



## *St. Andrew's Tidings*

### *Message from Margaret:*

The Greek-derived word *Epiphany* means “manifestation” or “showing forth” or, to put it in a more theological language, “revelation.” The celebration of Epiphany on January 6, which is transferred to the following Sunday if it falls on a week day, originated in the Eastern Church, and is a festival older than Christmas. Clement of Alexandria mentions it as far back as A.D. 200. The celebration was first adopted by the Western Church in southern Gaul. By the mid-fourth century, it was being kept as a separate commemoration from Christmas. In Rome, it became associated with the coming of the Magi, which was seen to express the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, as it does in our gospel lesson for this week.

The story in Luke includes a sample of Luke’s presentation of John’s messianic preaching, based on the accounts of Mark and other traditions attributed to Jesus. Luke reports that the baptism of Jesus occurred after all the others had been baptized; thus the baptism of Jesus was seen as the climax of the work of the Baptist.

Epiphany is the season when we celebrate the manifestation of the Word of God to the secular world. We celebrate more than myth and more than miracle. We are celebrating a vision, a showing forth of things above and things to be in the person of Jesus. We are celebrating the institution and reality of the kingdom of God in Jesus that shall be forever. And we are celebrating our own citizenship in that kingdom along with all the saints whose hearts yearn to see the hope of their lives fulfilled.

The baptism of Jesus is the manifestation of Jesus to the world as the beloved Son, as the one with whom God is well pleased. This is God’s good news to the world. This good news is no secret. God has spoken to humankind directly, not from a distant place or in foreign speech, but by coming to dwell with us. God has spoken to us through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. In

this Christ we see and hear God's amazing love for us and the whole world. In wonder and joy we share in the excitement of the apostles: "For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

Because of Jesus Christ we know there is something that has happened in our lives to be shared. We know there is something in the lives of others to be heard. We believe that God's good news makes a difference for the world. This is the good news we have to offer to the one who joins us at the party, the one who lives adjacent to us in the neighborhood, the one who stands behind us in the unemployment line, who sits beside us at the dinner table, and who visits with us at coffee hour.

With John the Baptist we believe that Jesus is the savior from sin, because in his baptism Jesus takes on the sins of the world, teaching, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and have believed the promise: *this is for you*. We have experienced it in our lives. To believe is to accept and activate this promise in our lives—to know how god has acted in Jesus as the sign of god's love and forgiveness revealed in Christ. It is to be amazed and awed by the news of what God has done in "my Son, the beloved; with whom I am well pleased."

*Blessings and love,*

*Margaret+*

**Sunday is Rector's Discretionary. Please remember to be generous.**

### PLEDGE CARDS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE PLEDGE SUNDAY. PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARDS ALONG WITH LIVING STONES PLEDGES IF YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE SO.

## St. Mary's Guild

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Calling all the women of St. Andrew's to join us as we start the New Year.

Those of you who are new to the church may not know of our group. We meet once a month in members homes or Byrne Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am. We enjoy a devotion, programs dealing with the community of the church or Panama City. We do outreach with Bethel House, the nursing homes and whatever need arises. We also enjoy refreshments and fellowship and we would love to have you join us. Mark your calendar for.....

### The first meeting of the New Year.

When: Jan. 13, 2015 at 10:00 am

Where: Mary Wimpennys, 112 Harmon Ave.

Program: Ann Bruce will give a book report on "The Hundred Year Old Man Who Stepped Through the Window and Disappeared".

Hostesses: Nell Barnett, Judy Cooley, Barbara Sontag

**ORDO (Liturgical) CALENDARS ARE HERE.  
THE COST IS \$3.75.**

## ***WHAT IS A LABYRINTH? HOW IS IT USED?***



Dating back at least 4,000 years, labyrinths have been rediscovered as soothing places for meditation. In the Middle Ages, labyrinths were built in several Roman Catholic cathedrals as places of symbolic pilgrimage. Patterns were based on sacred geometry, principles of proportion and designs. One of the most famous labyrinths is inlaid in the stone floor at the Chartres Cathedral in France. In 1991, this design was recreated at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco as a tool for the sacred. Our labyrinth is patterned after these two labyrinths.

We must remember that a labyrinth is not a maze; there are no wrong turns. It is an archetype with which we can have a direct spiritual experience. The labyrinth has only one path. It is unicursal. The way in is the way out. The path leads you on a circuitous path to the center and out again. As one walks the path, one walks slowly in meditation. As you reach the center, you may want to spend time there in prayer or meditation. At its most basic level the labyrinth is a metaphor for the journey to the center of your deepest self and back out into the world with a broadened understanding of who you are. We plan to have a class on walking the labyrinth as soon as we are comfortably in the new space.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RECONVENE AT A LATER DATE.**

## Chairs

The Chairs are \$240 each. We now have 89 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.

Greeters and Ushers are needed. If you would like to participate in one or both, please sign the list on the bulletin board. Thanks!

**SAVE THE DATE !**

**THE BLESSING AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW  
WORSHIP SPACE**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2014**

**3:00 P.M.**

**THE RIGHT REV. PHILIP M. DUNCAN, II**

**BISHOP OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST, PRESIDING**

# GROCERY CART MINISTRY

During January we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for the food pantry at the St. Andrew Baptist Benevolence Center. All food collected is given within our community. When you are shopping for your family please purchase some peanut butter or jelly to help those in need.



## SUPPER AT GRACE

Thank you for making St. Andrew's night for Supper at Grace such a huge success. A special thanks to Dick and Margaret Seeberger, Tom and Sally Brewer, Mary Johnson, Ted Broome, Linne Morgan, Marilyn Hermansen and Jackie Tate who helped cook, serve and clean up. Laurie Ayers and Ann Bruce also helped prepare fifty pack lunches, Gail Tambarino donated the peanut butter and jam for the lunches, Sue Webb picked up the Panera Bread donations and Teri Floore shopped for groceries.

The socks the parish provided were a huge hit with those attending the dinner and the extra ones were taken to the Rescue Mission for distribution there and at Bethel House.

Our next turn for Supper at Grace is Thursday, February 19th (the day after Ash Wednesday). What a wonderful opportunity to share in a service ministry at the beginning of Lent!

# **St. Andrew's Foundation**

The Foundation was established with the goal of enabling the church to more completely fulfill its mission by developing ministries beyond what is possible through the church's annual operating funds. Since its inception the Foundation has provided over \$71,000 to support the mission of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

In 2014, the Foundation gave \$5,000 to the Living Stones Fund, \$2,400 to the fund for the new chairs, \$2,000 to the Episcopal Relief and Development fund for Ebola Relief, and \$300 to the Episcopal Community for refurbishment of St. Joseph's Garden.

The Foundation has committed \$5,000 to the Living Stones Fund in 2015, but will accept requests for grants for other projects. The Foundation funds are limited to new capital needs of the parish, to outreach ministries and grants, and to provide seed money for new ministries and special one-time projects. If you would like to submit a request for a grant or become a Foundation donor, please speak to a member of the Foundation Board of Directors.

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Assessment

Sunday Servers

If you are interested in being a lay reader, an usher, a greeter,  
or a torch bearer on Sunday, please sign the list on the bulletin  
board.

**Congratulations to** Bob Dallas and Barbara Sontag who were  
elected to the vestry at the Parish Meeting. Our delegates to  
convention are Kathy Lopez, Nancy Young and Art Wimpenny;  
alternates are Anne Staley, Frank Lopez, Belle Casler and Mary  
Wimpenny.

## St. Andrews Movie Lovers Movie Night

On Friday, January 16, 2015, St. Andrews Episcopal Church will host the St. Andrews Movie Lovers Movie Night. Details are as follows:

When: Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. 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:

Movie: "The Dish" (2000) IMDb rating 7.3; Starring Sam Neill, Billy Mitchell & Roz Hammond. Rating: PG-13. 101-minutes. In the days before the July 19, 1969 space mission that marked humankind's first steps on the moon, NASA was working with a group of Australian technicians who had agreed to rig up a satellite interface. That the Aussies placed the satellite dish smack dab in the middle of an Australian sheep farm in the boondocks town of Parkes was just one of the reasons that NASA was concerned. Based on a true story, "The Dish" takes a smart, witty, comical look at the differing cultural attitudes between Australia and the US while revisiting one of the greatest events in history.

Dinner: Pizza, red and white wine, ginger ale and chilled bottled water.

Trivia Contest at end with winner getting bottle of champagne.

Also please note: **We now have a big screen (48-inch) color TV!**

Other: No admittance fee, but donations accepted and encouraged. One-hundred percent (100%) of all donations will go to Living Stones building fund.

Questions: Contact Dr. Dan Finley at [dfinley@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:dfinley@gulfcoast.edu)

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



**Year-end Giving**

**St. Andrews Episcopal Church has had an outstanding year, our accomplishments are due to the financial support of our church family and friends. We are grateful for the support so many of you have given through your time, talents and gifts. As you consider year-end giving, please remember St. Andrews. All donations are tax deductible and can be given in cash, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. Each of you is so important to all of us and make us whole as we come together as one to give praise to our Lord.**

*Please keep the following in your prayers : Warren, Ruth Ann, Iva, , Jeremy, Rosemary, Kiley, Maggie, Patricia, Anne, MaryLou, George, Walt, Susan, Mary, Anna, Diane, Sara, Debbie, Sarah, Robin, Tammy, Alex, Betty, Jim, Mikey, Larry, Gary, Jonathan, Pat, Marty, Rita, Eric, Stephanie, Elijah, Dorothy, Dan, David, Don and Family, Kristy, Austin, Sandra, Anne, Tracy, Page, Norma, Lisa, Elaine*

*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*