



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ January 2021

Reverently Speaking

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men (Magi) from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews?"

Matthew 2:1-2

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

If you're a parent, there has probably been at least one time when you have 'misplaced' your child. It's that terror-filled moment when you realize that neither you nor your spouse knows where the kid is. That happened to Jeanette and me when Hamilton was age four. We were visiting the aquarium with some friends who had come in to visit from out-of-state. As we split into two groups, each group thought that Hamilton was with the other. When we all met back up, there was no Hamilton. We alerted the aquarium people and frantically began to search for the boy. We found him in the gift shop, where he was happily perusing the bling on the shelves, oblivious to our absence.

In Jesus' time, the greatest threat to children (and adults) was the mercurial Herod the Great, Roman appointed King of Judea. Although Herod raised the prosperity of Judea through building projects, such as aqueducts, theatres, fortresses, public buildings and the Jerusalem temple, he was also known to be a tyrannical, paranoid, competitive, jealous, bloodthirsty ruler, who had members of his own family killed, fearing their disloyalty. Herod persecuted anyone who had the audacity to challenge his rule. So, when Herod got wind that the old prophecies about the birth of a Messiah King who would rule Judea were coming to fruition, he was ready to squash the budding opponent.

His first attempt was in vain. He had surreptitiously asked the Magi to return to let him know where they had located the child, so that he, Herod, could also visit and honor him. But the Magi, being of course Magi, were smarter than this and saw through Herod's plot immediately. After they had visited the child, they departed by another route, never returning to Jerusalem.

After a period of time, Herod realized they were not going to assist him in locating the child. So Herod made one of the most horrific and bloody decisions in the history of Jewish culture: he decreed that all boys age two and under should be slaughtered in their homes. Only this way could Herod ensure that he had eliminated his threat.

But Jesus' family had fled to Egypt and lived there until Herod's death. The child Messiah was saved from what we now call the slaughter of the Holy Innocents. But many others were not so lucky. Imagine the terror for both children and parents alike, with nowhere to go and nowhere to hide.

Because of this terrifying experience, even after Herod the Great died, the scriptures tell us that Joseph still did not feel safe bringing his wife and child back to Bethlehem, due to Herod's son Archelaus, who now held the throne in Judea. Instead, he took them back to Mary's family home in Nazareth, where they could raise the child quietly under the radar of the authorities for the many years to come. Only at age 30, would Jesus emerge from his preparations to begin a ministry that would change his life and the world.

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For people like Herod, people addicted to power, control, money, status, and prestige, their “addiction” can breed paranoia, jealousy, envy, and revenge. Anything and anyone can easily become a threat, and when an invisible threat emerges, deep and disarming fear can set in, causing them to become volatile, unstable, and very dangerous.

For Herod, Jesus was that invisible threat. He became obsessed with the question, “Where was the child?”

Even in our world, that question of “Where is He?” is always there, isn’t it? That we can’t see Jesus but know He’s there is a comfort for some, and a fear to others.

Remember in the scriptures when Jesus comes to heal and exorcise demons? They recognize Him immediately and start to tremble. Never underestimate the power of love, kindness, salvation, and mercy. Evil and sin fear the presence of Jesus.

In our lives today, we often lament that we cannot see Jesus, and we wonder if He is really there. Look for trouble in the world, and you will find Jesus. You will know Him by His light. Jesus’ presence is the greatest fear of evil in the world. For Jesus towers over evil, topples sin, vanquishes forces of darkness, and chases away those who would live in the shadows.

The baby Jesus may have needed protection from the evil of Herod. But the one truly afraid was the king. For in his heart, he knew that nothing could overpower the force of God.

Like the Good Shepherd, Jesus is battling the forces of darkness all around you. And you do not need to hide or fear. You don’t even need to seek him as the Magi did of old. For Jesus will find you.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John +".

The Rev. John Reese

*I cannot go to church these days
But in spirit I am there.
I read the Sunday lessons
We are one in praise and prayer.*

*I miss familiar faces
But I see them in my mind.
I give my alms for the work of Christ
A willing pledge I sign.*

*Evil cannot conquer good
Christ’s teachings will always last;
When this is truly understood
With Christ our lot is cast.*

—Father Harold Knight

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

When life feels depleted, does God care? I'm facing an onslaught of challenges; will God help? When life grows dark and stormy, does God notice? I'm facing the fear of death; will God help me? The answer in the life-giving miracles in the Gospel of John is a resounding *yes*.

In *You Are Never Alone*, Max Lucado looks at the miracles of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John. John chose the stories and events from Jesus' life that he believed would give his readers strength, empower them, lift them up, and speak life into their situations.

- **Jesus transformed water into wine.** We don't have to apologize to God for praying for something insignificant.
- **Jesus healed a man who couldn't walk.** We don't have to stay stuck, no matter the reason we got stuck in the first place.
- **Jesus saved the disciples from the raging storm.** We are not alone in our storms, even when it feels like it.
- **Jesus healed the blind man.** We don't have to be defined by our darkness: *guilt, sin, trauma, anxiety, fear*.
- **Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.** There is nothing so bad we have done that Jesus doesn't have power over it to forgive.
- **Jesus was resurrected.** Even though his disciples didn't believe him, Jesus didn't add to their shame or punish them.

Today, take courage that you are stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know. This is the message of the miracles . . . that with God *you are never alone*.

Here is the line-up:

1/10 - God is With You in the Ordinary
1/17 - God is With You When You're Stuck
1/24 - God is With You in the Storm
1/31 - God is With You in the Dark
2/ 7 - God is With You in the Valley
2/14 - God is With You When You Need Grace

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

Youth News

We are through Advent and ready to start the New Year. The youth will be doing a book study with a zoom meeting once a month to review and discuss. This will be a great time for sharing and learning about our own personal spiritual beliefs. The children's ministry enjoyed the Advent calendar, so we are trying to finalize another type of zoom inter-participation activity for them. We are still holding Sunday school for the children and youth every Sunday at 9:30AM via zoom. And, it's that time again for confirmation. We have an awesome curriculum this year from Matthew Bowers, the Director of Youth & Programming for the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida. If anyone is interested in any of these programs or anything else children/youth related, please reach out to me, Victor Van Pelt. Email: christianed@saintandrewstampa.org Cell: 813-898-3415.

May you have a Happy New Year.

Thanks to those who have pledged for 2021!

Thomas & Elise Akins
Patrick & Alison Allman
Irene & Peter Baker
Mrs. A. Lacy Baldy
Mr. & Mrs. Alston Barrow
Siegfried & Linda Barry
George Bedell
David Belcher & Mallory Lykes
Dianna Benjamin
William & Allison Besseliu
Benjamin & Jeannie Borsch
Victoria Boswell
Edwin & Judith Bourdeau
Thomas & Juanita Boyd
William & Kathryn Boyd
Mr. & Mrs. John H. Boyet
Barbara Brotherton
Derrick & Beverley Brown
Donreece H. Brown
Norton & Linda Busby
Mr. & Mrs. Julian H. Byrd
C. Jane Cantler
Steve & Debbie Cantler
Dr. & Mrs. Christopher
Capsambelis
J. Frazier Carraway &
Claire B. Carraway
Betsy & Steve Chambers
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel E. Childs
Charlotte Churchill
Holly Clemmons &
Katie Pastorius
Chris & Martha Cobb
Sharon Colucci
Gary Cotter
Donald & Summer Crawford
Mark Crofoot
William & Ann Crowder
Piers & Pamela Curry
William & Stacy Curtis
Wayne A. Daley
Robin DeLaverge
A.G. Divers
Wallace A. Dixon
Edward and Lynn Dorman
Dennis & Melinda Dundore
Doug Dusini & Rachel May
Dr. James & Sunny Endicott
David Epp, Esq.
Susanna Fenhagen &
Tony Morrison

Richard Ferlita &
James Carmichael
Carole R. Fields
Pat Frank
Allen O. Getz
Mr. & Mrs. William A. Gillen Jr.
Bradley & Alicia Hall
Laurence & Nekeshia Hammond
Catherine Hammer
Wynnette & Hiram Hampton
Eric & Loueita Hargens
Mary Beth Harris
Mary & Carlton N. Hart, III
Vernon & Charlotte Henderson
Paul Henley & Joanne Byars
Staige & Tricia Hoffman
Bill Hudson
Michael & Christean Hursey
Barbara Jones
T. Michael & Jana D. Kaney
Margo & Larry Kemm
Larry & Judy Kent
Fran Kerr
Helen T. Kerr
James E. Key
Victoria & Charles Klug
Steve & Elaine Kounnas
Katherine Lawless
Richard Lawson
George Levy & Rosemary Graf
Adrienne Love
Sue MacIsaac
Sheridan & Guy Marr
Analee & Matthew Mayes
Rosemary S. McAteer
Barbara & Robert McGhee
Michael & Linda McGhee
Donald & Laura McGinnis
Martin S. McKinney
Warren L. Miller
James M. Moore
James K. Morgan
John & Susan Mueller
Ingrid Muellerleile
Michael & Janet Norona
Marsha Otte
Anne T. Paige
Robert E. Parr
Bill Peterson
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Putney
Anita E. Ramirez
Tom & Kay Rankin

The Rev. & Mrs. John Reese
Barbara Reeves
Janis Temple Riasanovsky
Jennifer & Charlie Richardson
Kristi Roberts
Nell Rorebeck
Catherine & L. Gray Sanders
Paul & Elisabeth Scheuer
Phyllis Sheaffer
Scott Silverman
Jane & Nathan Simpson
Donald & Virginia Sink
Earl & Jan Smith
Gregg & CJ Smith
Maxwell & Teri Sobel
Carol Jean Spoto
The Rev. & Mrs. Jerold Stadel
Linda K. Stevens
Paula Stewart
Kathleen Stoy
Catharyn Szuba
Arlene & Steve Tonnesen
Matt & Carolyn Tapie
Lori & Doug Taplow
Thomas & Susan Torge
Betty Trueblood
Jean N. Turner
Nancy Turner
Georgia & Milton Vahue
Cynthia A. Van Voris
Leigh & Russ Versaggi
Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Vince
Maureen & Christopher Watson
George Western
Jack Wheat
John & Pat Wolfe
Betty Wood

Make a Pledge for 2021

Please return your pledge card for 2021 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 **135 pledges for \$368,282.**

2021 Pledge Report

<i>Pledges received</i>	<i>Total Amount Pledged for 2021</i>	<i>Total Amount Pledged for 2020</i>
135	\$368,282.00	\$426,711.00
6 New pledges for 2021		
35 Increased their pledge for 2021		
16 Decreased their pledge for 2021		
78 Made the same pledge in 2021 as in 2020		
135 Total number of pledges received for 2021		

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 7th

after the 10:30 service

The meeting will be live-streamed



From the Parish Register

Deaths

Stanley Thomas Rząd



Marriage

George Levy &
Rosemary Graf



Baptisms

Robert Timothy Schultheis III

Samuel Becket Russell Jr.

Henry Ross Wieloszynski

VESTRY CLASS OF 2024 NOMINEES

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Irene Baker



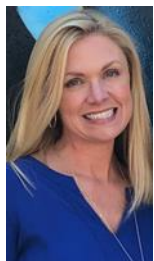
I was received into the Episcopal Church (from the Roman Rite) in 2004 at St. John's Lafayette Square and was an active leader in their Capital Campaign. Upon moving to Tampa, I found St Andrew's in the summer of 2012 and transferred my membership from St Augustine's in Southwest Washington, DC, soon thereafter. I am on the Lector Rotation and enjoy supporting our Outreach and Helping Hands efforts and stepping up wherever there is a need to be filled: e.g., Mrs. Santa Claus and coffee hour supporter (when we had them). I have also had the privilege of being a Collection Counter.

St A's is a special place to all of us. Besides loving those I meet and work with, my fondness goes to another level in that it was here I met my wonderful husband, Peter. Our relationship blossomed with the loving support of so many, especially members of our fabulous Choir! We were married at our daughter's (The Rev. Megan Sanders) church in New York. BUT, since St Andrew's was so influential in both our lives, we later had a full-blown Blessing done with Father John officiating and so many of you present.

In the past, I've served on the Vestry as an appointee and then in a full elected term, during which I was Chair of the Helping Hands Committee. So, I am aware of and committed to Vestry responsibilities. Professionally, I have widely diverse experiences at international, national, state and local government levels and as a seasoned member of the Intelligence Community. I bring to the table particular passions in support of our music program, our children/youth programs, a desire to expand our community involvement with leadership, management and negotiation skills.

These are most challenging times, and I would be privileged to share my energy and eclectic talents for the good of our St. Andrew's Family and the Tampa community!

Pam Curry



I am originally from northwestern Pennsylvania, where I was baptized, confirmed and married at Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church in Warren. My husband, Piers, and I were married in 2001 and we have two children, Stella (17) and Ian (15). My family and I attended other churches throughout the years, but it wasn't until we discovered St. Andrew's that we knew we had found our church home. The warm welcome we received let us know God put us in the right place and our St. Andrew's family has been a great source of joy and comfort to us.

I've been blessed to be a part of various ministries at St. Andrew's including Parish Life, teaching Sunday school, helping in Children's Chapel, volunteering for VBS and helping with youth group activities. In 2019, I was inducted into The Order of the Daughters of the King.

I am a graduate of Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA. I taught elementary school and have been an active volunteer in my children's schools and my community for many years. I am passionate about the arts and enjoy theater and dance, especially if Stella is performing. I love to cheer for Ian's games and serve as the "Football Mom" for his team. I also have two senior dogs I adore and look forward to traveling again and spending time with family and friends.

If elected to serve on the Vestry, I hope to contribute some of my energy and talents to give back to the St. Andrew's community that has given so much to my family and me.

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Richard Ferlita



Richard is a native of Tampa, Florida. After graduation from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, he joined the United States Air Force, serving for four years. He is also a Viet Nam veteran. After completion of his military service, Richard established residency in San Francisco, where he began a career in the Credit Union industry. After 26 years in San Francisco, he returned to Tampa to become Regional Director for Branch Operations at GTE Financial Credit Union. Upon Richard's retirement from the Credit Union (completing 12 years of service), he joined the Finance Department at St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School, where he is currently employed. Richard has been a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal for the last 15 years; he completed three years as a member of the Vestry most recently as the Senior Warden. Richard is dedicated to the continued success of St. Andrew's and the parishioners who serve our Lord.

Loucita Hargens



Loucita Hargens was born in Quanah, Texas, and grew up there and in Wichita, Kansas. She moved to Tampa in 1974 and immediately bonded to her new city. The first time she attended an Episcopal church was in 1991 at Holy Innocents in Valrico and felt she had come to the perfect place for her spiritual journey.

After moving to South Tampa, she spent 10 years attending St. Mary's, where she married the love of her life, Eric. Together with teams from St. Mary's and other Episcopal Churches, they served on two trips to the Dominican Republic to help with the building of the church at San Pedro y San Pablo, and enjoyed another trip following in the footsteps of Paul to Turkey and Greece with other parishioners and Father Dennis Kezar.

They have a blended family of three grown children, 3 grandsons and 3 granddaughters and 2 little doggies, "Maya del Carmen" and "Boudreaux". Loucita attended HCC and got an Associate's Degree in Office Systems Technology. She put those skills to use at WEDU, the local PBS channel, for many years and later at WFLA, News Channel 8. She is semi-retired, working part-time as manager of a small non-profit business that houses space for groups seeking recovery from drugs and alcohol.

She first attended St. Andrew's with Eric in May of 2013 and instantly felt she had found a church home. She currently serves every weekday with our newly formed "Feeding the Homeless" project and will always gladly help on the Outreach Committee.

Kathy Lawless



Kathy is a lifelong Episcopalian. She was born in Tallahassee, Florida, and was baptized at St. John's Episcopal Church by her grandfather, the Reverend Thomas van Braam Barrett. Her family then moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where she attended St. Vincent's & St. Thomas' Episcopal Churches. Kathy then moved to Tampa and discovered St. Andrew's. In 1987, she was married at St. Andrew's and has been a member since. Kathy has two daughters, Jessica and Cassidy Lawless, ages 26 and 23.

As a child, Kathy was a member of the church junior choir and youth group. During her time here at St. Andrew's she has served as a Christian education teacher, Altar Guild member, and one term on the vestry.

Kathy graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in Mass Communications. For over 27 years, Kathy worked at Time Customer Service (a division of Time Inc.). She retired last year and has been traveling and enjoying life.

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Paul Scheuer



Greetings, St. Andrew's family! It is my honor and privilege to offer myself as a candidate for vestry, and I thank you for your consideration. I was born in Maplewood, Missouri, the youngest of six children of the Rev. Dr. Garry Scheuer and Carolyn Scheuer. My father was one of the first ministers in the newly formed United Church of Christ, formed by the merging of the Congregational Christian and Evangelical & Reformed denominations in the early 1950s, and served churches in the areas of St. Louis, Chicago, Cleveland and here in Tampa. My mother is a singer, musician and vocal instructor, and fostered in me a lifelong passion for singing in choral groups in both secular and worship settings. I earned my Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from the University of South Florida and work in graphic design and advertising, currently employed with GSP Retail Marketing in Clearwater. In my free time I enjoy golf, a game for which my passion is inversely proportional to my skill.

My experience at St. Andrew's began nearly 20 years ago when I met my wife, Betsy. Upon learning of our shared interest for singing, she invited me to come give the choir a try. I was instantly drawn to the quality and camaraderie of this amazing group of vocalists, the focus on preserving the beautiful and authentic music of renowned church composers, and of course, the incredible, historical building that we gather within. I soon began worshipping and singing here weekly, and after getting to know some of the warm and welcoming people in the congregation, it was clear that I had found a church home. Betsy and I were married here on October 31, 2003, and both of our sons (Joseph, 14, and Samuel, 10) were baptised here as well. Together we've also participated in several other ministries of St. Andrew's, including Christian Education and youth group leadership, outreach activities, Lenten Series suppers, and more. We feel so blessed to be part of a church with such depth of history and hospitality, a rich and vibrant choral tradition, a legacy of community support and outreach, and a feeling of family.

Lori Taplow



Lori's professional career includes over 20 years with JPMorgan and Citibank, working and living in the US, Europe and Latin America. While there she was engaged in business consolidation, process re-engineering, commercial real estate, securities and lead a variety of high-profile projects. She managed the North American arm of Talking Talent, a London-based, coaching-led organization. She coached high potential and key female executives and lawyers in Fortune 500 companies and premier law firms, including Deutsche Bank, Citi, Reed Smith, Mayer Brown and MetLife in NY and Hill Ward Henderson, locally. She most recently managed Communications, Training and Employee Engagement at Quest Diagnostics HR Service Center before retiring in 2017. Lori has been coaching students in The University of Tampa's MBA Leadership Coaching program since 2013 and served on the Board of Directors of The Samaritan Counseling Center of Tampa Bay from 1999 to 2009 (Past President – 2007). Lori earned her MBA and BA at The University of South Florida and holds a Professional Coaching certification from Southern University of New Hampshire. A member of Tampa's pioneer family, she has been a member of St. Andrew's since 2003. At St. Andrew's, she served on the vestry from 2009 to 2012 (Treasurer in 2011) and 2017 to 2020 (Clerk 2017-2020) and chaired the Welcoming Committee in 2010 and 2017. She is currently serving on Outreach, baptismal banner and Welcoming Committee ministries. Lori has been married to Doug Taplow for 38 years and is mother to Dana and Jeannette, who were baptized at St. Andrew's and serve as acolytes.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING
2021 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTIONS

Each year St. Andrew's conducts an annual parish meeting at the end of January or beginning of February, which includes vestry elections. Your current vestry has been anticipating the 2021 parish meeting and begun preparations for the meeting and vestry election.

The 2021 Annual Parish Meeting will occur on **Sunday, February 7, 2021 following the 10:30 AM service**. The parish meeting **will be conducted in person and also will be virtual**. The vote for vestry elections will not be conducted in person and instead will be conducted via US mail. The vestry voted unanimously in favor of these procedures. We certainly did not, however, undertake these decisions lightly. Also, these procedures have been approved – and encouraged – by the bishop.

As everyone is aware, the COVID-19 pandemic has changed many, many aspects of our lives. We are hopeful about the promise of the vaccines on the horizon. However, the risks presented by the pandemic are still very real and very present. The vestry determined it simply is not feasible to conduct business at a live annual parish meeting which complies with prudent safety guidelines and social distancing; plus we seriously doubt a quorum could be met within the required guidelines. More important, even if a live business meeting were feasible, many parishioners might choose to miss the meeting because they consider themselves to be high risk.

The annual meeting therefore will consist solely of report presentations and questions. No votes or business will be conducted. Instead, the vote for vestry will occur solely via US Mail. Questions may be asked in person or remotely via email (rector@saintandrewstampa.org) during the presentations.

Since the vestry election will be conducted through the mail, no nominations for vestry will be able to be made during the meeting. Therefore, we have established the following procedures:

- ***Vestry nominations will cut-off at 4:30 PM EST on Friday, January 15, 2021.** We welcome any eligible parish member wishing to run for vestry to nominate himself or herself. If someone does wish to run for vestry they must be nominated by the deadline of 4:30 PM EST, Friday, January 15, 2021.
- *Ballots then will be issued via US mail to all parishioners beginning on Monday, January 18, 2021.
- *Ballots must be returned via US mail and **postmarked no later than February 7, 2021 (i.e., the date of the Annual Parish Meeting).** Ballots will only be accepted when returned via US mail.
- *The ballots will be formatted and printed in such a manner as to allow parishioners to print their name and sign a certificate of eligibility to vote on one page, and then to vote on a separate page. The certification and ballot then will be returned in a special envelope. Parish staff will open the envelopes, verify the eligibility of the voter, and then separate the ballots in the presence of a vestry committee. The committee then will count the anonymous ballots. *Additional instructions will accompany the mailing.*
- *The new vestry members will be announced the Wednesday or Thursday following the Annual Parish Meeting and immediately following the tally by the vestry committee.

The vestry realizes St. Andrew's never before has conducted an annual meeting or vestry election in this fashion. The decision to do so in 2021 was made out of necessity and current circumstances, but we unanimously believe it to be the right decision. Of course, if any parishioners have concerns or wish to discuss this matter, feel free to contact me or any member of the vestry.

L. Gray Sanders
Senior Warden

November 2020 Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese

As of 11/9/20, there was \$184,266 in ops account and \$86,744 in the parish reserve account.

As of 10/31/20, there was \$19,433 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry. However, Foundation just paid the final invoice of \$4,156 to Layton for the completion of the AV project. Foundation also just transferred \$7,000 from Foundation principal to the checking account (this \$7,000 is part of the 2017 allocation).

Via an email vote on 6/30/20, vestry approved the new audio-visual project for the church, along with a phone/internet upgrade for offices, parish building, and church. Foundation made initial payments of \$2,403.68 to PBX-Change (total cost is \$4,807.35), \$1,122.60 to ACCI (total cost is \$2,245.20), and \$7,589.95 to Layton A/V Audio Visual Solutions (total cost is \$15,179.91).

We have another \$26,473 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2017 at their meeting on 2/21/17. (NB: \$27,000 has already been transferred to the Foundation checking account from the 2017 allocation, which totaled \$53,473).

We have another \$75,659 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 4% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2018 at their meeting on 2/21/18.

We have another \$63,718 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2019 at their meeting on 2/27/19.

We have another \$72,918 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2020 at their meeting on 2/4/20.

And there was \$2,734,607 in the Foundation principal as of 10/20/20, as opposed to \$2,785,795 as of 12/31/19, a decrease of \$51,188 for the year to date.

There is also approximately \$99,000 in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$3,116 in grant money left available for 2020. This fund is designated for church maintenance purposes. (We recently paid out \$5,500 from this fund to repair the north-west corner of the church roof. We are now/still leak-free in the church!)

Church audio-visual project update – Via an email vote on 6/30/20, vestry approved the new audio visual project for the church, along with a phone/internet upgrade for offices, parish building, and church. We confirmed this at the July vestry meeting. Total payments will be \$4,807.35 to PBX-Change, \$2,245.20 to ACCI, and \$15,179.91 to Layton A/V Audio Visual Solutions, all to be paid from Foundation funds. Layton installed the new system on 10/15 and 10/16.

The new, recurring, monthly phone/internet bill with PBX-Change is \$724.35, as opposed to our old \$600 per month with Proximiti. Thus, there will be an annual increase of about \$1,500 for phone/internet services.

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November 2020 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$53,064	\$48,385	\$493,328	\$532,239
Expenses	\$44,604	\$48,385	\$504,285	\$532,239
Net	\$8,460	\$0	(\$10,956)	\$0

There is Adult Christian Education at 9:30AM in the third floor library. There is no nursery, children's Sunday School, Children's Chapel, or coffee hour. Victor launched a 9:30AM Zoom Sunday school class for youth that started on 10/4. We also have a Zoom SS class for younger kids as well, led by Donreece Brown. Youth Confirmation class will begin in the new year. Bishop is slated to visit in May, but that may or not happen.

Lumina Choirs – Lumina accepted the new rent proposal of \$100 per month on 11/11.

Annual Stewardship Campaign – launched on 10/4. Many thanks to Gary, Sue, Jennifer R., Lynn, and Jennifer S. for speaking at Sunday services. First mailer (with a letter from Gary) went out on 10/5. Second mailer (with a letter from Gray) was sent out on 11/4. Next mailer (with a letter from Piers) will go out in early December. As of 11/9, we have 66 pledges for 192K (compared to 79 pledges for 256K as of this time last year). See email attachment for current campaign results.

Choral Evensong for All Saints – was Sunday, 11/1 at 5PM. *Great music!*

Foundation Meeting – was on 10/27. We are staying the course for now, but interested in changing asset allocation in the near future, moving in the direction of more equities, less fixed income. (We are currently at about 50/50.)

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Gray Sanders

Gray, as head of the Nominating Committee, reported that there are 4 committed candidates thus far for the 2021 Vestry Committee. He opened the floor to discussion regarding how to handle the voting this year due to the Corona Virus restrictions. It was agreed that mail-in ballots would be the best method to include all parishioners. Ben made a motion to temporarily suspend the by-laws due to COVID-19, to allow for the top 5 nominees' votes to determine the incoming Vestry members, accomplished via 100% mail-in ballots, with the stipulation that all candidates must be on the ballot, by not permitting write-in candidates. Donreece seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. It was agreed that ballots would be prepared the week of January 11th, and ready to mail out on January 18th. When ballots are received, they will be matched against the church roster. It was agreed that Gray, Ingrid and Lynn would represent the Vestry in overseeing the counting of the ballots.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy

George reported that all previous projects are up to date and completed. The touch up painting for the A/V wiring will be taken care of by the A/V installation crew. George identified the children's chapel lobby roof as a source of a long standing leak, seeking approval for \$1,400 to make repairs. Peter made a motion to approve with Ben as a second. It passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Piers Curry

Piers reported that pledge revenues are down a bit, but not surprising. He feels confident that will be made up by the end of the year. Non-pledge and plate offerings are of course down due to COVID, and there is not much confidence that they will be made up this year. However, the PPP monies balance this out, along with expenses being down, putting us in good shape. He is taking a conservative approach towards 2021, considering the ongoing circumstances of COVID.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUTREACH:

Sue made a motion to separate the Homeless Feeding Committee from Outreach to be a stand-alone committee. Jim seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Sue also suggested that the Homeless Committee and Outreach Committee each have their own chairpersons due to the heavy commitment and volume of work involved with both. She reported that Gabriel's Giving Tree is going very well.

HELPING HANDS:

Lynn reported that the committee was preparing for a funeral on Friday.

STEWARDSHIP:

Gary is seeking additional volunteers to speak in front of the parishioners.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was opened regarding privacy issues and video, for instance, recording a Baptism. It was agreed that a disclaimer (language would be formalized) to be included in the bulletin to state that the service will be recorded.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 7th

at noon



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 adults

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