



## *St. Andrew's Tidings*

### *For the Week of February 28*

*Message from Margaret*

How many times in your life have you wished for another chance? Another chance at bat, another chance to do a better job, write the paper better. Another chance to heal a hurt...show your love. A person asks for another chance because they failed the first time; because they think they can do better; because they did not realize how important it was. Usually people do not get another chance.

That's what the parable of the Prodigal Son and Lent are all about. It is another chance to think about and do something about the most important fact in life—that Jesus Christ suffered and died for our sins that we may have eternal life—now. Lent gives us another chance to think about that. And it's not an easy thing to grasp, even though we have heard it all our lives. It's too big, too incredible to understand all at once. Each year during Lent we have to view it again in terms of our own lives here and now. Lent is another chance to consider God's love for us, to put on some fertilizer so that we grow more and more into Christ Jesus.

So how do we go about it? At the beginning of Lent, scripture mentioned fasting, prayer and sacrificial giving. These are three ways to practice a holy Lent. Earlier I mentioned taking on something such as being present in worship every Sunday of Lent-what better way of taking on or giving up (sleeping, watching TV on Sunday morning, or just fooling around); taking up being in prayer at the beginning of our service-when the prelude begins, use this as a time of prayer; do something special for someone; forgive someone; pray more often. Do something for yourself: take on the understanding that you are a child of God. Walk the Stations and enjoy lunch with people who love you.

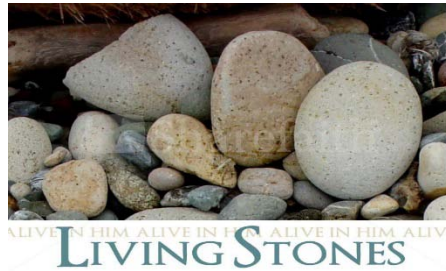
Evelyn Underhill writes: Please say the way of the Cross (Stations) at least once a week during Lent; preferably in church where the stations are set up, but if this is out of the question, say it by yourself. You can easily make your own meditations. Stick to it. To me, the way it weaves together and consecrates every

misery, injustice, humiliation, difficulty, weariness and squalor incident to human life, raises them to the nth degree of intensity and exhibits them in the full blaze of the Divine, is a sort of inexhaustible marvel.

In taking on one of these disciplines, our Lenten life will lead to the most incredible gift of all time—the resurrection. Why? Because we are walking the path with Christ.

*Blessings and love for a Holy Lent,*

*Margaret+*



**As we enter a new year, St. Andrew's appreciates**

**All who renewed or added to their Living Stones Pledge.**

**Thank you, as well to all of you who have keeping your pledge current.**

## **THIS IS A NEW DAY IN THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST**

Your delegates and alternates to convention, as well as your clergy, had a marvelous and informative time at the 116 convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. The preacher for the opening Eucharist was our own Bishop Russell. There was an energy and a sense of enthusiasm as we sang “All are Welcome!” It occurred to us that it seemed almost like a theme song for St. Andrew’s as some of the words are:

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, Rock of faith and vault of grace  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

On Friday, Bishop Russell shared his vision for the diocese. He sees movement in the diocese divided into three sections: Discernment; Discipleship; and Development. There will be a local school for ministry which will aid those churches who cannot afford to hire a priest (but will not cut out the seminary process); There will be workshops for vestries and for stewardship; and there will be training for churches who want to grow. Friday afternoon we gathered at tables with others throughout the diocese for “Table Talk.” Here we gave some of our own thoughts, not only about these three areas, but what we expect from the diocese. These were written down on sticky notes and gathered into groups and posted on the bulletin board. Friday night was the annual Gala sponsored by St. Paul’s, Daphne.

On Saturday the business of the church was conducted. Margaret was the chair of the Convention committee on Charter and Canons and led to vote to allow the bishop to appoint a committee to review the canons of the diocese with regard to those of the National Church. Nancy Young, president of the Episcopal Community was recognized by the bishop to the convention. Elections were held for Standing Committee; and the necrology – or those names of those in the past who have attended diocesan convention but have died this past year were read. Our own Rosemary Long was included. Interesting reports were given in areas such as diocesan youth, prison ministry or Kairos, Wilmer Hall, and Beckwith. We all came away with enthusiasm as our diocese enters a new phase of listening and sharing.



# ECW Annual Invitational

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Christ Church

18 W. Wright Street, Pensacola

Featured Speaker

*Bishop Russell Kendrick*

***"Women I've Met at the Well:***

*Things I have learned about God and our Church  
from some of the women I have met in the Bible,  
history and during my life. "*

11:00 am Holy Eucharist (Bishop Russell Kendrick)

12:00 pm Luncheon (Bishop Russell Kendrick)

- \$12 per person
- Limited seating
- Pre-paid reservations required

To ensure your luncheon reservation, complete the ECW Invitational Luncheon Form below, enclose payment of \$12 per person, payable to Christ Church. Mail to Christ Church, ECW Invitational, 18 W. Wright Street, Pensacola, FL 32501. Payment for luncheon reservations must be received no later than Tuesday, February 23, 2016. If you have questions, please contact June Linke, 850-324-5702. Registration forms are also available via e-mail to [junelinke52@yahoo.com](mailto:junelinke52@yahoo.com).

*Refunds cannot be granted for cancellations received later than noon, , Feb 23, 2016.*

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## ECW Invitational Luncheon Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) -- \$12 per person -- for the Christ Church ECW Invitational Luncheon, 12:00 pm, March 1, 2016.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**NEW FORMAT**

**DUE TO SOMEONE ABSCONDING WITH OUR TV, INCLUDING THE VIDEO, WE WILL NOW GO TO THE NEXT SERIES CALLED FAILING, FALLING, AND FLYING: GENESIS STORIES OF ORIGINAL GRACE.**



**LENTEN DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Fridays in Lent: Stations of the Cross, 11 a.m.; Followed by light soup and salad lunch. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to prepare a light soup and salad lunch.**

**PALM SUNDAY: March 20. The Blessing of the Palms and Passion Narrative.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY: MARCH 24 6 P.M. Seder Meal followed by Holy Eucharist and Foot-washing.**



## **The Garden of Hope Needs Your Help**

**The Garden of Hope ministry needs two picnic tables with benches. If you or someone you know has a picnic table that is not being used, please consider donating it to our Garden of Hope ministry. The students from Oakland Terrace Elementary will use the tables to write in their plant journals or to do science experiments while visiting the garden. Contributions are tax deductible. For more info, contact Laurie Ayers at 265-5978.**



*Thirty -fifth*

Men's Conference

*and Retreat*

**March 4, 5, & 6, 2016**

***The AlsoLife:***

***Life Beyond the Life We Know***

*Presented by*

**Reverend Barbara Crafton**

***Priest, Author and Spiritual Director***



# Grocery Cart Ministry



Join us in supporting the St. Andrew Baptist Benevolence Mission

Food Pantry. The food pantry is open five days a week to distribute groceries to our neighbors in need of help. We are focusing on **BREAKFAST CEREALS**.

When you shop for your groceries, please remember those in need and purchase an item for our Grocery Cart Ministry. Collection baskets are under the bulletin board in Byrne Hall.

## Episcopal Relief and Development



You might think of Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) as an international agency working in other countries, but that is an incomplete picture. ERD also responds to humanitarian crises in the United States. With a \$5,000 grant from ERD, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flint, Michigan has partnered with United Way to replace water filter in schools, reaching 25 percent of the student population.

*2016 Lenten Meditations* published by Episcopal Relief and Development offers an opportunity to “encounter the Savior through loving your neighbor as yourself.”

Copies are available in the tract rack in Byrne Hall or sign up at:

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/church-campaigns/lent> to have the meditations sent via email each morning during Lent.



## **Supper at Grace**

Thank you to all who helped prepare Supper at Grace on February 18th: Laurie Ayers, Rose Dallas, Shirley Gobat, Larry Bragdon, Mary Johnson, Sally & Tom Brewer, Diane Tate and Teri Floore. Working together we provided 50 sack lunches, plus 70 “eat in” and an additional 65 “take out” suppers. It is fun, food and fellowship- join us April 21<sup>st</sup> for our next turn to host Supper at Grace.



## **St. Mary's Guild**

**A month rolls by in a hurry ladies and Tues., March 8 at 10:00 a.m., we joyfully meet again. Our very own Margaret will be our program and remind us of the significance of our labyrinth.**

**We will meet in Byrne Hall and then go into the church for Margaret's talk.**

**Hostesses are Camilla Jimmerson and Teri Floore.**

**See you there!!**

*Please keep the following in your prayers: Bob, Virginia, Mike, Warren, Mary, Josh, Deb, Anne, Shawn,, Camille, Jan, Patricia, Martha, Frances, Carol, Doris, Ed, Donald, Terry, Pam, Steven, Amy, Kyleigh, Denise, Susan, Irv, Jeanne, Wes, Bev, Lillian, Kathleen, Pam, Kirsten, Mary Jane, Bill and Margaret, MaryLou, Dawn, Hong, John, Rudy, Baby Ava, Debra, Gail, Rick, David, Margaret Kirsten, Lindsey, Tina, Vincent, Phil, Kathleen, Pam, Logan, Dawn, Skylee, John, Barbara, Vincent, Vicky, Becky, Hong, Mary Lou, Dawn, Paul, Rachel, Erika, Jeremy*

*(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, Jeffrey*