



St. Andrew's Tidings

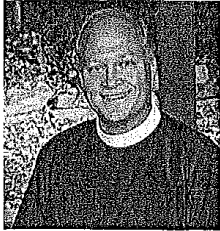
A Message from Margaret,

THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP

Included in the Tidings are short biographies of the candidates for Bishop of the Central Gulf Coast. We have four very good candidates. There was deep consternation yesterday that the slate did not include someone of color; a woman; or a gay priest, since we bless unions. However, this was addressed adequately by the search committee, who stated that many of the women who were on the list either did not want to enter the process or later withdrew. No people of color applied. The four remaining fit into the profile and agree to unions. You will be able to go on to the website and hear sermons and see these people more fully. You will be advised as soon as that is up. We will begin this Sunday praying the prayer for the election of a bishop and will continue until that is completed. The consecration will be in July. Philip our Bishop, will be our bishop until the consecration takes place. Please pray for the diocese and those of us on the Standing Committee during this pivotal time. M+

(See The Process for Petition within this publication)

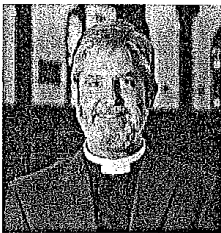
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast Nominees for Bishop Election



THE REV. JAMES RUSSELL KENDRICK

Rector, St. Stephens Episcopal Church | Birmingham, Alabama

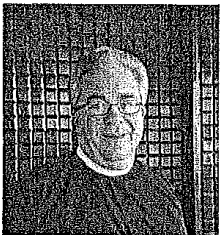
The Reverend Russell Kendrick is the Rector of St. Stephens, Birmingham, Alabama, a position he has held since 2007. In 1984 he earned Bachelors of Arts in Architecture and Marketing from Auburn University, and in 1995 a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary. Russell is married to Robin; they have two children.



THE VERY REV. EDWARD FRANCIS O'CONNOR

Dean, Cathedral Parish of St. Andrew | Jackson, Mississippi

The Very Reverend Edward O'Connor has been the Dean of Cathedral Parish of St. Andrew, Jackson, Mississippi since March 2007. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from University of Mississippi, a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy from University of Southern Mississippi in 1993, and a Master of Divinity from University of the South earned in 2001. Edward is married to Deidra; they have three children.



THE REV. CANON DR. E. DANIEL SMITH

Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Missouri | St. Louis, Missouri

The Reverend Canon Smith is currently the Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Missouri, a position he has held since 2003. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida in 1978, a Master of Divinity from Nashotah House of Theological Seminary in 1981, and a Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development from Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in 2001. Dan is married to Evelyn; they have two children.



THE REV. DR. WILLIAM C. TREADWELL III

Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church | Waco, Texas

The Reverend William C. Treadwell has been the Rector of St. Paul's in Waco, Texas since 2004. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the Georgetown College in 1982, his Master of Divinity from the School of Theology, University of the South in 1989 and his Doctor of Ministry from School of Theology, University of the South in 2014. Chuck is married to Christine; they have three children.

THE PETITION PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP

The Canons of the Episcopal Church provide for an election process in which laity and clergy join with the Holy Spirit to raise up new episcopal leadership. The principal method for calling candidates for election in this Diocese is the Search Committee process under Diocesan Canon 26. An important aspect of the election of the new Bishop is known as the "Petition Process" for which the Search Committee and Standing Committee establish a process by which other nominations may be submitted for consideration. This process is intended to address the narrow circumstance when a person called to candidacy has not been raised up through the Search Committee process. There could be several reasons why a candidate did not become a discerned candidate but, instead, has a call through the Petition Process. However, the Search Committee process will be the process through which most of the candidates ultimately participating in the election will be brought forward. The slate of candidates identified by the Search Committee for the position of Bishop of the Diocese was announced by the Standing Committee on December 3, 2014. The Petition Period will be open during the five (5) business days immediately following the announcement, beginning no earlier than December 4, 2014 and closing at 5:00 p.m. Central Time on December 11, 2014. The complete process and the required forms related to the Petition Process will be located on the Home Page of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast at <http://www.diocgc.org/>



**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE: OUR CHOIR WILL
OFFER A CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE ON DECEMBER
13TH AT 3:00 P.M. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE DECEMBER 24TH,
4:00 P.M.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9 A.M. WALKING THROUGH THE BIBLE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WILL BE SENT OUT JUST AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. INCLUDED IN THEM WILL BE A PLEDGE CARD FOR 2015. WE URGE YOU TO FILL ONE OUT SO WE MAY MAKE A STAB AT WHAT SORT OF INCOME WE WILL HAVE FOR THE YEAR. WE HAVE TO SUBMIT A % TO THE DIOCESE SO THEY WILL KNOW WHAT WE WILL BE SENDING AS OUR PLEDGE TO THE DIOCESE. IF WE DO NOT KNOW APPROXIMATELY WHAT OUR PLEDGE FACTOR IS, THEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL THE DIOCESE. ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE A LIVING STONES PLEDGE SHEET IN CASE YOU HAVE NOT YET MADE A PLEDGE TO THE BUILDING FUND. *Belle and Fran.*

CHAIRS

The Chairs are \$240 each. We now have 75 chairs that have been purchased. If you would like to purchase a chair in honor of or in memory of someone, please see Anne Staley following the service. The chairs will arrive next Wednesday

Come Jam With Us!

Part of the Supper at Grace Ministry is preparing 50 sack lunches for guests to take out. We are going to prepare the lunches on Thursday morning, December 18 at 10:00 in Byrne Hall. Sack lunches contain a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips, cookies and a drink. All of the fixings are provided-all we need a some willing hands to come "jam" with us for about an hour to

prepare and pack the lunches. If you would like to join this ministry to help feed the needy, please contact Diane Tate (769-0941).



Supper at Grace

Thursday, December 18th, St. Andrew's will be providing supper at Grace Episcopal Church on the beach. This is an opportunity to greet and serve those who need a meal and encouragement. We are expecting about 100 people and need help cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We will also be distributing the socks we have collected to our guests. Please look at the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in Byrne Hall and see if there are any tasks you can help with to make this event a special night for those who come for supper.

We often ask "What can one person do?"- Can you do this? Questions?

Diane Tate (769-0941)





As we approach winter one of the challenges many people face, especially the homeless, is keeping their feet warm and dry. St. Andrew's serves Supper at Grace on **December 18th** and we would like to give each of our guests a pair of **NEW CREW** socks.

. Current Sock Count

- **Men 141 Pair**
- **Women 52 Pair**
- **Children 49 Pair**

WE HAVE ALMOST 250 PAIRS OF SOCKS TO WRAP AND DISTRIBUTE TO OUR GUESTS COMING TO SUPPER AT GRACE. JOIN US WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 9:00 am IN BYRNE HALL TO WRAP THEM. IF YOU HAVE CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS OR WRAPPING PAPER YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE BRING IT TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY.

St. Mary's Guild

When: Tues. Dec. 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Meet at Byrne Hall for coffee and snacks at 10:00. Carpool to St. John Greek Orthodox Church by 11:00 a.m.

Program: Father George Dursa will tell us about the gold icons.

Please bring a Christmas gift for a man and a woman for the nursing home as we usually do.

Columbarium

Our construction is moving along and it will not be too much longer before completion. If you would like to take advantage of the lower price of \$500 per niche in the Columbarium, please call the office, or send in the Columbarium form. If you do not have one, extras are on the round table in Byrne Hall. Upon Completion, the cost will be \$1,000 per niche.

*Don't
Forget your
Pennies from Heaven
For Living Stones*



Please keep the following in your prayers : Warren, Ruth Ann, Iva, , Jeremy, Rosemary, Kiley, Maggie, Patricia, Anne, MaryLou, George, Walt, Susan, Mary Jane, Sammy, Rick, Jane, Joy, Ryan, Virginia, Laura, Pam, Ashley, Hazen, Mary, Anna, Diane, Sara, Debbie, Sarah, Robin, Tammy, Alex, Betty, Jim, Mikey, Larry, Gary, Jonathan, Pat, Marty, Rita, Eric, Stephanie, Elijah, Dorothy

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, Jeremiah