



## *St. Andrew's Tidings*

*For the Week of June 12*

*Message from Margaret:*

Themes of faith, repentance, forgiveness, and grace in the readings for Sunday remind us that an individual's actions toward others also reveal something powerful about that person's relationship with God. The Gospel reading tells the story of an unnamed woman who anoints the feet of Jesus. "The woman who was a sinner" is the way the Jerusalem Bible entitles this story. It is an interesting choice considering what one might expect as the "subject matter" of the Lesson.

She has a bad reputation. She wore her hair loose in a society that frowned on such license. She was extremely emotional. She was lavish with her love and with ointment and with her tears, pouring them all out at the feet of Jesus. In a room full of proper people, at the house of a Pharisee, her behavior was not exactly socially acceptable. She called attention to herself and was more than an embarrassment. It is no wonder she was so poorly thought of. "That woman touching him is a sinner."

Simon the Pharisee was annoyed with Jesus for allowing her to behave in such an uncouth manner. It was obvious to Simon that if Jesus were a real prophet, he would have known that this woman was not quite top drawer—even apart from her behavior at the dinner party.

But Jesus reveals that he is not concerned with the woman's reputation, but rather with the love that pours forth from her generosity. *Jesus and the woman* were two of a kind, both overflowing with the love and joy that is God's offer to us. The sinless one and the forgiven sinner had that in common. He knew who she was, all right; but more importantly, she knew who HE was.

*Margaret +*

## OUR SERVANT MINISTRY TEAMS

Supper at Grace—One of our Most Significant Outreach Programs!

Grace Episcopal Church on Back Beach Road hosts a free dinner every Thursday night from 6 to 7 p.m. Several area churches take turns preparing and serving the meal. St. Andrew's hosts the third Thursday of every other month—February, April, June, August, October and December. We generally prepare the same menu—red beans and rice, coleslaw, cheese toast and desserts (Panera Bread at Pier Park generously donates all its leftover baked goods every night; we pick them up the Wednesday before). Other churches have different menus. We usually feed about 80 plates at dinner, 40-50 take-out boxes and 50 packed lunches (PB&J, fruit, snacks, etc.).

Many parishioners support this very important outreach program—some prepare lunches and get things ready to cook in the morning; some help cook in the afternoon and set up for dinner; others serve and clean up. The number of volunteers varies every month. We are nearly always through by 7:30 or 8 o'clock.

The reason we perform this ministry is that for some people this is the only hot meal they get. Anyone can come regardless of their financial or social status. The people who come are all ages, some singles, some families. They appreciate seeing Christ in action without having to listen to a lecture before they are allowed to eat. Sometimes they are not very neatly dressed, or maybe the guys are kind of scruffy looking, but they are always polite. They are always very grateful and say so! Some people are tired of eating alone and come for the company. Some people we recognize again and again, others are new, but they are all Christ's children and we are instructed to care for them:

Jesus told Peter to “feed my lambs.” John 21:15

And “I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!” (Matthew 25:45)

Diane Tate and Teri Floore coordinate this ministry. The number of volunteers varies every month. You are very welcome to join us in acting out Jesus’ love in our community!

## **Supper at Grace**

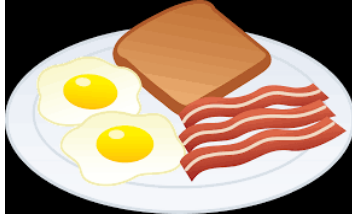
Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> is St. Andrew’s turn to host Supper at Grace.

We begin at 9 a.m. in Byrne Hall making sandwiches, packing lunches and doing some dinner prep work. We usually allow two hours.

At 3:00 we gather at Grace Episcopal Church on the beach to set up and cook. Dinner is served from 6:00-7:00 followed by clean up. We are out before 8:00. Not everyone can be present for the whole process, but we welcome any time you can help, especially between 5:30 and 7:00 to greet and serve our guests.

For more information contact Teri Floore or Diane Tate

*Sunday is Rector's Discretionary Day. Please remember to be generous!!*



*SUMMER BREAKFAST !!*

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, REUNION GROUP,  
ETC. AND SIGN UP FOR SUMMER  
BREAKFAST WHICH BEGINS ON JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> !!  
Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30

*Pat C Concert*

*Sadly the Pat C concert has been cancelled. She has a long way to go to recover from being hit by a car on Highway 79 as she was crossing the street. Please keep Pat C in your prayers for healing.*

*ST. ANDREW'S CONCERT SERIES COMING UP*

*June 26 4:00 p.m.*

*Andy Lagrías and*

*Chad Spears*

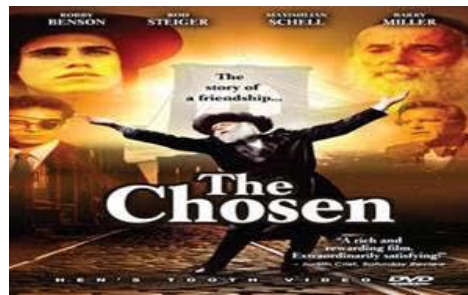
*Joint Piano Performance*



*Pub Theology*

*Pub Theology is taking a short break, but will  
resume on Monday, July 11, at 6:00 at The  
Place on Harrison Ave.*

Thanks to your help, the new parish Birthday/Anniversary Directory is available at the greeters station. Please pick yours up on the way into church today.



St. Andrews Movie Lovers Movie Night [This is our 24<sup>th</sup> gathering – our two-year anniversary!!]

On Friday, June 17, 2016 at 6:00 PM, St. Andrews Episcopal Church will host the St. Andrew's Movie Lovers Movie Night.

Where: Byrne (Parrish) Hall, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1608 Baker Court, PC 32401 [Parking in the Back]

Movie: The Chosen (1981) IMDb rating 7.1; Starring Robby Benson, Maximilian Schell and Rod Steiger. Rating: PG-13. 108-minutes. In 1944, in Brooklyn, two Jewish kids become friends. One is from a very conservative family (Orthodox Judaism), and the other is more liberal (Hassidic Judaism). The issues of importance of tradition, parental expectations and the formation of Israel cause constant friction. Dinner: Pizza, red and white wine, ginger ale and chilled bottled water.

Questions: Contact Dr. Dan Finley at [dfinley@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:dfinley@gulfcoast.edu)



**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!**

*(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, Debra, David, Jenn, Cliff, Patricia, Jeffrey, Jane, Ken, Gale, Nell, Sandra, Vincent, Faye, Dawn, Elizabeth, William, Adam, Archie, Hank, Helen, Kathleen, Pam, Lou, Ava, Bobbie, Mason. Paul, Bobby, Dee, Rudy, Fred, Cathy, Bobby Lee, Chris, Dylan, Kathy, Cynthia, Susan, Charley, Mary Lou, Connie, Bea, Margaret & Bill, Dr. Benton, Lindsey, Bill & Janice, Christian, Sandi, Melinda, Reagan, Sean, Roy, Lori, Larry, Katie, Rick, Jarrod, Alex, Dustin, Christian, Bill, Janice, Austin, Lucy, Kristy, Carol, Scott, Kim, Tim*

*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,  
Ivan, James*