



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret+.....

THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING! December 6, 2015!



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, confirmands, those being received, and those being baptized forum style. We will meet in front of the stage in Byrne Hall at 9 a.m. sharp. There will be a continental breakfast.*
- 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.*

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



Parish Meeting
This 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.

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.**

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.

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.



KEEPING WARM

While many of us are thrilled by the end of the hot weather many folks without warm homes are facing a challenge to keep warm. How can you help? On December 5 or December 12

1. Please bring coats, jackets and warm sweaters that you do not wear and are in good condition to church
2. Purchase warm socks for men, women or children and bring them to church

There will be a collection station for both items in Byrne Hall by the nursery. All items collected will be distributed at Supper at Grace on December 17th. Items not needed that evening will be donated to the Rescue Mission, Beach Care and/or local schools. This will be a great opportunity for you to participate in this "special offering" for those in need.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Patrick, Lisa, Adam, Lynn, Betty, Judy, Frank, Angel, Janet, Lou Jean, Mary, Hazen, Lillian, Shawn, Debbie, Sharon, Pam, Lori, Roslyn, John, Jackie, Ryan, Andrea, Alexis, Pam, Mike, Warren, Mary, Kellie, Jimmy, Lindsey, Doris, Marvin, Robin, David, Margaret, Tripp, Mike Michele, Richard, Jeremy, Dozier, Josh

(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*