



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret

Thursday, May 14 is Ascension Day. The Ascension is always celebrated on the Sunday following if it is not celebrated on that week day. On Ascension Day we celebrate that event in the life of Jesus Christ which holds out to us life's greatest promise—that where Jesus is, there we also come to be. But the promise is sometime hidden from our perception because the special language of “up” and “down” confuses and distracts us. All of *our* language is inadequate for unfolding the mysteries of God—but it is the only language we have and we must make the best of it and with it.

What essentially is the ascension all about? Simply put, it means that Jesus left the confined and the constricted state of “here and now” to enter *in and with our humanity*---the “everywhere” and “always.” In many ways the Ascension is like a finely cut diamond. If you hold it up to the light, it has all kinds and facets of meaning. There is layer and layer of truth to be found in this particular day. It would be impossible to exhaustively explore depths of this occasion, so the best we can hope for is to take one angle in the hope that when we go out—at least part of the reality of the Ascension is a burning thought in our heart.

If the Ascension teaches us anything, it teaches us that the life we are experiencing at this moment, is only part of God's history with us and our story with God. It suggests that our life in time and space is only a fraction of what God intends for every one of us. Perhaps our tomb stones should contain our birth date, our death date, then the words “to be continued.” Because what God creates... God loves; and what God loves, God loves with God's whole being... which means there is a sense of everlastingness.

What Jesus wanted his disciples to know was that he came to teach them (and us) about the kingdom that had already come and that was to come even still, somehow. They came to him to learn how to recognize it as well as to live in and out of it. If they would listen to his teaching, he would teach them how to live in the way that God had envisioned for them all.

So what about us? Can we go forward from the Ascension to live as Christ envisioned? George MacDonald has pointed out that “*love* is the only door out of the dungeon of self, where we mope and mow, striking sparks, and rubbing phosphorescences out of the walls, and blowing our own breath in our own nostrils, instead of issuing to the fair sunlight of God, the sweet winds of the universe.”

The Ascension is for our benefit, to get us on the right track...to reveal to us, dramatically and for all time, how we ourselves can grow to resemble Christ in his faithfulness and love—and get on with his work all around us, in the power of that heavenly Dove, the Holy Spirit.

Namaste’,

Margaret+

Events Coming Up

St Andrew’s Spring Concert Series

***May 17, 4 p.m.: Concert Featuring David Pohler and Calliope Pettis
Light Broadway to Classical***

The Stacey Holliday Quartet : June 7, 4:00 p.m.

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***Fourth of July Celebration on the Front Lawn; Music, Food, Fun  
and fireworks.***

***July 26 at 4 p.m.: Pianist Andrew Lagrimas will present his FSU  
Senior Recital***



## **May 17, 2015-This Sunday- Bon Voyage Benefit Concert Featuring David Pohler and Calliope Pettis**

**This music program will be held as part of the St Andrew's Episcopal Church's Spring Concert Season. The concert will be held in the worship space at 4:00 p.m. David Pohler and Calliope Pettis will be performing songs and arias from such composers as Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, II, Roger Quilter, Antonio Lotti, John Dowland, Giulio Caccini, Henry Purcell and Stephen Foster.**

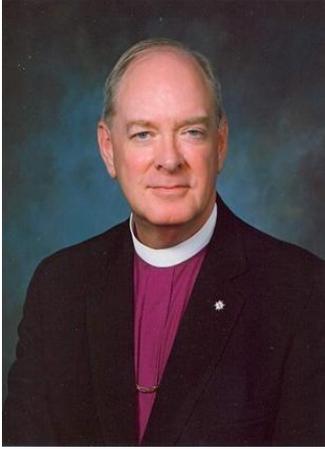
**Proceeds from the concert will benefit the artists as they raise capital for the 2015 European tour with the University of Montevallo's Concert Choir. The Concert Choir has been invited to perform in many of the great cathedrals and churches of the Czech Republic, Austria and Hungary.**

**Please consider making a donation to assist these two young people share their music and absorb the music of others around the world.**

*The Stacey Holiday and Friends*  
*Sunday, June 7; 4:00 p.m.*



**Hear this incredible group-piano, violins, and cello, play Mendelssohn and more!**  
**Stacey Holliday, Piano; Mary Ellen Reddie and Yasya Brown, Violin; Ann Wilson, Cello.**



*Region VI Party for Bishop and Kathy  
Duncan*

**As most of you know, we are divided into regions in the diocese. Our region consists of those parishes on this side of the diocese: Panama City, Panama City Beach, Apalachicola, and Port St. Joe.**

**We will be having a party to say “good-bye” to Bishop and Mrs. Duncan on May 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Nativity. Bishop Duncan will confirm and baptize at 6 p.m., and this will be followed by a hamburger/hot dog cook out at 7:30 p.m.. There will be a band and lots of fun. You are to BYO, but the food and sides will be furnished. Let’s have a great crowd from St. Andrew’s to attend. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board as we need to let Holy Nativity know how many so they can prepare enough hamburgers. All the clergy from our region will participate in the service. If you want to be baptized or confirmed, please speak to Margaret+. If you plan to go, please sign up on the bulletin board.**



## **PENTECOST “BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH” SUNDAY!**

***MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>***

**Make a Friend! Be a Friend! Bring a friend to Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Take part in an exciting Pentecost service, followed by a Pentecost cook-out! Wear Red!! You are invogted to bring slaw or baked beans, or dessert.**



Want something fun and satisfying to do on Wednesday afternoons? Come to the St. Andrew Oaks Garden of Hope! Assist 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Oakland Terrace in gardening while enjoying stimulating conversations with them. The students walk to the garden every Wed. and arrive around 1:00 p.m. Their visit lasts about one hour. We need adults to show an interest in the students and to provide support for this ministry. See you Wednesday!

**MORNING PRAYER CONTINUES THROUGH THE END OF MAY ON TUESDAYS AT 9 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL. THE LABYRINTH IS OPEN FOR WALKING AND MEDITATION.**

## **Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Nominees Announced**

The nominees for the 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church have been announced in a report posted by the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop (JNCPB).

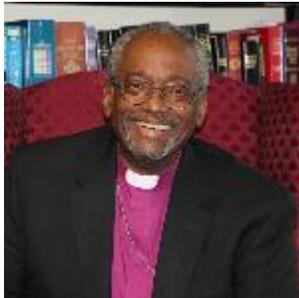
The 27th Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church will be elected on Saturday, June 27 during The Episcopal Church's 78th General Convention which will be held June 25 - July 3 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, UT (Diocese of Utah).

### **Nominees**

#### **Nominated for Presiding Bishop are:**



The Rt. Rev. Thomas E. Bridenthal, Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio



The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina



The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop of the Diocese of Connecticut (link is external)



The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida

On Saturday, June 27, members of the House of Bishops with seat, voice, and vote will convene in St. Mark's Cathedral in Salt Lake City, where the election will occur in the context of prayer and reflection. Once an election has taken place, current Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will send a deputation to the House of Deputies for confirmation of the election.

The Rev. Gay Jennings, President of the House of Deputies, will refer the name to the House of Deputies legislative committee on the Confirmation of the Presiding Bishop without announcing the name to the full House. The legislative committee will make a recommendation to the House of Deputies whether to confirm the election or not confirm, and the House of Deputies will immediately vote on the recommendation. President Jennings will then appoint a delegation from the House of Deputies to notify the House of Bishops of the action taken.

The Presiding Bishop serves for a nine-year term. The Presiding Bishop is Primate, Chief Pastor of the Church, Chair of the Executive Council, and President of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.  
General Convention

## GROCERY CART MINISTRY

Our May Grocery Cart item is **CANNED MEAT OR FISH**. All food collected is donated to the St. Andrew Baptist Benevolence Mission for distribution within our local community. Please help our needy neighbors enjoy a nutritious meal by purchasing some **CANNED MEAT OR FISH** for the Grocery Cart.



## PRESCRIPTION PILL BOTTLES

St. Andrew Baptist Church provides a medical ministry for people in the community who need medical aid but are unable to pay for it. It is staffed by volunteer health professionals and funded by the church and some community agencies. One of its needs is empty prescription pill bottles with labels removed. If you have empty bottles please leave them in the Grocery Cart baskets under the bulletin board in Byrne Hall. Questions??- ask Margaret Seeberger.

*Thank you to Bob and Toni Banks who, so lovingly, install the visitor card holders on the backs of the chairs, and insert the visitor cards!*



## *Memorial Day Celebration*

*Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at Kent Forrest Lawn*

*Master of Ceremonies: Lt. Col. Ret. Bill Gobat*

*Invocation and Benediction: The Rev. Dr. Margaret*

*Shepard*

## *Flowers*

*If you are planning to order flowers to be placed at the Altar, please notify Shirley Gobat at 785-1131 a couple of weeks in advance so that the flowers can be ordered. The cost is \$65.00. Also, remember to sign the new Altar Flowers poster in Byrne Hall.*

## **BREAKFAST**

**We will begin serving breakfast on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Get together with your group to make for breakfast. Sign up for your date on the bulletin board!**

# **SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES AT 9 A.M. WITH**

## **“Embracing the Meaning of Life”**

**Featuring noted author Kathleen Norris**

## **“Discovering What Matters “**

- 1. The Bible Matters**
- 2. Community Matters**
- 3. Place Matters**
- 4. We Matter**

**This will take us to our summer break and breakfast!**

*Please keep the following in your prayers : Warren, Ruth Ann, Ira, , Rosemary., Walt, Susan, Mary, Diane, 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, Madison, Bob, Toni, Jimmy, Faye, Shawn and John, Beth, Carol, Virginia, Iva, Frank*

*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*