



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ November 2016

Reverently Speaking

“Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s”
—Matthew 22:21

Dear People of St. Andrew’s,

A little boy was in church one Sunday morning with his grandmother. Everything went well until it was time for the offering. The grandmother began to frantically search through her purse, but she couldn’t find her offering envelope. Apparently she had left it at home. It was a most embarrassing moment for her as she kept looking through her purse for something to put in the collection plate. Her grandson sensed her dilemma. The little boy had a solution to her problem. “Here, Gramma,” he told her, “you take my quarter and put it in, and I’ll hide under the seat!”

Children learn from watching adults. That is how they determine what is important in life. Wayne Barrett says that the first time he ever saw a fifty-dollar bill was in a church offering plate. This was years ago when fifty dollars was worth much more than it is today.

Wayne is a leader in the field of Christian stewardship and author of *The Church Finance Idea Book*. Seeing that fifty-dollar bill in the offering plate spoke louder to him than any words. He saw first-hand how important the church was to his parents and the other adults in their congregation by the gifts they gave. It wasn’t that these folks were wealthy. They were not; they were committed. Seeing fifty-dollar bills and twenty-and-ten dollar bills in the offering plate taught young Wayne a lesson he would remember the rest of his life: the work of the church is important.

The church he grew up in didn’t use offering envelopes. Wayne says that there is teaching value in letting children see what their elders are contributing to the church of Jesus Christ. Or at least we can talk about it. How many of us sit down and discuss our gifts to the church with our children? It’s much easier to give them a quarter and send them on their way.

The Pharisees were plotting against Jesus. They had a question for him. They were trying to trap him into saying something that would discredit him. They wanted to silence him and make him look bad in front of the crowd. So they asked him, “Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor or not?” Uh-oh. If Jesus says it’s all right to pay taxes to the Roman government, then he will lose face with the majority of his audience. For the pious Jew it was offensive to pay taxes to the hated Romans. Paying taxes was tantamount to supporting this detestable occupation.

On the other hand, if Jesus says it’s wrong to pay taxes, then he will be in trouble with the Romans. He will be siding with the revolutionaries who want to overthrow the Roman government. It’s a no-win situation. Jesus knew the Pharisees were trying to trap him. Fortunately he was wiser than they. He asks, “Show me the coin used for the tax.”

One of the Pharisees produces a Roman coin from his pocket. Little did the Pharisee realize that in even possessing a Roman coin he already was well on the way to losing the argument. The Jewish people found the inscription on the Roman coins offensive, “Tiberius Caesar, *(continued)*

Son of the Divine Augustus, Pontifex Maximus.” To the pious Jew the inscription on the Roman coin was a deliberate break with the Ten Commandments which prohibit “graven images.” For these and other reasons the Jewish people did not use Roman coins. They had their own temple currency. In producing a Roman coin the Pharisee showed which side he was on.

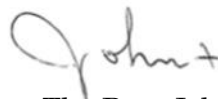
And that’s true for us as well. The use of our money shows which side we are on. “Where a person’s treasure is, there is his heart also.” If someone wanted to know what you and I truly value in this world, all they would have to do would be to look at our check book and our calendar. Where we spend our money and our time is what we really care about. Many of us value our cars more than we do God. Many of us value our leisure time more than we do God. Some of us value trinkets more than we value God.

How we use our money shows which side we are really on. Jesus exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites. They said one thing, but their lives said the opposite. Jesus takes the coin and asks, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” Without a moment’s thought the Pharisees answer, “The emperor’s.” Quietly Jesus says, “Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s and to God the things that are God’s.”

When an emperor came to power he would immediately have coins minted with his name and portrait on it. That would signify that the coins belonged to him. In his answer Jesus said that since the coins already belong to the emperor, give them back to him. Give back to the emperor what belongs to the emperor and give to God what belongs to God.

Jesus wanted the Pharisees to consider what was really important - their allegiance to God. The same is true for us today. We get caught up in all kinds of activities, but we need to continually ask ourselves, “What is most important in my life? What do I really care about?” When we answer those two questions, it will show in our stewardship of all of life.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



living generously pledge card

As part of my/our commitment to living generously in 2017, I/we pledge
\$ _____ per ___ week ___ month ___ semiannually ___ annually.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

____ Please contact me about including the church in my estate plans.

METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES TURKEY DINNERS ARE BACK!

Saturday, November 19 we will deliver the goodies!

The Outreach Committee is once again asking for donations for our Thanksgiving Boxes of Hope initiative to support Metropolitan Ministries. This year we are asking for donations based on your family's last name:

A - G: *Gravy, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Canned Yams, Bagged/Boxed Rice*

H - O: *Cranberry Sauce, Bagged/Canned Beans, Peanut Butter, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Cake/Brownie Mix*

P - Z: *Bagged/Boxed Stuffing, Canned Vegetables, Canned/Boxed Potatoes, Cookies*

Boxes for your food donations can be found in the Parish Hall. We also hope you will consider providing a gift card for turkey (\$20-\$40) or a check to St. Andrew's with "Metropolitan Ministries Turkey Dinner" in the memo. Gift cards and checks can be placed in the offertory plate or delivered to the office between 10am-4pm. Thanksgiving Boxes of Hope packing and transporting our donations to Metropolitan Ministries will take place on **Saturday, November 19 at 10:00am**. Hope you will consider supporting this worthwhile mission and joining us for the turkey dinner delivery.



THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Choral Eucharist

Thursday, November 24 - 10:00 a.m.

A wonderful day of the year to give thanks to our God!



Christmas Cookies in a Jar



Looking for that special gift for a friend for Christmas or something to have on hand when an unexpected guest stops by? How about "Christmas Cookies in a Jar"? Cookies in a Jar gives you all the dry ingredients in one jar to prepare a batch of cookies. Just add liquid ingredients and bake. White Chocolate Cranberry and M&M Cookies will be available at a cost of \$10.00 per jar. The Outreach Committee will be selling the jars after the 10:30 service starting November 13. All proceeds will support the purchase of school uniforms for students in need at BC Graham and Potter Elementary Schools. Thank you for supporting St. Andrew's Outreach Committee!!

Make a Pledge for 2017

Please return your pledge card for 2017 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 **59 pledges for \$178,281**. Please help us reach our goal of \$490,000 in pledges for 2017!

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

The American Protestant Experience: A Free Market for Faith

It's no accident that America is home to a wide range of religious expressions. Immigrants brought their faith with them from around the globe and established churches and denominations. But the most unique quality of American religious life is the innovation and experimentation that takes place here. This makes this country a free marketplace for faith. This ten-week video series documents the eternal argument about the relationship between the church and civil authority. The country's founders, seeing the intolerance of the early immigrants, wisely sought to create a republic where faith could be practiced freely but where a theocracy would be avoided.

Twenty-five top church historians, including Martin Marty, Grant Wacker, Amanda Porterfield, Mark Granquist and many others, tell this amazing story with support from images, films and music of the era. Each week we will watch a 22 minute video, then spend the rest of the session in discussion amongst ourselves.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

- November 6 Muddier Waters (Race, Ecumenism, Social Gospel, Evangelicals)
- November 13 Boom and Bust (The End of Christendom in America)

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

The Advent Experience: The End is the Beginning

Advent means "coming" or "arrival". Because it precedes Christmas, many have assumed Advent season is exclusively about getting prepared to celebrate the birth of the Child Jesus. Consequently, we scurry about frantically buying gifts, wrapping and mailing them, getting ready for Christmas morn, and the Christmas family dinner. By the time we reach Christmas, we can be physically and emotionally spent.

BUT, what if Advent (coming) is a time quite different? Would it not change our approach to Christmas: the birth of Christ, and His birth in our hearts.

In fact it is. The primary focus of Advent is "the end of time," popularly called: "the Second Coming of Christ." We proclaim in the Eucharist: "Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again." Thus, Advent concerns the future of the Risen One, who will come in glory to judge wickedness and prevail over every evil. Advent is God's Promise that Christ will bring an end to all that is contrary to the ways of God. Indeed, Christ the King brings life to all. Love will never end. This our Advent Hope.

- November 20 Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King: The Restorer.
- November 27 I Advent: Jesus proclaims The End; Watch lest you miss it.
- December 4 II Advent: Justice will be done; Count on God.
- December 11 III Advent: The Joy of Repentance; Be Happy.
- December 18 IV Advent: Please God; Mary did. Wait; His history is Real.

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

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

WRAPPING UP 2016 WITH FUN & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



WHAT: St. Andrew's Christmas Pageant!

WHEN: Sunday, December 18, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

WHO: Children & Youth who want to participate and can commit to attending all rehearsals on Sundays at 10:20 in the children's chapel starting November 20, 2016. There will also be a dress rehearsal on Saturday December 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. We need help from parents during rehearsals.

WHERE: Rehearsals in the children's chapel. The dress rehearsal and pageant will be in the sanctuary.

WHY: To tell the story of Christmas and remind all who attend of its true meaning!



WHAT: New Beginnings Middle School Weekend Event!

WHEN: Friday, November 11-Sunday, November 13, 2016

WHO: Youth in Middle School (Grades 6-8)

WHERE: Dayspring Episcopal Retreat Center,
8411 25th St E, Parrish, FL 34219

WHY: : The New Beginnings weekend event is designed especially to respond to the unique challenges and concerns of youth in grades 6 to 8. It was created by adults and young people to help participants grow in their love of themselves, others and our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a wonderful event and we would love to have your child join us!



WHAT: Nerf-A-Geddon 2.0

WHEN: Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 12-2 p.m.

WHO: For youth in grades 6-12. Children in grades 3-5 can participate as long as the child's parent is present with the child **AT ALL TIMES** for the duration of the event.

WHERE: On the 6th floor

WHY: To enjoy fun, fellowship, and friendly competition! Please bring your Nerf guns (No bows or Nerf swords please). Each person will be responsible for keeping track of their own darts, so please make sure your child's name or initials are on each foam dart/Nerf gun **BEFORE** the event.



WHAT: Youth Santa Fest FUN-draiser

WHEN: Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

WHO: Youth in grades 6-8 and Adults

WHERE: St. Andrew's Parking Lot

WHY: To have fun getting into the Christmas spirit while we raise funds for the St. Andrew's Youth. *There will be fun & free hot cocoa for all those who volunteer! *Children in grades 3-5 who would like to participate as volunteers must have a parent present with them AT ALL TIMES for the duration of this event.*

For more information about any of these events, or to RSVP, Please contact

Alicia Schmid at aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org Or call 813-221-2035

September Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese:

- As of 9/12/16, there was \$154K in ops account. We have \$57K in the parish reserve account. There is \$91K 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. And there was \$1,784,926 in the Foundation principal as of 6/30 (up \$60K from 12/31/15). There is also \$88K in the Dan Curtis fund *fbo* St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$4.4K in grant money available right now – we recently used \$2.8K from the fund to pay for the church gutter repair. (The Curtis fund is restricted to being spent on building maintenance).
- Organist/Choirmaster Situation Report – While I expected him to retire on 11/20, Michael Hunter instead tendered his resignation as Organist/Choirmaster on September 6th, effective immediately. We are most grateful for Michael's 13 years of service as organist/choirmaster and wish him well in any future endeavors.
- Dr. Haig Mardirosian has agreed to become Interim Organist/Choirmaster effective with the liturgical New Year, The First Sunday of Advent, which is November 27th. In the meantime, Dr. Rodney Shores, one of our tenors, has risen to the occasion and stepped in to direct the adult choir. He is also taking on the handbell choir on a permanent basis. Between now and 11/27 we will have a variety of organists on the bench.
- Deanery Convocation – for diocesan convention delegates (Peter, George, and Amy) was on Tuesday, 9/6 at 7pm at Holy Trinity Church in Clearwater. Diocesan Convention is in Punta Gorda on Saturday, 10/15. Our diocesan assessment for 2017 will be \$57K, as opposed to 63K for operating income assessment for 2016.
- Audits – while we approved Foundation audit via email last month, we will need to formally ratify that decision at vestry meeting and put it into the minutes.
Irene Baker made a motion to formally approve the Foundation audit. Al Getz seconded. After no discussion the motion passed unanimously.
- Church painting – now completed. Still have roof leak on south side of church, pew 3 next to wall. (Bucket being employed to collect the recurring drips.) No water intrusion in SW corner just inside tower doors. West wall and south transept remain dry. North transept wall has fresh streaks down the wall, indicating new water intrusion issue.
- 2017 Stewardship Campaign – We are launching it the week of 10/2, with Kristi writing the initial letter. Kristi is recruiting folks to give 2-3-minute stewardship plugs during Sunday services in October. Second mailer will go out the week of 10/23, with Jeff writing the letter. A third mailer will be sent out the week of 11/13, with yours truly penning the missive. Any outstanding names will, of course, be distributed at the Vestry meeting on 12/19. A final postcard reminder will be mailed in early January to those who did not pledge.
- Joy McCann Culverhouse Charitable Remainder Trust of 2009 – We are one of 36 non-profits named in this trust and, with the recent death of Joy McCann, will now receive \$84K from it. Note: Peter Baker took the trust documents to study and sign when and where appropriate. *(continued)*

September 2015 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$36,650	\$47,607	\$345,030	\$428,469
Expenses	\$54,312	\$47,607	\$438,940	\$428,469
Net	(\$17,662)	\$0	(\$93,909)	\$0

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Jeff Coleman:

Jeff stated we appear to have at least 6 people willing to stand for the Vestry election. Al Getz, Peter Baker, Jim Morgan, Cate Hammer, and George Levy have all expressed an interest in serving on the Building Task Force. One new person signed up for the Welcoming Committee.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy:

George spoke regarding the women's restroom repairs and will continue to work towards eliminating the smell. The worst of the leaks have been fixed. Going forward there will be some cricket work on church roof, but for the most part it looks promising. He moved an air-conditioning line to prevent ponding on the covered walkway roof in the courtyard. Cutting trees back may be part of a solution to eliminate the roof drains from building up debris and clogging the drains.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Peter Baker

Normal pattern with no major peaks but with extra expenses for A/C for the choir room. May look into replacing CGM as HVAC vendor at the end of the year. We will need to stick with them until the Reznor situation is resolved. Peter took the documents to review regarding the McCann remainder trust. We have 45 days from the date the trust letter was sent to respond.

OUTREACH REPORT – Loueita Hargens and Holly Clemmons

168 Klean Kits were packed. Cleveland Elementary will replace Potter Elementary for raised funds and items.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT- Kristi Roberts

Kristi and Jim Morgan went to Day Spring for the annual Stewardship Workshop. She reported the overall theme is called "Living Generously." Several letters are scheduled to go out. She would like to be ready to go 10/2 for the next five Sundays with inserts and to have story-tellers discussing different programs: Children's Programs, Outreach, Music Programs, Church maintenance, etc.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT- Jim Morgan

Alicia had 22 kids in Sunday School. Reported there is still a need for Sunday School teachers and also short-handed in other areas. Confirmation class will get started soon.

HELPING HANDS – Irene Baker

Helping hands will do the funeral scheduled Saturday for Alex Riasanovsky. She will send Loueita an e-mail covering the duties for the time she is out of the country. Would like to get some volunteers to each take one month to be "on-call" for this duty.

PARISH LIFE – Amy Ramirez

Working with Jeff Coleman on developing notebook and looking for ideas. Much conversation regarding usage of the church. Would like a check-list created so we would know beforehand who might be using the church and for users to know how to leave the facilities.



From the Parish Register

Baptism

Kevin Dennis Carr

Deaths

Louise Lykes Ferguson
Mary Tommaney

Marriage

Michael Wittke
& Michelle Tonelli

**Donations to
Saint Andrew's
Foundation**

*In loving memory of
Louise Lykes Ferguson*

Mr. & Mrs. A. G. Divers
Mr. Richard Ferlita
Rosemary McAteer
R. James Robbins
Nell Rorebeck
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Simpson

*In loving memory of
Stacy Frank*

M.D. Cone Family Trust

*In loving memory of
David Isele*

Mr. & Mrs. Don Sink

*In loving memory of
Nell Pearce*

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Gifts to
St. Andrew's Foundation
are a lovely way to
remember a birthday,
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special occasion!*

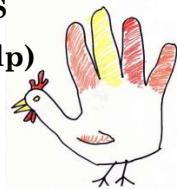
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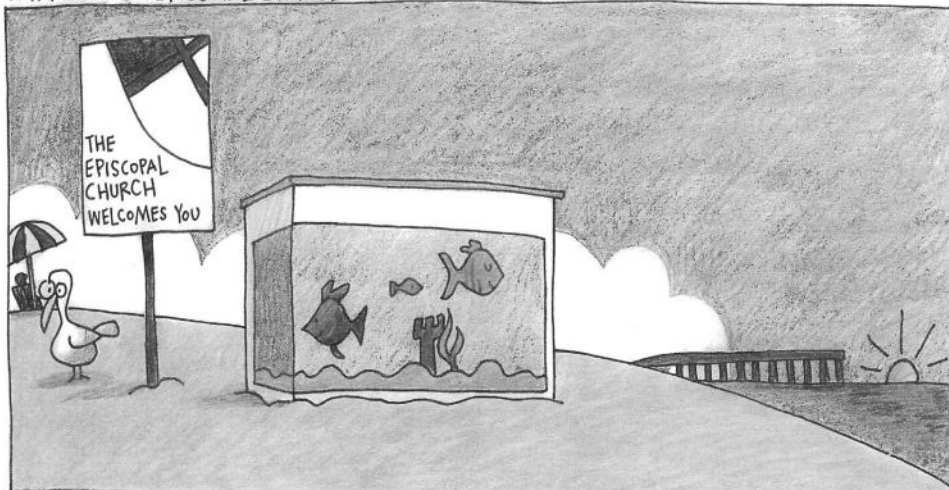
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**TURKEY DINNERS FOR
METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES**
(see page 3 for how you can help)



A PARABLE OF EPISCOPAL EVANGELISM.



It is likened unto an aquarium set by the ocean's edge. Any fish from the ocean are invited to jump into the aquarium if they happen to be passing by and feel like it.

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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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Deadline for articles for The Call:

15th of each month

for the following month's

newsletter. Submit articles to

Kathy in the church office.