



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# THE CALL

*Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!*

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ June/July 2016

## *Reverently Speaking*

*The wise lay up knowledge, but the babbling of a fool brings ruin near. —Proverbs 10:14*

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Those of us who remember the 1970s and 1980s can recall that two of the greatest innovations in technology were the microwave oven and the VHS recorder. We no longer had to wait 45 minutes for a TV dinner, nor did we have to be in front of the TV at the time our favorite show was airing. We were no longer slaves to the TV Guide schedule and our frozen vittles could be ready to eat in just a few minutes. Good times, good times.

Our current revolution in the sphere of technology is, of course, the smart phone. Naturally, some phones are smarter than other phones, but that's all part of Samsung's and Apple's master plans to increase sales in perpetuity.

Some folks would argue that technology has become our master. But smartphones, like all techie thingies, can provide a wonderful service.

So I am not urging you to 'un-plug.' While my son accuses me of being a technological Luddite, I actually enjoy using my semi-smart phone, along with my computer. For me, staying wired in, tuned in, plugged in, in touch, connected and online when it is appropriate is not only a huge benefit; I happen to like it and appreciate it.

Some folks say that Jesus unplugged. They say that Jesus went to the garden alone to pray. (Well, actually, he didn't. He took his friends, but they fell asleep.) They claim that Jesus went to the wilderness alone to pray (but only because the Spirit "drove" him into the wilderness, not because he wanted to go off by himself). They argue that Jesus went into the mountains across the lake to get away from the crowds and to renew his spiritual reserves (but with those crowds, who can blame him?).

That was then. Jesus didn't have a smartphone. I do. Jesus didn't have a computer. I do. So don't try and tell me what Jesus would do today or wouldn't do today. How can we know?

In any case, I am certainly not Jesus. And I do not feel the need for a technology fast. I am not in search of a juniper tree in the wilderness perchance to hear the "still, small voice" of the divine presence while dining on bread and water.

Clearly, turning off technology is no virtue unless we're turning on to something else even more valuable. Perhaps, many of us do not know what that is. So, I turn off my phone and leave my laptop at home. Now what? What will I do? What should I do? There's no particular virtue in simply disconnecting. It's silly to suggest otherwise. Here's what you might do:

Plan your summer vacation time with enthusiasm. What books are you going to read? Where are you going to read them - on the beach, on a dock, in a forest glade? Are you going to write? How many words? Are you going to visit museums? What do you hope to learn?

See what I mean? Plan your time away. Get excited! And don't worry about whether you're going to take along the tech gadgets. Of course you are. Thank God for these marvelous devices. Woo-hoo! And you will turn them on, and turn them off, according to your good pleasure and on your own terms, after reflecting on how your gadgets will best serve your purpose and intentions.

Technology has a power-off button. And the wisest of us know when to use it.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese

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### **New Assisting Priest**

The Rector is pleased to announce that The Rev. Ralph M. Campbell II will be joining the staff as Assisting Priest, effective July 1. Fr. Rick will be with us each Sunday morning, will preach about one Sunday per month, and provide pastoral care and visitation of the home-bound and shut-ins.

Fr. Campbell was raised in Ohio and graduated from Ohio University in 1969 with a BA in history. Responding to the Lord's call, he attended The General Theological Seminary in New York and received a Masters of Divinity degree in church history in 1973. He was ordained a priest on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1975.

Fr. Campbell served in the Diocese of Oregon from 1974 to 2005 and was Rector of St Timothy's, Salem, for 26 years. He developed a comprehensive prayer-book based Christian formation process from pre-school to adult using Episcopal resources - Godly Play for children, Journey to Adulthood for teens, the Catechumenate for adults preparing for Holy Baptism, and Cursillo. During his tenure at St Timothy's, Fr. Rick brought the parish to self-supporting status, and guided the parish in a \$500,000 building expansion.

In 2006 Fr. Campbell became Rector of St Ann's Parish, Sayville, Long Island, retiring in 2010 and moving to Florida in 2011. He is licensed to serve not only in the Diocese of Long Island, where he is a canonically resident priest in good standing, but also in the Diocese of Ohio and the Diocese of Southwest Florida, where he has served as a supply priest.

Fr. Rick is honored to be called as assisting priest at St Andrew's. He believes it is a privilege to serve all of you. He looks forward to a fulfilling ministry at St Andrew's through worship, teaching, and pastoral care.

As an aside, Fr Rick last served at St Andrew's Parish, Long Island. His oldest son's baptismal name is Andrew, as is the patron saint of Scotland. And he was ordained priest on St Andrew's Day, November 30<sup>th</sup>. It seems fitting that he is now called to serve at St Andrew's, Tampa, the mother church of the Diocese of Southwest Florida.



## Vacation Bible School 2016! Cave Quest!

**WHEN:** July 11-15, 9 a.m. to noon (activities for youth grades 5 & up until 3 p.m.)

A final VBS planning meeting will take place after the 10:30 service on May 22nd.

Trainings will take place June 12th & 26th.

**WHO:** Children age 4 by June 1, 2016–rising 6th grade.

**\*\*\*We also need youth (rising 7th & up) & adult volunteers** (childcare provided for children of volunteers 3 & under)

**For more information about these events, or to RSVP, or to volunteer:**

Please contact Alicia Schmid at [aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org](mailto:aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org)

or call 813-221-2035 (Tuesday through Thursday)

### Sponsor a Cornerstone Kid

The Outreach Committee would like you to know that the Cornerstone Kids will be joining our Vacation Bible School again this summer. We are expecting between 25-30 children who are in need of financial assistance to defray the cost of their tuition, bus transportation and teachers. You can assist by sponsoring one, two or more of these children for a donation of \$50.00 per child. To donate, make your check out to St. Andrew's and put Cornerstone/VBS in the memo. Thank you in advance for supporting this mission!

**Book Club:** Our next book is *Two If By Sea* by Jacquelyn Mitchard. We'll meet at Judy Kent's home on Davis Island at 7:00pm on **Tuesday, June 28.**

Just hours after his wife and her entire family perish in the Christmas Eve tsunami in Brisbane, American expat and former police officer Frank Mercy goes out to join his volunteer rescue unit and pulls a little boy from a submerged car, saving the child's life with only seconds to spare. In that moment, Frank's own life is transformed.

Contact Alice Prucha for details [APrucha@verizon.net](mailto:APrucha@verizon.net)

### New Sexton

The Rector is pleased to announce that **Bruce Oliver** will be joining the staff as the Sexton, effective June 6. Before retiring, Bruce was the Director of Engineering at the Tampa Marriott Waterside for 15 years, where he was responsible for the maintenance operations and life safety of the 717-room downtown hotel. Prior to that, Bruce was Director of Engineering and Chief Engineer for ten years at other Marriotts in Philadelphia, his hometown. Bruce comes to us with vast experience in building maintenance, plus additional expertise in kitchen equipment (he was a service technician for the Hobart Corporation for ten years early in his career). Bruce will be working 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday through Thursday. Please make it a point to introduce yourself to Bruce when you happen to be down at the church during the week. (Our former Sexton, Alvaro Quesada, resigned on May 25. We wish Alvaro well in his future endeavors.)



## **St. Andrew's Choir in Guatemala: Music with a Mission**

I embarked on this trip as "the person who has been to Guatemala twice already," as "the trip planner," as "the designated interpreter," as "the crazy girl who thought of bringing her choir to a third world country," and lots of other titles, both self-imposed and given to me by others. I wanted to see what the Anglican Communion had to offer a visiting choir in a country where its presence is recent (last century), as opposed to the country that is the cradle of the church. I don't mean to say that traveling to England and singing at one of the many beautiful cathedrals in the summer is not a worthy, fulfilling trip. Preparing for, and then singing, nightly Evensong for a week is hard work. That, interspersed with touring opportunities can be a source of great camaraderie for a choir. I recommend that every Episcopal church choir member participate in such a trip, at least once in their life, if their choir is ever offered the opportunity. However, this trip to Guatemala, which I had envisioned as just "something different, but still Episcopal" was so much more than I could ever have anticipated.

In looking back, I can now compare this trip not only to my experience at Winchester Cathedral with the Choir of St. Andrew's in 2014, but also to my experience in the Dominican Republic doing "traditional mission work" (construction/painting) through the Diocese of Southwest Florida in the summer of 2013. I initially would not have thought to compare this trip to my week in the Dominican Republic, but it was actually much more similar to that, than to the UK trip. Our interactions with the Dominicans on that trip were in order to aid them to experience a fuller worship experience by helping them to finish building their church, and by spending time to get to know them as people. Our assistance was seen as vital so that they could complete their construction project and have a solid church to serve as a house of worship, a storm shelter, and a place for community and fellowship.

What I did not realize until we were in the midst of the trip, was that a choir can also bring something vital to a growing, newer Episcopal Church: a choir can bring its spirit and the great gift of the vast and beautiful heritage of church music. Everywhere we interacted with Episcopalians, they yearned for the gifts we brought; gifts we truly did not realize we were bringing until after they were given. In Guatemala City, the congregants were expatriates who yearned to hear music sung in four parts, as they remembered it from churches past in the U.S., Canada, Europe or elsewhere in the Americas. In Chuguexa, the congregants could neither read nor write, but had learned the melody line to hymns from our hymnal by rote, and were truly amazed and astonished to hear those same hymns sung in FOUR PARTS. They had never heard music sung in four parts before! To them, it was a sound brought to them from God, shared by brothers and sisters that did not look like they did, but who shared a communion table with them, equal before God. In Antigua, the audience at our concert was made up of expatriates, indigenous locals, Catholics, Episcopalians, and probably those who worshiped at other churches or none at all. They were brought together by the common language of music, and the need for beauty to decorate and enhance their daily lives. Finally, to the congregation at St. Alban's mission where we sang for Sunday services in a small room in a commercial building, which the church rents for use on Sundays, where we outnumbered the congregation, and we all sat around in a circle for an intimate and moving service in the heat, we brought music from their past, or music they had never heard at all.

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It was such a simple gift to give, and didn't require hammers, nails, paint, experience working with re-bar, or concrete, or any of the other skills associated with "mission work." We didn't bring medical supplies or food (although we did bring t-shirts to the children in Chuguexa, and instruments to the children of the Orquestina). We brought ourselves, the gifts we give our own congregations every single Sunday. That gift, alone, the gift of our time and talent (not our treasure), was what was valued the most by every person with whom we interacted on this trip. I hope I have been able to provide you all with at least a glimpse of the gratitude for our TIME and our TALENT we witnessed from each person with whom we interacted throughout our trip. We are not world-renowned recording artists. We are a church choir. Perhaps not every church choir can sing our repertoire, but every church choir speaks the language of music. Every church choir has a gift to bring to the people in developing Episcopal communities and countries. Every church choir will grow and learn as people and as a choir from their experience of sharing these gifts with those who yearn to share the language of music with them.

I want to share some words from Fr. Ricardo Frohmader in Guatemala City:

*Please relay these few words to all of the participants in the Saint Andrew's choir visit to Guatemala. At Saint James we feel we have been blessed by your presence and your voices. We loved your singing. It brought us closer to the divine dimension we strive to reach. We were also happy to have fostered a worship experience for you with a Mayan K'ich'é group of Episcopalians. The good folk at San Mattías will not soon forget your visit.*

Also, a few words from Bishop Armando Guerra:

*I join Fr. Ricardo, in telling you how much we appreciate your contribution to our life as the Episcopal Church of Guatemala.. God bless you all.  
The Rt. Rev. Armando Guerra, Diocesan.*

I learned so much about myself and about what I value as an Episcopalian, as a Christian, and as a musician on this trip. I hope I have ignited a spark in at least one or two other people who will want to reach out to congregations in other countries to engage in a musical mission. Finally, I also learned that successful blogging is best defined as frequent but very SHORT blogging! Thank you, my readers, for your patience. I plan to put this knowledge to use on the next one, which I hope will be soon! Until then...

—Maggie Coleman

The choir's Guatemala blog is finally finished! Read all about their trip in detail at [www.saintandrewschoir.blogspot.com](http://www.saintandrewschoir.blogspot.com).

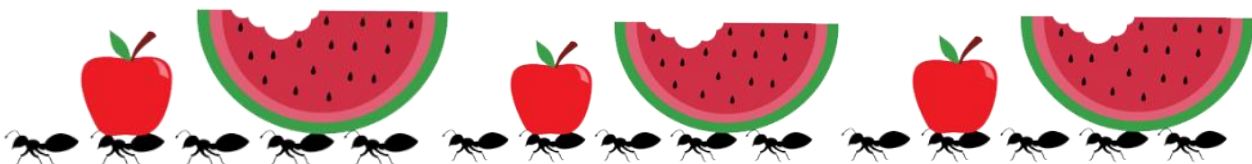
**A Sad Goodbye:** Have you ever received a card from the church office, reminding you that this is the Sunday you serve as acolyte or on Altar Guild? Did you know that **Sue Tritschler** has been sending those out for the last ten years? Sue has been our faithful office volunteer, member of Altar Guild and Church Historian since she joined St. Andrew's in 2003, transferring from All Saints in Hilton Head, SC. Sue has contributed so much in her pursuit of organizing our Historical Room, in between her hours as a docent at the Tampa Museum of Art and a worldwide travel agenda. She and her husband, Fred, are moving to Dallas, TX to be closer to her two daughters and the grandchildren. We send prayers and well wishes for Sue and Fred in their new chapter in Texas, and Sue will be sorely missed as our Monday/Tuesday office volunteer...

In saying that, this leaves a void and an opportunity... if you would like to **volunteer in the church office on Monday or Tuesday** for a few hours, answering the phone and sending reminder cards, or **if you have an interest in the church history** and would like to volunteer as Church Historian, please call Kathy Jenkins weekdays 9:00am—4:00pm at 813-221-2035.





# Parish Picnic





# at the Smiths



Many thanks to Dr. Earl and Jan Smith for once again hosting St. Andrew's Parish Picnic on their "farm", complete with lake, pontoon boats, and volleyball court!





**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL  
YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

**SUMMER 2016 IS FULL OF FUN & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**Important Announcement— PLEASE READ:**

Children's & youth ministries is looking for 5-6 volunteers to serve with elementary (Grades 1-5) and preschool (ages 3-K) during the 9:30 Sunday school hour for the 2016-2017 school year, and a few other volunteers to assist during 10:30 children's chapel or special events. You do NOT have to have an education degree, lots of experience, or even be available every Sunday! All you have to have is a heart willing to help make Christ's love real to kids, be available a couple of hours each month, and go through safeguarding training and a reference check. Has God placed it on your heart to serve?

**CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MINISTRIES NEEDS YOU!!!** Please contact Alicia Schmid ASAP for more info!



**WHAT:** VBS Set Construction Saturdays

**WHEN:** Saturdays, June 11 & 18 from 1 pm—4 pm

**WHO:** All youth and adults interested in having some fun and helping create sets and props for VBS 2016!

**WHERE:** On the 6th Floor!

**WHY:** To work as a team transforming St. Andrew's into a "Cave of God's Wonders" for the week of VBS. Together we will create amazing VBS props and sets that will help make VBS 2016 a life changing experience for our children!



**WHAT:** VBS 2016 & Safeguarding Volunteer Training

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 12-3

(Make-up training will be June 26, 2016 from 12-3)

**WHO:** Adults and youth serving during VBS and any church Vestry members who need training.

**WHERE:** 3rd floor library (room 302)

**WHY:** To attend VBS Volunteer training, Safeguarding training, or both. Lunch will be provided for all those who RSVP.



**WHAT:** VBS 2016 Decoration Sunday

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 10, 2016 After the 10:30 service

**WHO:** Anyone who wants to stay and help decorate for VBS 2016!

**WHERE:** We will meet in the Parish Hall after coffee hour

**WHY:** To decorate our church campus, transforming it into a "Cave of God's Wonders" for VBS week

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**Or call 813-221-2035**



## Adult Christian Education

### Sunday mornings at 9:30am

*The Wired Word*, facilitated by the Rector, examines a current event from the previous week and analyzes it through the use of Biblical references. Come and see how Scripture can help us make sense of what's happening in the world today.

*This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) in the Parish Building.*

### Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:30am

#### **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.

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

### **Sunday Parking Lot Attendant**

We have once again contracted with Guardian Security to provide an attendant on Sundays from 7:00am until 1:00pm. Please make it a point to greet **Edwin Gonzalez** when you run into him on Sunday mornings.



It's time again to begin our KleanKit Collection! Each month from March thru summer, we'll ask you to bring one toiletry item to church, which will go into the KleanKits that we distribute monthly through the Lunch Program.

### **June: DEODORANT STICKS**

Please put your gifts in the collection boxes in the Parish Hall. ***We also greatly appreciate donations!*** You can put your check in the collection plate, noting "KleanKits" in the memo! *Thanks!*

St. Andrew's extends our thanks to  
**John Redd III, DDS**  
for his generous donation to our KleanKits of 144 toothbrushes and 74 tubes of tooth paste!

### **We still need:**

Soap (bars)  
Socks (men's, white or black)

# April Vestry Meeting Highlights

## Rector's Report:

- As of 4/4/16, there was \$224K in ops account. There is \$135K 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 another \$43K available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 2.5% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2016 at their meeting on 2/8/16. We have \$67K in the parish reserve account. And there was \$1,724,209 in the Foundation principal as of 12/31. There is also \$90K in the Dan Curtis fund *fbo* St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$3,794 in unused grant money available from 2015 and approximately \$3,400 in grant money to be made available to us for 2016 (these monies are restricted to being spent on building maintenance).
- Easter Day – All went well with good attendance at all three services. Great job on the coffee hour food – there was plenty of it and it tasted great! Thanks, vestry folk!
- Bach Bash – on Thursday, March 31, at 6:30pm beginning at Sacred Heart, then moving to St. Andrew's. Great organ and choral music of Johann Sebastian, followed by Bach birthday cake in our parish hall.
- Church office computers - Our computer guru, Jose Remon, did our Windows 10 upgrade on March 30 and April 5. The church now has Wi-fi as well.
- Choir Trip to Guatemala – half the choir will be in Central America for two Sundays (April 17-24). We wish them well on this goodwill tour!
- Mother's Day Brunch – will be on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8 after both services. All men are invited to help with preparing the food.
- Parish Picnic – on Sunday, May 15 at 1:30pm at the home of Earl and Jan Smith in Lutz. Once again, the Smiths are opening their lovely home site to the parish. Please plan to stop by that afternoon. Parish Life will provide the drinks, burgers, and weenies.
- Vestry Reduction – perhaps the fact that we had only 4 nominees for vestry this year is a sign from above that we should shrink the vestry down to 12 members.
- Rector Away on Sunday, April 3. Fr. Rich filled in while I was in Charlotte for the youth travel team ice hockey national championship tournament.
- Possible Tenants for upper floors – Emailed Fr. George Corrigan, pastor of Sacred Heart, on March 15. They are still interested in leasing 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors to use as Sunday School space – even though we are not interested in building a gargantuan parking garage on our lot. He wrote, "I am just trying to get the right people together to look, given there would be a great deal of visioning and remodeling needed. We will definitely get back to you." *(continued)*

## April 2016 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$26,891	\$47,607	\$169,562	\$190,430
<b>Expenses</b>	\$54,808	\$47,607	\$198,329	\$190,430
<b>Net</b>	(\$27,916)	\$0	(\$28,767)	\$0



### Senior Warden's Report-Jeff Coleman:

Discussed upcoming Guatemala trip. Twenty are going and so far have four violins to take with them and possibly other instruments. A nice article in the Tampa Bay Times was passed around. There has been a new welcoming bag created for new visitors to St. Andrew's. It includes a coffee mug, ink pen and mini-flashlight with our church name imprinted on them along with a booklet. Encouraged input on creating a children's bag, what to put in it, etc.

### Junior Warden's report-George Levy:

George said some small repairs had been done. Church microphone was fixed: it only needed the connection tightened. George has all contracts signed for church repairs and the contract contains wording to include the southeast corner for the cricket repair. We are tabling roofing repairs until after known leaks are repaired. Alex Ritzheimer of Painting by Ritz requested deposit. Loueita will send a letter to request funds from the Foundation.

### Treasurer's report-Peter Baker:

Revenue from parking slightly below expenses, just about even.

**Peter Baker moved the previous minutes be corrected to reflect the Foundation is paying for the \$5K deposit to Painting By Ritz. Irene Baker seconded. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.**

**Irene Baker moved that the 3K gutter repair would be paid from the Dan Curtis fund. Motion was seconded by Peter Baker. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.**

### Outreach report-Loueita Hargens:

Collected \$350 for Easter Boxes of Hope. Added \$50 and delivered check to Metropolitan Ministries for \$400. Primero de Mayo fundraiser for May 1 is going well and on target.

### Helping Hands report-Irene Baker:

Calling for volunteers to be on call when group goes to Guatemala.

### Parish Life report-Amy Ramirez:

Long discussion regarding Facebook and the fact there are two different pages representing St. Andrew's. One is automatically generated by Facebook when users post what they are interested in, and is not affiliated with or endorsed by anyone associated with the topic. Parish Picnic is coming up. All are requested to bring a dish.

**Old Business:** Scott Silverman reported the old copier company is in bankruptcy. Discussed getting rid of it. Al may know of a recycler that will take it.

**New Business:** Al Getz reported that the Diocesan Vestry Retreat on May 7 is set. Carpool discussed. Jeff Coleman asked about communication and could there be a committee for that; Amy Ramirez reported Parish Life is the logical site for that along with other marketing ideas and an online presence. Signage for the church was discussed.

## Donations to Saint Andrew's Foundation

*In Loving Memory of  
Nellie Pearce*

**Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Ferrell  
Mary Nell's Bridge Group**

### Baptisms

Parker Hopkins Dye  
Remy Michael Johnson  
Olivia Helene Wallace

### Transfers In

Gary & Shirley Cotter  
*from St. Alban's and  
St. John's, respectively*

## 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 now available**

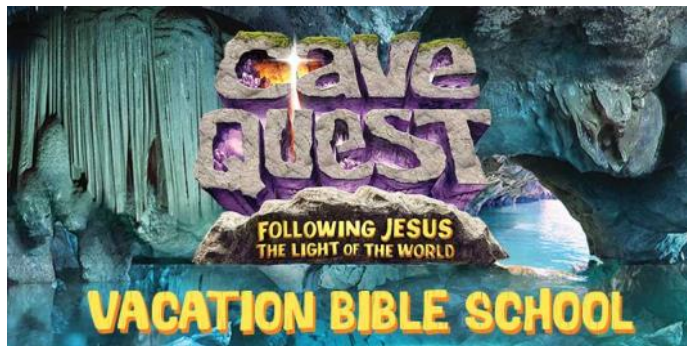
The columbarium is located north of the Children's Chapel, and arrangements can be made for eternal rest at St. Andrew's. Each niche can hold two urns, and the cost per niche is \$2000. For more information contact the Rector.

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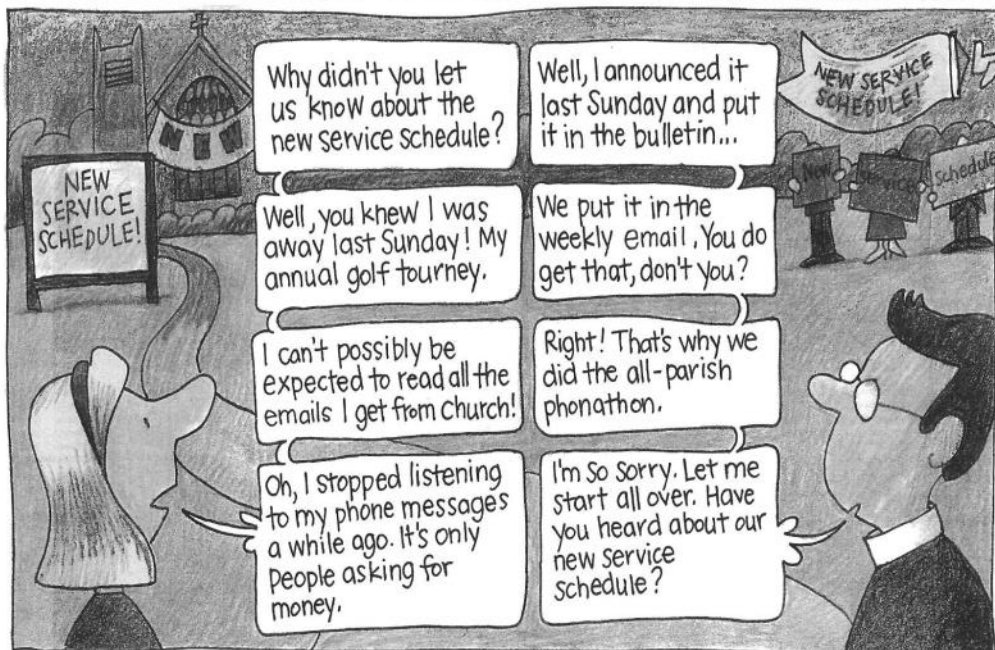
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## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

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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.