



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ February 2016

Reverently Speaking

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? —Micah 6:8

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

On Sunday morning, July 23, 1637, Jenny Geddes arose from her bed in a small room in a small house in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was by no means a woman of means. She was a street vendor during the week, and, on Sundays, she collected a small stipend as a "waiting woman." She was paid to go to St. Giles' Cathedral to save a place near the altar for her patron.

But on this particular Sunday morning, she was in an agitated frame of mind. She'd heard plenty about how King Charles and his new Archbishop of Canterbury, William Laud, were thinking that the Church of Scotland, now fully operating in a Presbyterian manner, would be better served by using the Anglican Book of Common Prayer in its services. But she had no idea that the Book of Common Prayer would be used in St. Giles' for the first time that very day.

Therefore, she was shocked when the Dean of Edinburgh, James Hannay, began to read from the new Book of Common Prayer. Incensed, she leapt off her creepie-stool, hurled it at the dean's head and yelled, "Devil cause you colic in your stomach, false thief: dare you say the Mass in my ear?" So vigorous was she in her assault that she was removed from the premises by security, but continued with others to pound on the doors of the cathedral and toss sticks and stones at the windows. A riot ensued.

And you thought the Prayer Book Wars were fought in the 1970s! Nowadays, no one would consider throwing a stool at the rector - as well-deserved as such an action might be - or tossing a King James at the lector who's using the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the Bible.

Geddes' behavior, however, is a very old example of a mindset that is still very much in place in our culture today. The word that comes to mind is "catastrophizing," and it's a word used in an article in *The Atlantic* about the goings-on at Yale last fall when the administration there - with evidently nothing more pressing to do - took time to advise students on their Halloween attire. It was possible, the dons sniffed, that some costumes would not be appropriate. Professor Nicholas Christakis and his wife Erika live in one of the residence halls at Yale where they function as a sort of den mom and dad. Erika, after hearing some students complain about the meddling of the administration in such an apparently mundane matter as a Halloween costume, composed an email to the students saying that perhaps *(continued)*

it should be *students*, not administrators, who should have the discussion about what was appropriate and what wasn't.

Remarkably, *this* email generated a firestorm of controversy ignited by several hundred students who were not open to listening to dissenting points of view. These students then tried to get the couple removed from their residential positions, to have them censured and ousted from their home on campus. The Christakises were verbally attacked with vitriolic and hateful insults and publicly shamed.

Conor Friedersdorf, the author of the article describing this assault on civil discourse (you can read it in *The Atlantic*, "The new intolerance of student activism," November 9, 2015), uses "catastrophizing" to describe the behavior of these rabid activists against free speech. We might say "to make a mountain out of a molehill." But *catastrophizing* implies behavior that is more radical and hurtful.

Is it possible that we've lost the ability to hold a point of view dispassionately? Or, is it that, our Ivy League education notwithstanding, we do not possess the intelligence required for civil discourse - intelligence as defined by F. Scott Fitzgerald when he said, "The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposing ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function."

Can we not have an opinion, or lay out the framework of an argument, without suggesting that those who disagree with us are the devil's spawn? (Think presidential candidates' debates.)

Go back to 1952 when the Revised Standard Version's Old Testament was published. Critics assailed it as being published from a non-Christian point of view - a criticism fueled by the presence of a Jewish scholar on the translating team. Others were incensed with the translation of the Hebrew word *almah* in Isaiah 7:14, and the rendering of this word in subsequent versions became a litmus test as to whether the translation could be trusted. The RSV ignited a "King James Only" movement that still survives to this day. A chapter in one book assailing the RSV was titled, "Synagogue of Satan."

Catastrophizing. It's what we Christians do all too often. It's what the church does. It's what the culture does (think of the governors last November who declared that their states were closed to Syrian refugees).

The gold standard for Christian catastrophizing is now the "red cup" brewhaha we saw last Christmas. Evidently, "Starbucks hates Jesus because they have red cups without snowflakes on them." So writes Ed Stetzer in *Christianity Today* (November 9, 2015). Stetzer says that Christians seem to love outrage more than people.

Well, it's got to stop. Jesus did not call us to catastrophize, but to evangelize.

The next time we're about to pick up a creepie-stool and hurl it at someone, let's stop, count to ten, and ask, "Am I discipling, or disrupting and dissembling?"

As Stetzer says, "It's not Starbucks' job to share the love of Jesus. It's your job." Let's dial it down a bit, and get back to what the church is all about.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 9

5:30pm Holy Eucharist Children's Chapel
6:00pm Pancake Supper in Parish Hall
6:30pm Program



Wednesday, February 10
Service times at St. Andrew's:
7:30am ✕ 12:10pm ✕ 7:00pm

Tuesday Evening Lenten Series A Brief Overview of Islam

What is the origin of Islam? Who was Mohammad? What does the Koran say? What are the required practices of Muslims? What is Jihad?

For six Tuesdays in the season of Lent (**February 9, 16, 23, & March 1, 8, 15**) we will have Holy Eucharist in the Children's Chapel at 5:30pm, followed by a pot-luck supper at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall and the Lenten program from 6:30 to 7:30pm. Fr. Ed Rich will present a short course on Islam. We will gain an historical perspective, consider the relationship among the three great monotheistic religions, the spread of Islam from a tiny desert village in Saudi Arabia to a world-wide religion, touch briefly on the Crusades, the Barbary Pirates, and the recent events in the Middle East, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Muslim migration into Europe. At the end of each class there will be time for questions. Please join Fr. Rich for this series on a very timely issue. (*Alicia Schmid will lead a program for children on the 6th floor each week during Fr. Rich's presentation.*)

5:30pm Holy Communion, Children's Chapel
6:00pm Potluck Supper, Parish Hall
6:30pm Lenten Series Program

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 **163 pledges for \$410,529.**

Support St. Andrew's in 2016!

Thanks to those who have pledged for 2015!

Sandra E. Alley
Pat & Alison Allman
Jo Anderson
Mrs. Irene Baker
Peter Baker
Mr. & Mrs. A. Lacy Baldy
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Chris & Maureen Watson
George Western
Joseph J. White
John & Pat Wolfe
Betty Wood

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

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.

Feb. 7 Oscar Romero: The People’s Voice

John: The Gospel of Light and Life (Starting February 14)

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four Gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: “And the Word became flesh...,” “For God so loved the world...,” “You who are without sin cast the first stone...,” “I am the resurrection and the life...,” “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.” The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the Gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they “may have life in his name.”

This Lent, join Adam Hamilton and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while reading the entire

Gospel of John. In these 10-15 minute videos, Hamilton shares insights with a group of 15 people, then answers their questions. Each week, we will watch the video, then have our own period of discussion. Hamilton is pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas.

Here is the line-up:

Feb 14 The Word Made Flesh

Feb 21 The Miraculous Signs of Jesus

Feb 28 The “I Am” Sayings of Jesus

Mar 6 The Farewell Discourse

Mar 13 The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King

Mar 20 Eternal Life

These classes, facilitated by the Rector, meet in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building

Bible Study: Thursday morning at 10:30am Revelation: 22 Studies for Individuals and Groups

N.T. Wright 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.

This class, facilitated by Alice Prucha, meets in the Library on the third floor of the Parish Building.

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
STARTING 2016 WITH FUN UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT: St. Andrew's Episcopal Children's Choir

WHEN: Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

WHO: Children & youth in grades 2-8

WHERE: Choir room on the 2nd floor

WHY: This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to have fun as they learn more about traditional music, as well as how to use their musical talents to glorify God and sing his praises! Contact Rodney Shores at chopin719@hotmail.com.



WHAT: Youth Host Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

WHEN: Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30 p.m. (helpers arrive at 4:15)

WHO: All Youth (Grades 4 & up)

WHERE: St. Andrew's Parish Hall

WHY: To share food, fun & fellowship before Lent begins!

WHAT: New Lenten series "Journey to the Cross" begins!

WHEN: Every Tuesday from February 9—March 15 at 6:30 p.m.

WHO: Children ages 4 years -5th grade & middle & high schoolers

WHERE: On the 6th floor

WHY: To have fun as we learn about the Lenten season and better understand the significance of Easter Day!



WHAT: Children's & Youth Overnight Lock-in!

WHEN: Saturday, February 20, 6:00pm—Sunday, February 8:00am

WHO: Youth in middle & high school and children in grades 4 & up

WHERE: The 6th floor

WHY: To play games, watch awesome (age-appropriate) movies, And enjoy spending time together, growing in Christ & in friendship!

WHAT: Happening #72

WHERE: Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish, FL

WHEN: February 26-28 from Friday at 7 p.m. to Sunday at 4 p.m.

WHO: High School Students

WHY: A happening is a unique experience that helps foster personal, more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. During a happening weekend, participants experience the love of Christ through music, talks, prayer, worship, and community led by fellow students, supported by clergy and adults. The cost is \$100 for this event and the deadline to register is February 19. Scholarships are available for this event.

WHAT: New Beginnings #59

WHERE: Dayspring Episcopal Conference Center in Parrish, FL

WHEN: Friday, March 11- Sunday, March 13, from Friday at 7p.m. to Sunday at 4 p.m.

WHO: Middle School Students

WHY: New Beginnings is a unique ministry that shares the love of Christ with the middle school aged youth of today. New Beginnings is a weekend retreat of fun & fellowship that speaks, listens, and challenges middle school youth to be positive about themselves, their friends, families, and communities at a critical time in their lives. The cost is \$100 for this event, and the deadline to register is March 1st, 2016. Scholarships are available for this event.

For more information please contact Alicia Schmid at
aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org or call 813-221-2035

MEET VESTRY CLASS OF 2019



Holly
Clemmons



Allen
Getz



Cate
Hammer



Jim
Morgan

CONCERT: “If Music Be the Food...” The next concert in this series of high-quality musical offerings benefitting Tampa Bay Harvest will be on **Sunday, February 7**, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew’s. The program will feature rarely heard works for solo performers, as well as two works performed by the Stuart-Ivanov Duo. Compositions by Britten, Mozart, Rheinberger, and Henry Cowell will be included.

Audience members are asked to bring whatever non-perishable food items (or cash donations) they can offer as the price of admission. Every food and cash donation will go *completely* toward the cause of hunger in the Tampa Bay community.

Choral Evensong and Pot-luck Supper on March 6

St. Andrew’s Choir will offer a service of Choral Evensong on March 6, the Fourth Sunday in Lent, at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Haig Mardirosian will accompany the choir in John Ireland’s most celebrated anthem, “Greater Love.” The choir will also sing the *Preces and Responses* of William Byrd and Orlando Gibbons’ *Short Service* Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. A wine-and-cheese reception in the courtyard will follow the service.

Parishioners are also invited to join members of the Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists for a pot-luck supper at 6:30 p.m. in our parish hall. After supper Dr. Mardirosian will give a talk entitled “An Organist’s Profiles in Courage”:

In 1957, then-Senator John F. Kennedy (actually Theodore Sorenson) wrote a Pulitzer Prize book outlining the brave and sometimes defiant acts of eight Senators through American history. Much of that book was about defiance and those taking a stand in the face of justice, unity, ethics, and bravery. These were formative individuals in American political identity (at least in the context of the noble profession of politics as it existed 50 or more years ago).

Borrowing upon that notion, Dr. Mardirosian will reflect on a similar group of figures in the organ world in the United States, many of whom he knew, who contributed mightily to the ascendancy of the pipe organ to a position of prominence in the past 50 years. “These biographical reflections will compose a narrative of the many threads of thinking and practice that have informed our profession and our tastes even to the present day.”

Seating for dinner is limited, so RSVP to Michael Hunter (music@saintandrewstampa.org) no later than March 1 and indicate whether you will bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

Mardi Gras or Carnival

Carnival, which comes from a Latin phrase meaning “removal of meat,” is the three day period preceding the beginning of Lent, the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday immediately before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of the Lenten Season (some traditions count Carnival as the entire period of time between Epiphany and Ash Wednesday). The three days before Ash Wednesday are also known as Shrovetide (“shrove” is an Old English word meaning “to repent”). The Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday is called **Shrove Tuesday**, or is more popularly known by the French term Mardi Gras, meaning “Fat Tuesday,” contrasting to the fasting during Lent. The entire three day period has now come to be known in many areas as Mardi Gras.



Carnival or Mardi Gras is usually a period of celebration, originally a festival before the fasting during the season of Lent. Now it is celebrated in many places with parades, costumes, dancing, and music. Many Christians’ discomfort with Lent originates with a distaste for Mardi Gras. In some cultures, especially the Portuguese culture of Brazil, the French culture of Louisiana, and some of the Caribbean cultures such as Trinidad, it has tended to take on the excesses of wild and drunken revelry. There has been some attempt in recent years to change this aspect of the season, such as using Brazilian Carnival parades to focus on national and cultural history. Many churches now observe Mardi Gras with a church pancake supper, eating together as a community before the symbolic fasting of Lent begins.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter Day, is the first day of the Season of Lent. Its name comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on worshippers’ heads or foreheads as a sign of humility before God, a symbol of mourning and sorrow at the death that sin brings into the world. It not only prefigures the mourning at the death of Jesus, but also places the worshipper in a position to realize the consequences of sin. Ash Wednesday is a somber day of reflection on what needs to change in our lives if we are to be fully Christian.

In the early church, ashes were not offered to everyone but were only used to mark the forehead of worshippers who had made public confession of sin and sought to be restored to the fellowship of the community at the Easter celebration. However, over the years others began to show their humility and identification with the penitents by asking that they, too, be marked as sinners. Finally, the imposition of ashes was extended to the whole congregation in services similar to those that are now observed in many Christian churches on Ash Wednesday. Ashes became symbolic of that attitude of penitence reflected in the Lord’s Prayer: “forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us” (Luke 11:4, NRSV).

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

Tuesday, February 9

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in Children's Chapel

6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Prepared by St. Andrew's Youth

6:30-7:30pm Lenten Program

Wednesday, February 10

Ash Wednesday

Services: 7:30am, 12:10pm, 7:00pm

Tuesdays: February 16 • 23

March 1 • 8 • 15

5:30pm Eucharist in Children's Chapel

6:00pm Tuesday evening Pot Luck Supper

6:30-7:30pm Lenten Program

Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms

8:00am and 10:30am *(with incense)*

March 21 • 22 • 23

**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
of Holy Week**

Holy Eucharist 12:10pm

March 24

Maundy Thursday

12:10pm Holy Eucharist

7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

March 25

Good Friday

12:10pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

March 27

Easter Day

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:30am Choral Eucharist &

Flowering of the Cross

11:30am Choral Eucharist *(with incense)*

***Please note that there are
three services on Easter Day***

Easter Flowers and Music



Flowers:

Donation made by:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Music:

Donation made by:

In honor of:

In memory of:

Proceeds beyond Easter expenses for flowers will be used to help fund altar flowers and other special flower needs throughout the year. The proceeds from music donations will fund special music for Christmas Eve services this year.

December Vestry Meeting Highlights

Rector's Report – Fr. Reese:

- As of 12/14/15, there was \$153K in ops account. 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 \$71K in the parish reserve account. And there was \$1,752,704 in Foundation principal as of 10/9. There is also \$89K in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay.
- Audit Report – Diocese has reviewed our audits and given us a clean bill of health. They did, however, wish to see a copy of our parking lot lease with 717, so Pam sent that to them.
- Letter of Recommendation for Chaplain Jerry Sather – Diocese would like vestry to approve Jerry for his ordination to the diaconate. There will be a letter for vestry members to sign at our meeting, giving Jerry our seal of approval.
- Stewardship Campaign – Pledge cards were mailed out on November 2. A second mailing went out on November 23, with a third mailing on December 14. Vestry members will receive names of outstanding pledgers at vestry meeting on December 21. A last gasp postcard mailing will be done in early January. We currently have 110 pledges for \$278K. We have yet to hear from 200 families. Within that grouping of 200, there are 75 pledging units who pledged \$181 K in 2015. It appears that we started our campaign too late in the year – thus the large number of names that vestry members will have to call this week. Next year, it would behoove us to send out the first mailing in early October, rather than early November.
- Foundation Advisory Board – met on Tuesday, November 17. Board discussed the possibilities surrounding renovating/leasing 4th and 5th floors. See attached memorandum from Foundation Board, which suggests possibility that church can borrow from the Foundation to complete a build-out on upper floors, with re-payment coming from the rental income generated by having a tenant leasing the upper floor(s).
- Proximiti may be interested in leasing the 6th floor from us, with a willingness to sign a five-year lease. Proximiti is owned by Gregg Smith, our Foundation board chairman. **Discussion on taxes, parking, utilities, property manager, utilities and implications for acquiring a business.**
- Rojo, the architects who did the plans for our renovations in 2008/2009, came by to look at the upper floors on Wednesday, December 16. Richard Ferlita and Gregg Smith also attended the meeting. Gregg explained the modifications that Proximiti would need for 6th floor, which involve a glass wall creating a few offices, a sink/cabinet area along wall next to water fountain, and sound dampening. We showed Rojo how 4th floor could be modified for our own use. They also looked at the fifth floor. They can provide us with three proposals: one for modifying 6th floor for Proximiti, one for renovating 4th floor for our needs, and one for 'white-boxing' or 'shelling out' the 5th floor,

December 2015 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$149,679	\$46,558	\$546,582	\$558,699
Expenses	\$44,608	\$46,558	\$560,256	\$558,699
Net	\$105,071	\$0	(\$13,673)	\$0

i.e., showing the basics for electrical/mechanical/safety stuff for that floor and putting in some lighting in order to make it 'showable' to a prospective tenant.

A motion was made by Ms. Baker to have the plans drawn for a build out on the 4th and 6th floor up to \$5000. Ms. Borsch seconded and, after no further discussion, the motion passed.

Sr. Warden – Mr. Ferlita:

Three Vestry nominees thus far.

Thank you notes from the staff for the bonus.

Michael and Janet Norona supplied church with a dvd of Fisk organ installation.

Jr. Warden – Mr. Levy:

The little roof by ramp is complete.

Gathering bids on patching parapet to prevent further water intrusion.

Treasurer – Mr. Baker:

Nothing unusual with funds amount. Expenses are maintained; revenue is down.

Received annual trust payment from Joy McCann Foundation.

Committee Assignments:

Outreach – Gabriel's Giving Tree was a success! Almost 100 children attended. There are some details to tweak for next year's party. 162 jars of cookies were sold netting \$1,217 for uniforms!

Christian Education – January 16, March 6 and June 5 are the next dates for the quarterly meetings. Diocese next workshop (2nd) focuses on adult leadership and the 3rd focuses on youth leadership.

New Business:

St. Andrew's Facebook page needs to be updated. Ms. Ramirez has offered to help administer the page.

January 31st Vestry Meeting

The new Executive Committee was formed at a short organizational meeting of the vestry. Fr. Reese appointed **Jeff Coleman** as Senior Warden. The vestry elected **George Levy** as Junior Warden, **Peter Baker** as Treasurer, and **Loueita Hargens** as Clerk.



Columbarium niches now 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.

Hospital Admissions

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



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Tampa, Florida 33602

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 10

7:30am ✕ 12:10pm ✕ 7:00pm

OBSERVANCE OF FEBRUARY 2



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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

Church Location:

Marion & Madison Streets

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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.