

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

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## **FROM** THE RECTOR

Dear Members & Friends of St. Andrew's, The season of Advent is over, the season of Christmas is here, and soon we will be in the season after Epiphany. In our church calendar it makes perfect sense, doesn't it, for Christmas to follow Advent. We wait for the Lord's coming and then he comes. However it may not be so clear why Epiphany follows so closely to Christmas.

The coming of the Christ, Christmas, (the mass or celebration of Christ) refers to the arrival of an anointed one. Christ, and the other term used, Messiah, literally means one who is anointed. The ancient kings were anointed, the prophets were anointed, and the priests were anointed and as such they were all christs. The anointing was representative of the Spirit of God coming upon the person so that he or she would be able to do the work God had set him or her apart to do. The ancient Jews expected the Christ to come and they expected that God would anoint him with the Holy Spirit. The prophecies concerning the Christ, note the capitol 'C', indicated that this particular one would receive more than the usual amount of anointing because he would come to rescue his people. However, there was no expectation of the Jews in Jesus' day that this anointed person would be anything more than a regular man. They expected an incredibly talented and charismatic man, in the fashion of King David who was a military genius, a brilliant musician, song writer, great administrator and so on; yet even David was simply a human. The celebration of Christmas is that this Christ, this anointed one has finally come.

But then comes Epiphany, literally the unveiling or manifestation. In our Christian tradition the usual Scripture reading we use for the celebration of Epiphany references the first time in the life of Jesus that his divinity is revealed. This occasion is when the wise men came and brought the child Jesus gifts. It is not the gifts part that reveals the divinity of Jesus but after they gave him the gifts they worshiped him. Worship is reserved only for God.

Do you see how important Epiphany is? Without it we think of Jesus as simply a great man. A powerful teacher and healer, a wonder worker even. But when we consider that Jesus is actually Emmanuel, God with us, well this brings everything to an entirely new level. God inserts Himself into human history. God humbles himself, becomes man, and dwells among us. Or as John wrote, the Word became flesh and lived among us. God so cared, so loved humanity that he himself came to rescue us from our sins and from death. He came to show us how to live and what is life. So this why Epiphany is so important and why it follows so closely after Christmas. It shows us that Jesus was the God-man.

We celebrate both Christmas and Epiphany for different reasons but each season is very significant. We will celebrate Epiphany with a special service 10 AM on Tuesday, January 6th. On Sunday, January 11th we also celebrate our church's birthday with a parish dinner. At this dinner we recognize and honor the Volunteer of the Year, among other things. And then on the last Sunday in January, the 25th, we have our annual parish meeting.

This is a wonderfully rich month. I am looking forward to celebrating it with you! Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance+

## 🖳 Sr. Warden's Remarks Loa Jackson, Sr. Warden

Happy New Year Everyone. As we get started in our New Year, there is one date that is important to mark on your calendar. That is our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday January 25th

following the morning service.

This is an important meeting as we will be electing four vestry positions along with conference delegates. Also, there are some Church By-Law changes that govern our church. We have people running for Vestry that attend our three different services, so it's important to come and support the person you feel would be best for St. Andrew's family. There is a free dinner to be served as well. You will need a ticket so we can have a numbers count as to how many will be attending. Voting applies to church members over the age of 16. We are looking at having someone occupy the young ones so Moms and Dads can attend the meeting.

The 2014 Annual report is also being developed for this meeting. The leaders of our various church ministries have until January 10th to submit their information about the activities covered for the year of 2014. So get your ticket (remember it's a free meal), bring your pencil, and be part of the "Decision Committee."

In the meantime, see you in Church! Loa Jackson, your Sr. Warden



Greetings Fellow St. Andrewians,

Hope all had a very Blessed Holiday Season and that the blessings continue throughout the year.

As this is the Holiday season I'll make my gift to all of our St. Andrew's Family . . . a very short Jr. Warden's report. About the only real Jr. Warden's business for December is that we had the floor in Krysher Hall completely stripped and re-waxed. I know this is something most people would not notice, but believe me, if you had the opportunity to see the before and after, you'd notice.

For the year ahead there a few things on the agenda: the regular "clean-up" days; I'd also like to have more bushes removed to make our Church even more visible; a new sign could be something to look forward to as well. A new multi-media system is also on the horizon. There is some roof work to be done and, of course, what I had hoped would be at least started (if not done) by now . . . our new Church addition. Yes, we've suffered set backs, but that does not stop God's work!!!

On a personal note, I'd like say a very heart-felt "thank-you" to our sexton **Tom Beem** and our friend **Jennifer** for all the help they've provided to both myself and our Church . . . THANK-YOU!

One last thing that has really nothing to do with the Jr. Warden: We have a better than great group of people that volunteer for so many things at St. Andrew's, and we have three retired clergy who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination around the same time in December: Fr. Mike, Fr. Don and Deacon Ludwig . . . so as part of our Church Luncheon on January 11th we will celebrate and say "thank-you" to a great group of both Clergy and Lay People who have meant – and still mean – and will always mean – so very, very much to St. Andrew's. THANK-YOU to all !!

In God's love, Rick

# FRIENDS of the LIBRARY & BOOK CLUB

Submitted by Nancy Koehle

For our December meeting we escaped from the library and were hosted by **Susan Villnow** at her beautiful home where good fun, friendship and delicious foods were shared (loved the shortbread ... all five kinds).

Our next meeting is **January 13th at 12:30 pm** in the Witt Library located in Krysher Hall. We hope you will join us.

Some of us will be there earlier at around 11 a.m. to stick, paste, stamp and shelve new books for your library. Pack a bag lunch and come to the 'picnic'.

The Book Club will meet at 1:45 pm. June Ainey will guide us through a review and critique of the book *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. This is a novel about slavery on a Charleston plantation in the early to mid-1800s. Having read the book is helpful, but is not a criterion for participating. June's review will help you decide if it's worth your valuable time to read it. All books being reviewed by the Book Club are located in your Witt Library.

Your Witt Library has a wonderful collection of books for all ages and is open Sundays before and after worship. During the week the key is in the office if the door is locked. Please come and make yourself familiar with the literary contents of your library.

## From the Food Pantry

Thank you all for your Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams. We served 13 turkeys and 10 hams for the holidays.

A big Thank You to the volunteers who so graciously gave their time to serve the hungry. I hope your holidays were blessed.

Your Brother in Christ,

Richard Davidson

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Diocese has two weekend youth events scheduled for Spring 2015:

#### New Beginnings – February 6-8, 2015

This weekend responds to the unique challenges and concerns of youth in grades 6-8. It was created by adults and youth to help participants grow in their love of themselves, others and our Lord Jesus Christ. Participants don't have to be Episcopalian, but need to be recommended through a member of the Episcopal Church and have the backing of an adult sponsor from that church. During the weekend, participants meet peers

from across the diocese, enjoy skits, listen to talks, and participate in small group activities & discussions that focus on self, friends, parents, siblings, school, God's love, prayer and the church. Free time provides an opportunity to be in fellowship with newfound friends. A highlight is Holy Eucharist at St. Thomas Chapel. Cost is \$100 per person.

#### Happening - March 6-8, 2015

A unique, one-time encounter weekend for high school youth that helps teens foster a personal, more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. Participants experience the love of Christ through music, talk, prayer, worship and a community led by fellow students, supported by clergy and lay adults. *Happening* is open to all 9th through 12th graders. Cost: \$100 per person.

Questions? Call Registrar Michelle Mercurio at 941-556-0315 or email her at mmercurio@episcopalswfl.org.

#### **MUSIC NOTES**

Jody Bowes, Minister of Music

#### 2014 in Musical Revue

Music is an integral part of our worship and daily lives. The "Rhythm of Life" is infused all we do and all we are. I want to share with you some of the ways your presence and participation blessed me (and our Music Ministry) in 2014:

In January our Music Ministry sponsored an *Epiphany Celebration* that included a "Birthday Party" for all parishioners and recognition of St. Andrew's ministry volunteers. What a gift to see how many give of their time and talent throughout the year in so many ways! As you read this we are planning for this year's party on **Sunday, January 11**th – I can't wait!

It was a genuine pleasure working with our youth group, learning about praise music and the instruments that are available to us. We received donations of hand percussion, a guitar and keyboard, and thanks to **Tim Audette**, I was able to obtain the Pearl drum set that now resides in our Sanctuary.

It was especially gratifying to be part of the genesis of our new Praise and Worship Band. Thanks to **Jamison Webster** 

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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION, EDUCATION & MINISTRY

Christian formation and education is a life-long process and is offered in the Anglican tradition of seeking the truth as it is presented to us from the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer. You are always invited to become involved in and to make use of St. Andrew's many ministries.

# Bible Study

Bible studies with Fr. Lance are on **Wednesdays** at



**1:30 pm & 6 pm in the Library**. We are presently doing a Bible survey covering every book of the Bible. Please join us.



## Adult Formation

Saturdays 5 pm & Sundays 9:15 am. Classes run 45 minutes; topics cover our liturgy and Anglican heritage.

## **Inquirers Classes**

A 4 to 5-week class for those new to the Episcopal Church and those uncertain what "we" really believe and why "we" do what we do. Covers what Episcopalians believe, our traditions and why we observe them, and what's expected of members. Speak to Fr. Lance or watch your bulletin or *The Parish Chimes* for announcements. Class is open to all but is necessary if one desires to become a member of St. Andrew's.



## **Sunday School**

Susan Villnow, Director

We have covered the topics of the waiting place, a messenger from God, reflecting the light, and the meaning of names. All of this relates to Advent, the start of the church year. We welcome all who want to join us!

- Miss Susan, Miss Colleen, Miss Jeanie

The ladies of the Daughters of the King meet the Second of the Saturday of the month at 10:30 am in the Library. Our primary goals are prayer, service and evangelism. We pray for the church and its members, the country, and whatever concerns we have. Come see what we're about. Call Betty Audette: 352-683-2045.

#### Order of St. Luke



Join us in the healing service each Wed. at 10 am. Come for yourself or in place of

others who need healing prayer.

At each service a member of the Order is in the back of the church as you leave the communion rail for individual prayer requests, anointing and healing prayer

If you feel you would like to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, as a member of The Order of Saint Luke, we would love for you to join us. Contact Susan Bruno 352-686-4602 or Fr. Lance 352-683-2010 for more info.

#### Alt What

#### Altar Guild

What a wonderful, happy time of year. New Year 2015 is here with

many new and exciting things to come.

I have enjoyed being your Altar Guild Director and Flower Lady. I would like to thank the Winn Dixie flower lady Anita for the flowers she brings each week. She has been very helpful to me behind the scenes. She delivers every Saturday morning, and at Christmastime she delivered all the flowers to my home and watered and kept them in good condition until Christmas. If you have any special colors you'd like me to order, let me know. Anita works at the Winn Dixie at Spring Hill Drive and Mariner Blvd. Tell her you are one of St. Andrew's church people – that would make her smile.

To all the Altar Guild, Thank You for a great last year. You ALL have been such a great help to me. Happy New Year 2015!

Gail Niedurny, Altar Guild Director (Flower Lady)

## **Pastoral Care Ministry**

Brings the presence of Christ to the homebound, hospitalized, and those in rehab or extended care facilities. Holy Communion and Anointing for Healing are offered; visits may include bringing altar flowers, bulletins, newsletters, cards, small gifts, prayer and a short friendly visit. We meet bi-monthly during the church year.

Training and screening are required. Call Janet Crisfield at 352-796-9389 or Fr. Lance in the church office. If you need or know of a parishioner that could benefit from this ministry please call the office.



## Heartline Ministry

Helps parishioners who need a ride to a doctor, rehab, etc. **If** 

you need a ride, call Rick Pederson at (352) 650-4640. If you drive & can help (even once!), give Rick your name & number so he can call when he needs you.

## Music Ministry

Jody Bowes, Minister of Music



Sanctuary Choir (Sept. thru May) sings at the Sunday 10:30 am service. Rehearsals are Thurs. at 6:15 pm - no experience necessary!

**Cantata Choir** sings periodically throughout the year. Rehearsals are **Thurs. at 5:15 pm**. Ability to read music is required.

**Praise & Worship Band** plays at special services. Rehearsals are **Wed. at 7 pm**. If you play an instrument or sing, talk to Jody.

Instrumental/Vocal Solos are always welcome. Speak to Jody, leave a message at the office, or email her at JBowes001@aol.com.

## **Prayer Network**

To request prayers for those in need of prayer within and beyond our parish community, please send prayer requests to: thewallners@hotmail.com

# GriefShare, DivorceCare & Recovery

Grief, Divorce and Recovery support is available. Call church the office for meeting information. We will help you find resources to aid in your journey from sadness to joy!

GriefShare: We got through Surviving the Holidays on Dec. 9 with the blessing of Fr. Mike. Grief Share meets each Tuesday, January 6 through March 31 at 3 pm in the Krysher Hall library. All are always welcome for a short visit or for the entire program. We urge you to make your friends aware of Grief Share, and the solace that it brings.

**DivorceCare:** We meet every **Thursday evening** at **7 pm** in classroom 7 behind St. Frances Cabrini Church on Mariner Blvd. Contact Susan Bruno, Facilitator, at 352-686-4602 for more information.

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**EVENT KEY** 

**AF** = Adult Formation **BP** = Back Packs

**DOK** = Daughters of the King **FOL** = Friends of the Library

**GS** = Grief Share

HE = Holy Eucharist OSL = Order of St. Luke SS = Sunday School YI = Youth Inquirers

YM = Youth Ministry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8am HE II 9:15 AF (L) 10:15 SS (KH) 10:30 HE II	5	6 10 am Epiphany Service 3:00 pm GriefShare (L)	7 6 pm Youth Group: Epiphany Party	8 3 pm Backpacks 5:15 pm Cantata Choir 6:15 pm Sanctuary Chr	9 Office Closed	10 10:30am DOK 4 pm HE II 5 pm AF (L) 6 pm Spanish Worship Svc (KH)
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## **JANUARY Birthdays**

- 1 Henry Mehl Edna Jarvis Paul Wilks Corey Fitch
- 2 Rihann Carella
- 4 Al Arnold Larry Nash
- 5 Brian Parks
- 7 Audrey Collins Janet Guyadeen Bill Wiquist
- 8 Pat Zahniser

- 11 Helen Muir
- 12 Carol Lister
- 13 Robert Hicks
- 14 Brinda Mendoza
- 15 Glenn Clarke
- 17 Elaine Williams
- 19 Janice James
  Edith Lohlein
  Lea Dubiel
  Ed Audette
  Megan Cesario

- 21 William McCormick
- 24 Carolyn Melber Marisa Hamblin
- 25 Diana Seminerio
- 26 Don Buckner Irving Melber Jan Nash
- 28 Pat McNeil
- 29 Ariel Bethoney
- 30 Anita Curtis

## **January Anniversaries**

- 3 Maureen & John Follansbee
- 6 Joanne & Donald Lillpopp
- 10 Barbara & Raymond Woodruff
- 11 Jeanie & Ron Fedoryk
- 11 Milia & Fred Julian
- 24 Theresa & Gaetano Tagliaferro
- 25 Barbara & William Clark
- 25 Jan & Larry Nash
- 31 Eletha & Clifford Dubiel

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sat. & Sun **Brandy Baxter from Lifeline Screening** 

Jan. 3 & 4 will speak at all 3 services, and will

> make appointments and answer questions after each service. Make sure to sign-up this weekend to secure

a spot on Sat. January 31.

Tues. Jan 6: **EPIPHANY Service** – 10 am

Sun. Jan 11: **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION,** 

PARISH BIRTHDAYS,

**RECOGNITION of VOLUNTEERS &** 

**CELEBRATION of RETIRED** 

**CLERGY ANNIVERSARIES** 

following the 10:30 am Service

Sun. Jan 25: ONE SERVICE at 9:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL at 9:30 am

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

following the 9:30 am Service

LUNCH will be served—please get

your FREE TICKET so enough food can

be prepared.

Sat. Jan 31: LIFELINE SCREENING

Begins at 9 am in Krysher Hall

Make sure to sign-up for your testing time after church services on January

3rd & 4th. See flyers in your service

bulletin on January 3 & 4.

## **January Lectionary**

#### January 4th

2nd Sun. after Christmas Jeremiah 31:7-14

Luke 2:41-52 Psalm 84:1-8

#### January 6th

**Epiphany Service** 

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

January 11th

1st Sun. after Epiphany

Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29

Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11

2nd Sun. after Epiphany 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20) Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

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#### January 25

3rd Sun. after Epiphany Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62: 6-14

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Mark 1:14-20





FELLOWSHIP HOUR: I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas after opening our hearts to receive the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Well here we are again, this is the beginning of a new year 2015. As our fellowship hour begins, we are asking all ministries to sign up during the calendar year. Those that are not in a ministry can host with friends. Fellowship hour typically includes pastries, cookies, home made food, fruits, coffee, tea and beverages, remembering those who are diabetic. There is a yellow note pad on the table where food is served; please select the date you would like to host and sign up. Happy New Year. — Barbara Ingram

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY (Submitted by Barbara Ingram): Our bereavement ministry at St. Andrew's serves our parish members in their time of grief. We put in place a beautiful reception with the help of some church members and our Sexton. Those who have lost loved ones and would like a reception should call the Church Office at (352) 683-2010.

In 2014, we had receptions for 9 beloved family and friends that departed this life to be with the Lord: Ted Fuller, Bud Billings, Jack Gardner, Mary Willow, Joe Thomas, Sarah Bedrosian, Bill Turner, Carol Armitage and Joe Marion.

As our Lord Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life, He who believes in me will live, even though he dies." John: 25-26

## **VESTRY NOMINEES 2015**

Vestry members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.** There is one (1) One-Year Position open and there are three (3) Three-Year Positions open. 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 monthly Vestry meetings. They must also be available for the Vestry Orientation Retreat the first weekend in February.

Michelle Traudt has agreed to run for the One-Year opening on the Vestry:

The following persons (listed alphabetically) have agreed to run for a Three-Year position: **Susan Bruno, Craig Gates, Loa Jackson, Eddie Lindsay, Ester Marion, Norman Neill & Rita Watson-Trapp.** You will be asked to vote for 3 of these 5 candidates.

## Following are the Questionnaire submissions from each candidate:

Question 1: Why do you want to serve as a Vestry member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church?

Michelle Traudt: I'd like to be a voice / representative for the youth and the younger families that attend the church.

**Susan Bruno**: I want to serve God as a vestry member of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church because in my heart I know that's part of God's plan for my life. "To serve," are the key words. "You never know what's behind your 'Yes' and what would be lost in a 'No!"

Craig Gates: One of my favorite Bible verses is Ephesians 4:16. "From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, when each part is working properly, grows and builds itself up in love." I feel that I am following God's will when I serve as part of a whole body. My educational experiences, past volunteer work, growing faith, and service on the vestry can help St. Andrew's Church body remain strong and grow in our ministries. As an educator I strive to see each person as Jesus does, each, with individual strengths and needs. St. Andrew's congregation is filled with a diversity of talent, ability and commitment who continue to build a strong church. St. Andrew's is my church. I care about its future and its members. I want to serve the church as called and see our church grow, develop spiritually, and continue to do God's work as he directs us.

**Loa Jackson:** I have completed a 3 year term serving on the vestry. Our church has gone through a lot of changes this past 3 yrs. The vestry has worked hard to conquer the problems and helped make St. Andrew's a growing church. I would like to keep working and help that trend to move forward.

**Eddie Lindsay:** To be more involved and participate in the Church's overall growth and contribute to its direction, programs and activities in any way possible. I previously served on the Vestry for one term ending 2013.

Ester Marion: I am standing for re-election to the Vestry at this time. Having served for the past three years I would like the opportunity to continue for another three-year term. During my first three-year term we had a rector retire; an interim priest; attended Diocesan Fresh Start programs; had a search committee; called Fr. Lance Wallace as our Priest-in-Charge, and voted unanimously to call him as our Rector. Now we are poised for an exciting future. The Vestry is the heart beat of this church and I would like to continue to be a part of it.

Norman Neill: I feel I have a lot to offer St. Andrew's now and in the future.

**Rita Watson-Trapp:** I would like to serve as a Vestry member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church because I believe it is something I should do. I was asked a couple of years ago and I declined. Now, I am being asked again and I would like to give back.

#### Question 2: What are your qualifications?

**Michelle Traudt:** Honestly, I'm not sure I am qualified for this position because I don't really know what is going to be required. However, I am a reasonably intelligent person who is willing and able to listen and understand the concerns of the congregation. I did serve as the President of the Mother's Club of Hernando County for 2 years and held other board positions (secretary, activities, hospitality) for another 5 years. I was a member of that club for 10+ years and if I can survive/ succeed running a club with 60 women, I think I can do almost anything!

Susan Bruno: I have been an Episcopalian all of my life.

I earned a BA and MA in Elementary Education. I currently hold a lifetime certification to teach Nursery through Grade 6 in NY and certification to be a VPK lead teacher in FL. I have taught 20 ½ yrs. in NY and 14 yrs. in Hernando County. I also tutored 1st grade reading at Westside Elem. School for 6 years and subbed at St. Andrew's pre-school for 3 years. I have co-facilitated DivorceCare here at St. Andrew's for two years and at St. Frances Cabrini for 6 years. This is a current ministry. I have been a member of the Order of St. Luke for 2 ½ years and have just been elected to my second term as Convener of our group. I am a member of St. Andrew's Chapter of Daughters of The King. I am also involved in our outreach program at Atria Evergreen Woods. Most of all, I am passionate about my Faith in Jesus Christ.

Craig Gates: My education includes a Bachelors of Science Degree, Masters of Curriculum and Specialist Degree in School Administration. For 14 years, along with my responsibilities as a classroom teacher I was also an athletic director and basket-ball coach at Holy Redeemer Catholic School in Flint, Michigan. I began teaching at Springstead High School locally in 1984, and took on the responsibility of Regional Science Research Director shortly thereafter. In retirement, from the classroom in 2008, I continue to serve on the board of directors of state and international educational service organizations and utilize my ability to work with others, appreciate diversity and reach desired goals.

**Loa Jackson:** I am running for re-election to the vestry. I have completed 3 yrs on the vestry, with the last year as Senior Warden. I have grown and learned much about what it takes to do the job. Both the easy and the hard decisions. I am also involved with teaching the pre-school children for Sunday school, with working with the Music Minister in the music program and occasionally filling in with ushers. I love to try and make a difference so that people want to come back to St. Andrew's each and every week.

**Eddie Lindsay:** Experienced and knowledgeable in Finance, Management, and Administrative activities. Previously held positions with several companies and various civic community organizations. I also worked for (2) major banks in NY (MHT) and NJ (Broadway Bank) for many years as a VP-Branch Manager and Financial Officer. I thereafter opened and operated my own company "Priority Chemical Co" in New Jersey until I retired to Spring Hill, Fla.

**Ester Marion:** My qualifications are that I have three years' Vestry experience; am active in many groups within the church and am known by many in the congregation at all three services since I serve as greeter, LEM and choir member between the three services.

Norman Neill: I was on the vestry for several years and served as Junior Warden for two years at St. Mary's Lake, Romkon-koma L.I., N.Y. I am a life member of the Farmingville Fire Dept. Being a member for fifty years and attaining the rank of Chief of Dept. After leaving the office of chief I was elected to the board of Fire Commissioners. Our duties included overseeing a three million budget, hiring and overseeing our paid employees, purchasing and maintaining fire and EMS equipment and maintaining buildings and grounds. I served on the board for 25 years. I left the board due to moving to Florida.

**Rita Watson-Trapp:** My qualifications for this position are based on personal and work experiences: while living in New York, I was a member of the neighborhood block association and attended regularly. Through my work, I regularly participate in parent meetings and team meetings.

#### Question 3: Tell us a little about yourself and your faith:

Michelle Traudt: I was born & raised in Massachusetts. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Hotel Restaurant Management. Mark and I were married in 1993 and decided to move to Florida to see if we liked it and we're still here. Spring Hill is our home and it is where we have raised our 4 daughters, all teenagers now. I was a stay at home mom for 14 years before going back to work as an administrative assistant. Once my youngest child was old enough to "sit and behave" Mark and I started bringing them to church. Although I was raised in the Episcopal Church, I don't remember being nearly as involved as my kids are today. I can honestly say that I struggle with my faith at times. It is a process, but I have some pretty great role models here at St. Andrew's that I aspire to be more like.

**Susan Bruno:** I joined St. Andrew's 8 years ago. It has become my family. I strive to make Jesus Christ the center of my life and know that without Him, I am nothing. I love the Bible and believe that we as Christians are called to lead others to Christ. We, as a church, need to be ready to do so.

Craig Gates: My wife, Glee, and I have been married 44 years. We moved to Spring Hill in 1984 and raised our two daughters, Marla and Mandy, (both confirmed at St. Andrew's). We have five beautiful grandchildren ranging in age from nine to seventeen. As a third generation Episcopalian, the seeds of faith planted early-on have provided a pathway to this stage of my faith. As I mature in faith, I often feel the presence of God's spirit in my everyday life and in people I meet. Each day I find myself in constant hunger to talk with God, read and live His word and better understand His plan for my life.

Loa Jackson: I am married to a fabulous fellow named Pete. We are celebrating 43 years of marriage this Christmas 2014. We have two wonderful kids, Lisa and Neil; and 2 super Grand Kids, who are Julian and Geddy. I was raised in the Free Methodist Church in Michigan. My first singing appearance was "Away in a manger" at age 5. I was church organist at 13. Pete and I married in 1971 in his local parish of St. James Church of England in Briercliffe England. That's the parish church where I joined the Church of England. In 1982 we moved from England to Florida, and by 1987 we found St. Andrew's.

**Eddie Lindsay:** Originally from Antigua, (Caribbean) migrated to UK/London, England and to the USA in 1961. Married: Joyce, 2 adult children (Paul/Son 44, Lisa/Daughter 42) both living in Atlanta, Ga. (3 Grand-girls, 8yrs, 10yrs) and 23 yrs/College in La. We moved to Spring Hill in 2003 and searched for a place to worship and were introduced to St. Andrew's. As a devout Episcopalian/Christian I worshipped and served at the "Church of the Resurrection" while living in Queens, N.Y.

Ester Marion: I was raised in the Methodist Church in Baltimore, MD; I graduated from a small liberal arts college with music major. My work experience has consisted of child care; dental assistant; receptionist at various locations; and I retired as a hospital security guard here in Spring Hill several years ago. I have always had a strong leaning toward the Episcopal Church and became a member of St. Martin's Episcopal in Hudson in about 2000. I transferred my membership to St. Andrew's in 2004. My faith is a "work in progress" by which I mean that I continue to grow in faith through prayer, congregational worship and Bible Study.

Norman Neill: I am a lifelong Episcopalian growing up in a deeply religious family. I served as an acolyte and lay reader for several years before becoming a Eucharistic Minister serving for over 20 years before moving to Spring Hill. I am now a Eucharistic Minister at St. Andrew's. I am married to my wife Linda for 26 years. We have 6 children. We have 13 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. I am retired after 33 years as a foreman in the sheet metal construction industry. Linda and I have lived in Spring Hill since 2010.

Rita Watson-Trapp: My parents were Anglican until my brother and I started attending Catholic school. I completed Catholic high school and went to a catholic church with my parents. As I got older I've attended different types of churches. After I got married and had my daughter I wanted to worship in a place where I felt at home. My uncle invited me to St. James Episcopal church in Bronx, New York for a special service. I liked it and began to attend periodically. When I moved to Spring Hill, Fl finding a church was very important. Then coincidentally I heard about St. Andrew's and we have been here since.

#### Question 4: What do you love about our Church?

**Michelle Traudt:** First, I love the location of the church and the grounds. It is beautiful, peaceful and serene. Second, I love how the church has become an integral part of my children's lives and how it has influenced / taught them about being a good Christian. Lastly, the people at St. Andrew's who have welcomed, accepted, supported, encouraged, and loved my entire family for the 10 years that we have been here are truly the greatest gift that St. Andrew's has to offer.

**Susan Bruno:** As I have said, St. Andrew's is my family and my sanctuary. I find I am always learning and expanding my Faith through our church. When I came to St. Andrew's 8 years ago in total despair, the people welcomed me with open arms and love. Christ is alive within our church.

**Craig Gates:** St. Andrew's Church is filled with loving, caring individuals who collectively make up a strong Christian body. As faithful Christians, with God's help, we minister to the needs of our church family and our community. We seek stability and continuity in times of change while maintaining our faith and our responsibilities.

**Loa Jackson:** I LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT ST. ANDREW'S!! I love the warmth of the people, the setting and the sanctuary, the organ and piano, but especially our Fr. Lance.

**Eddie Lindsay:** The Clergy who we met initially and members of the congregation were friendly. The beautiful/spacious campus and serene atmosphere – afforded spiritual development.

**Ester Marion:** Our church is a family which shows caring and love for its members. I am experiencing this first hand as I move forward after the loss of my husband, Joe.

**Norman Neill:** I love the friendly people who accepted us to St. Andrew's and the many outreach programs that are sponsored here. I feel that Father Lance is and will be a wonderful pastor to lead us now and in the future.

**Rita Watson-Trapp:** I love that St. Andrew's feels like home; it is very welcoming. I like that there is a bible study, and I hope to one day attend. My daughter and I enjoy the youth group activities. I like that she has access to Sunday school and other opportunities to grow in faith and know God more.

Question 5: Are you able to be present for Vestry meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:15 pm or as decided at Vestry Retreat?

All nominees answered, "Yes."

Question 6: Are you able to attend the Vestry Orientation Retreat the following the annual meeting in 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm?

All nominees answered, "Yes."

Question 7: Will you strive to attend the Diocesan Vestry Retreat at DaySpring Conference Center on a Saturday in the Spring? (no date is available yet)

All nominees answered, "Yes."

Question 8: Are you able to attend the Vestry Planning Retreat on a Saturday in late May or early June?

All nominees answered, "Yes."

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for working with Pete Jackson, Doug Voght, Kevina Trapp, Mark & Sarah Lillpopp to prepare our first praise band offertory anthem in November. Thanks to Tim Audette who was instrumental in starting our Praise Band before he moved away, and to Bob Howell for playing drums. Bob never ceases to amaze! His talents range from singing in choir or as a soloist to creating culinary delights in our kitchen. Bob is one of many Music Ministry blessings that I give thanks to God for.

Thanks also to Corey & Cierra Fitch; Gabe, Justin & Vonetta Lightburn; Courtney, Izzy, Michelle & Sami Traudt; and Rita Watson-Trapp who attended music nights, workshops, or helped with band rehearsals. You are important contributors to our Youth Music Ministry, as are all our Sunday School and Youth Ministry members.

Thanks to **Betty Audette** who plays for Children's Chapel, Sunday School, and wherever and whenever she is needed.

**Jerry Niedurny** blessed us with amazing, uplifting spiritual music played on several of his beautiful Native American Flutes.

Loa & Pete Jackson shared their talents on piano, flute, guitar & vocals in church, at *The Atria at Evergreen Woods*, and for Star Spangled Sunday. It's especially fun for me when Loa plays piano to accompany hymns as I play them on the organ. Pete, with sound engineer/parishioner Brian Parks, also recorded another new CD titled "Still a Lancashire Lad."

September's "Singing 101 Workshop" was well received and attended by singing enthusiasts of all ages and vocal experience. Thanks to **Doug Voght** for helping plan each module & collate the materials.

Our hearts are heavy with the loss of our beloved friend **Joe Marion**. His contributions of time and talent to all things music are greatly missed.

Thanks to choir member Jeanie Fedoryk who worked with Charlene Moore, Colleen Kovacs and Susan Villnow to produce this year's Christmas pageant.

Thanks to **Joanne Lillpopp** who took time from teaching and traveling with Fr. Don to sing as soloist and with our choirs.

Thanks to all who sang in Sanctuary or Cantata choir, at special occasions, or as a Summer Soloist, for a year of faithful service and musical growth: Carol Fuller, Jeanie Fedoryk, El Gowans, Bob & Nylene Howell, Loa & Pete Jackson, Joanne & Sarah Lillpopp, Marie Brunot, Ester & Joe Marion, Charlene Moore, Bob (and Betty!) Tober, Doug Voght, Lee Williams, Carole Wiquist, and Edna Wood.

Thanks to Ester, Charlene, Doug and Edna for singing at the Saturday 4 pm and Sunday 8 am services of *Lessons and Carols*.

Our choir members enjoyed a fantastic "end of the year" party in May, and a wonderful Choir Christmas Dinner at Kally-K's in December. We treasure these times of fun and fellowship.

Both our Cantata and Sanctuary choirs really rose to the challenge of learning new anthems to share with our congregation.

Several of us also sang with the Nature Coast Festival Singers (NCFS) for their Spring and/or Winter concerts, and were blessed with the opportunity through them to join with the First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and the Nature Coast Children's Chorale, along with world renowned organist Hector Olivera, a half-dozen pianists, trumpet & vocal soloists, and members of the Dade City Symphony to produce two performances of "Christmas at Spring Hill" at First United in December. Being part of this extravagant production and meeting so many other musicians was a blessing and a wonderful experience.

All-in-all, 2014 was spiritually and musically satisfying and it is with much anticipation that I look forward to expanding our Music Ministry in the New Year.

#### 2015 - The Music Ahead

There's much to look forward to in the New Year. Our choirs will learn new music and continue to expand their musical abilities. Music Ministry members will represent St. Andrew's through participation in special events within our church and out in our community. I hope to host another music-themed workshop (several topics are in discussion); to continue en-

hancing the repertoire of our Praise and Worship Band; and of course we will all help Ester Marion bring back our beloved Canterbury Fayre!

There will be more meetings as plans are put into action for creating a permanent Praise (A.K.A. Contemporary) Service. We will expand our Media Team as we add more video and audio components to our Sanctuary worship. Media Team responsibilities include running the Sanctuary sound board, managing Krysher Hall sound for special events, and coordinating PowerPoint, photo and video presentations for Contemporary services. There are many ways that YOU can share your creative side as part of our Music Ministry.

Here's to a productive, creative New Year!

#### LIFELINE SCREENING

LifeLine Screening will once again be offered at St. Andrew's on Saturday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 am – 4 pm. Testing for 5 different conditions is being offered: Stroke/Carotid Artery; Heart Rhythm; Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm; Peripheral Arterial Disease; and Osteoporosis Risk.

Brandy Baxter will be here on January 3rd and 4th to give a brief description of this service and to sign up people for specific appointment times. New this year: an Annual Wellness Visit is being offered to those who are Medicare beneficiaries FREE of CHARGE!



"Many thanks to the Ladies' Quilting Club for the new choir robes."



## TREASURER'S REPORT

## As of November 30, 2014

John Follansbee, Treasurer

	October	YTD	2014 Budget
<u>Revenues</u>			
Core Church	25,646.32	277,001.95	313,031.00
Thrift Shop	5,495.79	55,302.25	68,500.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$31,142.11	\$332,304.20	\$381,531.00
<u>Expenses</u>			
Core Church	36,107.69	292,584.89	353,512.17
Thrift Shop	2,676.99	12,760.49	17,670.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$38,784.68	\$305,345.38	\$371,182.17
Net Gain/Loss			
Core church	(10,461.37)	(15,582.94)	(40,481.17)
Thrift Shop	2,818.80	42,541.76	50,830.00
Total Net Gain/Loss	(\$7,642.57)	\$26,958.82	\$10,348.83
<u>Investments</u>		<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
SSGA	\$105,119.64	Sun Trust	
Alliance Bernstein	30,881.13	Unrestricted	\$25,831.18
Wells Fargo	410.11	Restricted	170,983.48
Total	\$136,410.88	Discretionary	923.27
		Total	\$197,737.93
Diocesan Loan Balance	\$101,907.31		

## **ATTENDANCE for November 2014**

	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 10:30	Weekly Totals
Nov. 1/2	46	37	137	270
Nov. 8/9	54	34	141	229
Nov. 15/16	51	35	138	224
Nov. 22/23	42	32	136	210
Nov. 29/30	39	20	135	194
Avg. Attendance	47	32	138	225

## **Food Pantry Shopping List**

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Dry Goods	Cans or Jars	Condiments
Rice	Soups	Mayonnaise
Potatoes	Tomato Sauces	Mustard
Macaroni and	Pasta Sauces	Catsup
Cheese	Spaghetti-O's	Toiletries
Noodles and Rice	Ravioli	Toilet Tissue
Mixes, like	Beans or Chili	Hand
(Hamburger	Fruits	Sanitizer
Helper) Pasta Cereal Powdered Milk Soup Mixes (ex. Ramen Noodles) Beans (dry) Coffee	Misc. Peanut Butter Jelly Puddings Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, corned beef hash, salmon)	

## January 24 & 25, 2015

## — ANNUAL MEETING WEEKEND –

Saturday service 4 pm

ONE SERVICE on Sunday, Jan. 25
at 9:30 am

followed by

St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting

10:45 am

In Krysher Hall

Lunch at 12 noon

## **Diocesan Convention 2015 Delegate Candidates**

Interested in being a delegate to Diocesan Convention Oct 16-17?

A delegate is expected to attend two Deanery convocations – one in the spring and one in the fall – prior to convention. Fall convocation meeting prepares one to be an informed delegate. Friday, Oct 16 begins at 9 am with Morning Prayer. Multiple workshops are offered all day (these are optional but very informative). Convention Eucharist is Friday evening at 5:30 pm, followed by an optional dinner. Saturday begins at 8 am with registration, Morning Prayer and then down to business. Depending upon the amount of business, dismissal is expected before 3 pm.

We must elect three (3) delegates and two (2) alternates. Our by-laws indicate that a candidate not elected as delegate will remain available to be an alternate delegate if needed.

If interested, complete the form below and return to the office by Jan 10

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#### **2015 Diocesan Convention Delegate Interest Form**

Name
Address
Email (if applicable)



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### Worship & Formation Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm Holy Eucharist

5:00 am Adult Formation Class

**First Sat.** 6:00 pm Holy Eucharist in Spanish **Second Sat.** 10:30 am Daughters of the King

Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:15 am Adult Formation Class 10:00 am Youth Inquirers' Class

10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

#### Nursery available Sundays 10:00 am-Noon

**Third Sun.** 12:30 pm Order of St. Luke *(Sep-Jun)* **Second Tues.** 12 noon Friends of The Library & Book Club *(Oct—Apr)* 

Wednesday 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II &

**Healing Prayers** 

1:30 pm Bible Study (Sep—May) 6:00 pm Youth Ministry (Sep—May)

6:00 pm Bible Study (Sep—May)
7:00 pm Praise & Worship Band Reh,

**Thursday** 5:15 pm Cantata Choir Rehearsal

6:15 pm Sanctuary Choir (Aug—May)

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



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