



St. Andrew's Tidings

Moving In!!

Hopefully, next Sunday, January 11, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we will hold our first Sunday worship in our new space if all goes as planned. What a fitting day for this service as it commemorates the baptism of Jesus as well as celebrating the visit of the Magi, bringing gifts to the Christ Child. Baptism celebrates new life and the promises given to us by God, that we are forgiven, that we are loved, and we are not alone. On this day we, too, celebrate new life in this new space—a space created for all people. There are a number of things to know about entering and using the space.

Entry: The old entry by the altar guild sacristy will no longer be in use. You may enter the narthex from Bryn Hall through the double doors, or you may enter the front door by going down the old corridor.

Seating: The seating will be very much like we will have been used to in Byrne Hall. The altar will be in the middle. Coming to Communion will be explained.

Restroom: The closest restroom will be in the hall on the west side of the building like you go to the St. Joseph's Garden. The restroom in Byrne Hall will not be accessible through the old door.

Kneeler/Hassocks will be available for those who wish to kneel.

Remember that the Prelude begins the service, and it is our custom to enter the worship space in silence as we begin with our own silent prayer.

It may take several weeks to work out the kinks and to get comfortable in the space. Please be patient.

We are thankful for all who have pledged and given, we are thankful for the anonymous donors who have given the font, the cross in the window, and the donor who has given the processional cross.

This is an exciting time for all of us. God has been so good to us. It is a time for giving thanks and for rejoicing. “Behold, I make all things new.”

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.

ORDO CALENDARS ARE HERE. THE COST IS \$3.75.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RECONVENE AT A LATER DATE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Your financial statements are on the round table in Byrne Hall in alphabetical order. Because we have not yet purchased the module needed for accounting software to show initial pledges please note that your giving for the year for your tax purposes is on the top right hand-side (see example in red). The bottom part shows giving by category. It is not necessary to know the initial pledge amount for tax purposes. We are sorry if this is confusing, but please know your gifts are appreciated.

St Andrew's Episcopal Church	Total Given (Tax Deductable): \$.....
	Total Given (Non-tax deductible: \$...
John Doe	
111 J Street	
Panama Citv. Florida	

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.



Columbarium

As you can see, the construction is just about finished. If you would like to take advantage of the lower price of \$500 per niche in the Columbarium, you need to do it at this time. Once we gain occupancy, the cost will be \$1,000 per niche. 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**



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