



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret+.....

***THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP
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This is the time when we all should be in church! Plan now to attend the events and get to know Bishop Russell, as he likes to be called—or simply Russell. He will be here to confirm, receive and baptize, and to get to know you/us as a parish. He has already been here to see our new construction—and is enthralled. So here is the plan for the day:

- 1. Bishop's Forum: At the 9 a.m. Sunday School time, the Bishop wants to meet with the congregation forum style. We will meet in front of the stage in Byrne Hall at 9 a.m. sharp.*
- 2. Bishop's Reception: There will be a light lunch reception in Byrne Hall for Bishop Kendrick and for those confirmed and baptized immediately following the service.*
- 3. The Bishop will meet following the light lunch with entities of the church.*

Please mail in your pledge cards or drop them in the offering plate. Thank you!

Centering Prayer
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
In the Chapel



Parish Meeting
Sunday, November 29th
Following the Service
To Elect Vestry & Convention Delegates
(Date had to be changed due to the diocese needing the names.)



Calling All Panama City Episcopalians!

Bill Buskell, owner of Pineapple Willies and The Wicked Wheel on Middle Beach Road, who is a good Episcopalian, will give St. Andrew's 15% of the total tab from now until February 16 if you bring a church bulletin and eat on Sunday at the Wicked Wheel. What a Deal! Let's see how much we can earn.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Parish Meeting: Sunday, November 29

World AIDS Day: Tuesday, December 1, 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's

Bishop's Visit: Sunday, December 6, Forum 9:00 a.m.

Evensong for Advent: Sunday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.

If you have a committee report to be submitted at the Parish Meeting, please turn it in to the office by Nov. 25. Thanks.

GROCERY CART MINISTRY

When the groceries collected by our parish were delivered to the food pantry at St. Andrew Baptist, the coordinator of the program said it was completely out of cereal- that the two boxes we gave were all that was available. When you are doing your grocery shopping this week please pick up some cereal and place it in the basket under the bulletin board in Byrne Hall. Thank you for blessing others.



St. Andrew's Alternative Market to benefit Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) sent \$4191 to help heal a hurting world. Our gifts include farm animals, reforestation, clean water, healthcare and disease prevention, literacy projects, and economic opportunities. Thank you to everyone who purchased items from the Gifts for Life catalog. Our contributions to ERD will be matched by an anonymous donor making our potential impact \$8382. ERD gift cards are available all year long to honor birthdays, anniversaries, graduations or any important occasion. Contact Diane Tate for cards or information.

Election to Vestry and Delegates to Convention 2016 on November 29th.

Diocesan Convention: This is a new day in our Diocese. In concordance with our Cathedral, this year, rather than electing a new slate of 6 persons, (3 delegates and 3 alternates) to Diocesan Convention, the terms will be staggered among the delegates. After this year, 1 (one) person will be elected each year to rotate on to our delegation for a 4 year term. This will allow for both continuity of experience and service within the delegates, while allowing more people to participate in this important ministry. **Requirements:** to be a confirmed communicant of St. Andrew's, 18 years of age or older, to demonstrate sacrificial financial support of the church including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support, and to understand that St. Andrew's vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving and to encourage the parish to consider proportionate giving and to work personally towards the tithe.

Vestry Election: In concordance with our Cathedral, and in conjunction with the vote from our vestry, there will be a nominating committee to nominate candidates for 4 places on the vestry. Please offer names to the vestry members. **There are nomination forms in Byrne Hall for your nominations.**

Requirements for Candidates:

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- 2. Committed to faithful attendance in worship.**
- 3. To a faithful attendance of Vestry meetings, which permits only 3 absences.**
- 4. Committed to attending a majority of parish functions.**
- 5. Committed to welcoming newcomers.**
- 6. Committed for daily prayer for the parish and the rector.**
- 7. Committed to upholding the Canons of the Diocese, the National Church, and the Rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer.**

2016 Master Calendar



We are putting the master calendar for 2016 together. If you are the leader of a church group or a community group that uses church facilities please write out:

1. The name of your group
2. Meeting dates and times
3. Location of meetings

Scheduling your meetings on the master calendar assures there will be space available for you and allows us to use our facilities to the greatest advantage. Space priority will be given to church groups. Do not assume that the office knows your group's information. Information can be emailed to the office (master calendar on the subject line) or written and left at the office by November 9th.

If you are planning an event, party, etc. in connection with the church, it is a good idea to check with the office and the Rector. We have a master calendar for events.



St. Andrews Movie Lovers Movie Night

Dinner and a Movie: Without a Trace

On Friday, November 20, 2015, St. Andrews Episcopal Church will host the St. Andrews Movie Lovers Movie Night 6 PM.

Byrne Hall, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1608 Baker Court, PC 32401 [Parking in the Back]

Movie: Without a Trace (1983) IMDb rating 7.0; Starring Kate Nelligan and Judd Hirsch. Rating: PG. 120-minutes. Kate Nelligan is a distraught mother of a young child who has been abducted in New York City. Judd Hirsch plays the relentless police detective who looks for the missing son. A story about never giving up that will tug on the heart.

Dinner: Spaghetti with and without meat, red and white wine, ginger ale and chilled bottled water.

Trivia Contest at end with winner getting bottle of champagne.

Other: No admittance fee, but donations accepted and encouraged. One-hundred percent (100%) of all donations will go to Living Stones building fund.

Questions: Contact Dr. Dan Finley at dfinley@gulfcoast.edu

Please remember to add the names of people you wish the parish to pray for to the Prayers of the People located on the lectern in the Narthex.

WORLD AIDS DAY

ONCE AGAIN, St. Andrew's, in conjunction with BASIC, will hold World AIDS Day on Tuesday, December 1, at 5:30 p.m. The service will begin out on the lawn with the Mayor's proclamation, and continue over to the bay for the reading of the names of those who have died of AIDS since last World AIDS Day. The program and reception will then be held in Byrne Hall. The speaker will be Mara Michniewicz, Prevention Program Manager, Florida Department of Health, Tallahassee.

World AIDS Day is held on 1 December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day and the first one was held in 1988.



Lessons From Geese

(Submitted by Art Wimpenny, Senior Warden)

This fall we'll again have the pleasure of watching geese heading south for the winter. It's a beautiful sight to watching geese heading south for the winter. It's a beautiful sight to watch their "V" formation in action as they go by. As you observe them, you might also be interested in what science has discovered about why they fly that way.

Scientific study has learned that as each of these by birds flaps its wings an uplift or updraft is created for the bird immediately following. By flying in a V formation, the whole flock adds at least a 71 percent greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. This was a long-term study that took place in the field as well as in a wind-tunnel under very controlled conditions.

It was also discovered that when a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. When the lead goose gets tired, he or she rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It's a beautiful picture of cooperation and helping each other out.

Perhaps you've also noticed that there's a lot of honking going on to encourage the leader. It's also a signal to keep up to speed.

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by a gunshot and falls out of the formation, two other geese will also fall out of formation to follow the wounded or sick goose to help and protect the wounded bird. They stay with this hurting one until the sick bird is either able to fly or until it is dead, and then they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch with their original group.

The lessons we can learn from the above are on the following page:

- 1. Christians who share a common direction can get where they are going because they can travel on the thrust of one another.**
- 2. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.**
- 3. It pays to take turns doing the hard jobs with people at church or with geese flying south.**
- 4. If people knew we would stand by them in the church, like geese do, they would push down our church doors to get in.**

You see, all we have to do to attract people to church is demonstrate to the world that we have as much sense as a goose at our church!

If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness. All of you, then are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it (1 Cor. 12-26-27)

From "365 Moments to Cherish" by Robert Strand

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Patrick, Lisa, Adam, Lynn, Betty, Jimmy, Judy, Frank, Michelle, Angel, Janet, Linne, Lou Jean, Mary, Hazen, Lillian, Shawn, Debbie, Sharon, Pam, Lori, Roslyn, John, Jackie, Ryan, Andrea, Alexis, Pam, Mike, Dick, Loren, Mary Jane, Warren, Mary, Kellie

(Names are left on the prayer list for 3 weeks, unless specified for a longer time)

*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,
Patricia*