	Children's Chapel
	6:00 pm	Youth Ministry
<b>Thursday</b>	6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal ( <b>Aug—May</b> )

*Grief, Divorce and Recovery support is available.  
Please call us for our current meeting schedules.*

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTING**

**Your gracious hosting talents are still needed!!! Please choose a Sunday of your choice and sign up to serve. Remember, it is not necessary to provide a huge spread. We envision a snack to have with coffee and punch during our time of fellowship together. Remember some of our parishioners are diabetic so cheese, crackers, a little fruit are all we really need. Thank you! Contact: Barbara Ingram 352-796-7747 Email: [bacingram@bellsouth.net](mailto:bacingram@bellsouth.net)**