

High Tidings

St. Andrew's Episcopal
Church
Panama City

August 2012

The Rev. Dr. Margaret S. Shepard
Rector

OUR VISION

A Vision of Mission: St. Andrew's will begin a new way to routinely reach out to those who Do not know Christ (or who does not have a church home). The primary focus of the Church is to minister to those who have yet to enter our doors. Each of us is an evangelist.

A Vision of Worship:
Make worship transforming and accessible, so that when people leave they are thirsting to come back for more.

A Vision of Hospitality:
Practice Radical Hospitality. Besides worship, newcomer ministry must be the most important ministry in the parish.

Our Mission Statement:
**To Encounter God and Have
Our Spirits Formed
through Christian Worship in
Episcopal Tradition,
Community, Mission, and
Education**

Message from Margaret:

For the past few months, I have been writing about "sacred space." In last month's newsletter I told you about the new Commission on Buildings and Grounds and the fact that they have been charged with finding out how we can make our spaces more adaptable to all of us who worship here, and to those who have not yet come through our doors. We also had an excellent program on Autism at the last WOW, and found out how space affects those living with Autism. It is incumbent upon us as ministers of the church (see page 855 in the Book of Common Prayer: "Who are the Ministers of the Church?") to make our sacred space accessible for everyone. If it is not accessible for even one person, it is not accessible. Not only is it the law of the land, but we are called as Christians to minister to ALL of God's children.

When it comes to environment of worship, we should never underestimate the influence of our building upon the way we think about God, about each other, and about the relative importance of the activity we have come together to engage in. Our places of assembly need to speak clearly to us of what we are about as the people of God. Such clarity is required, not only in sign and symbol, but also in the very form and shape of interior spaces, the texture of walls and floors, the beauty and excellence of artifacts we use, look at and handle. God forbid that we should impoverish our environment at the very point and in the very moment when we are in the greatest need of every assistance at our disposal to attune ourselves to the presence of God. Our building and environment speaks volumes to visitor and communicant alike. We cannot underestimate the message of "this building belongs to a group of people who welcomes each person no matter their status or physical condition." Or "This building belongs to a group of people who have lost their way."

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**COMING UP:
MINISTRY FAIR AND FALL KICK-OFF
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH.**

Find out what is going on in the areas of Vision Inside the Church and Vision Outside the Church; areas of ministry such as Choir, Altar Guild, Order of St. Luke; Christian Education, EFM, etc. You will have an opportunity to sign up for the ministries that interest you..

OSL Homebound
Wed., August 8th
Noon
Buccaneer Restaurant

WOW
Wed., August 8th
6:00 p.m.
Byrne Hall

St. Mary the Virgin
Sun., August 19th
5:00 p.m.
Chapel

OSL Meeting
Sun., August 19th
After 10:00 service

WOW
Wed, August 22nd
6:00
Byrne Hall

SAVE THESE DATES!

WOW FOR AUGUST

AUGUST 8TH, 6:00 P.M.: JONATHAN DANIELS-EPISCOPAL MARTYR

For about 20 years, now, the Diocese of The Central Gulf Coast and The Diocese of Alabama have come together in Hayneville, Alabama on the anniversary of the murder of Episcopal seminarian, Jonathan Daniels, to remember his work in the area of voting rights. This year, the event takes place on Saturday, August 11. Our program this night will be a film about Daniels and some personal history related by the Rector, as our way of remembering Daniels. Hopefully, one year we can make that pilgrimage to Haneyville and experience the walk. Dinner will be covered dish.

AUGUST 22ND, 6:00 P.M.: OUR PRIVILEGE TO VOTE:

Pros and Cons on Constitutional Amendments for the General Election by Frances Gordon and Jaime Shepherd, Bay County League of Women Voters. 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish.

Quiet Days/Liturgy & Spirituality

On Sunday, August 19, in celebration of the feast of St. Mary the Virgin, there will be a special worship service in the chapel at 5:00 p.m. which will be a more contemporary form of a musical service, rich with spirituality and contemplation. This will be followed by wine and cheese.

FOYER GROUPS

The purpose of Foyer Groups is to get people together who do not usually spend time together, so as to get to know one another. This is why we do not *self-select* Foyer Groups, that defeats the purpose and becomes clannish. There are five months left in the year, so let's get the other groups going. There have been wonderful reports from last year as to how people got to know one another.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

One of OSL's important functions is to be available for intercessory prayer during the Eucharist on Sunday mornings. Take advantage of their gentle ministry if you want someone to pray with or for you. Just stop by their station after you take Communion. OSL members also prepare and bless prayer shawls for the sick, and visit the homebound. OSL Homebound Care meets the second **Wednesday (August 8th)** at the Buccaneer Restaurant at **Noon** for lunch to check on people we serve in this special way. They also meet the third **Sunday (August 19th)** after church services.

MAGAZINES NEEDED

When you are finished reading your magazines, please bring them to Byrne Hall and put them in the basket under the portable bulletin board. Hannah Davis will take them to Bay Medical Center to be placed in waiting rooms and shared with patients. You can help relieve some of the hospital waiting stress by sharing your publications with those at the hospital.

GROCERY CART

The groceries are having lots of "Buy One, Get One (BOGO)" items so you can save money and fill up the Grocery Cart at the same time! All foods are donated to the food pantry at St. Andrew Baptist Benevolence Ministry for distribution to people in our community. This is a good time to buy **healthy snacks**— when children are getting ready for school. Please pick up some **snacks** to share this month.



Press the 'like' button on the Church's Facebook page at
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Andrews-Episcopal-Church>

And see what's going on!

FABULOUS FOURTH!



With music by Bill Andrew and excellent cooks, we were highly entertained and deliciously fed on the front lawn on Independence Day. And the fireworks over the water were so pretty!

Oooh! Ahhhh!



OUTREACH

SUPPER AT GRACE THURSDAY, AUGUST 16TH

On the third Thursday of every other month, members of St. Andrew's cook and serve supper at Grace Episcopal Church. This meal is free to anyone who wants to eat with us; it is targeted at those who are homeless or in need. Several different churches are involved in this ministry.

Those of us who have participated in Supper at Grace have come away with a special gratitude to God for what he has given us, a new willingness to share our bounty and a new appreciation for what it means to be needy. Although the core group changes each time, we can always use more hands to cook and clean.

This month (August 16th) we will be serving red beans and rice. Because the kitchen at Grace is small, we generally prepare the food at St. Andrew's and heat it out there. We will need helpers at 2:00 Thursday afternoon at St. Andrew's to cook, at 4:30 at Grace to set up and another shift at 6:00 at Grace to serve and clean up. We are usually finished about 8:30 after the workers share whatever food is left over. You may come and stay as long as you like or leave whenever you need to. Please consider representing Christ in this way—we may not feed 5000, but we provide nourishing, tasty dinners for 100 to 125 people! And it's lots of fun.



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AUGUST MINISTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
<u>Readings</u>	Exodus 16:2-4,9-15	1 Kings 19: 4-2	Proverbs 9: 1-6	Joshua 24: 1-2, 14-18
<u>Psalms</u>	78: 23-29	34: 1-8	34: 9-14	34: 15-22
<u>1st</u>	2 Ephesians 4: 1-16	2 Ephesians 4 25-52	Ephesians 5: 15-20	Ephesians 6:10-20
<u>2nd</u>	John 6: 24-35	John 6: 35, 41-51	John 6: 51-58	John 6:56-69
<u>Gospel</u>				
Minister	Anne Staley	T. Broome	Belle Casler	Tom Sontag
Altar/Server	Tom Sontag	C. Broome	J. Hudson	Austin Johnson
Worship 1	Belle Casler	B. Reed	Al Tremaine	Logan Hall
Worship 2				
Prayer				
Chalice/Chapel	Helen Graves	Belle Casler	Bill Gobat	Jerry Richmond
Chalice/Ambo	K. Graves	Jeff Cole	B. Banks	Nancy Young
Worship Leader 1	B. Sontag	Linne Morgan	R. Long	K. Lopez
Psalms				
Worship Leader 2	H. Hudson	J. Cheshire	D. Dean	F. Lopez
Prayers	Wishart	Wishart	Wishart	Wishart
Preparer 1	Seeberger/Howk	B. McKay, S. Gobat	S. Raines, A. Bruce	Davis /Zekas
Preparer 2	J Cheshire, V. Zekas	Joanie Cole	Yons	Johnson,D. Tate
Intercess. Prayers	Cirks, Young	Stanleys	Temple/Dean	Bruce/Walter
Worshippers	Tate/Tate	Banks	Lopez	T Floore, Zekas
Offerings	Raj Chatterjea & K Lopez	H & J Hudson	Jimmersons	Barnets
Worship Minister	David Dean	David Dean	David Dean	David Dean
Day Euch. Visitor	J. Cole	N. Young	B. Sontag	B. Gobat
Altar Guild	Staley/Dean	Lopez/Cole	Gobats	Bruce/Temple

If you cannot serve, please arrange a substitute.

MESSAGE FROM MARGARET (CONT.)

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At the heart of the gospel is the message of transformation; the call to be caught up into the life of God, no matter how apparently helpless or hopeless our starting point. Jesus' first recorded words in the earliest Christian gospel summarize the eternal call to change. Theologian, Howard Thurman relates a story told by friend, Olive Schreiner:

It is the story of an old mother duck, who brought her latest brood of ducklings down beside what had been a pond. Since her previous ducklings were born, the pond had become baked mud. The duck urged her little brood to go in and swim around, to eat worms and chickweed, where no water, no worms, and no chickweed were; while they with their fresh young instincts smelled the chickweed and heard the water 'way up the dam. They left their mother beside her old pond to go in quest of water and of food, perhaps to get lost on the way or perhaps to find it. To their old mother they said, "Can't you see the world has changed? You can't bring the water back into the dried-up pond. It may have been better and pleasanter when it was there, but now it is gone forever. Would you and yours swim again, it must be in other waters."

There is an element of grave risk in all adventure. On the cover of a magazine published in England before WWII, there appeared this striking sentence: "It is madness to sail a sea that has never been charted before; to look for a land the existence of which is in question; if Columbus had reflected thus, he would never have weighed anchor, but with this madness he discovered a New World."

The reassurance of a secure income, the quiet glow of working with a safe and respected institution in conventional ways, the sense of well-being that comes from being accepted by everyone because one's thinking is "sensible" and safe, all of this makes for a certain kind of deep tranquility. But there is apt to be no growing edge and very little of the tang and zest of aliveness that only the adventurous spirit knows. It is not an accident that the messengers of the gods were symbolized as human beings with wings, ages before men thought of flying through the air. The God of life is an adventurer and those who would affirm their fraternity must follow in His train.

I believe it's time for us to grow wings!

Blessings and love,

Margaret+

Hear the Rector's sermons and get more news on our webpage:

www.standrewsbythebay.org

Check it out

MORE ACTIVITIES

BREAKFAST STILL BEING SERVED!



We've had some scrumptious Summer Breakfasts Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. And now all the Sundays are covered except September 2nd. This is always a fun time and an opportunity for fellowship! Would you and your friends like to fix the last breakfast?

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a meaningful way to offer thanksgiving to God for special blessings in your life such birthdays and anniversaries or in remembrance of loved ones. Altar flowers are \$65 per Sunday and checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's with Altar Flowers on the memo line and placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office prior to the Sunday you have chosen. Shirley Gobat (785-1131) is the contact if you have any questions or a special request for the arrangement. The following dates are available for 2012:

September 23, 30

October 14, 21, 28

November 4, 11

December 2, 9, 16, 30

Here's a sample in memory of Sue Webb's mother! You may take them home with you or take them to the hospital or to the cemetery or to a shut-in, your choice!



SNIPS & SNAPS



Krystal Hewitt-Gray from the FSU Center for Autism and Related Disabilities told us about children with autism at WOW.



Breakfast Bounty

See what you're missing?!



NEWCOMERS GET TOGETHER

Rosemary Long opened her home for a gathering to welcome newcomers to St. Andrew's



**ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

The Right Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II

Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Margaret S. Shepard

Rector

The Rev. John E. Wave

Associate for Pastoral Care

The Rev. Deacon Ray Wishart

Staff

Sue Webb Miriam Gladstone

Choirmaster *Organist*

Fran Tate Christine Howk

Secretary *Sexton*

The Vestry of St. Andrew's

Anne Staley (2012) Sr. Warden

763-5995

Christine Howk (2014), Jr. Warden

319-3308

Jason Mitchell (2014), 770-9935

Jeff Cole (2013), 527-2139

Teri Floore (2012) 763-2439

Melinda Hall (2012) 348-1289

Marilyn Hermansen (2012) 522-6449

Belle Casler (2013)

Nancy Young (2013)

Bill Gobat, Treasurer 785-1131

Weekly Services

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

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Office Hours

Monday: 9 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral care visit or call, please call Rosemary Long at the Church Office 763-7636.

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN

If you need immediate prayer because of an emergency situation, the St. Andrew's prayer chain is available. Please contact Jeanette Riley at (850) 257-6445. If you are in the Hospital and would like a visit please contact Margaret at 850-419-7440 or John at 850-784-9887.

▶ **PARISH PRAYER LIST** ◀

Names will remain on the Prayer List for six weeks. If prayer is needed beyond that period, please place a note in the offering plate, or call the Church Office at 763-7636.

***Prayer Cards** - If you would like to have a name included in the list below, please be sure to write "**Bulletin**" on the Prayer Card and sign the card.

For the Sick and Those in Need: Lee, Terry, Sandra, Evan, Colin, Kelley, Virginia, Andy, McKay family, Lou Ann, George, Oran, Keith, Ann, Ms. Donnley, Jay, Polly, Andy, Hannah, Justin, Jazlea, Edward, Wendy, Larry, Andy, Michelle, Calli, Donovan, Jeanne, Pat, Gary, Gerald, Gail, Barbara, Mary, Doug

For the Military: Jeff Anderson, Bowe Bergdahl, James Bracken, Andrew Cole, Ronnie Grissett, Michael Howk, II, Kenneth Kline, Evan McClain, Ryan McGlothlin, Joe Murphy, Nate Nemeth, Richard Smith, David Stanley, Brian Wimpenny, Jason L. White, Billy Yon, Mike d'Albertis, Joseph Deramo, Colin Weaver

For the Departed: Mrs. Betty Keagan