



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret+

Author and theologian, Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, tells a story of Thomas Ann Hines who was a divorced mother of an only child. When her son, a freshman in college was murdered by a seventeen year old drifter, who first solicited a ride from him, and then, when he got in the car, turned a gun on the young driver. Thomas Ann descended into a pit of anger and vengeance. The murder was a random groundless, indefensible act. And her son was not the only person who died that night, according to Sister Joan. Thomas Ann was alone, distraught, full of the kind of pain and hate that paralyzes the heart and stops life in its tracks, even for the living.

Now, the good boy, the successful student, the hope of her life, was gone. She felt completely alone now, without a future, without hope or any reason, it seemed, to live. However, thirteen years later, Thomas Ann visited her son's killer in prison, determined to get information about the night of the killing. But when, in the course of the conversation the young man put his face down on the small table at which they sat and began to sob, she touched him. And then, she got to know him.

Everyone was shocked. "How could she do such a thing?" people asked. Or, more to the point, perhaps, they asked themselves the question, "Could I possibly show mercy to someone who had done something so senseless, so terrible, so destructive to me?"

Thomas Ann's answer to the question was a simple one: "If my son was sitting in this room," she said, "I would want someone to reach out a hand and lift him up."

This story teaches us something about God's mercy. Mercy discounts the economic sense of love and faith and care for a person and lives out of a divine sense of love instead. "Mercy gives a human being who does not 'deserve' love, love." This happens because God knows of what we are made.. We are all made of the same thing: clay, the dust of the earth, the frail, fragile, and shapeless thing

from which we come, and to which, some day, we will go. We are all capable of the same things. Our only hope is that when we are all sitting somewhere bereft, exposed, outcast, rejected, someone, somewhere will “reach out a hand and lift us up.”

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Blessings and love,
Margaret+

Columbarium

Included in our architectural plans, are plans for a columbarium in the narthex. This is over and above the basic price of the renovation. However, structural plans can be made to insert an indoor columbarium if there is enough interested. We have received a price from Armento Columbariums, which do some of the finest work in this area of handiwork. The basic price is \$300. Tax would probably be on top of that. They come in a 4 niche setting. So to get one, we would need at least 4 people interested. There will be a table on Sunday with information and pictures if you are interested in reading about it. Then we will put out a list to see how many people are really interested. To build it, would need to have the money ahead of time. Feel free to browse the information.

Diocesan Search Committee Announcement

The Search Committee for the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast announces that it is now receiving nominations for its 4th Bishop. The Profile, nomination forms, the nomination process, and schedule are available online at the following link:

<http://bishopsearch.diocgc.com>

Nominations will be accepted until September 1, 2014.

Thanks to the following people for their help in initiating the removal of the pews from the church. There is still more to do before renovations begin on June 9th.

Ray Wishart
Rebekah Wishart
Tom Sontag
Toni Banks
Bob Banks
Scott MacFarland
Mike McKenzie
Fred Schilling
Art Wimpenny
Jerry Jimmerson
David Dean



TIME FOR BREAKFAST—BREAKFAST BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M. \$3 PER PERSON OR \$6 PER FAMILY. WE NEED YOUR GROUP TO SIGN UP FOR JULY AND AUGUST!



ST. ANDREWS MOVIE LOVERS MOVIE NIGHT

Beginning on Friday, June 20th, St. Andrews Episcopal Church will begin the St. Andrews Movie Lovers Movie Night. Details are as follows:

Who: Dr. Dan Finley will coordinate; you can contact him by email at dfinley@gulfcoast.edu

When: The second Friday in July – we may continue on with one movie a month depending on the level of interest. 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

Other: No admittance fee, but donations accepted and encouraged. All donations will go to Living Stones building fund.

Future: The concept is to find interesting and watchable movies for the movie lovers at St. Andrews and from the community. Current thinking is to rotate between little-seen good-to-great movies, foreign movies and classic movies. Will take requests.

For additional information, contact Dr. Dan at email address above.

Contact Information

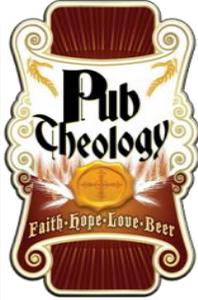
We are compiling a list of members who do not have family locally. We would like the name/names and phone numbers or other contact information so that we can contact them in case of an emergency. This would be for all members not just older ones. The book with the information will be kept in the church office. Please email your contact information to Hannah Davis at daviskh@aol.com or phone her at 769-4274.

COOK BOOKS



We still have centennial cookbooks for sale! Where else can you get a useful \$10 gift? Why not buy several and keep them on hand for those last minute occasions when you need a gift? Plus, the cookbooks reflect the wonderful heritage of our church. Remember, each adult member (male and female) is asked to buy at least two cookbooks to help raise money for the Living Stones campaign. By purchasing cookbooks, each of us takes an active role toward reaching the goals of making our church more accessible and of enhancing a sense of community at St. Andrew's. Visit the table in Byrne Hall and purchase yours today.

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



*Bring a
Bible-
no experience
necessary!*

Please keep the following in your prayers : Peggy, Mary Jane, Pat, Matthew, Shawn, Charlie, Kris, Mary, Kitty , Holly, Tiffany, John, Sandra, David, Frances, Warren, Ruth Ann, Rosemary, Iva, Janet, Glen, Robert, Linne', Ginny, Pete, Steve, Maria, Ethel, Joy, Jane, Kelly, Ryan, Colleen, Pete, Joni, Tim, Carol, Linda, Lui, Rhonda, Steven, Kathy, Jeremy

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