



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret: What is worship? At all times and in all places people worship God. Our Anglican way is only one of a vast number of ways to worship—but all speak of a human response to something beyond the human. We can learn a great deal about the activity of worship by examining what the word means. The English word worship is a contraction of “worth-ship.” Worship means assigning worth to what is thought to be worthy and giving to it an estimate of value. Worship has to do with value. The earliest use of the English word had to do with nobility, but it became a religious word and has crowded out other meanings.

We remember the story of Moses and the burning bush, and how Moses was moved to worship God by taking off his sandals because he was on sacred ground. This time with God changed Moses' life. Then Jesus' followers realized that Jesus was changing their lives and they needed a way to respond to the initiative by God. Religion is the response humans make to God's initiative, and worship is the first response. Isaac Watts puts words to the feeling: “Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.”

One of the ways we participate in worship is the need for physical activity. The Hebrew word *shachah* denotes physical activity-falling prostrate. It is like the word *genuflect*-which is used only in a religious context. We get the word *shachah* in the Venite: “O come, let us worship and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our maker. O come, let us *shachah* before God. In the Greek it is *prosyneo*-which means prostrating oneself before another and kissing the other's foot.

Worship is an activity of human beings in their complete selfhood. The holy God demands of us a total response. And the worship of God together brings about shared values, shared estimates of the value of life. It is a community affair. It is not private devotions. This is why our worship book is called the Book of Common Prayer—not only is it in the common language of the people, but it is what we do-corporately-in common.

We, at St. Andrew's, have two wonderful opportunities of worship, coming up soon. We are introducing a new and contemporary worship service out side on

the front lawn on a Sunday afternoon called Worship Without Walls. This originated from a trip to Orange Beach taken by Anne Staley, Belle Casler and I took at the suggestion of Beckwith's Eleanor Reeves. We, at two different times, attended a worship service at the famous (or infamous) bar-The Flora-Bama-on the beach between Alabama and Florida, just at the state line. This service is sponsored by the Perdido First Methodist Church. It occurs at 11 a.m. on Sunday, and includes Cursillo type music, a homily, and lots of interaction between the 800-1000 people who attend. Obviously, it is very casual, and because it is held at the Flora-Bama there are all sorts of refreshments! We plan to hold the first new service of this kind on the first Sunday of November-November 3, on the front lawn. Bring lawn chairs, your coolers, and it will be before the sun goes down. The time will be announced. Be ready to sing, and worship God in God's out of doors!

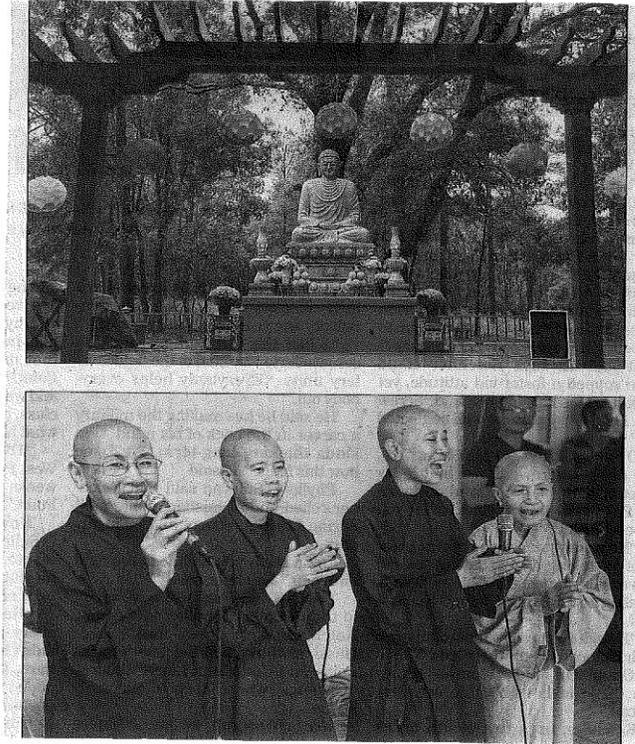
The second special worship will be November 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the chapel. This will be a Taize service celebrating the Feast of St. Andrew. It will be accompanied by members of the Panama City Pops Orchestra, led by Mary Kay Thompson. The service of Taize, as many of you know, is lovely, spiritual, and lit by hundreds of candles, and beautiful icons. Since it is our feast day, you are invited to bring a photo of someone who has been an icon for you. A reception will follow with heavy hors d'oeuvres.

So mark your calendars for November 3 and November 17th.

Margaret+



Congratulations to Michaela Corriente and Travers DeGroot who were married last weekend. There will be a reception in Byrne Hall honoring them following the service today.



Master Tran (2nd from right) to Visit St. Andrew's

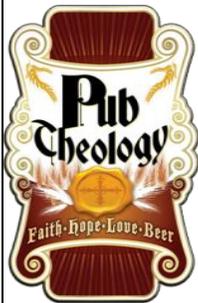
October 23rd at WOW

In connection with the Sunday morning adult Sunday school class which has been studying Interfaith Connections, we are pleased to announce that Master Tran, the spiritual head of the Buddhist temple in Callaway will be our speaker at WOW on Wednesday, October 23. We will hear from her about the Buddhist religion at 7 following a covered dish dinner. Let's have a great crowd.

Friends of St. Andrews

There are those at St. Andrew's, who have had loved ones, baptized, confirmed, raised, married and even interred at St. Andrew's. While they may no longer worship with us, there still remain emotional and spiritual connections to our church. If you wish to have us contact them, and inform them of our plans for our renovations. thus giving them an opportunity to assist in our Capital Fund Campaign, please fill out an information card found in the pew racks. Place them in the offering plate or hand them to a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. When we contact your loved ones we will include our information package, and ask them for their gift of support.

*Pub
Theology
Tomorrow
Night
6 p.m.
"The Place"
on
Harrison*



*Bring a
Bible-no
experience
necessary!*

***BAY LIGHTS AT BECKWITH IS COMING NOVEMBER 1-3
ST. ANDREW'S IS A SPONSOR. LET'S HAVE A BIG
GROUP TO ATTEND!! This is an incredible weekend to
spend as a diocese, eating, drinking, and having fun, as
well as a time to worship together. There will be
activities for all ages, booths with food, a fish fry, a
barbecue etc. If you would like to help with our donation
to the silent auction, please contact the office. Last year
we had an incredible basket.***

Book Club Schedule

Tuesday, Oct. 22nd 11:30 *Sea Glass* by Anita Shreve; Elaine Ellsworth will lead the discussion at Anne Bruce's home 632 Coquina Dr., Lynn Haven

BRING YOUR LUNCH!!

Tuesday, Nov. 19th 11:30 *Call the Midwife* by Jennifer Worth; Nancy Young will lead the discussion at Barbara Sontag's home 604 Baywood Dr., Lynn Haven

BRING YOUR LUNCH!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

WORSHIP WITHOUT WALLS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD !

Time to Be Announced

TAIZE' SERVICE

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. ANDREW

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 4:40 P.M.

**ACCOMPANIED BY MEMBERS OF THE PANAMA
CITY POPS ORCHESTRA**

COME SEE OUR NEWLY RENOVATED OFFICES!

Not long ago we had the misfortune of the sewer backing up due to a problem with the city sewer sys. Thanks to our insurance we now have new carpet, new paint and new cabinets. And through the generosity of Lynn D'Albertis, we have new furniture and décor in the front office and a new work table in the work room. This presents a friendly and warm conversation center for visitors. Thanks Lynn!



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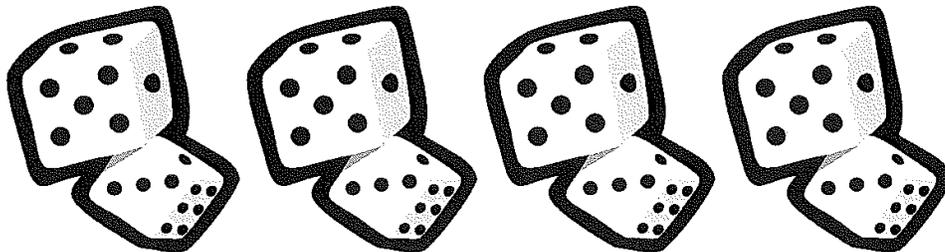
EMERALD EXCELLENCE GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT

COSTUME BUNCO PARTY

FRIDAY, OCT 25th @ 7:15pm

ST.ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1608 BAKER COURT



\$10.00 DONATION PER PERSON for TWO ROUNDS OF BUNCO



Our featured artist for the next four weeks is Colleen Green. Colleen comes to Panama City from California where she has done work for such companies as the City of Newark, Sunnyside Farms in Fairfield, California, Tillamook Cheese in Oregon, the Los Angeles Raiders, Coca Cola Bottling Company in Sacramento, to name a few. Many of Colleen's works are in the area of custom kiln fired hand painted ceramic and glass tiles. Colleen comments that : "I'm working to keep variety in my work, and avoid getting locked into one style." Thank you to Diane Cofer for introducing us to Colleen. Following worship you are invited to get your refreshments in either the narthex or Byrne Hall and enjoy viewing Colleen's work and meeting her in the gathering space.

Colleen has generously offered that for anyone purchasing "Florida Sunrise," she will donate \$500 to the Living Stones Campaign, and for anyone purchasing "Musical Moments," she will donate \$100.

CHAIRS



IN THE CHAPEL IS A CATHEDRAL CHAIR WITH ARMS. THIS IS DESIGNED FOR THOSE NEEDING HELP TO STAND. PLEASE GO OVER IN THE CHAPEL AND TRY IT OUT. THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER CHAIR BEHIND IT. THERE IS A HASSOCK UNDERNEATH THE ARM CHAIR. PLEASE TRY THE HASSOCK FOR KNEELING.

Please keep the following in your prayers Libby, Russ, Andy, Polly, Frank, Sarah, Jay, Joy, Jane, Colleen, Robbi, Sandra, Lowell, Maggie, Anna, Bob, Faye, Helen, Nancy, Maxine, John, Paul, Kylie, Marilyn, Michael, Maria, Mary, Charlotte, Sue, Evan, Ann, Keith, Jay, Colleen, Joy, Jane, Dee Dee, Donna, John, Maggie, Anna, Frank, Bubba, Robert, Katie, Aubree, Sue, Colleen, Betty, Jimmy, Bubba, Mary Ruth, Lettie, Leslie, Sandra, Marilyn, Faye, Mary, Alexis, Georgia, John

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad; Jeff, Bowe, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Joseph, Colin, Todd, Brett, Jordan