



St. Andrew's Tidings

Week of May 21

Message from Margaret

The reading from the Gospel of John this week begins and ends with the relationship between love and obedience. Previously Jesus had given the disciples a “new commandment”-to love one another as Jesus himself had loved them. God’s love is manifested in Christ, and the proper way to respond to this love is to keep the Lord’s commandments. “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Everything depends upon and is defined by this love.

To enable them to carry out this command, Jesus will ask the father to send them “another Advocate.” The Greek word, *parakletos*, can be translated as “one who is called alongside.” It is found only in the gospel of John, and is identified with the Holy Spirit.

Throughout the course of his ministry, Jesus has been the *Paraclete* or Advocate for the disciples—their guide, counselor, intercessor, teacher, sustainer, and comforter. Now as Jesus goes to the Cross and will ascend in glory to heaven, he will not leave his disciples alone, as “orphans” to face rejection, persecution, and even death. He will pray to the Father to send them another Advocate to be with them forever.

Jesus goes on to describe this Advocate as “the Spirit of Truth.” This helper is a gift for the community of faith; but the world will not be able to accept the Advocate, since the Spirit of truth serves to reveal all falsehood. Yet the Advocate will remain and abide with the disciples, as Jesus has taught them to recognize and value the truth. When the disciples can no longer see the human Jesus, he will nonetheless continue to be with them everywhere and at all times, for *the advocate dwells or abides in everyone who loves Jesus and keeps his commandments.*

Moreover, the Advocate, or spirit, is far more than a substitute for the absent Christ, and will prepare the disciples for God’s continued revelation. Just as Jesus is forever united with the father, the disciples are forever united to Jesus and he to them. The disciples have seen the presence of the spirit in the ministry of Jesus, and now that Jesus is going to the Father, the Spirit will act in those who believe in

him. Thus God will continue through them the work begun in Jesus and all of this will glorify the Father.

Here we can see that the defining characteristic of the Church is the enduring love, power, and presence of God. As we anticipate both Ascension Day and Pentecost, Jesus continues to be present with us through the Spirit.

*Blessings and love,
Margaret+*

ADULT FORMATION ENDS MAY 28

SUMMER BREAKFAST BEGINS JUNE 11

WE NEED GROUPS TO SIGN UP!



Summer Concert Series

Sunday, June 4, 4 p.m.

GLI CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

“Dancing Through the World”

Works by Mozart, Strauss, Faure, Debussy and others



Yasya Brown, Lynne Webster Fehrenbach, Viols

Cathy Stevens, Viola Leeza Beholz Jett, Cello

*Sunday, June 25, 4 p.m. : Calliope Pettis, Voice
and Andy Lagrimas, Piano*

Tuesday, July 4th: Concert on the Lawn

Featuring Amanda Matthews and Friends

Beginning at 6 p.m.





What a joy it was to have the Very Rev. Greg Powell in our midst last Sunday!

(Photo: Courtesy of Dan Finley)

Mark your Calendar

Molly and Michael (it's not Mike) will arrive July 1st. Her ordination to the priesthood is set for August 19th, at 11 a.m. here at St. Andrew's



How has your faith impacted your life? Join your parish family at **6 PM, Thursday, June 1st** for an evening of Sharing Faith. This evening of listening and sharing will strengthen your personal relationships and your faith. The evening begins with a simple meal followed by a moderated question/ response period. A catered dinner is provided so please sign up by Sunday, May 28th so we can prepare for you. The sign-up sheet is at the Greeter's Station in Byrne Hall.

From the front Door to the Kitchen

*FRONT DOOR: EXPLORE/ATTENDANCE Foyer: LEARN/PARTICIPATING
FAMILY ROOM: GROW/COMMITMENT KITCHEN: SERVE/EMPOWERMENT
Consequently, we are adding two new greeters – one listed as
The Front Door (In front of Byrne Hall; and The Kitchen- In
front of the new Narthex.) You are simply greeters, showing in
particular new comers where the entrances are, the nursery, the
restrooms etc. Thank you for serving!*

Backpack Program at Lucille Moore



What a great response to the Backpack Program!!
Please Keep Up the Good Work.

"HELP feed the children - Lucille Moore elementary school's backpack program is nearly depleted. They are in need of individual size items for the children to take home on the weekends. This is the only food source for some of these children on weekends.

Items needed include:

Fruit cups and applesauce

Individual servings of mac and cheese

Individual servings of chef boyardee/spaghettios

Granola bars Individual bags of microwave popcorn

Individual size canned meat/Vienna sausages



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Mustard Seed

For 20 years, our church has supported the food pantry at St. Andrew Baptist Church. We have watched it grow from serving a few families a week to its present capacity of sixty families a day. We helped plant a seed which has thrived under that congregation's vision to become a mighty tree. At its last meeting, our Vestry voted unanimously to withdraw from this flourishing ministry and direct our efforts to the nascent backpack program for the needy students at Lucille Moore Elementary school. This program involves sending food home with children for weekends when they are not able to get breakfast and lunch at school. Presently it is serving about 90 children at an approximate cost of \$20 per week per child.

St. Andrew's response is three-fold. First, there is a basket in Byrne Hall for you to bring food/snacks for the backpacks. A list of suggestions is available by the basket. Kathleen Turner will take our offerings to the school each week. These gifts help reduce the cash needed to purchase food. Secondly, the St. Andrew's Foundation voted to provide a grant of \$2,000 to support the program pending approval of the vestry. Most importantly, we ask prayers for the teachers, parents and children at Lucille Moore.

Please join us as we begin this new ministry.

BONDEAU PROJECT

Bondeau Haiti is one of the poorest rural areas in Haiti. In 2010, the Bondeau Project identified this community as a place to grow the Kingdom of God. Together with community residents, the project has worked to bring education, healthcare, solar power, and clean water to over 2,000 men, women, and children.

August 21-25, Rev. Clelia Garrity, deacon at St. Simon's on the Sound and Jennifer Knight, ARNP-CP are leading a medical mission team to Bondeau. Together with a Haitian medical group, the team intends to treat over 400 women and children.

DEACON CLELIA AND JENNIFER NEED YOUR SUPPORT

They need Tylenol & Ibuprophen, Tums, Children's cold medicine and pre-natal vitamins.

Contributions can be placed in the box in Byrne Hall "Bondeau Project". If you want to make a monetary contribution, please make check payable to St. Simon's on the Sound with Bondeau Project on the memo line. There is an envelope in the collection box. We need to take donations to St. Simon's on June 1st so if you are able to help, please bring your items by May 28th.

There is a report about the Bondeau Project posted on the bulletin board in Byrne Hall. If you have other questions please ask Diane Tate, Mary Johnson or call Clelia Garrity 561-271-2890.



STOP BEFORE YOU THROW AWAY YOUR PLASTIC GROCERY SHOPPING BAGS. LUCILLE MOORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL USES THE BAGS FOR ITS BACKPACK PROGRAM. PLEASE FOLD THEM FLAT AND LEAVE THEM ON THE SNACK COLLECTION TABLE IN BYRNE HALL.

ALSO ON THE TABLE IS A LIST OF PRODUCTS WHICH PARTICIPATE IN THE 'BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION' PROGRAM. WHEN YOU PURCHASE THESE PRODUCTS, PLEASE CLIP THE BOX TOP SYMBOLS AND BRING THEM TO THE SNACK TABLE. THE SCHOOL RECEIVES 10 CENTS PER LABEL. THERE IS A HANDOUT ON THE TABLE SHOWING BRANDS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

? ASK KATHLEEN TURNER



Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Warren, Ed, Nell, Colleen, Courtney, Charlie, Glenn, Michael, Suzy, Sandra, Josh, Maggie, Debra, Theresa, Dana, Patricia & Gene, Elizabeth, Pam, Vi, Dana, Mary, Connie, Helen, Louise, John, Nell, Josh, Debra, Elizabeth, John, Nell, Mary, Tim, Octavia, William, Dwayne, Oscar, Barbara, Doris, Liam Irene, Richard, Hannah, Jim, Norma, Mary Lou, Sylvia, Octavia, Hope, Lonnie, Maxwell, Wanda, Hank, Elizabeth, Rick, Mason, Jeremy

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