



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✕ November 2022

Reverently Speaking

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

In the cartoon *Pontius' Puddle*, the pastor is shown giving Pontius a basket full of fruit, saying, "Here, Pontius. I'm giving food baskets to members who earn below the poverty line."

Pontius asks, "What makes you think my salary is that small."

The pastor responds, "I took your annual giving to the church and multiplied it by 10."

In his second letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul says, "The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (9:6). Whether you are growing melons or mission projects, Paul is absolutely right — you cannot expect significant results without making a significant investment. There will be no great harvest of pumpkins in the fields, or people in the pews, unless forward-thinking men and women are willing to sow bountifully by making significant investments of time and talent and treasure.

Researchers at Cornell University have conducted what they call "holier-than-thou" experiments to see just how generous people think they are, compared to how generous they think others are. Invariably, reports Julie Salamon in the book *Rambam's Ladder: A Meditation on Generosity and Why It Is Necessary to Give*, people judge themselves to be more generous than they really are, and they think others are less generous.

In one experiment, undergraduate students were given \$5 each, and then asked how much of this money they thought they would give to charity. On average, they thought they would give \$2.50, and their peers would give only \$1.80. In reality, the students gave \$1.53.

In *Robert Kennedy: His Life* (Touchstone, 2002), biographer Evan Thomas notes that Kennedy, a child of wealth and privilege, rarely carried cash, relying instead upon various members of his entourage to pick up his tabs.

One day Kennedy, a devout Catholic, attended mass with a friend, who dutifully placed a dollar in the collection plate on his behalf — only to hear the muttered protest: "Don't you think I'd be more generous than that?"

Which raises the question: If your neighbor was going to put in for you, how much would that neighbor put in?!

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As we move forward with our 2023 stewardship campaign, the words of Paul ring as true for us as they did for the people of Corinth.

When Paul writes that “God loves a cheerful giver” (9:7), what he says in the original Greek is that God loves a giver who is *hilaros* — the root of our English word “hilarious.” What God loves is a *hilarious* giver, a person who gives with spontaneous joy and laughter.

So, when was the last time that you actually laughed as you sat down to write your check to the church? Maybe you’re not giving at the level that will tip you over into hilarity. Or perhaps you’re not focusing enough on the joy that God is feeling, and that needy people are feeling, as a result of your generosity.

Hilarious giving. That’s the solution to the paradox that we are living with every day, the antidote to the unhappiness we are bound to feel as we spend our days in the middle of our self-obsessed secular society. We would all be better off if we were more grateful, more forgiving, and more spiritual.

We can capture a more hopeful view, but only by learning to give with joy and laughter. As we commit ourselves to Christian stewardship, both inside and outside the church, we will discover that God is truly able to provide us with every blessing in abundance (9:8). As we share our resources, we will find that we will be enriched in every way for our great generosity, and we will find ourselves filled with the “surpassing grace of God” (9:11-14). As we make sacrifices for others, we will come to see that money cannot buy happiness, but generosity can.

Who knows? We may even break out in laughter.

In a world that so often makes us feel rotten, hilarious giving is the key to contentment.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



St. Andrew’s Day

We will celebrate our patronal Feast of St. Andrew at both services on **Sunday, November 20th**. In addition, we will celebrate 151 years of ministry here at St. Andrew’s and dedicate the new mosaic in the columbarium area after the 10:30 service. There will also be 16 members of the City of Dunedin Pipe Band (courtesy of parishioner Nancy Turner) playing before and after the 10:30 service that day. *Please make it a point of being in church for this most festive occasion!*

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Choral Eucharist

Wednesday, November 23 ~ 7:00 p.m.

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



Outreach News

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 provided in the Parish Hall for your food donations. Gift cards for turkeys are also welcome, as are check donations made out to St. Andrew's with "Turkey Pack" in the memo line. Metropolitan Ministries has a critical need this holiday season to serve Tampa's less fortunate population, so let's make this our best year of giving ever!

The Outreach Committee will be meeting following the 10:30 service on **Sunday, November 6.**

ANCHOR BALL

Building on its successful post-COVID reintroduction of the Anchor Ball last year, Port Tampa Bay has scheduled the 2022 Anchor Ball for **Saturday, December 3, 2022**, at the PEPIN HOSPITALITY CENTRE (4121 N 50th St. in Tampa 33610), **beginning at 5:30 pm.** Proceeds will benefit the Tampa Bay Maritime Scholarship Foundation and the Tampa Port Ministries. St. Andrew's will continue its annual support of the Seafarer's Ministry and this event by purchasing 6 tickets to the 2022 Anchor Ball for use by parishioners. In addition, parishioners Peter and Irene Baker have donated their 2 tickets for the event to St. Andrew's as they will not be able to attend this year so the St. Andrew's table will have space for 8 parishioners. There will be plenty of available parking at the Centre, complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, dinner, live auction and dancing. All we need are some volunteers who want to share in this outreach ministry and are willing to put on some dress clothes for the evening (black tie optional) and open up their hearts, wallets or pocketbooks. Appropriate CDC/state safety guidelines will be observed (masks are optional). If you are interested in attending, Gary Cotter and Sharon Colucci will be the table hosts and point persons for questions (rather than the Bakers) and you can contact Gary at gwc@gate.net and 813/503-0740. You should also contact Pam Frost or Lauri Harder at 813/221-2035 to sign up.

There is no cost to you – so please sign up and have a great time in the process! ANCHORS AWAY!!

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

The Last Supper on the Moon: The Ocean of Space, the Mystery of Grace, and the Life Jesus Died for You to Have

Have you ever noticed that all throughout your life, the moon has been staring at you? Its presence in the sky is constant, yet impossible to fully grasp. The wonder of it caused David to write, "When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them?" (Psalm 8:3-4).

Centuries later, the pull of the moon led John F. Kennedy to make a declaration that the United States would send men to walk on its surface--a goal realized with the historic Apollo 11 mission. What's lesser known is that moments before leaving the lander, Buzz Aldrin partook of a special meal--the *Last Supper on the moon*. The lunar Last Supper was full of meaning, just as it had been when Jesus first took of the elements with his disciples.

In this five-session DVD study, author and pastor Levi Lusko journeys back in time and forward in hope, using the 1969 lunar mission as an analogy of God's mission of salvation. Along the way, he explores the wonder of God's love in sending Jesus from "outer space" to die for your sins--and how that incredible love has the power to transform your "inner space."

Here is the rest of the line-up:

11/6 – Obstacles in Orbit

11/13 – Mission Accomplished

11/20 – The Journey Home

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

Concert for All Saints' Sunday

This year we will celebrate All Saints' Sunday with a choral concert. The centerpiece of the concert will be John Rutter's most beloved masterwork, Requiem, as well as other anthems to commemorate the faithful departed. The concert will take place on **All Saints' Sunday, November 6 at 5 PM**, and it will be free and open to the public, although donations will be accepted at the door. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

We hope that you will plan to join us and invite your friends for this concert featuring the Louise Lykes Ferguson Memorial Choir and professional chamber orchestra, under the direction of Ryan Hebert and Coleman Flentge.

If you would be interested in sponsoring one of the chamber orchestra musicians (\$500 each) in honor or memory of a loved one, (cello, flute, timpani, harp, glockenspiel, oboe, and organ) please contact Pam Frost in the office (813-221-2035). And we thank you for your generous support of the Friends of Music at Saint Andrew's!

If you can help with set up, clean up and/or bring a dish to share for the reception following the concert, please contact Loueita Hargens at 813-760-9052.

Stewardship 2022

And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. Luke 9:16-17, NRSV

Dear St. Andrew's Family,

Leading the annual campaign is never easy, but it has its own rewards. One of those is to witness the power of how your gifts fund the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's in the community. Because of you, we can share our message of love with many, and this is the greatest gift!

We have been focusing on *Works, Wisdom, and Wealth* as we enter our annual campaign this year, and it falls on me to talk about Wealth. Each household has had a different financial experience of the pandemic, and this year's turbulent market and inflation have been rough on all of us. Even so, I am inspired by the ways you made and continued to make your financial gifts to sustain our ministry.

Our campaign theme is *More Than Enough*, and it comes from the end of Luke's version of the feeding of the five-thousand. Responding to Jesus' call, the gathered crowd turns their pockets inside out, shakes out their blankets, rummages through their parcels to find enough to take care of the needs of the community. And what do they realize? That by the miracle of faith and the action of Love, there was more than enough, an abundance of leftovers!

Our stewardship campaign is like that ancient story: each of us contributing what we can provides enough – enough to fund our operations and an abundance more to take care of our neighbors and plan for the future. Every gift is a miracle, a chance to change the world. And every gift is Love, the kind of love that protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres, as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians.

Thank you. Thank you for all that you do for our Church and for the world. Today I am asking you to consider what you will pledge to our community in the coming year to sustain our ministry and to serve our neighbors. Every gift of wealth, works, and wisdom goes toward our ministry and mission, and yours is essential to us. I ask that you pray with us as we launch our annual gathering of gifts and gratitude, and consider how you will contribute your gift of wealth.

In the spirit of love,

Gary Cotter

Vestry Stewardship Chair

MORE THAN ENOUGH



In gratitude for God's many blessings, I/we pledge \$_____.

I/we plan to fulfill this pledge ____weekly, ____monthly, ____semiannually, ____annually.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

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

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September Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT

As of 8/29/22, there was \$155,076 in ops account and \$76,283 in the parish reserve account.

As of 6/30/22, there was \$21,119 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry.

Total available funds from principal for years 2018 thru 2022: \$328,011.

There was \$2,725,845 in the Foundation principal as of 6/30/22, as opposed to \$3,218,925 on 12/31/21 (a decrease of \$493,080 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. This fund is designated for church maintenance purposes. We spent the 2021 allocation of \$4,250 to pay TNT Roofing for repairs to the NW corner of church roof.

Pictorial Directory – Pam & Lauri in office are working on this, it will be an online directory that can be continuously updated & shared electronically w/ parishioners. Pam is currently learning to operate Realm (which is the update for ACS, our current software system). Her goal is to then have the directory up & running by autumn.

Columbarium Project – Mosaic is a work in progress (we recently paid \$2,500 from the Foundation to kick start the project). We are currently advertising this giving opportunity parish-wide. As of 9/6, 47 donors have given \$15,225 for this project. Price quote from the artist is \$10,120 for the mural and \$1,840 for travel and installation (for a total of \$11,960). Mural has been shipped and should arrive on 9/12 or 9/13. Artist will install it the weekend of September 16-18. Dedication will take place after the 10:30 service on Sunday, 11/20, along with catered luncheon. The artist will attend church on the 18th of September.

Sexton on Vacation – Anguel makes his annual trip to Bulgaria 8/10 - 10/16. (He'll be paid for his vacation days accrued, but certainly not for the whole time he's away.) We'll use temp (David Dickinson from parishioner Mike Dickinson's Staff Source firm) during Anguel's absence. Financially, it should be a wash.

Leaks – Chapel Lobby leak is no more. However, we have a few new leaks in the church. (You may have noticed buckets in a couple of places there.)

Deanery Convocation – was on 9/7 at Ascension, Clearwater. Lori, Loueita, Brad, and yours truly attended. This was the prep meeting before diocesan convention.

Bishop Co-adjutor Situation – The Rev. Doug Scharf began work w/ the Diocese on 7/1. He will be consecrated/ordained as a bishop on Sat, 9/24 at 11AM at the Van Wezel in Sarasota. Bishop Smith will retire at the end of this calendar year. Thus, the Diocese will be paying two salaries for a 6 month time period. Diocesan clergy will meet with the Presiding Bishop on Fri, 9/23 at 11AM at St. Boniface on Siesta Key.

Blessing of the Animals – will be on Saturday, 10/1 at 10AM in the courtyard. Bring your furry, feathered or scaly friend to the service.

Diocesan Convention – Saturday, 10/15 at the Punta Gorda Convention Center (with optional workshops on Friday, 10/14). Our delegates are Lori, Loueita, Brad, and yours truly.

Oktoberfest – Sunday, 10/16 in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service, hosted by the Outreach Committee. *Brats und bier! Wunderbar!*

Choir Concert – for All Saints' Sunday, 11/6 at 5PM, with reception hosted by Parish Life afterward in Parish Hall.

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September 2022 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$41,461	\$50,564	\$363,024	\$455,076
Expenses	\$67,190	\$50,564	\$459,883	\$455,076
Net	(\$25,729)	(\$0)	(\$96,859)	(\$0)

Mosaic Dedication & Parish Luncheon – Sunday, 11/20, after the 10:30 service.

Planned Giving – The Foundation Board would like the parish to begin a serious effort at promoting planned giving. We could create a legacy society that would ask folks to include St. Andrew's in their estate planning. This could even be incorporated into the annual stewardship campaign, which needs to launch the end of September.

2023 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 to give a 2-3 minute stewardship oration/plug at Sunday services in October & November. Gary will write the letter for the first pledge card mailing (end of September), followed by Senior Warden (end of Oct), Treasurer (end of Nov), and Rector (early Jan).

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT: Richard Felita. He shared that we have \$15,825 to date for mural; the church is short \$3,200 for the project. The funds are for the mosaic, along with the food, tent and security on 11/20. The mural will be installed 9/15 to 9/17. Nancy Turner will speak at both Sunday services on 9/18 and introduce the artist to parishioners.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT: Richard Chapman. Richard C shared that he has fixed the faucet in the ladies restroom on the first floor and mulched the playground area. Richard C shared that the second-floor restrooms could be refreshed with new toilet partitions (which have not been changed since the 1960s) at a cost of \$6,100. **Barbara B made a motion to accept spending \$6,100.00 on the update of the bathroom; the motion was seconded by Loueita Hargens.** There was discussion on why we are doing a less expensive refresh rather than a total renovation. Richard C will research cost of replacing flooring in both restrooms and present those numbers at the next vestry meeting. **The motion to spend the \$6,100 was withdrawn by Barbara B.** Richard C stated we are still working on fixing the irrigation system around the parking lot perimeter. Kathy Lawless asked about the possibility of repairing the exterior light above the kitchen doors.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lori Taplow stated that "I don't see anything noteworthy in the numbers, nothing atypical and we are down budget against actuals." There was discussion about various line items in the restricted accounts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOMELESS MINISTRY: Kathy Lawless. The ministry is going well, and Kathy thanked Pam Frost for helping with some administrative tasks. There is an event this week that provides vision, dental and medical call for those in need being held at the Convention Center and the ministry is giving out that type of information in flyers for the homeless. They are in the need of a volunteer to pick up and drop off sandwiches at St. Andrew's for every Monday in October. We are consistently serving 45 to 60 people.

PARISH LIFE. Pam Curry. On November 6th Parish Life will be hosting the reception in the Parish Hall after the choir concert. Loueita will coordinate this event for Pam, who will be out of town. Regarding the 11/20 luncheon and mural dedication, Pam noted that she and Richard are meeting on 9/21 with the catering company and the tent company on site to ensure that details are ironed out. Invitations to parishioners will be sent out by the third week in September. Vestry members must remind guests to RSVP in order to facilitate head count. There will be several reminders in the bulletin to RSVP. There will be a simple buffet lunch that day. Pam gave information about the tent set-up, which will be located in the parking lot. There was discussion about particulars regarding the dedication and luncheon.

HELPING HANDS: Barbara Brotherton. No report.

MEDIA MINISTRY: Paul Scheuer. Paul expressed thanks for Doug Rubottom and Jan Smith for volunteering to run the livestream on Sunday mornings. Ryan and Coleman had previously posted some fine video sessions on the St. Andrew's YouTube channel that included organ music and info about St. Andrew's. Paul spoke to them about doing more of those type of videos on behalf of St. Andrew's. Paul is researching the possibility of replacing the two recording microphones that hang in the front chandeliers of the church.

OUTREACH: Chris Capsambelis. Chris reminded us about Oktoberfest after the 10:30 service on Sunday, 10/16. In support of Metropolitan Ministries, turkey packing will start in November and collections and delivery will be on Saturday, 11/19. Recommendation is to put up the Gabriel Giving Tree by 11/20. On Sunday, 12/4, Outreach will have the Fish Fry after the 10:30 service.

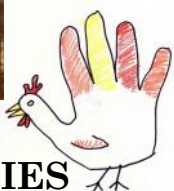
STEWARDSHIP. Gary Cotter. Gary shared that the Episcopal Network for Stewardship has bulletin inserts for stewardship that relate that Sunday's gospel with the stewardship concept. Gary recommends that those be printed and put into the bulletins for the next several Sundays. Father agreed to do that.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



TURKEY DINNERS FOR METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

(see page 3 for how you can help)

THE NEW RECTOR AT HIS FIRST 8AM SERVICE



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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for the following month's
newsletter. Submit articles to
Lauri in the church office.