



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ June/July 2018

Reverently Speaking

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. —1 Corinthians 9:24

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Summer is movie blockbuster season, and I'm excited about the new *Mission: Impossible — Fallout* flick coming out at the end of July. It's not because this is one of the greatest movie franchises ever (it's not), nor is it because it has all the elements of a good spy thriller, including disguises and explosions. But it will be another opportunity to see Tom Cruise run.

If you've never studied Cruise's run, it's a thing of awkward beauty — probably the best in cinematic history. Someone with too much time on his hands recently posted a YouTube video of every incident of Tom running over the course of his nearly 40-year career and it amounts to more than 18 minutes of time. In *Mission: Impossible III*, for example, he spends 64% of his screen time in the movie in a flat-out sprint.

But it's not the volume of running that Tom does that's impressive — it's the *way* he runs. It's a total body commitment and he does it like no one else. Tom's back is completely straight as he runs, his hands extended in karate-chop form to enhance the aerodynamics. He pumps his arms vigorously and pistons his knees high like a Rockette who's late for rehearsal. His face is taut, his eyes bulging wide looking for danger. It's magnificent. Just look up "Tom Cruise run" in your search engine and get ready to behold it in all its glory.

The amazing thing is that Tom Cruise is 54 (almost as old as me) and still running. I suppose having an army of personal trainers helps him keep in sprinting shape, but I can't wait to see the old man do it again.

I'll be watching the movie this summer while on vacation in Colorado and Wyoming. I won't be doing much running (a torn meniscus back in 2010 forced me to switch to cycling), but I will be doing a lot of hiking. I'll be trekking through Yellowstone and perhaps a mountain somewhere in Colorado, though not looking nearly as cool while doing so as Mr. Cruise will look while hoofing it on-screen.

Maybe it's all about the aerodynamic hand position for Tom, but for me it's more about spiritual stamina and running with a purpose. Certainly it has something to do with a stiff backbone, wide eyes, and a focused expression.

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Truth is, like Tom, I will continue to need a bit of help from some trainers – but not from Scientology’s Sea Org. The wise mentors I have had over the years and the marvelous lay leaders in our parish are the ones who have kept me in the race. A priest needs these kinds of folks in his life if he’s going to make it anywhere, let alone sprint to the finish line.

If you’re taking some time away this summer, I hope you will spend a little time considering how you’re running the race. The apostle Paul certainly did, saying, “Run in such a way as to win [the prize]” (1 Corinthians 9:24). Mr. Cruise will likely get paid millions for a couple of days of sprinting. Our prize for running well is much better, longer lasting, and requires a lot less pumping of the legs!

Call it “Cruise Control,” courtesy of the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John +", with a stylized cross or plus sign at the end.

The Rev. John Reese

A Staycation Can be Spiritual

Those who belong to communities of faith have acquired a certain patience with what is sometimes called organized religion. They have learned to forgive its shortcomings as they have learned to forgive themselves. They do not expect their institutions to stand in for God, and they are happy to use inherited maps for some of life’s journeys. They do not need to walk off every cliff all by themselves. Yet they, too, can harbor the sense that there is more to life than they are being shown. Where is the secret hidden? Who has the key to the treasure box of More? People seem willing to look all over the place for this treasure. They will spend hours launching prayers into the heavens. They will travel halfway around the world to visit a monastery in India or to take part in a mission trip to Belize. The last place most people look is right under their feet, in the everyday activities, accidents and encounters of their lives.

No one longs for what he or she already has, and yet the accumulated insight of those wise about the spiritual life suggests that the reason so many of us cannot see the red X that marks the spot is because we are standing on it. The treasure we seek requires no lengthy expedition, no expensive equipment, no superior aptitude or special company. All we lack is the willingness to imagine that we already have everything we need. The only thing missing is our consent to be where we are.

--Barbara Brown Taylor,

An Altar in the World, Introduction (Canterbury Press, 2017), xiv-xv.

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30am

The Wired Word, facilitated by the Rector, examines a current event from the previous week and analyzes it through the use of Biblical references. Come and see how Scripture can help us make sense of what's happening in the world today.

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

Thursday morning Bible Study is studying the book of Exodus using the study guide *Exodus: Learning to Trust God* by James Reapsome. "Trust God. It sounds so simple. Yet it is often difficult to trust God with the important areas of our lives -- our money, our career, our marriage, our health. In the book of Exodus, Israel's struggles resemble our own. In this story of hardship and hope, we can learn along with Israel that God is worthy of our trust." Join us in the library at 10:30am on Thursday mornings!

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



KleanKits: It's that time of year again where we start seeking donations for our KleanKit initiative to benefit the homeless community. To help parishioners remember to bring in items, we will

set aside the last Sunday of each month to collect one new item for each kit. A member of the Outreach Committee will be stationed outside the sanctuary prior to the start of both Sunday services to collect the featured item for the month (please feel free to bring everything in at once if you shop in bulk!). A box will still be available in the Parish Hall (side hallway) for any donations brought in at any other time. Thank you in advance for your donations!

June 24 – Razors (men's disposable)

July 29 – Bar Soap & Washcloths

Donations to Saint Andrew's Foundation

In Loving Memory of Lem Bell

A.G. Divers
Isabelle Ferrell
John & Pat Wolfe

In Loving Memory of Jason Krivy

Barbara Reeves

In Loving Memory of Helen Martin

Jane & Rick Bourkard
Mr. & Mrs. Guido Caggiano
Janice Chapman
Carolyn Clark
Kay Groestch
Jennie & John Hampton
Ross Hays, Jr. family
Ryan & Karla Linsky
Ruthie & Wm. McLean
John C. Mills
Harriett R. Phillips
Ed & Becky Savitz
Deborah K. Skyrms
Melissa & Wm. Smith
Richard & Alden Sollner
Jim & Ann VanThron
Gene & Jan Woodward

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

THE ORDINATION OF THE REV. ADRIENNE R. HYMES



Meet the Choir

April Gibson was born in Tampa, FL, and was a proud St. John's Episcopal Eagle. April was one of the founding singers of the St. John's Girls Choir, rising to Deputy Head Chorister under the Royal School of Church Music affiliation. Finding joy in singing through the choir, April expanded her musical interests while attending Berkeley Preparatory School where she was part of the Singers a cappella group, participated in various musicals, and earned a Superior in Musical Theatre at the District Thespian competition. After graduation, April found her way to the University of Central Florida where she earned a BS in Business Administration while competing with the Women's Rowing team where she would earn various medals including first in the state in the women's pair. Upon graduation from UCF, April returned to Tampa and began working with Franklin Templeton Investments. Getting back to her musical roots, she participated in several musicals with m.a.d. Theatre before finding her way to the choir here at St. Andrew's in the mid 2000's. However, extended travels for work reduced singing to a minimum during her early choir membership. Over her 20 year tenure with Franklin Templeton, April has had the opportunity to travel to California, Canada, Germany, India, and Luxembourg (seeing the 2012 wedding of Prince Guillaume). In addition to work travel, April also enjoys traveling for personal and humanitarian efforts. She travels to the Dominican Republic annually to aid Casa de Luz in their partnership with Island Impact Ministries related to eye surgeries, and she was part of the St. Andrew's group that went to England in 2014 and Guatemala in 2016. Currently a Sr. Project Manager with a rambunctious year-old Weimaraner, April feels blessed to have found a second family in the St Andrew's choir.

Sunday Evening Compline Service

Compline is an ancient monastic service offered to God before bedtime. It is the seventh/final church service (or office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours. The English word compline is derived from the Latin "completorium," as compline is the completion of the working day. This service includes scripture, prayers, hymns, and the canticle Nunc dimittis. Back, by popular acclaim, please join us at St. Andrew's on **Sunday, June 10th at 8:00pm**, for our second compline service. The service will help to quiet your mind from the past week and weekend, and prepare you for the week ahead. The service is short (approximately 30 minutes). There is no sermon. There is no communion. You may participate, or just close your eyes and listen. Or meditate on the softly lit space. By request, additional silent prayer and meditation time will be included, in addition to separate seating areas for those who wish more light to participate, and those who wish more darkened space to meditate and pray. With a candlelit church, sublime music, chant, and heartfelt prayer we hope that compline will nourish your soul.

Piedmont Children's Choir Benefit Concert for Metropolitan Ministries

On **Tuesday, June 19th, at 7:00pm**, the Piedmont Children's Choir from Oakland, California, will give a benefit concert at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, as part of their summer 2018 tour! This choir was established in 1982 as a small boy choir, and has since grown to include boys and girls of all ages. There are currently over 350 students performing in 15 choirs. They have garnered recognition from the State of California Arts council, and they have represented the California Bay Area, the State of California and the United States at important civic and cultural events. In 1991 the Piedmont Children's Choir held the first Golden Gate International Children's Choral Festival, the only such European-style competitive choral festival held in the US. The Piedmont Children's Choir has been awarded medals and prizes from competitions all over the world. They have sung in 13 states and 26 countries around the world. While in Tampa, they will be working with Lumina Youth Choirs singers and staff. Because giving back to the communities they visit is important to the members of the Choir, they have decided to take up a free will offering to donate to charity, instead of collecting admission, and they have selected Metropolitan Ministries as their chosen charity. Come join us for a one hour concert of varied music by these talented young people from California! Free admission (offering benefitting Metropolitan Ministries will be collected.)

April Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese

- As of 4/16, there was \$186,056 in ops account and \$136,004 in the parish reserve account. As of 3/14/18, there is \$19,709 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry. We have another \$43,324 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 another \$53,473 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2017 at their meeting on 2/21/17. We have another \$75,659 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 4% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2018 at their meeting on 2/21/18. And there was \$2,150,326 in the Foundation principal as of 3/31/18 (which includes an \$82K bequest from the estate of Sylvia Frazier). On 4/13, the Foundation finally received the charitable remainder trust (CRUT) gift from the late Barbara Faber's estate. The amount was \$398,013 and is safely in the hands of Northern Trust, who will invest it in the principal. There is also \$102K in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with \$7,237 in grant money currently available (a combination of unused past distributions and the distribution for 2018).
- Annual audits – Barbara is the chair. Need to form the audit committee and conduct internal audits of both the parish financials and the Foundation financials.
Barbara announced that Piers and Richard are on the committee and they are hoping to finish the Church and Foundation audits by the end of April or early in May.
- There has not been much activity related to renting the 6th floor. Signs have been put up in certain windows advertising the space as available.
- Compline – Sunday, 3/18 at 8:00pm. A short service of contemplative music led by a schola from our choir. We had about 35 souls in the pews.
- Lenten Series – We had great attendance; Parish Hall was filled each week and we had at least 20 in the Children's Chapel for the Eucharist each Tuesday. Many thanks to Haig and Rodney for presenting and to all the groups that hosted the dinners!
- Stations of the Cross – Fridays in Lent (2/16 through 3/30) at 12:10pm in the church. We averaged six souls each week.
- Holy Week – attendance was up at both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.
- Easter Day – had 500 in attendance. Great music, terrific food, and fine fellowship!
- Bishop's Visitation – Bishop Michael Garrison will be with us on Sunday, 4/29. He is the retired Bishop of Western New York (and the Rector's Bishop when he served at Trinity, Fredonia, NY from 1997 to 2005.) He assists Bishop Smith on a part-time basis. Since we just had confirmation when Bishop Smith was with us last June, there won't be any confirmations when Bp. Garrison visits.
- Cinco de Mayo – after 10:30 service on Sunday, 5/6, Mexican luncheon sponsored by Outreach, proceeds go to helping Cornerstone Kids attend our VBS in June.
- Ordination Service – The Rev. Adrienne Hymes will be ordained to the priesthood on Tuesday, 5/8 at 7:00pm by Bishop Smith here at St. Andrew's. Reception follows in the Parish Hall, with food provided by folks from Ascension, Clearwater. We do need Helping Hands to help give kitchen directions that evening and provide drinks.
- Mother's Day Brunch – following both services on Sunday, 5/13, sponsored by the men of the parish. POC is Winston Blake.

April 2018 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$45,796	\$48,210	\$151,070	\$192,840
Expenses	\$58,283	\$48,210	\$200,537	\$192,840
Net	(\$12,487)	\$0	(\$49,467)	\$0

- Heissler Invoice – we need to approve a \$350 bill for organ tuning, paid for from Foundation funds.
Al Getz moved to have the \$350 invoice paid by the Foundation. Richard Ferlita seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Peter Baker

Peter coordinated the placing of the signs advertising the 6th floor with leasing agent. He also is continuing to meet individually with vestry members and is catching up after being on vacation.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Al Getz

The Ark in the children's play area was pressure-washed and will be sealed after some additional repair work. The screw in the church door was fixed. Al's prior estimate on repairs and restoration for the women's and men's bathrooms in the Parish Hall for CCP Construction did not include the 25% contractors fee so the quote, including extra items previously discussed, is \$19,600. Al requested quotes from 3 other companies. Two declined to provide a quote and the third, Greaves Construction, is considering whether it will provide a quote. The work will be functional and will try to avoid new toilets, electric paper dispensers, and other items that could unnecessarily increase costs.

Peter Baker moved to approve work on the women's and men's bathrooms in the Parish Hall by CCP Construction, with the removal of the items previously identified, at a cost of up to \$19,600 unless Greaves Construction provides a quote that is the same or less than CCP Construction's quote. Donreece Brown seconded the motion. There was discussion about timing being an issue and the work not being able to start until after May 6. The motion passed unanimously.

Al confirmed that the hinges on the doors in the men's bathroom in the Parish Hall were not being reversed. The recent roof repairs seem to be holding up and have had no leaks in any recent rains. Al also is rearranging the tool room and getting tools to replace certain necessary items that are missing.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Piers Curry

We are \$18,000 behind on the budget for planned contributions. It may be worth a call from the lectern before the summer starts to remind members of the contributions. We are 19% behind on month to date income, but attendance is trending up. Parking revenue also is up.

Parish Life – Cate Hammer

Cate thanked everyone for helping put on a wonderful coffee hour at Easter services. There was enough food to have a coffee hour after both later services. Martha Cobb and Wallace Dixon are handling the coffee hour for the Bishop's Reception after the April 29 service.

Helping Hands – Barbara Brotherton

Helping Hands recently assisted with a funeral held at the Church for a parishioner from smaller neighboring church. It was a good event and several attendees expressed their gratitude.

Outreach – Holly Clemmons

Clean Kit collection season has started. Holly will make a reminder announcement this Sunday. April's item is deodorant, but black or white men's socks, last month's item, are still being accepted. The Sunday for collection is next Sunday and there are boxes in the Parish Hall if people want to drop off items before the collection Sunday. Monetary donations toward the Clean Kits also are fine. Outreach is selling tickets tomorrow for Seis de Mayo and meeting Sunday to organize the event. On May 5, the Saturday before, at 10:00a.m., Outreach will decorate the Parish Hall for the event.

Stewardship – Brad Hall

Brad asked whether periodic notices are sent to remind people of the status of their contributions versus their pledge amount. Fr. Reese says notices are sent quarterly. Brad raised the possibility of preparing flyers or other materials to put up on bulletin boards or in other public notice areas of the many apartments and condominiums being built downtown and circulated proposed flyers. There was a discussion of these options with several additional things suggested, including getting a PR firm involved for the limited purpose of helping with this local outreach effort, business cards in similar locations if possible, obtaining plastic business card holders for this purpose, reaching out to local schools, trying to get information into local hotels, advertising Wednesday services to people who work in downtown, mining local demographic information to tailor messages, and advertising the Church, especially to hotels, as a tourist attraction given the stained glass windows and history.

Old Business

Chris reported that he is working on active shooter training and is working to schedule it on Tuesday in August, possibly August 21 at 7:00 p.m. The training would last 1 to 1.5 hours and should include ushers, Sunday School teachers, and anyone else who would like to attend. The Vestry meeting for that month could be before the training. It was suggested that pizza or other dinner be provided after the training, which suggestion was well received. Al raised the possibility of retraining the Vestry on use of the automated external defibrillator in the Parish Hall. Cate said she could do that after the June meeting and that training in citizens' CPR also would be appropriate.

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Tampa, Florida 33602

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IF PEOPLE TREATED THE GYM THE WAY THEY TREAT CHURCH.



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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Marion & Madison Streets

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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.



St. Andrew's Episcopal VBS 2018 Registration Form

Fill out this form to register children, youth volunteers, and/or adult volunteers for VBS 2018, June 25-29, 2018

Child/ Youth #1 Name _____

Parent/ Guardian/ Volunteer (please circle one) _____ Cell Phone # _____

Email Address: _____

Is your child a VBS PARTICIPANT or YOUTH VOLUNTEER (rising 7th grade & up)? (Please circle one)

Child's Date of Birth _____ (must be 3 years old and fully potty trained by June 24, 2018)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Child/ Youth School Name _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Allergies or Special Needs? _____

Buddy Request? _____

Child/ Youth #2 Name _____ (must be 3 years old and fully potty trained by June 24, 2018)

Is your child a VBS participant or Youth Volunteer (rising 7th grade & up)? (Please circle one)

Child's Date of Birth _____

Child/ Youth School Name _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Allergies or Special Needs? _____

Buddy Request? _____

Child/ Youth #3 Name _____

Is your child a VBS participant or Youth Volunteer (rising 7th grade & up)? (Please circle one)

Child's Date of Birth _____ (must be 3 years old and fully potty trained by June 24, 2018)

Child/ Youth School Name _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Allergies or Special Needs? _____

Buddy Request? _____

T-shirt size (please circle one per participant/ Volunteer and give a total #)

Child Sizes: YXS YS YM YL YXL # _____

Youth/ Adult Sizes: AS AM AL AXL A2XL A3XL # _____

Total # of T-shirts _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Phone # _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

CHURCH OFFICE USE ONLY

\$25 per child/ \$75 max per family

Paid Y N SCH Amount \$ _____ (check # _____) Check MO Cash