



St. Andrew's Tidings

For the Week of July 10

"Pray for those who hate and persecute you." This is the supreme command.

Through the medium of prayer we go to our enemies, stand by their side, and plead for them to God.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

In the very familiar gospel lesson for this week, a young lawyer asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" By telling the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus answered the young man's question indirectly, and, in so doing also answered a question which had not been asked: "How should I act as a neighbor?"

"Who is my neighbor?" The parable makes it very clear that my neighbor is anyone who needs my help. This may be someone who lives next door to me or someone who lives on another continent. Whoever and wherever I can help another human being with my active love, that person is my neighbor, and I am hers."

How should I act as a neighbor? That question is more difficult to answer. But here the parable helps us. All three men saw the traveler whom the thieves had stripped and robbed and left severely wounded along the steep, dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho. When the priest and the Levite (the religious establishment) saw him, they passed by on the other side. But when the Samaritan—the foreigner – saw the wounded victim, he had compassion on him. It was human compassion, the expression of love, which made the difference.

The word compassion—in the Latin-cum-paneo- means "with feeling together" and it is related to such words as sympathy and empathy. Persons who have such qualities are sensitive to the feelings of others. Martin Luther King, Jr. in "On Being a Good Neighbor" wrote: "Who is my neighbor? 'I do not know his name, says Jesus in essence. 'He is anyone toward whom you are neighborly. He is anyone who lies in need at life's roadside. He is neither Jew nor Gentile; he is neither Russian nor American; he is neither Negro nor white. He is 'A certain man—nay needy man—on one of the numerous Jericho roads of life.' So Jesus defines a neighbor, not in a theological definition, but in a life situation."

This kind of compassion is of God. We can love others this way because God has first loved us. It is this gift of God's love towards us in Christ that enables us to be "Good Samaritans" to do likewise" in loving and serving our neighbor.

Blessings and love,

Margaret



THE FOURTH OF JULY-A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Fourth of July celebration on the lawn. Thanks to Laurie Ayer's splendid ad in the paper, we had folks from the area who came, brought their children and grandchildren and seemingly enjoyed the night. Vestry persons Dan Finley and Tania Watts brought along guests and Dan's friend had some folks dancing with hula hoops on the lawn! Tim Justice won the hula hoop prize! What a hoot! We are so grateful to Mike Kennedy and Tom Sontag for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs, to Lucy and Robert Dozar and Scot McFarland for setting up, to Fran Tate, Teri Floore, Tom Floore, Barbara Sontag, Tania Watts, Anne Staley and Ann Bruce for getting the tables ready, and cleaning up. The music of Amanda Matthews was incredible from the Star Spangled Banner to the awesome patriotic music she played during the fireworks. It moved many of us to tears. And thanks to all of you who brought such wonderful food for all of us to enjoy. It was a great night and a great breeze on the lawn.

MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY-JULY 15TH AT 6 P.M.



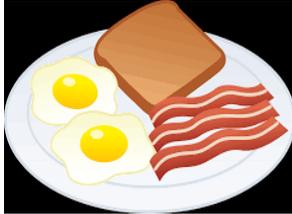
DINNER AND A MOVIE

The featured film is **Love and Mercy** (2014) IMDb rating 7.4; Starring Paul Dano, John Cusack, Elizabeth Banks and Paul Giamatti. Rating: PG-13. 121-minutes. In the 1960s, Beach Boys leader Brian Wilson struggles with mental challenges as he attempts to craft his avant-garde pop masterpiece. In the 1980s, he is a broken, confused man under the 24-hour watch of self-serving therapist. Touching story of resilience and believing in people. Includes popular and beautiful Beach Boys Music.

Dinner: Spaghetti [hosted by Crawdads Restaurant, Lynn Haven], red and white wine, ginger ale and chilled bottled water.

Trivia Contest at end with winner getting a prize. No admittance fee, but donations accepted and encouraged. One-hundred percent (100%) of all donations will go to Living Stones building fund.

YOUR JUNE (HALF YEAR) FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT WILL BE IN BYRNE HALL FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY SERVICE. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP TO SAVE POSTAGE. THANKS!



SUMMER BREAKFAST !!

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS, REUNION GROUP, ETC. AND SIGN UP FOR SUMMER BREAKFAST WHICH GOES THROUGH AUGUST 28 !! Breakfast will be served from 8:30-9:30.

St. Andrew's Foundation

St. Andrew's Foundation will hold its quarterly meeting after the service on July 17th, in the church library. The Foundation exists to encourage, receive and administer gifts to enable the church to develop its ministries, outreach and facilities beyond what is possible through operating funds. Distributions made by the Foundation are intended to be enhancements to what should be provided by the normal church operating budget. They are limited to new capital needs of the parish, to outreach ministries and grants and to provide seed money for new ministries and special one-time projects.

Please submit your requests to any Foundation Board member by July 11th along with details such as costs, sources and personnel required to help the Foundation evaluate, and if funded, implement your request. Requests can be emailed to Diane Tate at detate42@gmail.com or Tom Gladstone at tghomes@comcast.net .

(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, Vincent, Margaret & Bill, Dr. Benton, Lindsey, Bill & Janice, Christian, Sandi, Reagan, Sean, Roy, Lori, Larry, Katie, Rick, Jarrod, Alex, Dustin, Christian, Bill, Janice, Carol, Scott, Kim, Tim, Elizabeth, Brad, Jason & Beverly, Cadence, Becky, Luke, Melinda, Roy, Christian, Bobbie, Emile, Leroy, Peggy, Norma, Cynthia, Daniel, Pat C.

*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*