

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ► May 2016



You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?

—Matthew 5:13

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Did you know that Jesus was a member of the world's oldest profession? No, not *that* profession! The truly oldest profession was declared by God in Genesis 2:15 when the first human being was put in the garden and divinely ordered to "tend and till the garden." So the world's oldest profession is gardening.

Gardening remains the passion of millions of Americans (75 million of us, making gardening America's #1 leisure activity). Nowadays, most tillers of the soil have an awareness of our ecological connections. In gardening organics are definitely "in", the "cides" (pesticides, herbicides) are "out.' Instead of stocking up on toxic sprays, savvy gardeners are picking up sacks of lady bugs, bats and praying mantis. Even those who make their living from contained chemical warfare have tried to resculpt their image. Lawn care specialists have exchanged names such as "ChemLawn" for more environmentally friendly monikers, such as "Ecoscape."

Just as the First Adam was called to be a gardener, so too was Jesus, the Second Adam. (Remember: In what form did Jesus first appear after his resurrection? Why did Mary fail to recognize him? Who did she think he was?) Jesus constantly used agricultural images. He talked more like a gardener than a rabbi. There is a definite "earthiness" to all of his sayings. When Jesus called his disciples to be "the salt of the earth," he was comparing their role in the world to the role the dungheap played in the agricultural practices of his day. Salt, like manure, was not of any use when clumped together by itself. Salt and manure were meant to be worked into the soil - enriching the productivity of the whole field with their presence.

Christians are called to stimulate the growth of truth and righteousness - to increase the production of goodness in the world. The church, the body of Christ, is the salt - the dungheap, the compost pile, the manure that must find its way into and fertilize the barren soil of lonely, hopeless souls.

Like a pinch of leaven in the dough; like a sprinkle of salt or a shovelful of manure in the flowerbed; or even like a single simple carpenter's son wandering within a tiny, primitive country, God has always had a way of making a little go a long way.

Salt is a doubly descriptive image of this principle at work. As well as being a kind of soul-enriching fertilizer, salt also makes us thirsty. Bars know that by putting out free snacks like salty peanuts and pretzels they will increase patrons' thirst and thus their drink (continued)

sales. In the same way the church as salt should stimulate the thirst of others for the good things of God, for the amazing things of the Spirit.

Jesus loved images of growth. The "good seed," the mustard seed, the dying seed - all are gardening parables of growth. After Pentecost, when the church was called into being by the presence of the Holy Spirit, it was designated as a growing thing - the body of Christ. Thus we are all called to be gardeners - no matter what else we may be doing. And what do gardeners do? Gardeners grow things. As members of the body of Christ, we are called to grow a life, grow a soul, grow a community.

A cartoon in *The New Yorker* showed a preacher in one of those open, wrought-iron pulpits much like the one at St. Andrew's. The preacher, visible head-to-toe, is highly exercised. In one of the front pews, a child is bending to his mother and saying: "Mommy, what will he do if he gets out of there?"

Being salt, fertilizing postmodern cultural barrenness, means getting deep beneath the hard-baked surface. It requires mixing things up, turning the top to the bottom again and again until all the old stratifications in the soil have been destroyed. Preachers permanently perched in their pulpits, and congregations glued to their pews, are useless sterile clumps.

The rediscovery of organic substances and methods for growing rich, healthy crops underlines the way God would have the "salt of the earth" work in the midst of this Christ-starved culture. We are not to artificially impose attitudes that will stimulate unnatural growth in one part of the body while damaging another. The spirit of God is manifest in liberal and conservative, Protestant and Catholic, male and female, black and white, rich and poor. Fertilizing the soil will bring forth a variety of crops, not just one. God has always been a great proponent of both biodiversity and spiritual diversity.

Is St. Andrew's ready to exchange its stained glass image for a more "earthy," more "salty" one? The honored place which the church has been called to inhabit is in the midst of the world's dungheaps, as salt for the earth.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. John Reese

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.

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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 pontoon boat rides, canoes to paddle, games and fellowship. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on, insect

repellent, and towels for swimmers!

The Almighty and Francis of Assisi: A Conversation

GOD: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it - sometimes twice a week. *(continued)*

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GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. Saint Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

SAINT CATHERINE: Dumb and Dumber, Lord. It's a story about....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from Saint Francis.

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

2016 FUN UPCOMING EVENTS



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.)

A final VBS planning meeting will take place after the 10:30 service on 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 volun-

teers (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

OR

www.saintandrewstampa.org/christian-education/vouth-ministry



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!

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Official VBS 2016 Shopping List!

Flickering Battery Operated	Colored Drinking Straws		Sm Bottles of White Vinegar
Candles (10-15)	Duct Tape	_	(10)
Large Projector Screens	Cotton Balls		Paint/ Spray Paint—
(2-3 to borrow)	Tennis Balls		Various Colors (Black too)
Short throw projectors	Sponges		Glow in the Dark Paint/ Spray
(2-3 to borrow)	Small Solid Colored Blankets	П	Glow in the Dark Décor Items
Flat White Twin-sized sheets (2-3)	Flashlights		Paint Brushes
Solid Colored Bed Sheets	2 Hot Knifes (to borrow)		Tarps
(any size, 3-5)	Styrofoam Slabs		Contact Paper
Packing Peanuts	Large Glow Stars		8' X 4' Foam Board Pieces
Brown Butcher Paper	Black Lights (to Borrow)		Black Poly Sheeting
Large Rocks or Geodes	Cardboard Tubes		Bottled Water
(to borrow for the set)	Artificial Greenery		Full-Size Candy Bars (NUT
Miner style helmets with light	Large Pieces of Cardboard		FREE)
(to borrow)	Large Brown Sheets		Packaged NUT-Free Snacks
Large pieces of Styrofoam—	Rope Lights		Cave Quest Items such as stickers, posters, etc. (Found
various shapes— cones,	Large Blue Tarp		Online)
blocks, etc.	24 1-lb boxes of cornstarch		15 Plain Medium Sized Tote
Whistles with lanyard	3 Solid Color Beach Towels		Bags
Buckets	Large Bird Feathers		Fog machine (to borrow)
Pool Noodles	Unsalted, Gluten-Free snacks		Thin Pieces of PVC Pipe
Beach Balls	Battery Operated Lantern		Clear Zip Ties
Eco-friendly spray chalk	Small Spotlight		Thin Light Blue Plastic Table
Cotton Tube Socks	Diffuser of Vaporizer (to bor-		Cloths
Rope	row)		Spray Foam
Small Spray Bottles (6-10)	Pint-Sized Glass Jars (10-15)		Brown Paper Grocery Bags
Sponge Balls (Nerf Balls)			Volunteer Appreciation Items

Contact Alicia Schmid at aschmid@saintandrewstampa.org or call the office for questions!

Please let Alicia know which items you can provide, so we can tick them off the list!

Thanks for your support!

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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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Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

Hollywood Jesus: A Small Group Study Connecting Christ and Culture

Matt Rawle, Pastor of The Well United Methodist Church in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, 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." Hollywood Jesus is Rawle's study of Jesus and Christ figures in films including Cool Hand Luke, The Lion King, The Truman Show, and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. Explore what happens when script meets Scripture, when pop culture encounters the King of kings and Lord of lords. Hollywood Jesus is a four-week study that explores some of cinema's most famous Jesus movies, as well as movies that have nothing to do with Jesus but teach important truths about our faith, in order to discover what we can learn from the Jesus of Hollywood and how film can be a medium for spreading the Gospel message.

Here is the line-up:

 $May \ 8-\ From\ Scripture\ to\ Script$

May 15 – The Jesus of Now . . . Whenever "Now" Is

May 22 – The Gospel According To . . .

May 29 - Everyone's Story

This class, facilitated by the rector, meet sin 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.



Columbarium niches now available

The new columbarium, located north of the Children's Chapel, is now complete and arrangements can be made for eternal rest at St. Andrew's. Each niche can hold two urns, and the cost per niche is \$2000. For more information contact the Rector.

Hospital Admissions

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

ST. ANDREW'S FOUNDATION

We are fortunate to have the St. Andrew's Foundation, where many families request gifts be made in memory of their loved ones. If you wish to make a memorial, the check must be made to St. Andrew's Foundation, and mailed to 509 E. Twiggs Street, Tampa, 33602. At this time we do not have the capacity to accept gifts to the Foundation electronically. Foundation monies are kept completely separate from the church operating account, so do not make your check to St. Andrew's Church if you wish for it to go to the Foundation! If you have any questions, please call Pam Frost, our Administrator, at 221-2035.

Donations to Saint Andrew's **Foundation**

In Loving Memory of Jerry Fogarty Preston & Laura Farrior Ann Knight Schell Mr. & Mrs. John Wolfe

In Loving Memory of Jason Krivy Barbara Reeves

In Loving Memory of Nellie Pearce Tampa Maid Foods Michelle Welsh Mr. H. John Wolfe Mr. & Mrs. G.J. Zistler



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.

May: Socks (men's, white or black) Also, we still need (April) Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

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!

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March Vestry Meeting Highlights

Rector's Report - Fr. Reese:

- As of 3/14/16, there was \$223K 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 at their meeting on 2/8/16. We have \$69K in the parish reserve account. And there was \$1,724,209 in the Foundation principal as of 12/31. There is also about \$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 (these monies are restricted to being spent on building maintenance).
- Stewardship Campaign We currently have 182 pledges for \$453,959 (as compared to 174 pledges for 438K in 2015). So we have about \$16K more in pledges for 2016 as compared to 2015 that's a 4% increase. This should ensure a balanced budget for 2016.
- Bach Bash on Thursday, March 31, at 6:30pm beginning at Sacred Heart, then moving to St. Andrew's. Great organ and choral music of Johann Sebastian, followed by Bach birthday cake in our parish hall.
- Parish Picnic on Sunday, May15 at 1:30pm at the home of Earl and Jan Smith in Lutz. Once
 again, the Smiths are opening their lovely home site to the parish. Please plan to stop by that afternoon. Parish Life will provide the drinks, burgers, and hot dogs.
- Church office computers Our computer guru, Jose Remon, will do our Windows 10 upgrade right after Easter.
- Possible Tenants for upper floors Emailed Fr. George Corrigan, pastor of Sacred Heart, on March 15. They are still interested in leasing 4th and 5th floors to use as Sunday School space even though we are not interested in building a gargantuan parking garage on our lot. He wrote, "I am just trying to get the right people together to look, given there would be a great deal of visioning and remodeling needed. We will definitely get back to you."

Senior Warden's Report - Jeff Coleman:

Discussed taking time at the upcoming retreat to talk about welcoming newcomers—sending letters, doing follow-up. Noted that Fr. Reese has the key to the new glassed-in bulletin board in the parish hall which can possibly serve to promote newcomers. A request was made that when the office software is upgraded after Easter, that wi-fi be made available in the narthex. Jeff also spoke about the St. Pete Times doing a story on the upcoming Guatemala trip, and suggested others contact newspapers with newsworthy type events

A motion was made by Irene Baker to spend the \$1K for wi-fi. Jim Morgan seconded. After no further discussion, the motion passed.

March 2017 Operating Summary								
	MTD Actual	MTD Budgeted	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted				
Revenues	\$52,927	\$47,607	\$142,670	\$142,823				
Expenses	\$44,456	\$47,607	\$143,521	\$142,823				
Net	\$8,470	\$0	(\$851)	\$0				

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Treasurer's Report: Peter Baker

Funds matched the pledge for last year and exceeded it, looking forward to a good year. The parking lot across the street will be available for Easter this year. Scott Silverman offered to man the lot this year.

Committee Reports:

Christian Ed: Jim Morgan

Discussed the Easter Egg Hunt and a different way Alicia had planned to do that this year.

Parish Life: Amy Ramirez

Facebook- St. Andrew's has a Facebook page that is password protected and she is trying to get that password because she wants to be able to post updates, responses etc. She passed around a sign-up sheet for goodies for after the 9:30am service Easter Day. Also suggested the column/post in the parish hall be divided among four of the various committees to pin up items of interest for that committee. Suggested various committee members speak about their committees during a service to let parishioners know more about what it is and how they could volunteer if interested.

Helping Hands: Irene Baker

Would like a series of volunteers to be responsible for one month out of the year for funeral services. Would like the notice regarding shawls be put closer to the beginning of the weekly bulletin.

Outreach: Holly Clemmons

Noted this is the last Sunday for Easter Boxes of Hope so will request a check be made out for delivery to Metropolitan Ministries. Discussed the "Primero de Mayo" event coming up, all is nicely on schedule there. Brought up the subject of reviving St. Andrew's participation in the Dominican Project and discussed the various ways to participate.

Junior Warden's report - George Levy:

George presented proposals regarding the scope of work and the costs for the repair of the church building's exterior and stucco remediation. It was noted that estimates generally take at least a month, and time is getting short to get the necessary work done before the summer rains. The proposal by Painting by Ritz included pressure cleaning, installing proper sealants, re-caulking areas as needed, patching of cracks and voids, replacement of stucco where needed, repairing and repainting cracks at three entry steps and landings and more. The cost of this work is \$42,400.00 and has a 7-year labor plus material warranty.

A motion was made by Loueita Hargens to accept the proposal of Painting by Ritz for the major exterior weatherproofing and painting. Al Getz seconded. After no further discussion the motion carried unanimously.

George requested \$2,780 from the parish reserve fund for gutter replacement with the work done by Gardner Gutters using copper materials to match the current gutters.

Al Getz made a motion to accept this request, Irene Baker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: Discussed the progress being made of hiring a new assisting priest.

New Business: Diocesan Vestry Retreat on 5/7 will be very crowded so Al asked for a firm number for attendees.



From the Parish Register

Transfers In

Charlotte Churchill, from All Saints, Jensen Beach Michael Slakie, from St. Peter's, Plant City

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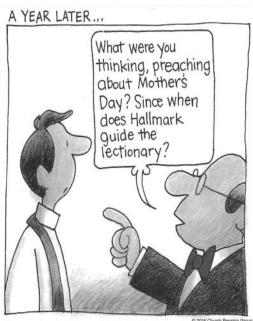
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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

How dare you fail to preach, about Mothers Day! How could you be so heartless!



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

Church Location:

Marion & Madison Streets Mailing Address: 509 E. Twiggs St. Tampa, FL 33602 Phone: (813) 221-2035 Fax: 224-0945

Web: saintandrewstampa.org E-mail: secretary@ saintandrewstampa.org

Deadline for articles for

The Call: 15th of each month for the following month's newsletter. Submit articles to Kathy in the church office.