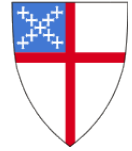


# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

## Parish Chimes



An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

November 2016



### From the Rector

Dear Friends,

According to our church calendar, November is the last month of the year. The first Sunday of Advent occurs on November 27th and on that day we begin a new church year. It is very appropriate that November is a month known for giving thanks. We start this thankfulness on November 2nd when we observe the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed; this is also known as All Souls' Day. It is on this day we make a point of remembering those who have passed to the nearer presence of the Lord. This service will be held at 10 am in the church. And although we simply say their names in the service, it is a time for us to remember and be thankful for their lives and for the blessing it has been to know them. Typically we remember things about the lives of our loved ones when we have the funeral services, but it is over the days, weeks, months and even the years that pass that things come to mind about those dearly departed. Those memories may make us smile, even laugh, or they may tug at our hearts. On All Souls' Day we gather those memories up again and thank God for letting us have the time with our departed loved ones that we did.

And then there is the grand Thanksgiving Day itself. I suspect that for many of us, Thanksgiving Day is a holiday of some stress. A big meal is usually prepared. For some of us company may be coming or at least family is there. For others perhaps there is no one at home anymore in which case a different type of stress is possible. In either situation though, Thanksgiving Day should be understood as a gift for us. It is a day that we have been given to be thankful to God for his blessings to us. Do you know that in the Bible one of the main faults God found with his people the Israelites was that they were not thankful? We are told over and over again to be thankful both in the Old Testament and in the New Testament. Is

this command given to us because somehow God needs our thanks?

No, God wants us to have thankful hearts because being thankful is the primary source of joy and contentment. If you and I want to have joy and contentment, then we need to learn to be thankful. Thankfulness is not an automatic response for most of us. We need to make a conscious effort to notice things around us and consciously be appreciative to others and to God. We need to make the effort to verbally say "Thank you" to those around us and to God.

This month, the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed service is on Wednesday, November 2nd at 10 am in the church. If you have the name of a loved one you want read aloud, please make certain that you write the name on the list in the Narthex or that you call Jackie, the church secretary, at 352-683-2010. We will also have a Rite I Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day at 10 am. If you are able to come a bit early you will have the perfect place and opportunity to quietly give thanks to God for his blessings to you this past year.

God is so good to us; he is good to us because he loves us. In Ephesians Chapter 3 we are taught to pray for the strength to be able to comprehend the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge. My prayer for all of us this November is that we will learn to be more and more thankful to our loving Heavenly Father.

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance+

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## Sr. Warden's Remarks

*Loa Jackson*



Hello everyone, so glad to talk to you again. It's November, the leaves are falling and so is the temperature; sure does feel good. The weather is drier, too. It makes us all feel like getting out and enjoying the events at St. Andrew's.

We will celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 6th; honoring our own veterans and those of every country who served and gave their lives for the freedom we all enjoy today. Wear your uniform, ribbons, or any part of the uniform you still have; even if it's just your cover (that's the hat to us civilians). To all our veterans, men and women, come and let us say "Thank You for Your Service."

The Canterbury Festival is in full swing so mark your calendar for Nov. 12th to come see all the vendors and activities on the campus. Thanksgiving services will be held on the 24th at 10 am. It's a time to stop and be thankful for our families, friends and all God has given to us. We all need to take time to reflect and prepare for the spirit of the month that follows. After all, we are approaching Advent season which begins on Sunday, November 27th.

Well, guess that's about it for now. Enjoy the weather and all the events on the calendar in this issue. God bless you all and see you in church!

## The Tool Kit

*Norman Neill, Jr. Warden*



I guess fall has arrived with the cooler temperatures and by the time you read this our fall cleanup will be complete. We are always in need of volunteers to make a section of our campus look great. Tasks include: rake, trim, paint, etc. If you have some time and would like to help please contact me at 352-340-5511 and we can find an area needing improvement. There is a lot to do and many hands make work small.

The Thrift Store is always in need of help. Please contact us if you have any spare time to assist. We are moving ahead with repairs and improvements to our church and all is looking much better. I pray that all is well with everyone and if not, all will be better soon.

Be well, be safe, enjoy.

## Ministry News

### Bereavement Ministry

*Barbara Ingram, Coordinator*

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" John: 14:2 NRSV

St. Andrew's Bereavement Ministry serves our parish members who have lost loved ones and wish to have a reception following the memorial service. For those who would like a reception please call the church office at (352) 683-2010. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please contact Fr. Lance or Debbie Smith for more information.

God bless.

### Coffee Hour

*Barbara Ingram, Coordinator*



Our Coffee Hour is a time of fellowship where we all get together to share our hospitality with our visitors and parishioners.

I realize that some people are concerned about the changes made in Krysher Hall with regards to setting up of the tables where the refreshments are. Changes are good. Please move through the line quickly so everyone can enjoy the goodies. If the line gets long, enjoy the time for fellowship with the person in front of you.

We thank you all for hosting and may you continue doing so. We look forward to pastries, coffee, tea, beverages, etc. Don't forget our diabetics. As usual a yellow pad is on the table so you can select the date you desire and sign up. If you wish to provide a more elaborate coffee hour, please contact the office. Please remember to clean up afterwards. Thank you.

### Daughters of the King

*Vera Scharf and Carolyn Wallner, Chapter Co-Presidents*

Do you pray daily? Do you want to serve our church and our Lord?

The Daughters of the King is for you. We meet once a month for an hour and a half. Please join us for a short discussion and enjoy the company of our "Sisters in Christ." Outside of our meet-

ings, the only obligation is that of daily prayer for ourselves and others who are in need of prayer. Our meeting this month is Nov 6th at 12 pm in the library. All women are welcome.

One activity we are planning this upcoming season is to make and take small gift baskets to our shut-ins.

We would love to increase our membership. Pray about it and join us at the next meeting just to see what we are all about.

### Grief Share

*Jean Caamaño, Facilitator*

Ours is a Christ centered Bible study on how we can honor grief and understand acceptance. We follow the five stages of grief and we share our experiences and hope.

You may reach me at any time, cell (352)201-2336 or home (352)666-7193.

### HeartLine

*Hank McInturff, Coordinator*  
(352)597-4642

Heart Line for 2016 has been working very well. We have eight drivers and I have received over 45 calls this year. Some drivers have regular members that need weekly assistance. These drivers do the calls weekly and are always faithful helping with groceries and prescriptions. We are very blessed to have the people of this church willing to help one another.

If you are a driver, don't forget to keep track of your mileage as it can be deducted off your income tax.

The following are drivers that are listed with me: Sandy & Paul Herold, Richard Davidson, Zelma Blair, Jane McCarthy, Canute Baird, Patty Werner, Danny Fernandez, Kathy & Mike Ludwell, and Audrey Collins.

Thank you for allowing me to be of assistance this year and for your cooperation.

### Karen's Kit 'n Kaboodle Thrift Shop

*Rick Kovacs, Manager*

*Dick Ammen, Assistant Manager*

Have you visited us lately? We have

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cleared the aisles and receive lots of new items everyday.

The Thrift Shop is now open 6-days a week. Mon. - Fri. 10 am-4 pm and Sat. 10 am- 2 pm. The 2nd Tuesday of the month is a clothing bag sale. Any clothing item and one pair of shoes (except boutique) you can get into a bag is only \$5. We accept all household items, jewelry, linens, and toys. The "Boutique" area has upscale clothing and shoes. We even have a saddle for sale!

If you can spare three hours a week we always need new volunteers. Please call Rich at (813) 732-8388 or the Thrift Shop at (352) 686-1114.

## Library News

*Joanne Lillpopp and Nancy Koehle,  
Library Coordinators*

**Friends of the Witt Library:** We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. October through April. This month's is meeting is November 8 in the library.

St. Andrew's pre-school reading program needs volunteers. Please see Joanne Lillpopp if you would like to know more about this activity.

We are inviting you to come and investigate what is on the shelves. There are interesting books for everyone.

Your library is open Sundays before and after worship and during the week. If the door is locked during the week please go to the office for the key.

**Book Club:** 2nd Tuesday of the month around 1:45 p.m. October through April. **New Direction/New Format:** We will read a designated book and then members will all join in discussing the book, its content/plot, the author, etc. Please join us and join in the fun of expressing your opinions.

## Music Notes

*Jody Bowes, Minister of Music*

As we approach Thanksgiving, I am giving thanks for so many musical blessings! Many thanks to all who participated in our Evening of Talent on October 8. What a wonderful night of music, dramatic readings & comedy. It was a great way to share the creative blessings God gives to our St. Andrew's family. Thanks also to the Youth Group and others who gave their time and talent to decorate, set up and clean up. Many hands made



for a lighter load.

Christmas Choir rehearsals continue on Saturdays from 1 to 2 pm through December 17. It's not too late for you to join us for the fun as we prepare two beautiful anthems for Christmas Eve.

If you have 90 minutes available on Thursday evenings, you are invited to join our Sanctuary Choir. We rehearse from 6 to 7:30 pm. The ability to read music is not required. We all learn the music together and I provide practice CDs to help learn individual voice parts. Come by and give it a try any time – hope to see you next Thursday!

I'm also looking forward to working with Loa Jackson on music for this year's Christmas Pageant, which will be presented at the Atria at Evergreen Woods on December 11, and in church at the 10:30 am service on December 18. Much thanks to Loa for taking the lead on directing what will no doubt be a beautiful contribution to our celebration of the Christmas season.

May your hearts and lives be ever in tune with God's will, and may you live in harmony with all creation!

## Order of St. Luke

*Susan Bruno, Convener  
Nancy Cotter, Secretary*

The Order of Saint Luke is a group of church members that meet on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm in the library of Krysher Hall. We learn of God's healing power. We invite any who are interested to please attend the next meeting on November 20th for more information. Because of God's grace our group is growing and we encourage you to come to our next meeting and share in our comradery. For more information you can contact Susan Bruno.

## Preschool Reading Program

*Joanne Lillpopp, Facilitator*

The Preschool reading program will begin again this month. We need readers for Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Please call me at (352) 592-8876 for more information.

## Sunday School

*Miss Susan, Miss Colleen & Miss Jeanie*

We have covered mustard seeds, lepers (not leopards!) and perseverance. All are welcome to join us and enjoy the little ones stories. We learn so much from each other.

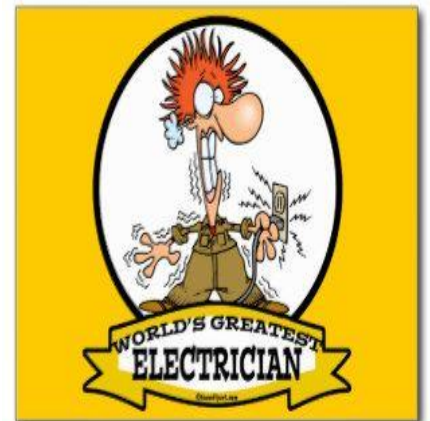
## Special Thanks!

A special thank you to all who signed up and participated in the American Heart Association Friends and Family CPR/AED training on September 24. We now have parishioners at each service who have been trained in life-saving techniques and the use of our AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Thank you again, to all who contributed to a successful and worthwhile endeavor.



## THANK YOU

Lannie Kline and  
Pete Jackson for all your  
hard work keeping our  
electrical systems in fine  
working order.






# November 2016



## EVENT KEY

**AF** = Adult Formation      **HE** = Holy Eucharist  
**BP** = Back Packs      **JrI** = Junior Inquirers  
**DOK** = Daughters of the King      **OSL** = Order of St. Luke  
**FOL** = Friends of the Library      **SS** = Sunday School  
**GB&B** = Guys, Bibles & Bfst      **YI** = Youth Inquirers  
**GS** = Grief Share      **YM** = Youth Ministry

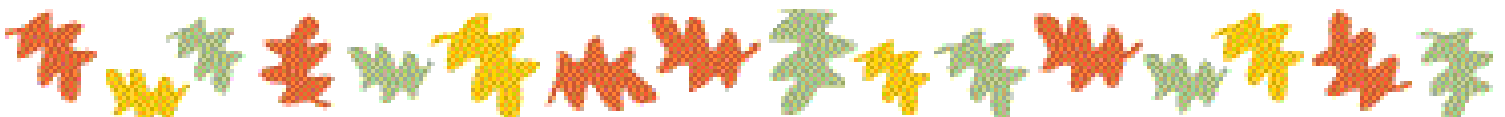
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
⇒ 9 am Saturdays: GB&B = meets at <i>Panera Bread</i> on SR50 (Cortez Blvd.)		1	2 <b>All Souls Day</b> 10 am All Faithful Departed Service 1:30 & 6 pm Bible Study (SC) 6 pm Youth Group	3	4 Office Closed	5 9 am GB&B * 2 pm <b>LEMs</b> 4 pm HE II 5 pm AF (SC)
6 <b>Daylight Savings Time ends</b> 8 am HE II 9:15 am AF (L) 9:45 am JrI (KH) 10:15 am SS (KH) 10:30 am HE II 12 pm <b>DOK Meeting</b> 12:30 pm <b>Episc. Trad(SC)</b>	7 9 am <b>Grief Share</b>	8 <b>Election Day</b> <b>Thrift Shop Bag Sale</b>  12:30 pm <b>Friends of the Library</b> 1:45 pm <b>Book Club</b>	9 10 am HE II and Healing Prayers 1:30 & 6 pm Bible Study (SC) 6 pm Youth Group	10 9:30 am Backpacks 6 pm Choir	11 Office Closed	12 9 am GB&B *  <b>Canterbury Festival</b> <b>9 am—2 pm</b>  4 pm HE II 5 pm AF (SC)
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27 <b>Advent Begins</b> 8 am HE II 9:15 am AF (L) 9:45 am JrI (KH) 10:15 am SS 10:30 am HE II	28 9 am <b>Grief Share</b>	29	30 10 am HE II and Healing Prayers 12 pm <b>Pastoral Care Mtg.</b> 1:30 & 6 pm Bible Study (SC) 6 pm Youth Group			



**Remember to set your clocks back**  
 when you go to bed on  
 Saturday, November 5th

**LOCATION KEY**  
**C** = Church  
**CH** = Coulton Hall  
**KH** = Krysher Hall

**L** = Library  
**TS** = Thrift Shop  
**SC** = Side Chapel/Class Room in Narthex



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Sun. Nov 6:

10:30 am Veterans Recognition Service

### Sat. Nov. 12:

9 am - 2 pm Canterbury Festival

### Thurs. Nov 24:

10 am Rite I Thanksgiving Service

### Sun. Nov. 27:

Advent begins

## DECEMBER EVENTS

### Sun. Dec 18:

10:30 am Christmas Pageant

### Sat. Dec. 24

5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service with St. Nick

10:30 pm Christmas Eve Service

### Sun. Dec 25

10 am Christmas Service



## Notices

### Angel Tree

The back pack ministry would like your assistance again this year is providing Christmas to the children we serve at Spring Hill Elementary School. These children are from struggling families and our contributions make a difference to them and their parents. Every child deserves to have a Merry Christmas and thanks to your generosity we can make a difference. Gifts are usually around \$5 and we will have the angels available before Thanksgiving. If you wish to purchase a gift, select an angel and bring the unwrapped gift to the church by December 11. If you wish to donate money, we will shop for you. We will be delivering the gifts to the school on Wednesday, December 14. Please call Debbie at the church for more information.

**Life Line Screening** will be January 21st.

**AARP** will be offering free tax preparation at St. Andrew's beginning in February.

## November Lectionary

### November 6

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

### November 13

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalms 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

### November 20

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

### November 27

Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Psalms 122



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN



## SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES AT HOME & OVERSEAS:

*Keith Barroncini, Julian Barry, Joseph Beatty, Brian Cain, Martin Clausen, James Cole, Neil Crown, Krista Crosetto, Jason Daniels, Myriah Diaz, Olivia Clair Warren Fedoryk, Daniel Fitch, Shawn Fitch, Howard Gidden, Sean Gilbert, Donald Harris, David & Janelle Harris, Jack Hagy, Dwayne Hamblin, Roger Handy, Andrew Hammatt, Doug Henderson, Michael Jenkins, Joseph Kee, Amy Kelly, Kristina Langley, Skip LaPointe, Courtney Foster McCorvey, Cade Mulrooney, Jacob Poma, Rhett Roy, John Spencer III & Tracy Thomas*

**Please call the office with updates to this list.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*John Follansbee, Treasurer*  
As of **September 30, 2016**

	This Month	Year to Date	2016 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Core Church	22,279.19	234,195.32	321,550.00
Thrift Shop	3,564.63	49,916.14	58,500.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>25,843.82</b>	<b>284,111.46</b>	<b>380,050.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Core Church	33,583.65	265,981.59	358,929.74
Thrift Shop	2,150.09	12,373.37	16,311.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>35,733.74</b>	<b>278,354.96</b>	<b>375,240.74</b>
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>			
Core Church	(11,304.46)	(31,786.27)	(37,379.74)
Thrift Shop	1,414.54	37,542.77	42,189.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>(9,889.92)</b>	<b>5,756.50</b>	<b>4,809.26</b>
<b>Investments</b>		<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
SSGA	121,143.50	Sun Trust	
Alliance Bernstein	33,290.54	Unrestricted	(2,200.37)
		Restricted	66,077.81
		Discretionary	1,562.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>154,434.04</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>65,439.97</b>
Diocesan Loan			
Balance	81,519.98		

## September Attendance

Week Ending Sat./Sunday	* Other Services	Sat. 4 pm	Sunday 8 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Spanish Sunday 12:30 pm	Total
Sept. 3/4		42	35	120	5	<b>202</b>
Sept. 10/11	6	38	42	120	Dis-continued	<b>206</b>
Sept. 17/18		34	40	130	service	<b>204</b>
Sept. 24/25		35	34	140	n/a	<b>209</b>
TOTAL	6	149	151	510	5	821
AVERAGE	6	37	38	128	5	205
* 9/11 Atria-Evergreen HE II at 3 pm						

## Food Pantry Shopping List

This is our staples list, other items appreciated.

Mac 'n cheese  
Crackers  
Spaghetti  
Oatmeal  
Instant Potatoes  
Cereal  
Pancake Mix  
Pancake Syrup  
Shelf milk/dry milk

Cans or jars  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Pasta Sauce  
Chicken Noodle soup  
Tomato soup  
Tuna  
Corn  
Green beans  
Pork 'n beans  
Carrots  
Canned peaches  
Hotdogs  
Ravioli/pasta

*If you wish to make a monetary contribution, we will shop for you. We do most of our shopping at Save A Lot.*



We plan to give canned hams for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please help us provide these if you are able.

## SEPTEMBER PARISH REGISTER

**Transfers in:** Kathleen Gosselin

**Transfers out:** none

**Deaths:** Charles Reif 9/13/16  
Kenneth Shaw 9/20/16

**Funerals:** none

# Bulletin Board

## Meetings, Event News, etc.

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If you would like more information about our ministries please pick up a copy of the Serving Opportunities brochure or call the church office.



### Canterbury Festival

Excitement fills the air as we get ready for the Canterbury Festival on November 12. We need volunteers for that day to help at the various booths in setup, collecting money and clean up.

#### We are still in need of the following:

- ⇒ White elephant items—items that are new or almost used items for which you have no practical use
- ⇒ Lottery tickets/scratch off tickets
- ⇒ Gift cards or gift certificates: check with the places you visit often
- ⇒ Jewelry—costume or vintage
- ⇒ Books—paperback and hardback
- ⇒ Baked goods—sign up with Charlene
- ⇒ Advertising—pick up some flyers to distribute to friends, neighbors and businesses
- ⇒ Volunteers—sign up in the narthex or Krysher Hall. You can specify an area of interest and how long you can assist.
- ⇒
- ⇒ We also need newspaper and plastic bags for purchases. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns please contact Debbie Smith at (727) 277-0963 (cell) or the church (352) 683-2010 or [mgr.standrews@gmail.com](mailto:mgr.standrews@gmail.com) Please plan to attend, volunteer, and pray for our success.

### Grief Share

Meets each **Monday at 9 am** in the library. If you have lost a loved one, please join us.  
Facilitator: Jean Caamaño 352-201-2336.

### DOK

This month we will meet on **November 6th at noon** in the library.

### OSL

Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at **12:30 pm** in the library.  
This month's meeting is **November 20th**.

### Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, November 20th at 12:30 pm in the side chapel.**

### Friends of the Witt Library

The next meeting is **November 8th at 12:30 pm** in the library. The Book Club meets immediately afterwards.

### LEMs Meeting

**Saturday, November 5th at 2 pm** in the side chapel.

- 1 Terence Fulham
- 3 Maurice Stewart
- 3 Sal Mendoza
- 4 Adele Ruggiero
- 4 Carol Fuller
- 6 Pete Jackson
- 7 Lou Clifton
- 11 Nellie James
- 12 Fred Lewis
- 13 Trish Gardner
- 13 Geddy Emerson



- 14 Marjorie Convery
- 15 Paul Herold
- 15 Harry Calderbank
- 15 Michelle Traudt
- 16 Charlene Fales

- 17 Carolyn Hearn
- 17 Brandon Bethoney
- 18 Terry Mulvey
- 19 Dennis Crisfield
- 23 Ralph Guyadeen
- 24 Pat Trama
- 24 Karen McGrath
- 25 Nancy Koehle
- 25 Pat Spencer
- 27 Rosamond Stewart
- 27 Linda Kline
- 30 Robert Lee



- 7 Mary & Robert Ward
- 8 Nancy & James Skinner
- 15 Elaine & Raymond Cole
- 20 Carla & Dave Newman
- 22 Mary & Terence Fulham
- 25 Paula & Larry Harrelson
- 29 Norma & Lou Clifton

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## Sunday Services

8 am Service (no music)  
9:15 am Adult Formation Class  
9:45 Jr. Inquirers  
10:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Service (music)

## Saturday Services

4 pm Service (no music)  
5 pm Adult Formation Class

## Wednesday Services

10 am Service  
with prayers for healing  
11 am to 1 pm Food Pantry open  
1:30 and 6 pm Adult Bible Study

## Parish Office Hours

Mon.–Thurs. 9 am – 2 pm  
(Closed Friday)

## Diocese Website

[www.episcopalswfl.org](http://www.episcopalswfl.org)

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## The 48th Annual Diocesan Convention

*Submitted by: Glee Gates and  
Hal Smith*

The 48th Annual Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, attended by Fr. Lance & Diane Wallace, Craig & Glee Gates and Hal & Debbie Smith, provided continuing education, a celebration of ministries, the business of the diocese and worship that assembled hundreds of Episcopalians together as one.

The ministry fair consisted of many displays, demonstrations and handmade items to give away and to sell to help raise awareness and funds for a variety of Episcopal ministries.

Both mornings began with Morning Prayer service which was well attended and provided a glorious beginning to our days. Friday evening, Holy Eucharist was celebrated with pageantry and beauty. All the clergy and laity with the music and the celebration of Holy Communion by hundreds of Episcopalians from every walk of life was both moving and inspiring.

The workshops offered a variety of topics to refresh our understanding, renew skills, and widen our perspectives on new and worthwhile endeavors while maintaining the overall theme of the convention which was "Transformation through Reconciliation." When Bishop Smith

opened the Convention he did so with two questions: "Is your church a loving church and does your church serve the people and the community?" In his remarks he gave us three principles to guide us. Love one another; talk to one another; and most importantly, listen to one another. The plenary session, hosted by guest speaker and panel discussion leader, Rev. Jabriel S. Ballentine, was on the sin of racism as we experience it in our lives, our communities and our churches. The delegates also attended workshops on the following: youth ministries, the importance of healing in the churches, the diocese's ministries in the Dominican Republic, endowment programs, and grief support programs.

The Saturday morning business session consisted of introductions of visiting dignitaries and new clergy, various appointments, necrology, and voting for various diocesan positions. Our own Hal Smith was elected to the Diocesan Council. After noonday prayer, business continued with presentation of the treasurer and budget, report of vote, other business and closing prayers and adjournment. The only resolution on the docket was removed by the committee that had advanced it so there were no resolutions that were voted upon.

Once again it was a good time of fellowship and renewal. We were encouraged to continue the good work God has us doing here in Spring Hill.



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