

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida 💌 April 2016



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" Matthew 28:19-20

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Just a few months ago, there was a lot of online buzz about the NETFLIX serial, "Making a Murderer." The events take place in what NETFLIX calls the "heartland of America" and takes a close look "inside a high-stakes criminal case." The mini-series was filmed over a 10-year period and focuses on Steven Avery who was accused, tried and convicted in 1985 of the sexual assault and attempted murder of Penny Beerntsen.

Avery spent 18 years in prison for this crime, a crime he didn't commit - an inconvenient truth uncovered by the Innocence Project. After being released in 2003 because DNA evidence exonerated him, he filed a \$36 million lawsuit against the county and various individuals connected to the case. Then, two years later, he was arrested and charged with the murder of Teresa Halbach, a local photographer.

Controversy aside, the show has been a huge success for NETFLIX and has generated tsunami-level conversations on social media sites and online news sources.

The title itself is suggestive. What does medical research tell us today as to what, precisely, turns an infant with no moral consciousness into an adult with no moral consciousness and a person who will someday commit the most grisly crimes? There was a time when the problem was thought to be in the brain, and that a frontal lobotomy would turn a violent person into a compliant one. How is a murderer "made"? Is the family and cultural environment to blame? Or, is the perpetrator simply born with violent, antisocial and sociopathic tendencies? Perhaps the truth lies in a mix of these speculations.

NEFLIX implies that the murderer was *made*. Something - some agency - acted upon Avery. Some external force fashioned him as though he was a chock of wood for the woodcarver or a block of granite for a sculptor. Something molded him, formed him into a murderous monster. This is what is suggested by the title, "Making a Murderer."

"The making of ..." is a common expression:

- The Making of a Lady (novel and PBS 90-minute movie),
- The Making of a Nation (various media)
- *The Making of a Man* (Christian-themed book by Tim Brown, Heisman trophy winner at Notre Dame and NFL wide receiver for the Oakland Raiders)
- The Making of a Terrorist (NPR interview, and title of numerous op-ed pieces)

Is it possible that the church has a stronger role to play in "making" or "turning" (continued)

people into disciples of Jesus Christ than we have heretofore considered? Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

We have one thing to do: make disciples. Jesus called disciples. We should, too.

The disciples lived with Jesus. We should, too. But, wait! We can't. Not in any literal sense. Jesus is gone, and, if we are to make disciples, the only "Jesus" they can spend time with is us.

Dallas Willard emphasizes disciples as *apprentices*. In the medieval period, apprentices might be as young as 10 years old. They lived with their master craftsmen teachers year after year, studying and learning the trade and honing their skills. Then, as masters themselves, they hung up their own shingle and took on an apprentice of their own, thereby continuing the cycle. With Jesus gone, making disciples falls upon us, who presumably have been apprenticed to Jesus for some time and can now be considered "masters" who can take on "apprentices," who will someday take on their own disciples.

Do we understand that our "job" is, first, to be a disciple of Jesus (baptized and taught to obey), and then to call someone else (a friend, colleague or fellow churchgoer) to be an apprentice under our care and guidance?

Who is your apprentice right now? Who is learning from you? Who is watching how you "do" the teachings of Jesus?

The NETFLIX people are not likely to follow you for a 10-year period. But if they did, what would they find? Would they find someone who had been "made" and "turned" into a follower of Jesus? It could be an amazing story.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. John Reese



New Altar Hangings & Vestments

Our beautiful new white and gold altar hangings and vestments come to us courtesy of Jeff & Maggie Coleman. This set will be used during the Great Fifty Days of Easter each year. The Colemans are giving these festive paraments in honor of all the rectors who have served at St. Andrew's since its founding in 1871. We are most grateful for the Coleman's kindness and generosity. Please make it a point to thank Jeff & Maggie for their gift when you see them!

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Primero de Mayo (in celebration of Cinco de Mayo) Outreach Mexican Buffet

Sunday, May 1 after the 10:30am service Enjoy this grande Mexican buffet lunch knowing that proceeds will go to VBS scholarships for Cornerstone Kids! Adults \$10, Kids \$5, Outreach team will sell tickets in advance.

Mother's Day Brunch

Prepared by the men of St. Andrew's Sunday, May 8
after the 8:00am and 10:30am services



Parish Picnic coming soon!



It is time again for the St Andrew's Spring Picnic. Earl and Jan Smith have graciously offered to host the family picnic at their home on **Sunday**, **May 15** starting around 1:30pm. Their address is 3627 Berger Road in Lutz. Please look for the sign-up sheet to let us know what you can contribute. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the church. Come join a fun-

filled day of fire truck rides, games and fellowship.

Choir Goes to Guatemala

Follow the traveling choir in Central America! A portion of the choir will be traveling to Guatemala between April 16th and April 25th, to represent St. Andrew's and the Diocese of Southwest Florida in a musical mission. They will sing for Sunday liturgy at St. James' Church in Guatemala City, and St. Alban's in Antigua Guatemala. They will also visit an Episcopal mission church where the services are done partly in the Mayan dialect known as "Quiche" (pronounced kee-CHAY, not like the egg pie!). They will give a concert at the historic colonial church of La Merced, in Antigua, where they will also present three violins to the children of a youth orchestra sponsored by this Catholic church. Many thanks to the Polley and Kent families for donating these instruments! You can follow the traveling choir via their blog at saintandrewschoir.blogspot.com. Please keep the traveling singers in your prayers as they undertake this musical adventure.

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

2016 FUN UPCOMING EVENTS



Youth & Children's Spring Fling!

WHEN: Sunday, April 17 from 12-2 p.m.

WHO: Children ages 4 & up (grades 5 & up can stay with-

out a parent present). Volunteers also needed!

WHERE: Starts on the 6th floor, ends in the courtyard

WHY: To celebrate spring with tons of fun, fellowship, and food! This will be a potluck lunch (*please RSVP*). Water games will also be played in the courtyard after lunch and fellowship time, so please have your child or teen bring a

towel and water gun, and wear their bathing suit (one-piece suits for girls please) under comfortable clothing and close-toed shoes that can get wet.

Graduation Sunday!

WHEN: Sunday, May 22, during 10:30 Service

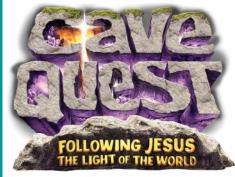
WHO: 2016 High School & College Graduates of St. Andrew's

WHERE: In the Sanctuary during the 10:30 service

WHY: To recognize 2016 graduates and encourage them as they make

their way to college or into the workplace.





Vacation Bible School 2016! Cave Quest!

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

VBS planning meetings will take place after the 10:30 service on April 3rd, April 24th, and May 22nd.

Trainings will take place June 12th & 26th.

Official VBS registration opens March 29th!

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

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

WHY: To share Christ's amazing love with our children!

FOR MORE INFO, TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD/REN OR TO VOLUNTEER AT VBS 2016:

Please contact Alicia Schmid at <u>aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org</u> or call 813-221-2035

Also, there's lots more going on here at St. Andrew's for children & youth, so please check out our website at www.saintandrewstampa.org/christian-education/childrens-ministry

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St. Andrew's Episcopal VBS 2016 Registration Form

Fill out this form to register children, youth volunteers, and/or adult volunteers for VBS 2016, July 11, 2016-July 15, 2016

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Welcome Happy Morning! Easter at Saint Hndrew's























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Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am The Faith of a Mockingbird A Small Group Study Connecting Christ and Culture

Pastor and author Matt Rawle is on a mission. He sees Christ all around him-in books, movies, TV shows, rock music-and he wants to share what he sees. As Matt says, "God offers the raw ingredients, and 'culture' is whatever we cook up." In The Faith of a Mockingbird, based on Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird, Rawle uses Lee's beloved characters to explore Christian faith, theology, and ethics. Join Scout, Atticus Finch, Boo Radley, and Tom Robinson in this four-week study considering God's world and what it all means. Each week we will view a short DVD focusing on a particular character from the book, then have discussion.

Here is the line-up:

April 10 – Using the song of the mockingbird, Rawle describes how cultural movements affect the church and church life challenges culture, like the movements of a Spirit-inspired dance.

April 17 – Rawle uses Atticus Finch to describe the difference between a hero and a saint, and how Christ calls us to put aside our heroic aspirations for a saint's holy calling.

April 24 – In order to explain the difficulty of recognizing systemic racism, Rawle uses how a choir stays in tune to show how easy it is for a system to miss the mark.

May 1 – Using the mystery of Boo Radley, Rawle explains how the more we practice God's will, the more our holy imagination can capture who God is and what God is doing in the world.

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

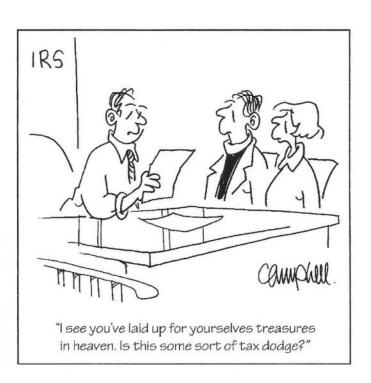
Bible Study: Thursday mornings at 10:30am

Revelation: 22 Studies for Individuals and Groups

N.T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guides

Many regard Revelation as the hardest book in the New Testament. It is full of strange, lurid, and sometimes bizarre and violent imagery. As a result, people who are quite at home in the Gospels, Acts and Paul find themselves tiptoeing around Revelation with a sense that they don't really belong there. But they do! This book offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God's ultimate purpose for the whole creation. Here we see how the powerful forces of evil can be and are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah and the consequent costly victory of his followers.

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



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Book Club: Our next book is *Marjorie Morningstar* by Herman Wouk. We'll meet at Beth Hult's home, 5110 Sterling Manor Drive, Tampa, 33647. This a dinner party, so we'll start at **6:30pm** on **May 10**.

A starry-eyed young beauty, Marjorie Morgenstern is nineteen years old when she leaves New York to accept the job of her dreams-working in a summer-stock company for Noel Airman, its talented and intensely charismatic director. Re-

leased from the social constraints of her traditional Jewish family, and thrown into the glorious, colorful world of theater, Marjorie finds herself entangled in a powerful affair with the man destined to become the greatest-and the most destructive-love of her life.

Rich with humor and poignancy, *Marjorie Morningstar* is a classic love story, one that spans two continents and two decades in the life of its heroine. This unforgettable paean to youthful love and the bittersweet sorrow of a first heartbreak endures as one of Herman Wouk's most beloved creations.

Safeguarding all God's Children Training: Now that we have our new Vestry members elected, we will be scheduling a Safeguarding class this Spring for all who need it. Vestry, VBS volunteers, and anyone who comes in contact with children, even only once a year or sporadically, must be certified that they have had the training. We need to keep our children and youth safe! The training shows us how to recognize potential safety issues as well as warning signs that a child may be abused. Call Alicia Schmid if you need the training: 813-221-2035 or email aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org.



Calling all Graduates!! If you have a soon-to-be graduate in your family, let us know so we can honor them on Sunday, May 22nd during the 10:30am service!! Please contact Alicia Schmid at

aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org with the following info:

- Graduate's name
- A picture of the grad
- The name of the high school they graduated from if a high school grad, and their future university or career goals
- OR university they are graduating and future career goals
- The graduate's favorite Bible verse
- One fun fact about the graduate

Each graduate will be honored individually!



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

April: Soap (new bars of soap)

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

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February Vestry Meeting Highlights

Rector's Report - Fr. Reese:

- As of 1/16, there was \$208K in ops account. There is \$135K in the Foundation's checking/CDs monies available to the vestry. We also have \$38K available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 2.25% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2015. We have another \$43K available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 2.5% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2016. We have \$68K in the parish reserve account. And there was \$1,724,209 in Foundation principal as of 12/31 (a drop of 33K for 2015). There is also approximately \$89K in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$3,794 in unused grant money available from 2015 and approximately \$3,400 in grant money to be made available to us for 2016 (restricted to being spent on building maintenance.
- The Vestry signed a diocesan form recommending Jerry Sather for ordination to the diaconate.
- The Parochial Report was presented for signatures and Vestry approval. Mr. Getz voted to approve, Ms. Roberts seconded. All agreed. No discussion.
- Diocesan Convention is scheduled for October 15. Irene Baker, George Levy, and Amy Ramirez volunteered to be delegates and Peter Baker volunteered to be the alternate delegate.
- Pledges for 2016 indicate we still need another \$12K in order to have a balanced budget. Fr. Reese will provide names of past pledgers who are still remiss in pledging for 2016.
- Fr. Stadel's surgery went well and he is at home. He has retired from St. Andrew's. There was discussion on having a little retirement party for him when he feels better and is on the mend.
- Fr. Reese asked for approval of the purchase of a carpet cleaner for \$400. Ms. Brown made a motion to approve. Mr. Watson seconded. All voted yes. No discussion.
- There is currently a need to upgrade to the free version of Windows 10. This will require the purchase of two new computers to be used by Fr. Reese and Kathy Jenkins. The hardware upgrade will cost a total of \$1,708. Mr. Getz made a motion to approve the expense. Mr. Morgan seconded. All voted yes. No discussion.
- Gino's at 10006 N. Armenia was selected as the site for the Vestry retreat. There will be a buffet, salad, bread and dessert for about \$15 per person. It was agreed to meet on April 9, 2016, from 10 a.m. 3 p.m. Irene offered to facilitate the meeting using the Myers Briggs "type" personality indicator that each vestry member could take online. Since this meeting is so close to the monthly vestry meeting, and since so many vestry members will be in Guatemala during the second half of April, it was agreed to cancel the meeting on April 18 and hold the regular monthly vestry meeting in conjunction with the vestry retreat on April 9. There is also a diocesan-wide Vestry retreat at DaySpring on Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. 3 p.m. on May. (continued)

February 2016 Operating Summary								
	MTD Actual	MTD Budgeted	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted				
Revenues	\$40,808	\$47,607	\$89,743	\$95,215				
Expenses	\$35,686	\$47,607	\$96,962	\$95,215				
Net	\$5,121	\$0	(\$7,218)	\$0				

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Committee assignments are as follows:

Christian Education: Jim Morgan (chair), Beverley

Brown

Foundation Liaison: Jeff Coleman

Helping Hands: Irene Baker (chair), Peter Baker

Outreach Committee: Loueita Hargens (co-chair), Holly

Clemmons (co-Chair), Jim Morgan

Building & Grounds Committee: George Levy (chair), Al

Getz

Parish Life: Amy Ramirez (chair), Cate Hammer

Stewardship: Kristi Roberts

Welcoming Committee: Peter Baker, Jeff Coleman

• Much discussion regarding Sacred Heart's space and parking needs. Fr. Reese will get more information, particularly whether St. Andrew's "not interested in building a parking garage" would be a deal-breaker as to Sacred Heart still being interested in renting space.

Senior Warden: Jeff reported on cabinets donated and suggested Chris Cobb could possibly replace some pictures with newer and fresher ones. Along with this there was discussion on getting Wi-Fi for the narthex to promote a Facebook page. Also discussed outgoing Vestry members to create a list of duties and experiences for their various committees. Amy volunteered to put it all together in a handbook.

Junior Warden: George reported on the on-going mission of getting quotes and going about the best way to move forward on the repairs of the cracks in the church, especially where water intrusion is a major problem.

Treasurer: Peter Baker said the situation was standard. The largest expense was the quarterly payment for property insurance.

Outreach: Loueita reported a well-attended meeting the past Sunday. Easter Boxes of Hope and the request for washcloths for March's Klean Kits will be in next Sunday's bulletin. Holly reported that her nephew would be in charge of supplying and cooking the fish for the next St. Andrew's Day Fish Fry. This information was well received. We will be very happy to have SnookMan helping us out this year.

Irene Baker is putting shawls in the church for use by those who get chilly during service and would like this and other stewardship items to be included in the bulletin.

EASTER FLOWERS

Fraser Gray in memory of Bowman Gray, Jr., Elizabeth Christian Gray,

Bowman Gray III, Frank Christian Gray, Peyton Randolph

Gray, The Right Reverend Thomas Augustus Fraser,

Marjorie Rimbach Fraser

These memorials were received after the print deadline for the Easter programs

Donations to Saint Andrew's **Foundation**

In Loving Memory of Jerry Fogarty

Mr. H. Lee Culbreath
Dr. Edward Proctor
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Reeves
Mr. & Mrs. James Robbins
Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Simpson



Hospital Admissions

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please notify the church office so that you may be prayed for and visited.



From the Parish Register

Marriages

Thomas Evans & Darby Smith James Truran & Jennifer Bennett Bruno Pignano & Jessica Souto

Transfers In

Milton & Georgia Vahue, from All Saints, Great Neck, NY

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Join us for the Parish Picnic! Sunday, May 15... see inside for details!

THOUGHTS ON THE OCCASION OF THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW RECTOR.



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.

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