



St. Andrew's Tidings

Often we hear that the Book of Job is about why bad things happen to good people. Actually, it is about faithfulness. Job has endured great personal loss and physical afflictions. While his so-called friends maintained that his suffering must be the result of personal sin, Job insisted on his innocence and demanded a hearing with God. But Job remains faithful. As God speaks out of the whirlwind, Job begins to comprehend that no human can understand the purposes of God who has created all that exists. God questions Job and describes the breadth, depth, and height of the divine works in the world. The beautiful poetry and imagery tell of the greatness of God in all creation—surely no human being can begin to imagine the cornerstone of the world being laid. God controls the chaos of the sea and sets its boundaries.

In like manner, as God's Anointed, Jesus too can command the waves and set the boundaries of the waters as a sign of his saving power. This can be seen in the first part of the gospel reading in which Jesus and the disciples experience a sudden storm on the Sea of Galilee. We see Jesus, weary from teaching and the controversies that had gone before. Leaving the crowd behind, Jesus and the disciples get into a boat to go to the other side of the lake. Jesus has full confidence in the skills of his followers, who have been fishermen on this very lake. Therefore, he rests his head on a pillow in the stern of the boat and falls asleep. The sleep of Jesus serves as a sign of his trust in God.

As they continue across the lake, a severe storm suddenly arises. When high waves threaten to swamp the boat, the disciples panic and wake Jesus, asking him if he doesn't care if they perish. Immediately the wind ceases and there was a dead calm. Like the word of God at creation, the spoken words of Jesus have the power to still the chaos of the storm. Jesus then turns to the disciples and asks why they were afraid. "Have you still no faith?" Here faith is not only belief, but appropriate action when confronted with a life-threatening situation. Had the disciples, like Jesus, fully trusted God, they would not have needed to awaken Jesus. Despite Jesus' privately teaching the disciples, they still lack understanding. Thus the stilling of the great storm fills them with great awe: who is this Jesus whom even the wind and sea obey?

Then as they come to the shore, a man “with an unclean spirit” approaches Jesus. This man walked among the graves at night and was so violent that he had to be restrained with chains. Because he inhabited a graveyard, he was considered ritually unclean and was alienated from the rest of the community. When the man sees Jesus, the demons inhabiting him recognize the power of Jesus and address him as the “Son of the Most High God.” They beg Jesus not to torment them further. Jesus then commands the unclean spirits to be gone. Once again, even though the followers of Jesus do not fully understand who he is, the evil spirits do. The man tells Jesus that his name is Legion (a Roman legion had 6,000 men). The 6,000 demons beg Jesus not to order them out of the country but to send them into a herd of swine, which he does, and they run into the sea and are drowned.

With the demons gone, the man is in his right mind, he asks to accompany Jesus, but Jesus asks him to instead share the miraculous things he has experienced and seen in his home town. Thus he began to proclaim in the Decapolis all Jesus had done for him, and all were amazed. He becomes a real missionary as he experienced real reconciliation. He is truly an example of the “new creation,” showing that God never stops loving us. Even though we sometimes don’t respond to God, we are made right (reconciled) by God’s actions. Therefore we have been given the ministry of reconciliation, and are called to be ambassadors for Christ, just as this man was. Let us all go forth-beyond our doors!

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Margaret+

***BREAKFAST THIS WEEK AT 8:30!
\$3.00 PER PERSON; \$5.00 PER
COUPLE; \$7.00 PER FAMILY***

Events Coming Up
St Andrew's Spring Concert Series

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.

CHAIRS

How wonderful it was that at a Memorial Service we did not have enough chairs, but were able to supplement with our folding chairs. We have sold 90 of the new cathedral chairs, but still have 60 chairs to pay for. Here is your chance to honor someone by giving a chair in their name, or giving it as a birthday present, or give one on your birthday. The chairs are \$241.33 each, and the hassocks are \$90.75. Let's finish up the chairs! Thanks in advance. *Anne Staley*

\$\$\$\$\$ 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! You can even match the amount!!

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

Eucharistic Prayer: The principle prayer of the Eucharist. We may choose between Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C, or D. The prayers chosen have to do with the particular season.

Gradual: The appointed psalm verses to be sung or read between the Eucharistic readings. It usually occurs between the first and second readings.

Introit: Originally a portion of the Psalter sung during the entrance of the clergy at the beginning of the Eucharist. It now applies to an entrance hymn.

Orans: A standing posture for prayer in which the arms are outstretched and the hands uplifted as when the priest stands behind the altar at the Great thanksgiving with arms uplifted. It was the basic position for prayer among the Jews at the time of Christ, and for Christians for centuries.

Paschal Candle: The large candle traditionally lighted at the Great Vigil of Easter and which burns at all liturgical services through the Day of Pentecost; and at Baptism.

Patronal Feast: The feast day of a parish, observed on the date of the saint for whom the parish is named.

Postcommunion Prayer or Collect: The prayer in the Eucharistic rite which comes immediately after communion and refers to the sacrament just received.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

Please leave items in the baskets under the bulletin board in Byrne Hall

- **Grocery Cart Ministry-** This month we will be collecting Peanut Butter and/or Jelly for the St. Andrew Baptist Center of Hope Food Pantry. The pantry is expanding its hours 9-noon Monday to Friday and also 6-8 pm on Thursday to serve working people who need assistance. Thank you to everyone who brings food items for us to take to the Center of Hope.
- **Prescription Bottles:** The Center of Hope also has a medical clinic. They need empty prescription bottles with label removed. See Margaret Seeberger if you have questions.
- **Magazines:** Hannah Davis takes current magazines that you are done reading to Sacred Heart Bay Med to distribute to patients and their families.
- **Sample size toiletries:** If you have unopened sample size soaps, shampoos, toothpaste or other items, we can take them to the Center of Hope Medical Ministry for distribution.



Please sign up to cook for Summer Breakfast. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in Byrne Hall. Dates that are available are June 28, July 12, 19, 26, and August 2, 9, 16, 23.

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

6 P.M.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall

1608 Baker Court



DINNER AND A MOVIE

Dinner: Pizza (vegetarian option available), red and white wine, ginger ale and chilled bottled water.

Trivia Contest at end with winner getting bottle of wine or champagne.

Movie shown on big screen (48-inch) color TV!

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

If you are interested in Centering Prayer, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board

St. Andrew Oaks Garden of Hope Update

Since school is out for summer break, we will begin meeting at the St. Andrew Oaks Garden of Hope on **Wednesdays** at a new time - **9:30 a.m.** Ms. Been, the teacher from Oakland Terrace, sent home flyers in her students' report cards letting their parents know that she plans to do some science experiments at the garden on Wednesdays and allow the students time to observe and tend the garden. We are hoping the parents will arrange for their child to participate. Join us if you can!



YARD SALE

Tania Watts has agreed to head up having a yard sale and Fran Tate has agreed to help her. We need other folks to help as well, and we need your items.. We have a good bit of building materials etc. stored, but would love to have other items..

Please keep the following in your prayers : Walt, Larry, Gary, Jonathan, Pat, Marty, Rita, Eric, Stephanie, Elijah, Dorothy, Dan, David, Don and Family, Sandra, Anne, Tracy, Page, Norma, Lisa, Elaine, Madison, Shawn and John, Beth, Carol, Virginia, Iva, Frank, Cynthia, Bob, Harry, Montie, Shawn, Chris

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