



St. Andrew's Tidings

Week of Feb. 12, 2017

Message from Margaret+

The Gospel for this Sunday is a continuation of The Sermon on the Mount where Jesus challenges his followers to a deeper understanding of what it means to serve God. Just before this passage, Jesus warned his followers that their righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. Here righteousness means obedience to the will of God from the innermost being—in which actions are rooted in justice and concern for others, not just about fulfilling the outward forms of the law. To hold contempt or anger for another person is to deny the value of the other's life and it may eventually lead to violence.

You cannot come to God when you devalue another person whom God had created. Therefore we must seek reconciliation before our gift can be accepted at God's altar. Recalling the emphasis of the ancient prophets on justice and mercy, one's gift to God is accepted based upon honest repentance over the ways we have injured our neighbors. While angry outbursts are denounced, the giving grace of God is also present. While anger is damnable, genuine repentance permits reconciliation with God and the injured party. Here Jesus speaks both to those who hold anger and to victims of anger.

Jesus calls his followers always to be completely honest, thereby eliminating the need for oaths: Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, no.' anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Jesus calls us to choose his way, to return good, for evil, love for hate to persevere on that road to redemption, being remade in his image and working to redeem his creation. The choice is hard, the way is uncertain, but in the end it leads to eternal life.

*Blessings and love,
Margaret+*

EVANGELISM MATTERS! POT-LUCK

At the invitation of Bishop Kendrick, and with help from the St. Andrew's Foundation, Margaret+ and Anne Staley, our Vestry Liaison for Evangelism/Servant Ministry, joined Bishop Russell and The Rev. David Knight, Rector of St. Simon's, Ft. Walton Beach, along with their deacon, in attending Evangelism Matters! in Dallas, Texas. This workshop was sponsored by Forward Movement of the Episcopal Church and was an incredible experience. Speakers included Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism and Reconciliation; and The Right Rev. Porter Taylor, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Western North Carolina.

On Sundays, February 12th (This Week!) and March 12th, we will have Evangelism Matters! Pot-luck Luncheons following the Sunday Service for you to see these folks and become as excited as we were. Plan now to attend!

Calling all Cursillistas

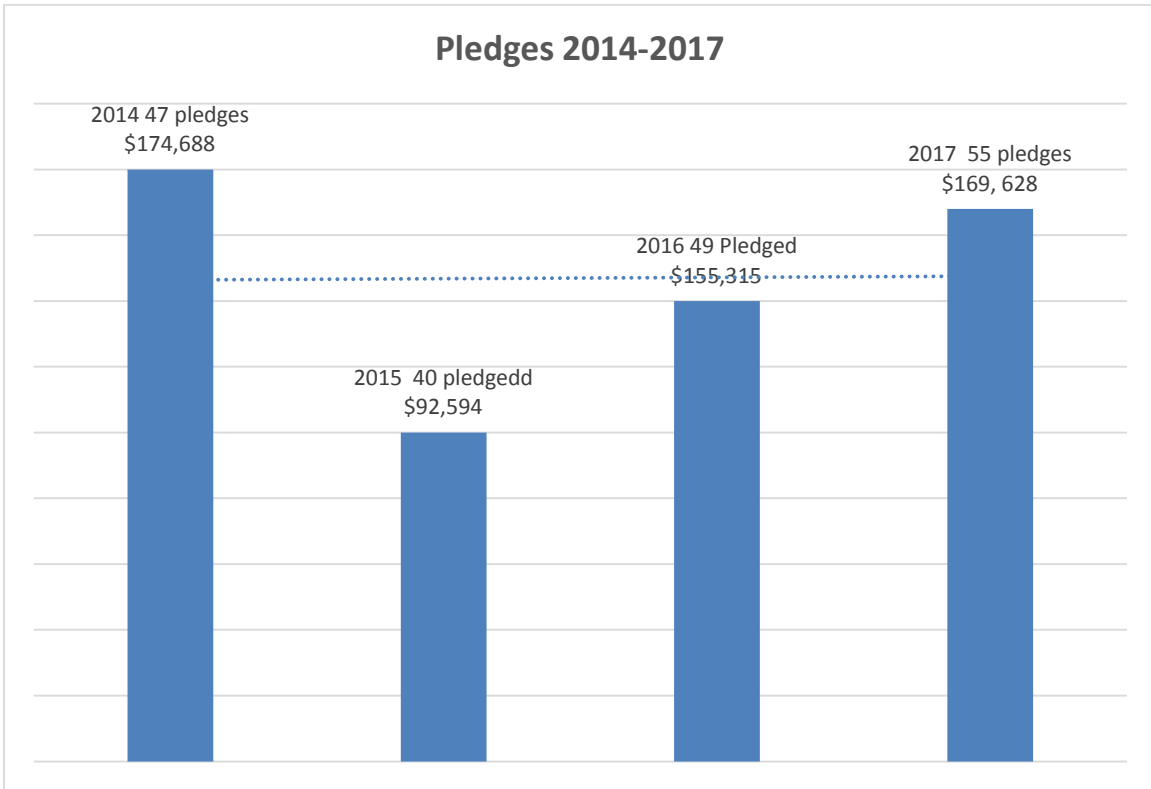
Mark your calendars for February 26! We will hold a short organizational meeting for a reunion group in the chapel after church and then go out to lunch. For more information please contact Tom or Sally Brewer, 270-305-6360 or sallybrewer@yahoo.com.

Nursery

The nursery has been cleaned and painted. A new air conditioner unit has taken care of the musty odor. The carpet has been professionally cleaned. New furnishings of a crib and a child size table are now in place. Kathleen Turner is our new nursery attendant. Please help us keep the nursery clean and clutter free.

Children's Sunday School

A new children's Sunday School will begin this Sunday, February 12 at 9 am in the Atrium (the room in the southwest corner of the church). We will be using the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our curriculum. This is a wonderful hands-on program to help children learn to love Jesus and their church.



FYI- PLEASE LEAVE THE BACK ROW NEAREST THE FONT FOR THE USHERS. THERE ARE RESERVED SIGNS ON THEM. THANK YOU.



In celebration of Black History Month:

Meditations on the words of Howard Thurman

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15,

In the Chapel



**JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR
DREAMCOAT IS COMING TO ST. ANDREW'S,
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AT 7:30 P.M.**

THE WESTMINSTER YOUTH CHOIR FROM CALDWELL, NEW JERSEY, THE SAME CHOIR THAT PRESENTED PIPPIN SEVERAL YEARS AGO, WILL PRESENT THIS MUSICAL AS A PART OF THEIR SOUTHERN TOUR. WE NEED HOUSING FOR THE YOUTH, SO IF YOU COULD HOUSE 2 OR 4 AT YOUR HOME ON THE 17TH AND 18TH, PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET IN BYRNE HALL. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 36 YOUTH. THEY ARE ALREADY PAIRED WITH A ROOMMATE.

ADULT FORMATION

9:00 a.m. SUNDAY MORNING

Children's Formation 9:00 a.m. in the Atrium

**FAITH COMMITMENT THOUGHT:
CONSIDER TITHING YOUR INCOME
TAX REFUND TO THE CHURCH!
IT'S COMING: "PROJECT RESOURCE"
.....STAY TUNED!!**

CHECK OUT THE BEAUTIFUL NEW LIGHTS AT THE
ENTRANCE OF THE NEW NARTHEX. THESE WERE
CREATED BY COLLEEN GREEN FROM THE LIGHTS
THAT USED TO BE IN THE WORSHIP SPACE.

THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF
COAST IS ONCE AGAIN PRESENTING

Discipleship Day

**March 25, 2017 at St. Jude's Episcopal Church
in Niceville, Florida**

**Mark your calendar and let the office know if
you are going! Let's have a great crowd. There
will be a number of interesting work-shops.**



Prayers to Go

Prayers to Go is up and running on the Hospice floor at Bay Med. If you want to participate, and have not attended training, or have not finished training, see Tom Brewer.

New Nursery Attendant

We want to welcome Kathleen Turner who will be our new nursery attendant. Kathleen will be in the nursery each Sunday from 9:30 a.m. through the service. Please be sure to thank Kathleen for taking on this responsibility.


Cathedral Chairs and Hassocks

There is still time to purchase a chair or hassock in memory of or in honor of someone. These make very special gifts.

Forward Day By Day

The large print and smaller versions of Day by Day are available on the rack in Byrne Hall. Please be sure to purchase one.

St. Mary's Guild

Valentine's Day is Feb. 14th! A great day to remember our Guild meeting at Vera Lansings, 414 26th St., Lynn. Haven. Our program is our anticipated story telling with Judy Cooley. Always such fun! You won't want to miss it. Hostesses will be Barbara Sontag and Mary Wimpenny. Bring a happy  !!



EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT & LENT

March 5th

Lent begins this year on

We invite you to share in the 2017 Lenten email series from Episcopal Relief & Development. Each day during Lent you will receive a daily reflection, co-authored by a group of Anglican Communion and other faith leaders. During this season of reflection on our Christian faith, their writings will enhance your spiritual journey as they both inspire and challenge you. Each daily meditation is presented in both English and Spanish. To receive your meditations in your daily e-mail, go to www.episcopalreliefanddevelopment and sign up.

SUPPER AT GRACE

Thursday, February 16

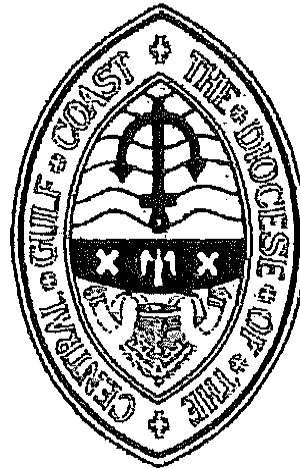
Please join us to prepare and to serve Supper at Grace Church, Panama City Beach. We will begin in Byrne Hall at 9:00 AM making sandwiches, packing lunches and doing prep work for supper. We are done in about 1 ½ hours. We need helpers at 3 PM at Grace to cook and set up, at 5 to help pack to-go boxes and at 6 to serve and help clean up. Come for whatever time you have and help us welcome those who come to eat. For more information contact Teri Floore or Sally and Tom Brewer.

Thirty-Sixth
Men's Conference
and Retreat

March 3, 4, & 5, 2017

PETER
A Man for All Seasons

Presented by
Rev. Dr. Russell Levenson
Rector St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Houston Texas



Episcopal Diocese
of the
Central Gulf Coast

Beckwith Camp and Conference
Center
10400 Beckwith Lane
Fairhope, Alabama 36532-6060

(Names are left on the prayer list for 3 weeks, unless specified for a longer time)

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Mike, Warren, Ed, Nell, Sandra, Margaret & Bill, Dr. Benton, Meagan, Rick, James, Eric, Crystal, Ally, Rita, Cynthia, Brian, Ray, Carol, Charlie, Jesse, John, Shawn, Judy, Kate, Mat, Mike, Shirley, Pat, Juana, Cindy, Mandy, Elizabeth, Dawn, Rick, Mary Lou, Josh, Debra, Donna, Robbie, Vickie, Anne, Mandi, Pat, Bob, Colleen, Courtney, Charlie, Glenn, Michael, Suzy, Sandra, Elizabeth, Rick

*We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad:
David, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Jordan, Jeremiah, Richard, Ivan, James*