



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ October 2018

Reverently Speaking

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son.

Hebrews 1:1-2

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Have you ever found yourself out of the loop? Perhaps you have heard "Didn't you get the memo?" a bit too much. One problem in almost any organization that has more than a few levels is communication. Sometimes messages sent by higher levels are not conveyed clearly or in their original form. Here's an example:

Memo from Director General to Manager: Today at 11 o'clock there will be a total eclipse of the sun. This is when the sun disappears behind the moon for two minutes. As this is something that cannot be seen every day, time will be allowed for employees to view the eclipse in the car park. Staff should meet in the car park at 10:50 a.m. when I will deliver a short speech introducing the eclipse, and give some background information. Safety goggles will be made available at a small cost.

Memo from Manager to Department Head: Today at 10:50 a.m. all staff should meet in the car park. This will be followed by a total eclipse of the sun, which will disappear for two minutes. For a moderate cost, this will be made safe with goggles. The Director General will deliver a short speech beforehand to give us all some background information. This is not something that can be seen every day.

Memo from Department Head to Floor Manager: The Director General will today deliver a short speech to make the sun disappear for two minutes in the eclipse. This is something that cannot be seen every day, so staff will meet in the car park at 10 or 11 a.m. This will be safe, if you pay a moderate cost.

Memo from Floor Manager to Supervisor: Ten or 11 staff are to go to the car park, where the Director General will eclipse the sun for two minutes. This doesn't happen every day. It will be safe, but it will cost you.

Memo from Supervisor to line workers: Some staff will go to the car park today to see the Director General disappear. It is a pity this doesn't happen every day.

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Over the course of time, God spoke to his people in various ways and through numerous prophets. Yet the message always seemed to get muddled along the way, much like the company described above. Just as the Director General's words did not make it through to the line workers, God's message did not make it through to the people in the streets.

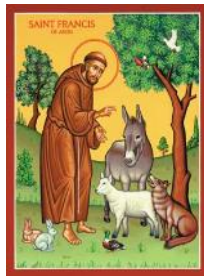
After centuries of trying to solve this communication problem, God decided to eliminate the middle man and send himself instead. His son, Jesus, came down from heaven to live among us, experience what we as humans experience, and clearly convey the message of God's love by his words, deeds and love for us.

The Letter to the Hebrews is about the person of Christ - his deity, humanity, supremacy, priesthood, sacrifice and glory. The letter is written to Jews to show how Jesus fulfills all the Old Testament predictions about the messiah. A great way to get to know Jesus is by reading the Letter to the Hebrews. It's a bit like getting the memo straight from the Director General.

Yours in Christ,



The Rev. John Reese



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Saturday, October 6, 10:00am
in the church courtyard

St. Andrew's Outreach Committee presents



Oktoberfest!

Sunday, October 7,
after the 10:30am service
Traditional German fare
\$10 Adults, \$5 Children
Proceeds to benefit
Metropolitan Ministries



Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Which Way, Lord? Exploring Your Life's Purpose in the Journeys of Paul

As Christians, we hunger to know and live out God's purposes for our lives. But how do we know for certain that our choices are moving us in the right direction? Which Way, Lord? is a 6-session video study that will help you understand God's desire for your life by unpacking your experiences alongside those of the apostle Paul.

In these sessions filmed in Turkey, Israel, and Greece, Methodist Pastor Rob Fuquay explains the significance of various locations in Paul's missionary journeys, enlightening viewers with tidbits about the history and culture of Paul's time. Here is the line-up:

9/30 - Dealing with Detours

10/7 - When You Doubt Yourself

10/14 - Tenacity

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

The Rewritten Life: When God Changes Your Story

The Book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is both the "author and perfecter" of our faith (12:1). In other words, God is both the writer and editor of our stories! Whenever our stories need a revision or rewrite, God is there with a new page and a new start. In *The Rewritten Life*, author Jessica LaGrone leads you on a journey through the stories of people in the Bible whose lives – and names – were changed forever by God. You'll learn how God gave them new identities and new storylines that were in line with his purposes for their lives. You'll come to see that God wants to be just as intimately involved in rewriting your story, so that you may become and do all that God has planned for you – all for your good and his glory. Here is the line-up for this six-week video series:

10/21 – Abraham and Sarah

10/28 – Jacob and Esau

11/4 - Naomi

11/11 - Daniel

11/18 - Peter

11/25 - An Unnamed Woman

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of 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, led by Alice Prucha, meets in the library



WHAT: St. Andrew's Halloween House—
fun for ALL AGES!

WHEN: Friday, October 26, 2018 from 6-8 p.m.

(VOLUNTEERS PLEASE ARRIVE AT 5 PM FOR SET-UP & DINNER—

RSVP TO ALICIA SCHMID BY 10/14)

*If you would like to donate candy for this event, please drop it off Sunday morning with Alicia Schmid, or bring it by the church office anytime we are open during the week!

WHO: Anyone who wants to have fun and support our children's & youth ministries!

WHERE: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the Parish Hall!

WHY: To enjoy a time of fun & fellowship! Donations of \$5 per person or \$10 per family are suggested any proceeds will go to St. Andrew's youth.

WHAT: Happening #77

WHEN: November 2-4, 2018

Participant registration deadline is October 19, 2018

WHERE: DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center, 8411 25th St. E., Parrish, FL

Cost: \$100

Sponsor: Each participant must have a sponsor. The sponsor does not have to attend the weekend but may attend as an adult participant if they want. The sponsor serves as a contact to assist with some important pre-weekend details and will receive additional information once the Diocese processes your registration. Past Happeners and Youth Leaders make GREAT SPONSORS!!!



Stewardship 2019

Dear Saint Andrew's Family,

I am energized by this year's stewardship theme, "Transforming Generosity." I like it because it has two meanings.

The first way to look at it is that generosity can transform us, our community and our church. When we become financially generous, we can empower the ministry of Saint Andrew's and transform the wider community.

The second meaning is that we can transform what generosity looks like. We can define generosity as the way we live our lives and the way our church works in the community. We are called to be generous financially. But we are also called to be generous in the way we welcome newcomers, care for the planet, forgive those who have offended us, and care for our facilities.

This year's pledge drive is about more than our parish budget. It is about how we transform generosity and allow generosity to transform us. I know our lives can be changed through this work. I hope each one of us will prayerfully review the reflections written for the Sundays during our pledge campaign. They represent a variety of voices on generosity from across the Church.

I hope you'll join me as we work together to transform generosity in our church, our community and our lives.

Faithfully,

Bradley A. Hall
Stewardship Chair

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Transforming Generosity: 2019 Pledge

As part of my/our commitment to transforming generosity in 2019,
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.



August Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT – Fr. Reese

As of 8/13/18, there was \$131,385 in ops account and \$117,404 in the parish reserve account. As of 6/12/18, there is \$19,729 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 \$2,549,736 in the Foundation principal as of 6/30/18 (which includes the 398K CRUT from Barbara Faber). There is also \$101,711 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).

Vestry Nominations – time for nominating committee to get together and determine the nominees, then ask them to run. This year's committee consists of Chris, Holly, Al, Cate, Jim, Lori, Peter, and Piers (all outgoing vestry members plus exec com members).

New Administrative Assistant – Lauri Harder began work on 8/1. She works 9AM-2PM, Monday thru Thursday (a total of 20 hours per week). Her annual salary is \$15,600. Former Admin Asst. position was budgeted for 33 hours per week with a salary of \$26,510 plus health insurance of \$11,544, for a total of \$38,054. Thus, we will now have an annual savings of \$22,454 on this position. Pam Frost, our administrator, will now work four more hours per week for a total of 28 hours per week (Monday thru Thursday 9AM-4PM). Thus, her annual pay has been increased from \$27,511 to \$32,511. Office is now closed on Fridays.

Lumina Children's Choirs – have begun to meet at St. Andrew's (with the first month's rent check in hand).

For Rent – leasing agreement with The Dohring Group continues, seeking a possible tenant for the sixth floor.

Annual audits – are complete and will be sent to you via email. We need to approve and send to Diocese NLT 9/1.

Jim Morgan moved that we accept the parish audit; Holly Clemmons seconded the motion. Piers Curry suggested we complete an inventory of the assets of the church. The motion to accept the parish audit was approved unanimously.

The Foundation audit will be circulated at a later date to submit to the diocese by September 1st.

Elevator Out – KONE, our elevator people, says our broken elevator needs a new governor. Total cost is \$9,835.

Richard Ferlita made a motion to pay the elevator governor expense from the Reserve Fund. Brad Hall inquired about the possibility of a guarantee on the new governor. (con't)

August 2018 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$35,271	\$48,210	\$275,809	\$385,681
Expenses	\$51,099	\$48,210	\$374,076	\$385,681
Net	(\$15,828)	\$0	(\$98,266)	\$0

Fr. Reese said he would follow up. Ben Borsch seconded the motion & the motion passed.

New Parking Lot Contract with 717 - was negotiated successfully by Peter. Thanks for all your work on this, Peter!

Thirty-year bonus for our longest serving employee – Let's formally ratify our gift of 1K to Maggie Coleman. **Peter made a motion to approve the bonus for Maggie. Jim Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Rally Day – is on Sunday, 9/9. Hopefully, each group can bring some food that day. This will also kick off Sunday School for the wee ones

Haig Mardirosian addressed the vestry to outline his proposal to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our Fisk organ.

Cate Hammer moved to accept Haig's proposal for a Fisk Organ Celebration. Peter Baker seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Peter Baker

New Vestry Member Nominations – nominating committee to meet 2nd or 3rd week in September (23rd). This year's committee consists of Chris, Holly, Al, Cate, Jim, Lori, Peter, and Piers (all outgoing vestry members plus exec com members).

Peter has renegotiated the 717 parking lot agreement. Two additions to the agreement have been made. One will allow 717 the first right of refusal should we be approached by other parking lot management companies. The other change is that 717 will staff downtown functions and will split the proceeds with us; 60% going to St. Andrew's. We will still control usage on the weekends.

The damaged parking sign on NE corner of parking lot has been reported to 717 for repair.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Peter Baker (for Al Getz)

A proposal has been requested for termite control from Massey. Both Chet's and Massey are in agreement that portions beyond the church structure itself will have to be tented which will necessitate moving the administrative functions offsite during treatment.

There are potholes in the parking lot that need to be addressed.

Pam is ordering two additional towel dispensers for the first floor restrooms.

Al will be stripping down the Sexton's tool room to get it better organized. Some of the tools will be stored downstairs.

The Junior Warden requests that the Vestry authorize a spending limit for the Jr. Warden for urgent needs. Jim Morgan made the motion to allow the Jr. Warden a limit of \$1,500 and the Executive Committee a limit of \$3,000 between Vestry meetings for urgent expenses. Expenses to come from the Reserve Fund. Holly Clemmons seconded the motion and the Vestry approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Piers Curry

77% of the budget is identical to this time last year. Attendance is in line. Piers will address the congregation to encourage them to review their pledge status when they receive their letters from Pam.

STEWARDSHIP - Brad Hall

Brad will be attending the Diocesan Stewardship Conference at DaySpring.

WELCOME COMMITTEE– Brad Hall

Brad has distributed St. Andrew's flyers to downtown, Channelside, and Ybor locations. He reported that the flyers were superior to the business cards because they can be included in welcome packets for tenants.

PARISH LIFE – Cate Hammer Parish Life is supplying some goodies for the Active Shooter Training following the Vestry meeting this evening.

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509 East Twiggs Street

Tampa, Florida 33602

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday, October 7, after 10:30 service

See details inside

Proceeds benefit Metropolitan Ministries

POST COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR



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

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**Deadline for articles for
The Call:** 15th of each month

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