



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

# THE CALL

*Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!*

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ November 2021

## *Reverently Speaking*

*Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."*

Mark 12:41-44

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Back in 1984, the press disclosed the generosity of all the candidates in the presidential campaign. In the year before the campaign, Gary Hart gave a total of \$140 to all charitable causes. The Reverend Jesse Jackson, an advocate for the poor, gave a total of \$500 to charity, even though his taxable income was well over \$100,000. Ronald Reagan, who advocated that private citizens should pick up the slack of slashed welfare programs, gave only \$2,000 to all charitable causes, this on an income of several hundred thousand dollars. The highest giver was Walter Mondale, who gave around \$13,500 to benevolences, out of an income of \$500,000.

Some people were outraged that misers and hypocrites were running for public office. Perhaps they shouldn't have been surprised. The giving patterns of these politicians are typical for most Americans. Many of us calculate what it takes to live each week and then donate a little piece of what's left. We give a portion of what we think we can afford. Then we want the IRS to take note of every cent.

But a nameless widow in the Gospel of Mark sees her contribution differently. She gives her money, but not in order to receive some service in return. Her contribution has nothing to do with getting a tax break. She does not calculate the monthly budget and then decide what she can afford to give out of what's left. Rather she gives it all, and then she has to figure out how she is going to live. She is committed beyond all calculation. That is troubling, for it reveals a faith so sacrificial that it scares us to death.

Calling the disciples together, Jesus pointed and said, "Look at that widow. Take a good, hard look." She was the kind of person the world ignores, because she had so little. Yet she was the kind of person Jesus noticed, because she gave so much. Perhaps he saw in her something of what he has always tried to get his followers to see. Here was a woman who refused to play it safe; and neither did Jesus ever play it safe. She did not, could not, hold anything back from God; neither would he. She gave away all she had; and according to the Gospel of Mark, within a few days of leaving that temple, Jesus himself would give everything away. "Look at her," he said. "Take a good, hard look ... because her sacrifice is a picture of what you're going to see God do in me."

Charity is not something that we wish to do, not some means toward an end. Rather, charity is an obligation laid upon us by the nature of God. We are charitable because we have learned that this is the way the world is now that God has entered the world in Jesus Christ. We are not charitable in order to rid our

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selves of guilt, since we know we are guilty and that our guilt is not rid through our puny actions. Rather we are charitable because it is in being charitable that we are most like the extravagant God who has been charitable to us.

Commitment beyond calculation. That's what God shows us in Jesus Christ. Whenever we celebrate the central mystery of faith, we affirm a mystery that is the essence of generosity. Christ has died: he has given everything he had, all he had to live on. Christ is risen: he gives us the power to stand free from all the false attachments of this age. Christ will come again: he will complete the generous acts that he has begun.

In Jesus Christ, we have seen a God who gives his very life to us. God continues to give us this gift of life, so that we can become the kind of people who give our lives for others. In the meantime, God will do whatever he can to get our attention.

In one of his Lake Wobegon stories, Garrison Keillor tells about a Sunday morning in Lake Wobegon Lutheran Church. The sermon has been droning on far too long, and Clarence Bunsen has checked out early. He realizes it's almost time for the offering, so he quietly reaches for his wallet. Upon opening his wallet, Clarence discovers he has no cash. He takes out his pen and hides the checkbook in the middle of his Bible, next to one of the psalms. He begins to scratch out a check for thirty dollars, because he almost had a heart attack that week, and because somebody in the church will count the offering and he wants them to see he gave thirty dollars.

He tries not to be obvious, but a lady to his right sees him. Clarence can tell she thinks he's writing in the pew Bible, so he doesn't look at what he's doing. She gives him a funny stare, and turns back to the sermon. Clarence tries to quietly rip the check out of the checkbook, with limited success, still not looking at what he's doing so the lady in the pew won't know he has written out a check in church. The offering plate comes by, and Clarence proudly puts in the check, only to realize a moment too late that he has just written a check for three hundred dollars. He accidentally wrote three-zero-zero on two different lines when he wasn't looking.

What could he do? On the one hand, he couldn't go downstairs after church and find the people counting the collection and say, "Fellows, there's been a mistake. I gave more than I really wanted to." On the other hand, he gave all he had in the checking account and a little more. Perhaps he and his family will have to eat beans and oatmeal for the rest of the month, Clarence thought, even though the contribution was going to a good place. One thing was for sure, notes Keillor. In that moment, Clarence felt fully alive for the first time all day.

Commitment beyond calculation. That's what God-in-Christ is watching for. The Lord has been so generous in providing every gift we need. Every day he watches to see what we do with what he has given us. We can learn something from that nameless widow. She did not merely give her money. Instead, she first pledged her heart to God, and the money went with it.

A lot of people will say, "I don't have much to give. I can't afford to be generous. I really don't have anything to offer." Yet the promise of the gospel is sure. The Lord can do a lot with a little when he has it all.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



## Thanksgiving Boxes of Hope

The Outreach Committee is kicking off our annual *Metropolitan Ministries Thanksgiving Boxes of Hope*. We are asking that you purchase and bring to church the following items based on the first letter of your last name:

A-E: gravy, cereal, canned fruit, canned yams

F-M: bagged or canned beans (black, pinto, refried), cranberry sauce, peanut butter, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables

N-Z: bagged or boxed stuffing, bagged rice (yellow or white), canned or boxed potatoes, dessert mix, cookies

Labeled boxes are set up in the parish hall for food donations. Gift cards for turkeys are also welcome, as are cash or check donation (made out to St. Andrew's with "Turkey Pack" in the memo line).

## 2021 Gabriel Tree Project

### Gabriel Giving Tree

Despite ongoing challenges, the Outreach Committee is committed to the Gabriel Giving Tree, where parishioners provide gifts and clothing for over 100 children and their families at two local schools. Thank you for supporting this wonderful program. There will not be a party this year for the children, but these gifts will warm their hearts and provide the spirit of Christmas.

Those wishing to donate can do so in one of three ways:

A. Select a child's name, purchase and wrap the gifts, and drop them off at the Parish Hall by Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> or any time earlier.

B. Select a child's name and make your donation to St Andrew's, noting the child you selected and how much to spend. The Parish Elf will shop, wrap and deliver your gifts to the church, and you will receive a thank you note with a photo of the items purchased with your donation. Please email Lin Busby at [LJLBusby@gmail.com](mailto:LJLBusby@gmail.com), or call/text her at 813-486-1683 with your name choice.

C. Send a donation for the program to the Church and the Parish Elf will select a child for you, shop and giftwrap. Again, you will be notified of the child's name and gifts purchased with your donation. Since the Parish Elf can only shop until Monday November 22, please let her know as early as possible via text, call or email.

10D – Jevario: Boy, age 12. Shirt size 16/18 boys, pants 18/20 boys, shoe size 9 ½ mens. Wish gift: football, sports items.

12C – Kade: Boy, age 3. Shirt/pant size 5T Toddler, shoe size 10 Toddler. Wish gift: trucks and cars.

14A – Hazel: Girl, age 8. Shirt size 14/16 girls, pants 18 girls, shoe 3 ½ girls. Wish gift: Barbie dolls.

14B – Kiandra: Girl, age 10. Shirt size small junior/womens, pants 11/12 junior/womens, shoe - 4 ½ girls. Wish gift: Barbie dolls.

14C – Avianna: Girl, age 6. Shirt/pant size 6, 6x girls, shoe size 1 1/2 or 2 girls. Wish gift: Barbie dolls.

15A – Tessa: Girl, age 9. Shirt/pant sizes 7/8 girls; shoe size 2 or, 2 1/2 girls. Wish gift: Little Pet Shop, Squishmallows stuffed animals

15B – Alessa: Girl, age 9. Shirt/pant sizes 7/8 girls; shoe size 2, 2/12 girls. Wish gift: Mystery Capsule Miniatures (Mini Brands); fidget toys (Pop Its); Squishmallows stuffed animals

15C – Love Byrd: Girl, age 6. Shirt/pant sizes 5/6 girls; shoe size 12 or 12 ½ girls. Wish gift: Little Pet Shop, Squishmallows stuffed animals

15D – Levi May: Boy, age 11. Shirt size small men's, pant size small men's sweatpants (note, child only likes sweatpants for clothes), shoe size 7 mens. Wish gift: sports items or Funko POPS.

15E – Sara Allen: Girl, age 12. Shirt/pant size medium junior; shoe size 7/12 womens. Wish gift: Art supplies/materials.

17A – Janaia: Girl, age 12. Shirt/pant size 14/16 girls; shoe size 7/12 womens. Wish gift: Self-defense keychain in sky blue, face wash, skin care and perfume set (specifically Fruit Baby Face Set (note – available at Sephora and other stores).

Please email Lin Busby at [LJLBusby@gmail.com](mailto:LJLBusby@gmail.com), or call/text her at 813-486-1683 with your name choice. Let her know if you will be purchasing the gifts yourself, or if you are donating and wish the Parish Elf to shop, how much to spend. She can only shop until Monday November 22, so let her know as early as possible.

If you prefer, you can make a donation and have us select a name for you. Send all donations to St Andrew's Church or put them in the Sunday donation plate marked Gabriel Tree.

Thank you for your wonderful support in past years. We hope to have a successful project in 2021.

### Calling all Cooks!

We need your recipes, from breakfast to dessert and everything in between. Our chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King would like to include your favorites in the St. Andrew's 150th Anniversary Commemorative Cookbook we are publishing. A traditional format will be used and will include recipes for hors d'oeuvres, special family dinners, St. Andrew's potluck favorites, holiday recipes and even recipes from our youngest chefs, our St. Andrew's youth. Our deadline to submit your recipes is **November 20, 2021**. The cookbook format will be in the upcoming newsletter and church service leaflet. Also, recipe collection boxes and writing cards will be in the parish hall. We will be responsible for arranging and printing. Please email, text or call Paula Stewart with any comments and questions, [renaissancepewhs@gmail.com](mailto:renaissancepewhs@gmail.com).

**ANCHORS AWAY!** Port Tampa Bay has scheduled the 2021 Anchor Ball after missing last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic! It will happen on **Saturday, December 11, 2021** at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC at 522 Howard Avenue in Tampa. Proceeds will benefit the Tampa Bay Maritime Scholarship Foundation and the Tampa Port Ministries. St. Andrew's has continued its annual support of the Seafarer's Ministry and this event by purchasing 6 tickets to the 2021 Anchor Ball for use by parishioners who want to share in this outreach ministry and have a great time in the process. There will be easy access parking (off Howard), complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, dinner, live auction and dancing, all beginning at 5:30 pm. All we need are some volunteers willing to open up their hearts, wallets or pocket books and put on some dress clothes for the evening (black tie optional). Tables will be appropriately spaced and other CDC/state safety guidelines will be observed (masks are optional). JCC has also enhanced its air filtration system inside. If you are interested in joining Irene and Peter Baker at the St. Andrew's table or want more information, please contact Pam Frost or Lauri Harder at 813/221-2035 to sign up. There is no cost to you! For additional information about the Seafarer's Ministry or the 2021 Anchor Ball, please contact Peter Baker at 813/230-0354 or [pbakerlaw@gmail.com](mailto:pbakerlaw@gmail.com).

## Youth News

**Sundays at 9:30am** Sunday school classes for preschool and elementary and youth confirmation classes for middle and high schoolers on our third floor.

**Sundays Nursery care in the nursery from 9:30 a.m. - Noon**

Nursery staff, who are fully vaccinated, will be taking all necessary precautions.

**Sundays Children's Chapel at 10:30 a.m.**

Join us for chapel time just for kids! Sing songs in worship, hear cool Bible stories, and much more! Our time in chapel lasts for about 40 minutes, and kids are brought in to their parents during the service at the passing of the peace.

Please email, call, or text me anytime for questions, to volunteer or inquire about serving, or to RSVP. Alicia Schmid: [aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com)

# Adult Christian Education

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### Sunday mornings at 9:30

#### ***Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today***

What if the Ten Commandments were not just a set of ancient rules, but a guide to experiencing the good life today?

Nearly everyone has heard of the Ten Commandments, the list of “thou-shalt-nots” found in the Bible. Jesus saw these commandments not as onerous burdens, but as guideposts to help us experience a good and beautiful life.

In *Words of Life*, Pastor Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, exploring the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving “thou shalt.” He also looks at how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one’s life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace.

This ten-week DVD series features Adam Hamilton teaching from locations in Egypt.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

11/07 – Do Not Bear False Witness

11/14 – Do Not Covet

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

#### ***Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent***

Dive deep into the history of the birth of Christ.

Advent is not only the perfect time to read the story of the birth of Jesus; it’s also a great time to dive deeper into the biblical texts that surround the event. In *Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent*, author and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine shows how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament; highlights the role of women in first-century Jewish culture; and emphasizes the importance of Mary’s visitation, the census, the stable, the star of Bethlehem, and the flight to Egypt. Amy-Jill Levine is Professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

Here is the line-up:

11/28 – The Meaning of Memory

12/5 – The Promise of Potential

12/12 – The Journey to Joy

12/19 – The Gifts of the Gentiles

*This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the parish building.*



## Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm Adult Inquirers' Class

New to St. Andrew's and the Episcopal Church? Or just trying to brush up on the faith? Then join us for this seven week series exploring the Episcopal Church. We will use *Looking at the Episcopal Church*, a book by The Rev. William Sydnor. We will comprehensively cover the church's symbols, customs, practices, history, creeds, sacraments, and mission. This class is required if you wish to be confirmed or received into the church during Bishop Garrison's visitation on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at the 10:30 service.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

November 9 – The Ordained Ministry and the Mission of the Church

November 16- Ministry of the Laity

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

## All Saints' Choral Evensong

We will celebrate **Choral Evensong** for All Saints' **Sunday, November 7th at 5:00p.m.** Choral Evensong, a service of sung prayer, is one of the most meaningful and unique services in *The Book of Common Prayer*. This year we will commemorate the faithful departed, especially those whose lives have been lost to Covid-19. Members of the Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir will sing "And I Saw a New Heaven," by Edgar Bainton, and *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in E-flat* by Charles Wood. The organ voluntaries will be from *Sonata III in A* by Felix Mendelssohn. Please save the date, plan to bring a friend, and join us via livestream or in person. A reception follows in the parish hall.

## Make a Make a Pledge for 2022

Please return your pledge card for 2022 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.

## Donations to Saint Andrew's



*In loving memory of*  
**Joanne Baldy**  
**Heddy & Andy Brown**  
**Hill, Ward & Henderson**

*In loving memory of*  
**Lee Witt Touchton**  
**Nathan Simpson**

*In loving memory of*  
**A.L & Joanne Baldy**  
**James & Linda Baldy**



*Remember:*  
*Gifts to*  
*St. Andrew's Foundation*  
*are a lovely way to*  
*remember a birthday,*  
*anniversary or any*  
*special occasion!*



**From the Parish Register**

## Deaths



Bill Dye  
Joy Bell

# THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

*Choral Eucharist*

*Thursday, November 25 - 10:00 a.m.*

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



# September Vestry Meeting Highlights

As of 9/13/21, there was \$190,531 in ops account and \$83,507 in the parish reserve account.

As of 9/13/21, there was \$33,222 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry. After a 5K advance payment to Done Right Roofing for the new rectory roof, we still owe \$17,530 for the rest of that project (which is due upon completion of the work, which finished up on 9/9). Total cost for project is \$22,530. We also owe 3.6K to Redhawk for their water intrusion detection of the leak at Children's Chapel lobby roof (just completed) and 3.2K to Alvaro Cruz for the Columbarium paver project (yet to be done).

Total available funds from Foundation principal for years 2018 thru 2021: \$253,667.

And there was \$3,143,596 in the Foundation principal as of 7/13/21, as opposed to \$2,929,677 on 12/31/20 (an increase of \$213,919 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 \$4,371 in grant money available for 2021. This fund is designated for church maintenance purposes.

On Sundays, there is Christian Education for children and adults at 9:30AM on the third floor. There is nursery care from 9:30AM until noon. Alicia has in-person Children's Chapel at 10:30AM. She is also doing a monthly youth activity off-site.

Confirmation Classes – Youth sessions will be during Sunday School at 9:30AM on Sunday mornings, beginning on 9/12 and running through 11/14.

Adult Inquirers' Class will be on Tuesday evenings at 7PM, 10/5 through 11/16 (seven sessions). Confirmation is on 11/21 at 10:30 service.

Sesquicentennial Celebration – St. Andrew's has turned 150 in 2021. Here is a list of possible events for the rest of the year:

Choral Evensong – All Saints' Sunday, 11/7 at 5PM (with reception hosted by Parish Life)

Bishop's Visitation & Confirmation – Sunday, 11/21 at both services (with reception catered, overseen by Parish Life)

Christmas Lessons & Carols – Sunday, 12/19 at 5PM (reception hosted by Parish Life)

Banquet – sometime next year?

Pictorial Directory – Pam and Lauri in office are working on this, it will be an online directory that can be continuously updated and shared electronically with parishioners. Hope to have this published by end of the year.

Newcomers' Dinner – Perhaps sometime early next year, depending on the Covid (hosted by the vestry at the rectory).

Chapel Lobby Ceiling Leak – Redhawk has used infrared and found the source of the leak. George will have a full report on where we go from here.

Church Leak – in NW corner of church, just to the right of the main entrance to the church from the courtyard. Rusty the Roofer will handle this.

## September 2021 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
<b>Revenues</b>	\$27,973	\$46,754	\$352,567	\$420,793
<b>Expenses</b>	\$59,939	\$48,776	\$435,175	\$438,991
<b>Net</b>	(\$32,002)	(\$2,021)	(\$82,607)	(\$18,197)

Columbarium Project – Awaiting start of project. We will pay Alvaro Cruz \$3,200 to remove all pavers from columbarium grounds, cut back on tree roots, and re-install the pavers. We also have parishioners willing to donate shrubbery, benches, and a fountain for this beautification project.

2022 Stewardship Campaign – will launch at the end of the month. Thanks, Gary, for heading this up! As has been our custom, we will be looking for folks willing to stand up and give a 2-3 minute stewardship oration/plug at Sunday services in October and November.

Pet Blessing – in church courtyard on Saturday, 10/9 at 10AM.

Virtual Diocesan Convention – will be on Saturday, 10/16. Delegates (Kathy, Paul, and Gray) will gather in the Parish Hall to partake in the virtual festivities. FYI: Diocesan apportionment for us for 2022 will be \$63,107, as opposed to \$63,666 in 2021.

Rector Vacation Dates – 9/30 thru 10/4, 10/15 thru 10/17. Fr. Stadel will fill in during that time.

#### **SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Gray Sanders – Absent**

**JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy-** Rectory roof was completed, however, it failed inspection due to some wood missing. The repairs were completed, and the subsequent inspection passed. George found the Redhawk consultant to be useful. He found the source of the leaks in the chapel lobby roof, and George will start work on rectifying the problem. Some of the solutions will be put in place immediately, and others will be addressed at a later date, on an ongoing basis. The current roofer (TNT) will take care of the immediate repairs at his cost. There is an additional small leak over the NW corner of the church. George has a proposal for \$4500 to be considered.

**Sue moved to accept the proposal for the roof work for \$4500 with funds coming from the Dan Curtis Fund. Richard seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Richard Ferlita-** Richard delivered his financial report. Among incoming monies, we received a check from 717 Parking for \$4,500 for the month.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**OUTREACH: Lori Taplow regarding Parish Life:** The Tea that Parish Life planned to host will be postponed until the next Evensong in the spring. Parish Life will do something else for the 11/7 Evensong reception. Lori and Kathy attended the Rally for LOVE In the Name of Christ. She found it very enlightening as to the needs and where we can help. They highlighted the issues of new mothers that are in need. They outlined how there are different ministries to help various needs, and we can choose where to participate. They have an extensive comprehensive program for helping families and individuals in need that includes their participation and efforts to better their lives, along with education programs to help them with budgeting, parenting and money management.

**HOMELESS: Sue MacIsaac:** Metropolitan Ministries is now setting up The Brigade at 8:30 am until 11:00 am on Fridays.

**Kathy Lawless reporting on 150 Celebration Dinner:** Followed up with Palm Ceia – holding January 14<sup>th</sup> as a possible date for the Dinner.

**Update on the Columbarium:** Richard said that 3 beautiful benches are being donated by Ashley Carl, 2 for the Columbarium, and 1 additional bench for the south garden.

Next Vestry Meeting will be Monday, October 18th, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ingrid Peterson  
Vestry Clerk



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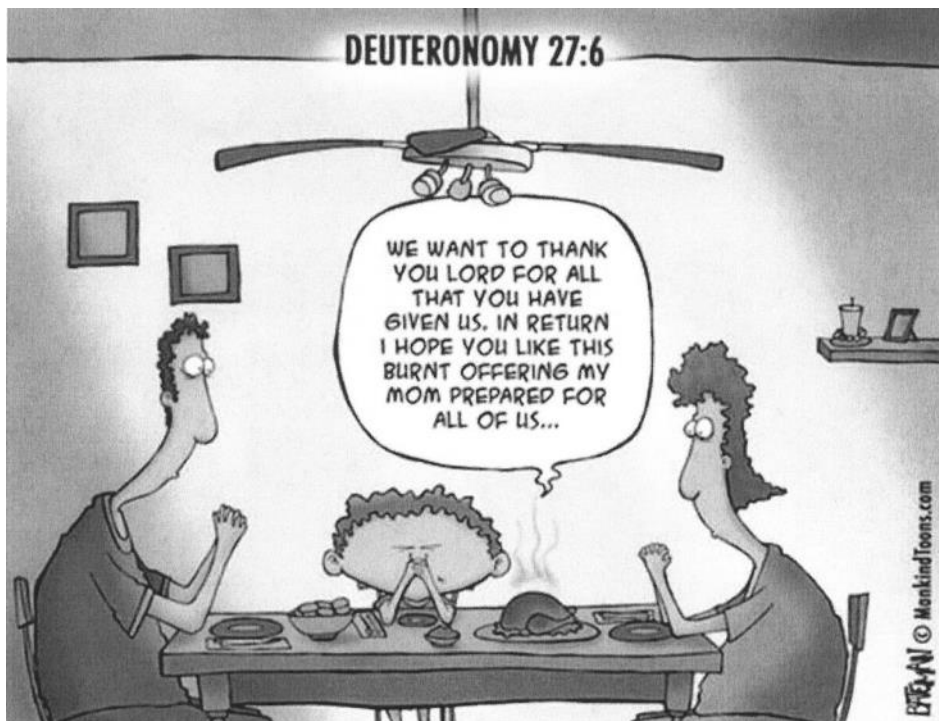
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### RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## TURKEY DINNERS FOR METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

(see page 3 for how you can help)



### 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  
Lauri in the church office.