



## St. Andrew's Tidings

*Message from Margaret+.....*

*Be here this Sunday December 6, 2015*  
*To welcome Bishop Kendrick.*



1. Bishop's Forum: At the 9 a.m. Sunday School time, the Bishop will 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.

## MAKING WORSHIP TRANSFORMING

We have a wonderful worshipping opportunity this Sunday-not only do we have our new bishop with us (Yeah!), but we also welcome into the household of God by baptism two precious children, and we will confirm and receive two individuals into our midst. AND it is Advent! With the change in season we get different music, prayers, and liturgy. For us as Episcopalians, worship is vital to who we are. And being in this particular parish, you know that things change a lot. We change the space, the types of music, etc. It helps to energize us in worship. It makes worship vital.

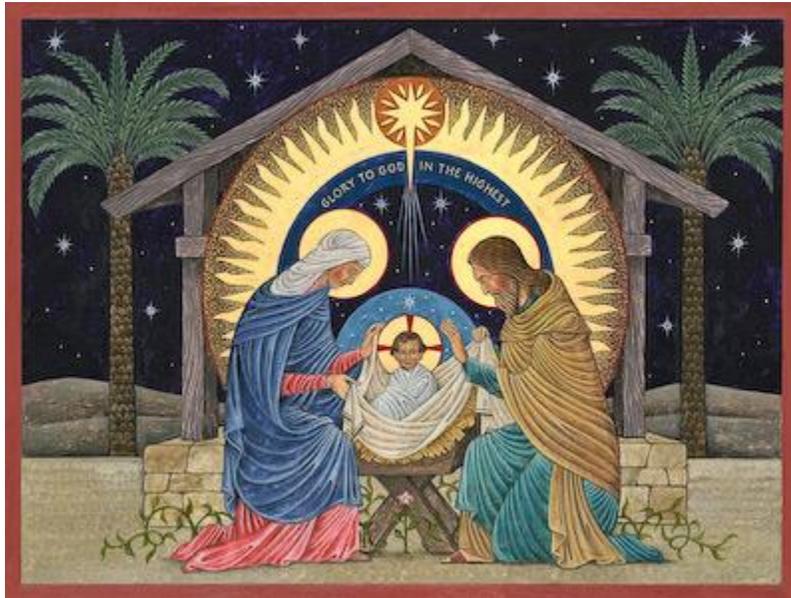
In vital worship, the people are addressed, touched, washed, fed, anointed and helped in relationship to God, to each other, and to how they live in daily life. Whether the congregation is large or small, rural, small town or big city, people gather to meet God in song, prayer reading scripture, preaching and responding, baptizing new disciples, praying for the world and the suffering, and celebrating Communion, and scattering into the world to live in hope, love and justice.

The church ultimately exists to embody a set of values and beliefs about living a life that is centered in the Gospel, and that set of values has at its very core the commandment of Jesus to go and baptize all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That's radical. A worship service that exists to appease may by accident have the ability to fulfill the Great Commission, but developing the service in the context of the individual instead of mission has an insidious potential woven into its fabric and becomes ingrown over time.

Worshipping the Holy can transform someone's life; and worship that transforms a heart can lead to a complete metamorphosis of the way things have always been done. Seeking to change worship means being changed by and because of worship. Liturgy helps us build common roots and community, and gives us a place to search for truth and meaning, and engage our joys and sorrows, successes and failures.

It also gives us a place to celebrate those rites of passage that are so meaningful to us. Not only is liturgy and worship a creative fundamental act of divine life, but it is also a divine gesture. Just as God created out of chaos, we too, have known the necessity for sacred space. God said to Moses, "Take off your shoes, the ground on which you stand is holy." In worship we get some sense of this "holy ground."

Good liturgy does not just happen. It takes hours of planning to create a service that makes people feel they want to come back for more. Worship should be the absolute best it can be, for we are praising this God who has made us, and gives us the gift of life. Namaste'. *Margaret+*



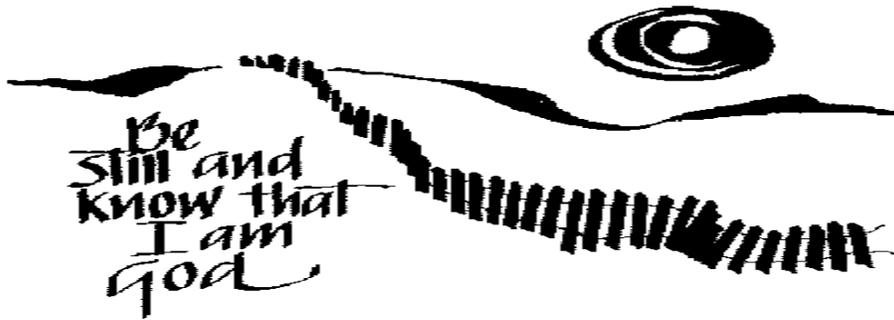
*Evensong for Christmas*  
*Sunday Afternoon, December 13<sup>th</sup>*  
*At*  
*Half Past Four (4:30)*  
*Followed by a Reception*

*Christmas Eve Service*  
*Festal Holy Eucharist With*  
*Brass and Strings*  
*December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.*



*If you need a ride, please call the church-*  
*763-7636*

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



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St Mary's Guild

We will celebrate the blessings of the season in song and scripture at the home of Barbara Sontag, 604 Baywood Dr., Lynn Haven on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 10:00 am.

Please bring a gift for a man and woman for the nursing home and an activity (crossword book, coloring book, game etc.) for Faye's mother's activity room at Summer Landing.

Hostesses: Mary Wimpenny, Vera Lansing, Mary Davenport, Nell Barnett and Shirley Gobat.

Directions: Go down Jenks, cross 390 and look for Baywood on the left. Barbara's house will be on the right.



Photo by Ray Wishart

## World Aids Day





## **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.**



*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.*

## **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 6 (10 a.m. service) or December 13 (10 a.m. service or 4 p.m. Evensong)**

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 17<sup>th</sup>. Items not needed that evening will be donated to the Rescue Mission, Beach Care and/or local schools.

## **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.



# **Supper @ Grace** **Thursday, Dec 7**

Thursday, December 17 is St. Andrew's turn to host Supper at Grace at Grace Episcopal Church on the Beach. Preparation begins at 9:00 a.m. for approximately two hours in Byrne Hall to prepare 50 sack lunches to be given to guests at Grace. During this time we will also put the socks we have collected in gift bags to distribute at supper. We need all available hands to help!

At 2:00 p.m. we gather at Grace to prepare the evening meal which is served from 6-7. If you can cook, greet, serve, or clean up, we need your help. If you are unable to attend but would like to be a part of this ministry, we need plastic sandwich bags and one gallon zip lock bags. We typically prepare 80 dine-in plates and 40 take outs. It's a lot of fun and a blessing for guests and servers. Please join us.

The St. Andrew's Foundation provides funds for Supper at Grace.



## St. Andrews Movie Lovers Movie Night

On Friday, December 18, 2015, St. Andrews Episcopal Church will host the St. Andrews Movie Lovers Movie Night. Details are as follows:

When: Friday, December 18, 2015. Start time: 6 PM.

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

What: Dinner and a Movie: Love Actually

Dinner: Pizza, red and white wine, ginger ale and chilled bottled water.

Trivia Contest at end with winner getting bottle of champagne.

Movie shown on big screen (48-inch) color TV

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

*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, 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*