



St. Andrew's Tidings

For the Week of May 1

Message from Margaret:

The Paraclete is connected with the power of the witness of believers for Jesus. The Paraclete functions beyond the community of faith by judging the world and demonstrating its wrongs. And the Paraclete leads believers into all truth. With that in mind, perhaps we should "rejoice" as Jesus suggests. We are in good hands.

—James C. Somerville.

This is the time of year for high school and college graduations. We say good-bye to old friends and familiar places. We wonder what life will be like after the old and familiar is gone. Parting, as Shakespeare wrote, is such sweet sorrow. The sorrow is in knowing that life will never be the same; the sweet is in appreciating the gift of the past which prepares us to face the future. This is true of any transition in our life: moving to a new community, entering a new relationship, losing a loved one, changing careers. Our hearts are troubled, our minds worried, our spirits afraid.

These were the feelings of Jesus' disciples as Jesus spoke to them of his approaching arrest and death on the cross. Jesus said, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." What did Jesus mean? Would Jesus' earthly body no longer be with the disciples after his death and resurrection? Would Jesus return through the Holy spirit to teach them all that he had said and done? Jesus promised to be present in the Spirit throughout the countless communities and generations to come. The Body of Christ, the Church would spread throughout the world.

The Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise that we will not be left orphaned and desolate. The presence of the crucified and Risen Jesus in the community of faith is known through the Holy Spirit. Jesus continues to comfort us with his words, "Let not your heart be troubled." Blessings, *Margaret+*

PENTECOST CELEBRATION



**MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND,
BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY
MAY 15TH
FOLLOWED BY A POT-LUCK LUNCH
SOCIAL MEDIA SUNDAY**

When was the last time you invited a friend to church? Last Sunday, one of our members brought 5 visitors! WOW! On May 15, Pentecost Sunday, you are asked to bring a friend to church that day. Or, invite someone who is NOT your friend! And this is the Sunday you have been waiting for! Bring your phones for Social Media Day! Yes, you read that right. Bring your phones (sound off!) and make photos, videos, etc. before, during, and after church to post on social media!



CHANGE OF PLANS

The Celebration of Life Program scheduled for May 15th has been postponed until September. **HOWEVER** there will still be a potluck following the service on May 15th as part of the “Bring a Friend to Church” day and in celebration of Pentecost. Watch the *Sunday Tidings* for detail of the Pentecost Potluck following the service on May 15.

Library News

Some of you may not be aware of the many wonderful books that can be found in our library. If you haven't had the opportunity to come and browse, please do so. Some of the latest titles are: “The Eyes Have It,” by our own Jeanne Byrnes; “The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully, by Sister Joan Chittister; and “Glad Reunion: Meeting Ourselves in the Lives of Bible Men and Women,” by Episcopal Priest and Author, The Rev. John Claypool.



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**ST. ANDREW'S TO HOST
WORLD
LABYRINTH DAY ON MAY 7 FROM 1-2 P.M.
“Walk as One at 1:00”**

People from all over the world will be walking labyrinths at 1 p.m. on May 7th. The walk will bring people closer together around the world. You are invited to walk our labyrinth at that time.

A labyrinth is a simple path that leads in to the center of the design and out again. Labyrinths date back to the 12th and 13th centuries when it became too expensive to make pilgrimages to Jerusalem. Labyrinths were created so that people could make their journey as it were.

A labyrinth is a metaphor for our journey through life as we meet twists and turns, and yet it brings us to the center where God is waiting for us.

EASTER PRAYERS

My friend in seminary Suzannah Metz has written: ***Jesus' Resurrection calls us out of the tomb also. It calls us to open our communities to all. It calls our communities to be holy—holy because we believe that in loving others we are sharing the indwelling love of God. This ties in so well with the fact that our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael Curry called for a season of prayer for regions of the Anglican Communion which are experiencing violence and civil strife. “In this season of resurrection, I call on everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters in areas where there is much burden and little hope,” he said. He addressed the situation in Brussels, noting, “the truth is even as we speak this Holy Week, we do so not only in the shadow of the cross but we do so in the shadow of those who have been kicked in Brussels, of those who have been wounded and maimed, of those who weep and mourn. And of a world mourning, and not too sure how to move forward.***

Consequently, quoting Galatians 6:2- “Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ”-he is calling for prayer throughout the holy season of Easter. Beginning on April 3, the Second Sunday of Easter and proceeding through Pentecost on May 15, the Episcopal Church is to pray for a particular province or region: * Burundi; * Central America; * Democratic Republic of the Congo; * Middle East; * Pakistan; *South Sudan. For more information you can contact Elizabeth Boe, the Officer for Global networking, eboe@eiscopalchurch.org.

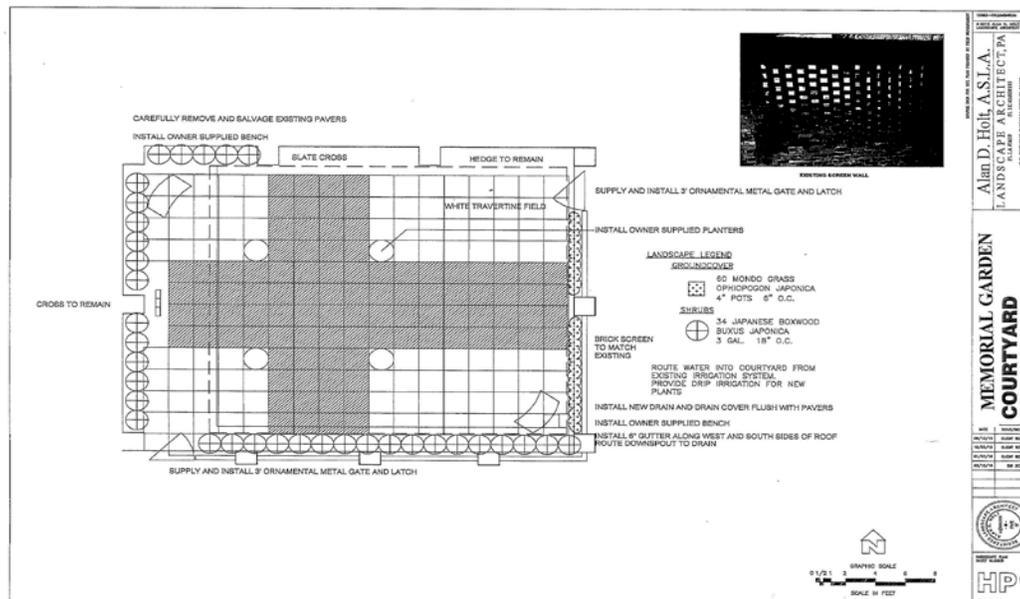
Pick up the latest edition of “Forward Day by Day” in Byrne Hall. Large print is \$1.50 and the small ones are \$1.00. There is a collection box above the rack.



**SEND YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD TO BECKWITH
FOR SUMMER CAMP
SEE MARGARET FOR MORE INFORMATION
LET'S HAVE SOMEONE FROM ST. ANDREW'S TO
ATTEND!**

Supper at Grace

We will be back to our regular date on **June 16th**. We welcome all willing hands to join us in serving dinner to those in need of food and fellowship. For more information contact Teri Floore.



MEMORIAL GARDEN AND COURTYARD REFURBISHMENT

Thanks to the generosity of the children of Anna Beckham, our Memorial Garden and Courtyard will soon receive a “make-over.” The vestry, at its last meeting heartily approved the landscaping and drawings of Alan D. Holt, A.S.L.A. Landscape Architect. This is a must needed improvement and we so give thanks for the family of our dear Anna for this lovely gift.

“O God, whom we worship in the beauty of holiness, the heaven of heavens cannot contain you. We give you thanks for the hands that will revitalize our Memorial Garden in memory of Anna Beckham, and offered to your honor and glory. Amen”

Gluten Free Communion Wafers

We now have gluten free Communion wafers. If you wish to receive them, please indicate to the clergy person distributing the bread.

KNEELING HASSOCKS

We would like to finish out the kneeling hassocks and have one for every chair. They are \$95.75.

COMING UP—WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS— MAY 22

5 P.M. MUSIC LED BY STACEY HOLLIDAY!

(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, Mary, Ed, Irv, Jeanne, Debra, David, Margaret, Kirsten, Tina, Phil, Logan, Skylee, Barbara, Rachel, Jeremy, John, Erika, Vicky, Becky, Hong, Mary Lou, Rachel, Gail, Ronnie, Barbara, Jenn, Cliff, Patricia, Jeffrey, Jane, Ken, Gale, Nell, Sandra, Vincent, Faye, Rick, Dawn, Elizabeth, William, Adam, Melinda, Archie, Russ, Lindsey, Hank, Helen, Kathleen, Pam, Lou, Ava, Bobbie, Mason, Paul, Bobby, Kathy, Dee, Rudy, Fred

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad:

Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan, Jeremiah, Richard,