



## *St. Andrew's Tidings*

*Message from Margaret*

### *The Feast of Pentecost*

In the Hebrew liturgical calendar, Pentecost was originally an agricultural festival also known as the Feast of Weeks, in which the community offered thanksgiving for the fruits of the early grain harvest. But by the first century, Pentecost had become a commemoration of the giving of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai, celebrated fifty days after Passover. The followers of Jesus were gathered together in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost when God's empowering Spirit came upon them *like the sound of a mighty rushing wind* accompanied by tongues of fire settling on each one of them.

They were immediately filled with the Holy Spirit, and burst forth in words of praise in languages that the disciples themselves did not know, but were recognized by others present. The crowds who observed this were "amazed and astonished" to hear these Galileans proclaiming "God's deeds of power" in their own tongues. The universal mission of the Church is symbolized here with the specific naming of the nations. The confusion of the Tower of Babel had been overturned by the power of the Holy Spirit in which all humanity was brought together—both Jews and proselytes.

Thus the promise of Jesus had been kept, and the community of faith had been empowered with *new ways of speaking and hearing* that the world had never before experienced.

Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit at his baptism. Throughout his ministry, all of his actions were performed together with the spirit. In the chronology of John's Gospel, even before the day of Pentecost, Jesus bestowed this same spirit upon his chosen Apostles on the day of Resurrection. Earlier in the day, Mary Magdalene had reported to the others that she had seen the Lord. In this week's Gospel it is that evening, and the disciples are gathered behind locked doors from fear of possible enemies. Then Jesus suddenly appears among them. This was no ghost or spirit of Jesus, but Christ in his physical body.

Jesus greets them by saying, "Peace be with you." However, these words are more than the usual Semitic salutation. (*Shalom alechem*). The peace that Jesus brings is an assurance of God's transforming love to a world that is beset with

confusion, fear, and turmoil. Jesus then shows his friends the marks of his wounds. The disciples rejoice as they see for themselves that Jesus has overcome death and the grave, as he stands in their midst as the bearer of peace. Jesus breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This action recalls Genesis 2:7 when God breathed the breath of life into Adam/Adama, and as well in Ezekiel when the dry bones live again as the spirit is breathed into them.

The gifts of the spirit are many and God perceives exactly what is needed to serve the needs of the entire community. It reminds me of a poem by Delores Ashcroft-Nowicki in *Paths to Peace*:

"Let there be peace between us, said the Jew, taking the hand of the Arab.  
From the thigh of Abraham we both emerged; let there be an end of hate.

I am weary of the Sword said the Arab, offering bread and salt to the Jew.  
Let us water our gardens from the Jordan and feed our children together.

I need to know you as a brother, said the Tamil to the Parsee, offering grain.  
My fields hold a fine harvest; if you are hungry, share my bread.

I name you the son of my father, said to the Tamil in return Never shall  
your family lack shelter in the season of the monsoon.

Let me mend your broken plough, said the Muslim to the Hindu.

In return I and my sons will help you harvest your crops.

Forgive me for past injustices to you, said the White man to the Red.

Let me honor your ways, smoke your pipe, and walk in your moccasins.

Come into my Hogan, sit and eat with me, said the Red man to the White.

Let us fill the Peace Pipe and make plans for the future of the world.

Let me bind your wounds for you, said the Black man to the Yellow.

I have doctors and medicine for you and your children

For this help, I will teach you ancient secrets, said the Yellow man.

Together we will strive to learn the secrets of the eternal Dao.

Lord God, now I understand why You created humanity, said Lucifer.

Father, forgive me; may I return home?

You never left, said God.

God has bestowed so many gifts upon each of, and most especially God's holy Spirit. Let us leave this place more determined than ever to share those gifts.

*Namaste',*

*Margaret*

*Events Coming Up*  
*St Andrew's Spring Concert Series*

*Stacey Holliday and Friends :Sunday, June 7, 4:00 p.m.*

*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 Doctoral Recital*

*St. Andrew's welcomes new parishioners, Sally and Tom Brewer, who come to us by transfer of their letter from Grace Episcopal Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Welcome!*

*\$\$\$\$\$ Let's Finish up the Change Bucket !!*

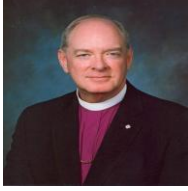
*Bring your change this week, so that we can max it out and let you guess how much. There will be prizes for the ones coming closest to guessing the amount!*

*Please turn off your cell phones during the worship service. Our tech says this is what is interfering with the sound. Give God an hour!*

*Stacey Holliday 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*

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.



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

***This Sunday, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>***

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

## **ALL THINGS EPISCOPAL: OR “WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?”**

**The Sanctuary:** This is the area behind the altar where the aumbry is and the sanctuary lamp hangs. The main church is not called the Sanctuary.

**The Nave:** This is the area where the people sit. The people do not sit in the sanctuary.

**The Narthex:** The foyer outside the worship space where we gather.

**The Aumbry:** The repository for the reserved (blessed) bread and wine. Ours is installed in the marble wall just under the sanctuary lamp.

**Chasuble:** A liturgical vestment derived from the outdoor cloak worn by men and women in Roman society; its shape was similar to that of a tent from which its name (*casual*, “little house”) developed. It is often worn by the celebrant of the Eucharist as the principal garment.

**Dalmatic:** The liturgical vestment traditionally associated with deacons.

**Epiclesis:** The invocation in the Eucharistic prayer, often centered on the activity of the Holy Spirit to change the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. “We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his blood of the new Covenant.”

**Procession:** A liturgical movement of participants prior to, in the course of, or following the liturgy itself. In the Episcopal church we list the beginning hymn and the ending hymn as “Hymn in Procession” unlike the protestant church which uses the word recessional. The reason being is that we believe we process out into the world to do the “work God has given us to do”—rather than being in “recess.”



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.**

## 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.



*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*

*Please sign up to cook for Summer Breakfast*



## *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.*

## **Book Club**

The St. Andrew's Book Club will be meeting at 2:30 pm on Tuesday, May 26, at the home of Teri Floore, 2701 W. 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The members will discuss Michael Lister's book "Blood of the Lamb." It is about a prison chaplain investigating the death of a little girl in the prison. This book has been described as tense and tightly plotted, a true page-turner until the very satisfying ending.

## **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. Community Matters**

**2. Place Matters**

**3. We Matter**

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

*Please keep the following in your prayers : Warren, Ruth Ann, Rosemary., Walt, Susan, Mary, Diane, 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*