



St. Andrew's Tidings

For the Week of May 8

Message from Margaret:

Luke makes it apparent, according to George Hunsberger, that the day of the ascension was poised-suspended, as it were—between heaven and earth, between the beginning and the end. This was not the culmination—too much was yet awaiting the fulfillment of God's intentions. Not was it the beginning—so thoroughly had Jesus' incarnation and suffering and death and resurrection begun the triumph of God's reign. Ascension Day stood wonderfully between, as we ourselves stand continuously between the beginnings and the endings of God's designs. We stand after the garden of Genesis where something went dreadfully wrong....

We live in the liminality of "the day" when Jesus was taken up. But how? What guides us in that difficult place and time? Luke marks "the day" as the one on which Jesus was "taken up" and herein lies the clue for us. But that depends on how we take the phrase, from what perspective we view what is happening in Jesus' "ascension." Was this, as it would seem to appear to so many of us as the most normal assumption, a "homecoming" for Jesus? In some respects, and from a certain vantage point, that seems to be so. Jesus had come into the world. The Word by whom "all things came into being" had "become flesh" and lived among us. ...Now he is returning to the right hand of God.

But the language of Luke hints at something else. This was the day in which he was "taken up," he was "lifted up" and a cloud "took" him. The angels announce that "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come again in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" Is it closer to the point, then, to see this more as a homeleaving than as a homecoming. A homeleaving for a time, after which he will return?

...Our mission is fueled with anticipation, if our humanity is on loan to the deity. There is yet a homecoming. This Jesus will come again in the same way. The world is destined to be made whole. Justice will roll down like waters-and

righteousness like a mighty stream! The knowledge of Yahweh will cover the earth. The one who was taken up from us is coming to us once more! Hallelujah!

Blessings and love,

Margaret+



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.

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!



Photo by Ray Wishart

**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.

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.

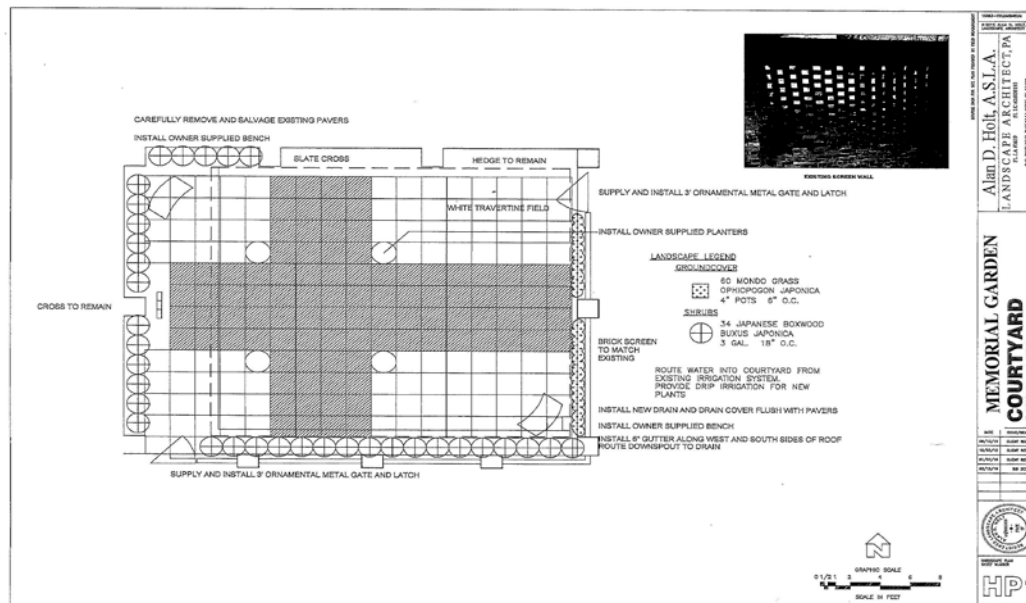
Supper at Grace

We traded with another church in April so we have to take their turn in May. So we WILL be hosting Supper at Grace the third Thursday of May AND June. That's May 19th and June 16th. We need many hands to make it light work. Hands in the morning to make sandwiches and pack lunches. Hands in the afternoon to cook and set up. Hands in the early evening to serve and clean up. We've done this so many times the process is almost automatic now, but it needs people to accomplish it! Please consider being one of those people. Contact Teri Floore and/or Diane Tate for more details and sign up on the list on the bulletin board in Byrne Hall. It's a very rewarding opportunity of serving Jesus' children!

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!**



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”



St. Mary's Guild at Willows

May 10th is our last meeting until September. Where has the time gone?

To celebrate our successful year we will lunch at *Willows Tea Room on Harrison Ave.*

We will meet at the church at 10:45 a.m. to share rides and ease the parking.

All St. Andrews women are a part of our guild. Join us if you can, or plan to join us in September and enjoy fellowship, programs and always goodies!

Shirley Gobat has made our reservations and we thank her for taking care of that.

Enjoy your summer and see you in September.

KNEELING HASSOCKS

If you would like to use a kneeler, they are stacked near the Labyrinth to the right when you come in the door. We would like to finish out the kneeling hassocks and have one for every chair. They are \$95.75.

(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, Debra, Barbara, Cathy, Bobby Lee, Chris, Dylan, Kathy, Cynthia

*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*