



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✧ January 2016

Reverently Speaking

So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide.”—Genesis 22:14

Dear People of St. Andrew’s,

Last year, I changed health insurance and was in need of a new “Primary Care Physician.” So, after making some inquiries, I found an office nearby where a cohort of doctors were willing to accept my insurance. I then had to fill out a raft of paperwork. The receptionist handed me a clipboard on which were several pages of questions about my personal information and medical history. You know the drill.

What piqued my interest, however, was the line at the top corner of the first page. It read simply: “Health Care Provider:” Following the colon was a blank line on which was handwritten a name, let’s say JONES.

Why didn’t the line read “Physician” instead of “Health Care Provider”? Was I about to see a physician or a provider? I wanted to see a physician! I was not there to see a “provider.”

And, in any case, what’s the difference between the two? (I realized later, that it was possible I would not see a physician but a nurse practitioner. Thus “Provider” is more inclusive.)

An internet search (aided by an Internet Provider) reveals that the use of the term “provider” is widespread.

Not dentist, but Dental Care Provider
Not doctor, but Primary Care Provider
Not nurse, but Health Care Provider
Not lawyer, but Legal Aid Services Provider
Not insurance agent, but Insurance Provider
Not stockbroker, but Investment Services Provider
Not optometrist, but Vision Care Provider
Not teacher, but Education Service Provider
Not banker, but Financial Services Provider
Not pharmacist, but Drug and Medications Provider

And, finally, not mortician, but Death Care Provider. What is that? I don’t really understand what that means. What is death care? Taking care of you in death, I guess.

Not all businesses in the service industry have got the memo about the word “provider.” Your personal fitness trainer is really a “Pain Services Provider,” and perhaps your waiter is a “Food Services Provider.”

I suppose I am a Spiritual Life Provider. The word “pastor,” invoking as it does the image of a shepherd, invites comparison with someone who provides. A shepherd provides shelter, food and protection. See Psalm 23. So my task is to provide the sheep with spiritual shelter, food and protection.

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The best provider, you know, is God. Remember Abraham and the ram in the thicket which God provides for the burnt offering, thus saving the life of his son? The Bible says, "Abraham called the name of that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it will be provided'" (Genesis 22:13-14). The word for God here is *Jehovah-jireh* (or, *Yahweh-jireh*, or *Adonai-jireh*), or "The Lord will provide." The Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures) however, translated this as "The Lord has seen," and this became in Latin, *Dominus videt*. The sense is that *The Lord will see to it!* God sees us and takes necessary steps.

As a provider, God is not a God who sees our condition and then does nothing to provide for us. That would be neglect. Rather, God sees us, and then sees to it.

So God is a Provider, and the church is sort of like a big Spiritual HMO, which I imagine makes us all SHMOs. The church is the Spiritual Health Maintenance Organization, with Jesus Christ as its head. So remember to drop in and visit frequently with your SHMO this year. Sunday morning visits don't even require an appointment in advance!

But, although we are part of that great SHMO, it is still wise to keep any appointments you may have with your Health Care Provider, so as to put off an appointment with your Death Care Provider. All the best in the New Year!

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese

St. Andrew's reaches out to local schools at Christmas

The Outreach Committee would like to thank parishioners for supporting our two latest fundraisers that benefitted underprivileged children attending BC Graham and Potter Elementary Schools. In our first year offering "Christmas Cookies in a Jar," you purchased 160 jars! After expenses, the committee will be able to send each school a check in the amount of \$600.00 to defray the cost of school uniforms for their students in need. And because of your generosity selecting "hands" from our Gabriel's Giving Tree and purchasing gifts, we were able to help make a merrier Christmas for nearly 100 children at our second annual Gabriel's Giving Tree party.



St. Andrew's Blanket Drive Sunday, January 10

Boxes decorated by the children & youth will be located in the courtyard, Parish Hall, and beside the Children's Chapel to collect new blankets for the homeless population in downtown Tampa.

Tampa has one of the largest homeless populations in the country, and though Florida's winters might be pleasant for those of us with warm beds, many homeless neighbors are still outdoors during overnight lows around 40 degrees. How can we help? Let's bring in blankets! Please participate in this vital outreach project by bringing in a new blanket. Let's share the love of Christ by serving the "least of these" and helping to meet their needs this winter!

Adult Christian Education

Hazardous Saints: Christians Risking All, Changing Everything

Join The Rev. Dr. C.K. Robertson on a journey through Christian history, following in the footsteps of six remarkable Christian ‘saints’ who risked all for the sake of the Gospel. Like Jesus, in whose footsteps they follow, each of the leaders highlighted – Barnabas, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Cranmer, Sojourner Truth, Dorothy Day, and Oscar Romero – made the powerful uncomfortable while bringing significant, lasting change to the lives of those around them and generations of believers who followed. *Hazardous Saints* challenges us to consider how we too can reflect the love of Christ in creative and intentional ways. Each session includes a 15-19 minute video, followed by group discussion. Dr. Robertson is an Episcopal priest and serves as Canon to the Presiding Bishop and Distinguished Visiting Professor at General Theological Seminary in New York City.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

- Jan. 10 – Francis of Assisi: The Lovable Rebel
- Jan. 17 – Thomas Cranmer: The Tightrope Walker
- Jan. 24 – Sojourner Truth: The Persevering Prophet
- Jan. 31 – Dorothy Day: The Idealistic Realist
- Feb. 7 – Oscar Romero: The People’s Voice

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Bible Study: Thursday Mornings at 10:30am

BEGINNING JANUARY 7: Revelation: 22 Studies for Individuals and Groups N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides

Many regard Revelation as the hardest book in the New Testament. It is full of strange, lurid, and sometimes bizarre and violent imagery. As a result, people who are quite at home in the Gospels, Acts and Paul find themselves tiptoeing around Revelation with a sense that they don’t really belong there. But they do! This book offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God’s ultimate purpose for the whole creation. Here we see how the powerful forces of evil can be and are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah and the consequent costly victory of his followers.

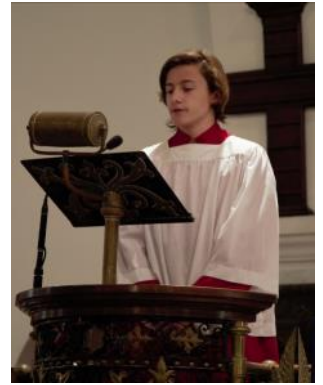


Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 11:45am

to hear Annual Reports and elect five new Vestry members
and two Foundation Board members

A Savior Is Born!





The following memorials and thanksgivings arrived after the printing of the Christmas service leaflets:

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Ben, Jeannie and Emily Borsch
Thomas & Juanita Boyd
R. J. Erskine
Carole T. King

in thanksgiving for their parents, Barbara, Fred, Judy and Lee
in memory of Walter, Ruth, Jean and Hazel
in memory of Mary Louise and Mary Vanessa
in memory of her daughter, Shannon King, her husband,
Mark King, her parents, Bernice and Paul Tarnow, her in-laws,
J. R. and Lorena King, and her brother, Tommy Tarnow
in memory of their beloved friend, Shannon Denise King

Paul & Sharon Pizzo
and Aileen Pizzo Hanlon
Kay & Tom Rankin
Mr & Mrs. Donald Sink

in memory of loved ones
in thanksgiving for Robby and Alley Ackles, Katie and Will Sink

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Ben, Jeannie and Emily Borsch
Carole T. King

in thanksgiving for their parents, Barbara, Fred, Judy and Lee
in thanksgiving for her children, Mark, Jr., Rusty and Cindy King,
Melinda and Greg Cashin, her grandchildren, Peyton and
J.R. King II, Steven, Alexandra and Mark Cashin
in thanksgiving for family, especially grandchildren

Paul & Sharon Pizzo
and Aileen Pizzo Hanlon
Kay & Tom Rankin
Janis Temple Riasanovsky

in thanksgiving for family
in memory of George David and Thelma Simmons Temple; and
Erik Jason Silverman

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sink
Fred & Phyllis Waters

in memory of loved ones
in thanksgiving for family, friends and many blessings

Make a Pledge for 2016

Please return your pledge card for 2016 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year!

We have currently received **147 pledges for \$ 390,769**. Please help us reach our goal of \$500,000 in pledges for 2016!

Support St. Andrew's in 2016!

Thanks to those who have pledged for 2016!

Pat & Alison Allman	Mr. & Mrs. William Gillen, Jr.	Anne Paige
Jo Anderson	Curtis P. Goter	Robert E. Parr
Mrs. Irene Baker	Susanna Grady	Katie Pastorius
Peter Baker	& Anthony Morrison	& Holly Clemmons
Mr. & Mrs. A. Lacy Baldy	Mignon Grant-Levy	Bill Peterson
Charles M. Banks	Catherine Hammer	Mike & Tania Phillips
Siegfried & Linda Barry	Don Hammer	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Putney
George Bedell, III	Hiram & Wynnette Hampton	Anita E. Ramirez
Paul & Sloan Bentschner	James B. & Sarah Hardee, Jr.	David & Amy Ramirez
Ben & Jeannie Borsch	Eric & Louieta Hargens	Tom L. & Kay H. Rankin
Tori Boswell	Mary Beth W. Harris	Larry & Joan Rayburn
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Bourdeau	Carlton & Mary Hart	The Rev. & Mrs. John Reese
Thomas & Juanita Boyd	Terrell V. & Jamie S. Hawkins	Barbara Reeves
William H. Boyd	Vernon & Charlotte Henderson	Dr. & Mrs. Alexander
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Boyet	Bill Hendry	Riasanovsky
Mary Cox Branch	Lee Howell	Kristi Roberts
Derrick & Beverley Brown	David Clark Isele	Sandra Robinson
Norton & Linda Busby	Harry & Connie Jarvis	Nell Rorebeck
Mr. & Mrs. Julian H. Byrd	Jim & Joan Jennewein	Constance B. Rynder
C. Jane Cantler	Brucie Johnston	Catherine & L. Gray Sanders
Steve & Debbie Cantler	Barbara S. Jones	Phyllis W. Sheaffer
Chris & Julie Capsambellis	Milton & Alice Jones	Rodney Shores
Charles Caro	Walter & Karen Joseph	Scott Silverman
Frazier & Claire Carraway	Mike and Jana Kaney	Nathan & Jane Simpson
Betsy & Steve Chambers	Larry & Judy Kent	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Sink
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Childs	Fran Kerr	Pam Sitton
Dennis Clarke	Mr. James E. Key Jr.	Gregg & CJ Smith
Chris & Martha Cobb	Carole T. King	Jan & Earl Smith
Jeffrey & Margarita Coleman	Victoria & Charles Klug	Mr. & Mrs. Norwood Smith
Jane Sisson Collins	Lauren Krockta	Ian Snider
Duane S. Cone	Kathy Lawless	Maxwell & Teri Sobel
Mrs. Richard Connar	George Levy	Carol Jean Spoto
Rosann M. Creed	Jack Levy	The Rev. Jerold & Anne Stadel
Mark Crofoot	Deloris E. Lewis	Linda K. Stevens
William C. Crowder	Adrienne Love	Paula Stewart
Olivia Curtis	Mallory Lykes & David Belcher	Catharyn Szuba
William P. Curtis	Sheridan & Guy Marr	Doug & Lori Taplow
Robin DeLavernge	Michael E. & Linda S. McGhee	Mr. & Mrs. A. Bronson Thayer
Mr. & Mrs. A.G. Divers	Donald & Laura McGinnis	Wesley & Lara Tibbals
Wallace A. Dixon	Luis & Martha P. Medel	Arlene & Steve Tonnesen
Dennis & Melinda Dundore	Warren L. Miller	Fred & Sue Tritschler
Doug Dusini & Rachel May	Robert & Wanda Mitchell, Sr.	Jean N. Turner
James & Sonya Endicott	James M. Moore	Russell Versaggi
Mr. David Epp	Vikki Moore	Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Vince
Louise Ferguson	Steven M. Morell	Fred & Phyllis Waters
Richard A. Ferlita	James K. Morgan	Christopher & Maureen Watson
Carole R. Fields	John & Susan Mueller	George Western
Dan W. Fields, Jr.	Ingrid Muellerleile	Joseph J. White
Corinne J. Gaile	Mr. & Mrs. Charles G. Mullen	John & Pat Wolfe
Charles P. & Anne A. Garrison	Michael & Janet Norona	Betty Wood
Allen Getz	Marsha Otte	

November 2015 Vestry Meeting Highlights

Rector's Report – Fr. Reese:

- As of November 19, there was \$118K in ops account (we just made an \$18K payment for property insurance – which was our third and final lump sum payment for the year). There is \$140K in the Foundation's checking/CDs – monies available to the vestry. We also have \$38K available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 2.25% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2015. We have \$74K in the parish reserve account. And there was \$1,752,704 in Foundation principal as of October 9. There is also \$89K in the Dan Curtis fund *fbo* St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.
- Old Copier Situation – Scott will continue to pursue Imaging Experts for some restitution regarding the old copier. **Scott reported that IE is declaring bankruptcy, in a stay.**
- Foundation Advisory Board – met with Northern Trust reps on Tuesday, October 20 at 5pm. No change in asset allocation for next quarter. Board also discussed the possibilities surrounding renovating/leasing 4th and 5th floors. Their next meeting is November 17.
- Nerf-ageddon – Youth Group ate pizza and popped caps for a couple of hours on Sunday, November 8. All had a good time, which included over a dozen kids.
- Thanksgiving Day service – Thursday, November 26 at 10am.
- Youth Group – meets on Sunday, December 13 at noon on sixth floor of Parish Hall
- Christmas Pageant – during 10:30 service on Sunday, December 20.
- Hanging of the Greens – after the 10:30 service on Sunday, December 20.
- Christmas Lessons & Carols – at 5pm on Sunday, December 20, followed by Christmas party in the Parish Hall hosted by Parish Life. (Instead of Advent L&C, we are trying Xmas L&C this year.)
- Christmas Services – at 5:30pm and 11pm on Christmas Eve (with pre-service music beginning at 5pm and 10:30pm), and 10am on Christmas morning.
- Stewardship Campaign – The big stewardship luncheon was on All Saints' Day, November 1, after the 10:30 service. Canon Eric Cooter from the diocese was our lunchtime speaker (and preacher at the 10:30 service as well). We had a good turn-out of about 70 folks for the brunch. Pledge cards were mailed out on November 2. Another mailing will go out on November 23, postcard reminders on December 14. Vestry members will receive names of outstanding pledgers at vestry meeting on December 21. A last gasp postcard mailing can be done in early January. Early returns (29 pledges) are encouraging, allowing us to be cautiously optimistic.

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November 2015 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$34,651	\$46,558	\$396,903	\$512,141
Expenses	\$40,256	\$46,558	\$515,648	\$512,141
Net	(\$5,603)	(\$0)	(\$118,744)	(\$0)

- Vestry Nominees – time to start thinking about vestry nominees for 2016. Our nominating committee this year consists of exec com and outgoing vestry members: Jeannie, Chris C., Martha, Richard, Barbara, Peter, Amy, and George.
- Possible build-out of fourth and fifth floors – further thoughts? Should we lease out 6th floor as is and finish 4th floor for our own use and 5th floor as lease space? **Discussion around possibilities**

Sr. Warden – Mr. Ferlita:

Discussion of vestry nominees to replace those who are finishing out their terms.

Jr. Warden – Mr. Levy:

The little roof by ramp leading into church needs stucco and paint for around \$900.

Gathering bids on patching parapet to prevent further water intrusion.

CGM repairing Reznor this week.

Treasurer – Mr. Baker:

Balances are low, but the \$18,000 3 of 3 payment to property insurance was made.

Committee Assignments:

Outreach – Saturday, November 21, Turkey pack at 10am in parish hall. Oktoberfest raised \$592! \$1191 allotted for turkey pack, part for groceries and a monetary donation to purchase turkeys. December 6 is Fish Fry fundraiser. 75 Christmas cookies in a jar sold so far! Gabriel's Giving Tree will be up weekend after Thanksgiving. Fish fry on December 6.

Old Business:

A motion was made by Ms. Jones to pay for the organ tuning from the foundation funds and, after no discussion, was seconded by Mr. Ferlita.

Discussion of 4th, 5th, and 6th floor purpose. Build out 5th and 6th and use 4th for our youth?

Donations to Saint Andrew's Foundation

In Celebration of the marriage of Peter & Irene Baker
Mr. & Mrs. Marshall
Ferrell, Jr.
Dyson & Enid
Hickingbotham

Annie Jewel Shepard & Nancy Shepard Osborn
Frank & Sara Shepard



Hospital Admissions

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please notify the church office so that you may be prayed for and visited.



Columbarium niches available

The new columbarium, located north of the Children's Chapel, is now complete and arrangements can be made for eternal rest at St. Andrew's. Each niche can hold two urns, and the cost per niche is \$2000. For more information contact the Rector.

Book Club

We will be discussing *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson on January 20 at 7pm in the Children's Chapel. Anyone who has read the book is welcome to come hear what others think! Next month - date TBD - we will read and discuss Ian McEwan's *The Children's Act* which can be borrowed from the public library. Contact Alice Prucha (813-482-2506) if you have questions or suggestions for reading!

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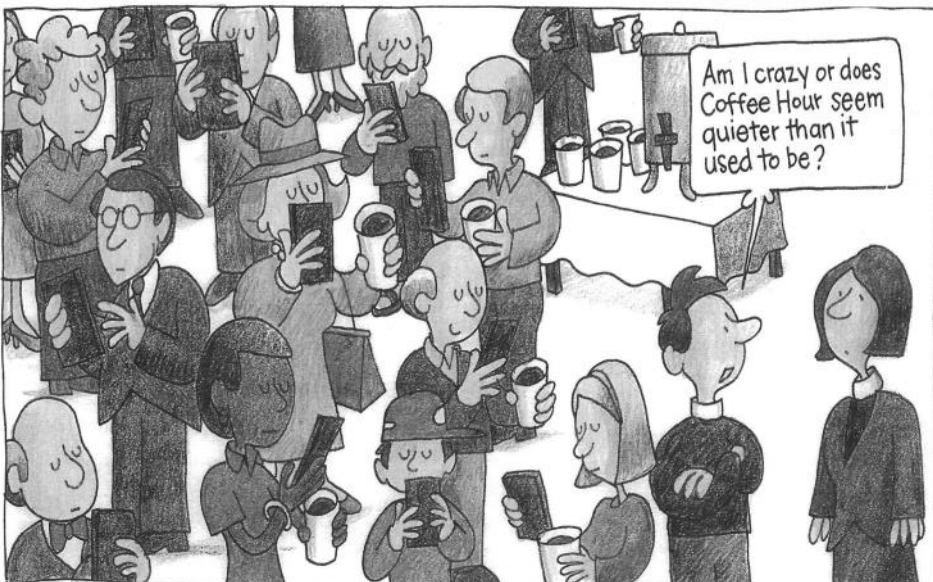
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 31

following the 10:30am service



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The Rev. John Reese, Rector

Sunday Services

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Children's Church

9:30 a.m. Christian Education
for all ages

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Deadline for articles for

The Call: 15th of each month

for the following month's
newsletter. Submit articles to
Kathy in the church office.