



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

THE CALL

Honoring the Past — Embracing the Future!

Downtown Tampa, Florida ✦ November 2019

Reverently Speaking

“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Matthew 23:12

Dear People of St. Andrew's,

Have you ever had to “eat humble pie”?

Most of us have heard this expression. It's an idiom meaning “to face humiliation for an error or wrongdoing, something for which we must apologize, often in some public way.”

Far fewer of us, however, know the origin of this odd phrase. According to etymologists, the phrase derives from *umble* pie, which was a pie filled with nasty stuff like liver, heart and other offal, especially of cow but often of deer or boar. *Umble* evolved from *numble* (after the French *nomble*), meaning “deer's innards.”

Umbles were considered inferior food. In medieval times, the pie was often the only meat dish available to people of the lower economic class. For someone of noble rank or superior station in the Middle Ages, to be publicly humiliated would be akin to them having to sit down with a commoner and have a bowl of *umble* pie.

The *umbles* and the word “humble” appeared with and without the initial “h” until the 19th century. Thus, while *umble* is now gone from English, the “humble pie” phrase remains, and etymologically speaking, it still links to a meal comprised of the less desirable animal parts.

Jesus says that those who exalt themselves will eat humble pie, while those who eat humble pie will be exalted. Actually, that's *not* what he said, but that may be how we hear it. What he said was, “All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted,” and his meaning was that the truly great among us are those who choose to serve others and not go in for self-promotion. In fact, Jesus said: “The greatest among you will be your servant.”

In other words, Jesus was talking about the intent of our actions and attitudes, not the status assigned to our positions. He was not talking per se about people in high places getting knocked off their perches. The kind of reversal Jesus had in mind was to move service from its maligned position at the bottom of public perception, to the top, and to, on the other hand, devalue self-promotion. The bottom dog, he said, is really the top dog.

But humility, even though Jesus thought it was really important, often seems in short supply these days, even among Christians. We can change that, at least as far as our own lives go, but we need to make an effort to do so.

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One place we could use some humility is in our assessment of others. Yes, we have the biblical standards as expressed in places like the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount, but those were given not to make us judges of others but as guides for ourselves. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, “Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?” (Matthew 7:3). It is best to hesitate before pointing the finger in judgment at other

Another place we need humility is in our opinions, recognizing that simply because we hold them doesn’t make them true. This is especially important in the current polarized political climate, where the temptation is often to assign low-character motives to those who don’t agree with us.

Back in 2002, syndicated columnist Charles Krauthammer wrote about this when he stated what he called the fundamental law of American politics: “Conservatives think liberals are stupid. Liberals think conservatives are evil.” Or, as he also stated it in the same column, “Liberals, who have no head ..., believe that conservatives have no heart.” And vice versa. Both claims are caricatures that ought to instill some humility in us who tout our political views as if they were on par with gospel truth. The late Steve Hayner, who was the president of Columbia Theological Seminary, once said, “I believe in objective truth, but I hold lightly to our ability to perceive truth.”

Yet another place we need humility is in our assessment of our own character. We need to be aware of our own capacity for self-deception and realize that even our good deeds can have elements of self-interest. That doesn’t mean we shouldn’t do them, but we can be aware that we are not above having mixed motives.

In his book *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis pointed out that any of the virtues we possess become something of a spiritual problem once we become aware of them. As an example, he said that if we truly are humble, the depth of our humility may suddenly occur to us, so that we say, “By jove! I’m being humble!” Almost immediately, Lewis says, pride - pride at our own humility - will appear. And if we awake to that danger and try to smother this new form of pride, we can become proud of our attempt to do so!

What’s more, scientific research cited by *The Washington Post* shows that humility is an asset. Leaders are more powerful when they’re humble, research shows. While at its best, this finding can allude to the sort of personality power the humble Christ displayed, but one can also imagine business seminars now offering sessions on how to get humble so as to grow your corporation, and somehow this seems to miss the point Jesus was making.

Still, the article seems on target: “True humility, scientists have learned, is when people have an accurate assessment of both their strengths and weaknesses, and they see all this in the context of the larger whole. They’re a part of something far greater than themselves. They know they aren’t the center of the universe. And they’re both grounded and liberated by this knowledge. Recognizing their abilities, they ask how they can contribute. Recognizing their flaws, they ask how they can grow.”

Couple that with commitment to Christ and you’ve got ... not *humble pie*, but *humble piety*, which is good for us and for those around us. Bon appetit!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Reese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a stylized "R".

The Rev. John Reese

Outreach News

Thank you so much to all our parishioners who made the 2019 Oktoberfest such a great success! Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the food and atmosphere, and special thanks to all the volunteers for their generosity of time and contributions, and hard work! Our proceeds totaled over \$800 which will benefit Metropolitan Ministries. Along with that contribution, we will also begin our collection of food items for the annual ***Metropolitan Ministries Thanksgiving Boxes of Hope*** initiative. Please purchase items and bring them into the church based on the first letter of your last name:

A-E: Gravy, Cereal, Canned Fruit, Canned Yams

F-M: Bagged/Canned Beans (black, pinto, refried), Cranberry Sauce, Peanut Butter, Boxed Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables

N-Z: Bagged/Boxed Stuffing, Bagged Rice (yellow or white), Canned/Boxed Potatoes, Dessert Mix, Cookies

Labeled boxes are set up in the Parish Hall for food donations. Gift cards for turkeys are also welcome, as are cash or check donations (made out to St. Andrew's with "Turkey Pack" in the memo line). The date for our "Turkey Pack" will be Saturday, November 23rd at 10:00 am.

Our Annual ***St. Andrew's Fish Fry*** will be on Sunday, December 8th after the **10:30 am Service**. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children with proceeds benefiting ***"Gabriel's Giving Tree"***, supporting needy children from Cleveland and BC Graham Elementary Schools. We will again be pre-selling tickets each Sunday prior to the lunch. Gifts donated by our generous parishioners will be given to the children at the ***Gabriel's Giving Tree Party*** on Saturday, December 14th from 12-2 pm in the Parish Hall. Parishioners can select their child/children by picking tags that list the child's clothing and shoe sizes, plus a special personal gift. **"Hand-tags" will be available in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 17th**. If your shopping time is limited, ask about our "Elf" option when you visit the tree!

Christmas Ornaments Coming Soon!

Your Outreach Committee members are spearheading another wonderful money raising project to benefit the Lunch Program and the Klean Kit packets. During the Sunday Coffee Hours in November and December, we will be selling beautiful Christmas ornaments with the water color image of St. Andrew's. You will definitely want to display these on your Christmas tree or in your table decorations. The cost is only \$10 per ornament. So why not buy one for a family member or friend as well as for yourself? They will make great Christmas gifts! Stay tuned for additional announcements regarding the Christmas ornaments.

Stewardship 2020

Dear Saint Andrew's Family,

It is that time of year once again — Stewardship time. And it is a very important and vital time for us at St. Andrew's. Stewardship, as you have heard from several parishioners, is a time for us to pray about and consider the many ways St. Andrew's has been an important part of each of our lives. It is also a time for us to ponder how we can respond to the many ways St. Andrew's has been a part of our lives.

We have so much to be thankful for at St. Andrew's. It is an exciting time for us. New people are finding a home at St. Andrew's, joining with those of us who have been here for many years. Those of us who have been here for years are finding ourselves renewed and recharged. And we are also blessed to have the resources (because of you) to continue the many ministries and programs which cause us to be a vibrant part of our community.

Stewardship is all of the following: our money, our time, our talents, and our presence at St. Andrew's. Your pledges make it possible to continue the reason St. Andrew's is alive and well today. We ask you to consider how you can more fully empower the life and ministries of love and grace at St. Andrew's.

Thank you for being so generous throughout 2019 in supporting St. Andrew's in all of our ministries. I know that you will again make your pledge count even more so we can reach higher goals in 2020.

Faithfully serving you,

Richard A. Ferlita
Senior Warden

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Shining Our Light: 2020 Pledge

To help shine God's Light brightly in 2020, 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.



Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Education
Sunday mornings at 9:30

A New Reformation: From Luther's World to Ours

Justified by faith. We are accustomed to this theology today, but when Martin Luther shared his belief in this concept during the sixteenth century, it was anything but typical—it sparked the Reformation. Author Rob Fuquay says that although “justified by faith” is not a new idea, the message is as revolutionary today as ever. In *A New Reformation*, Fuquay helps us take a close look into the life of Martin Luther and teaches us how to embrace reformation in our church and in our life today.

This six-session video series features Rob Fuquay on location at key sites of the Reformation in Europe: Prague, Dresden, Leipzig, Wittenberg, Erfurt, Eisleben, Worms, and Mainz. We will connect with the events and significance of the Reformation through these places as Fuquay guides us through the study. Fuquay is the Senior Pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

11/3 - *Sola Fide*

11/10 – Taking a Stand

11/17 – Refuge

11/24 – The Priesthood of All Believers

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

Thursday morning Bible Study began a new study on Jan. 10 at 10:30am in the library, The Gospel of John using N.T. Wright's study guide. "Nothing in John's Gospel is there by accident... And all the details in John are designed ultimately to come together. In these studies we discover the clues John gives that we might see even more clearly the reality of who Jesus is, the new creation He inaugurates and the difference that all makes." Please join us for this exciting study of Jesus through John's eyes!

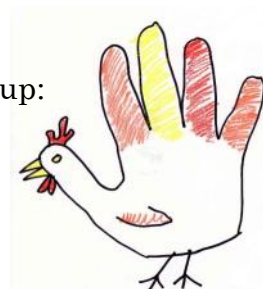
This class, facilitated by Alice Prucha, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Sunday School News

The year is quickly coming to an end, and here are our events to finish it up:

November:

- 15th Youth lock-in
- 23rd Youth Service Project helping Outreach with Turkey Pack Day
- 24th Pageant practice during Children's Chapel



December:

- 1st Pageant practice during Children's Chapel
- 8th Pageant practice during Children's Chapel
- 14th Pageant dress rehearsal
- 15th Christmas pageant / Youth Sunday

January:

- 11th Winter Jam

If you ever have any questions or comments, please call me, Victor Van Pelt, anytime at 813-898-3415.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Choral Eucharist

Thursday, November 28 - 10:00 a.m.



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

♪ Meet The Choir ♪



Jim Shuler (volunteer, tenor)

How long have you been in the St. Andrew's Choir? 24 years

When did you get started in music, and why? I began in 2d grade by studying violin, then piano in 3rd grade and school/church choruses in 6th grade on. Why? It was as much fun indoors as playing sports was fun outdoors.

If you were stranded on a deserted island and could only bring recordings of two composers, who would you bring, and why? Vivaldi and Mozart – the breadth and beauty of what they composed

What is one of your most memorable musical experiences? To pick one of recent vintage, it would be St. Andrew's choir visiting Winchester Cathedral for a week.

What is the last book that you've read? Thomas Cromwell, A Revolutionary Life by Diarmaid MacCulloch

Hobbies/interests outside of music? Golf and my grandsons



George Western (staff singer, tenor)

How long have you been in the St. Andrew's Choir? 11 years as one of the Tenor section leaders.

When did you get started in music, and why? 7th grade band began my love of the clarinet (which was my major instrument through college and which I taught for 20 years). Serious singing started in college; recruited into USF Chamber Singers by Dr. Robert Summer in 1973. I've been singing in the Bay area ever since - Master Chorale, 4 different Episcopal parishes, the Cathedral, and various professional chamber ensembles.

If you were stranded on a deserted island and could only bring recordings of two composers, who would you bring, and why? Opposite ends of the spectrum! Palestrina, because I've been enthralled with renaissance polyphony since I started singing, and Bruckner, because I'm a huge fan of both his symphonies (ESPECIALLY the 4th) and his choral works.

What is one of your most memorable musical experiences? As much as I love renaissance chamber music, my tops would have to be performing/recording the Mahler 8th Symphony with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, and The Master Chorale, in Atlanta in 1991.

What is the last book that you've read? Currently half way through Oathbringer by Brandon Sanderson (I'm a huge fan of high fantasy)

Hobbies/interests outside of music? My grandchildren, READING, water skiing, stamp collecting (also my profession for 15 years at one point), depression glass, gardening, hiking, nature photography

Parking Update

As most parishioners know, St. Andrew's has an agreement with Seven One Seven Parking Services to manage 50 of the 69 spaces in our parking lot during weekday business hours. This arrangement has been in force for many years and has provided St. Andrew's with much needed revenue to maintain and enhance our parking area and other exterior facilities. The agreement has just been revised to expand 717's management period to include after hours and weekend parking using a smart phone parking application that many people now have on their cellphones. It is expected this expansion will capture additional revenue for St. Andrew's as downtown parking becomes scarce and mobile app parking more prevalent. **Parking for Sunday services will remain unchanged; we will use the entire parking lot.**

What you need to be aware of is that when you park in the church parking lot on days/times other than Sunday mornings, funerals, weddings, or Wednesday & Thursday evening choir rehearsals from 5 pm until 9 pm, **use only one of the 19 spaces along the fence next to the buildings.** Those spaces are for St. Andrew's members' use only 24/7 and not for monthly business users or for people parking in the lot after hours using the parking app. All of the other 50 spaces in the parking lot will be managed by 717 under monthly agreements or the new parking app and will be monitored. In order for 717 to monitor parking lot use to differentiate vehicles of members of St. Andrew's from non-members, we encourage all members to obtain and use a parking decal available in the church office to place in the front or rear window of your vehicle. Display of the decal is **not** a guaranty that you will not get a warning from 717 if you park in one of the 50 spaces managed by 717, but it will assist in their determination whether to leave a warning requiring follow-up and possible payment by you of a fine. Let Pam in the office know if you receive a 717 warning notice when you park in a space along the fence. We expect the signs designating which 50 spaces are subject to 717 management and the parking app and which 19 spaces are for St Andrew's members only will be in place by the beginning of November and the after hours/ weekend parking app will become active a week after that. **Remember to park in the "safe zone" along the fence at all times when possible and put your decal in the vehicle window where it can be seen easily.**

One additional benefit of our new agreement with 717 is we were able to arrange a favorable weekday parking rate for the managers of the parking lot across Madison Street - which lot St. Andrew's has used for overflow parking for services on Easter and Christmas Eve. **We now have access to over 40 spaces in that adjacent lot for all Sunday morning services between 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.** No parking is allowed in spaces fronting on Madison Street so please avoid those spaces when entering and park in the middle or near the red brick building. The gate should be on an automatic timer, but we also have card access if the timer is not operating properly. So, consider parking in that lot if you arrive early for Sunday school, choir rehearsal or the 10:30 service and leave church lot spaces for the late arrivers!

All Saints' Evensong

Please plan to join us for Choral Evensong for the Solemnity of All Saints at **5p.m. on Sunday, Nov 3**. Our guest organist will be Simon Morley from St. John's, and the choir will sing Charles Stanford's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C*, the William Smith *Preces and Responses*, and the anthem will be *Let Us Now Praise Famous Men* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Choral Evensong is one of the quintessential services of the Anglican tradition, and it's a wonderful way to commemorate the feast of All Saints and the faithful departed. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall following the service. Please plan to attend, and more importantly, to invite friends and neighbors!

Also, on **Sunday, November 10th at 5:00 p.m.**, **St. John's Choir** will offer the Requiem of Gabriel Faure, liturgically, to commemorate the feast of All Souls' and Veteran's Day. Faure composed the Requiem between 1887 and 1890, and is the best-known of his large works, with its focus on rest and consolation. The piece premiered in its first version in 1888 at the church of La Madeleine in Paris, where Faure was organist. Faure said of the work "Everything I managed to entertain by religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest." Please join us for this service, and one of the most well-loved of all the settings of the Requiem Mass. Simon Morley conducts the Choir of St. John's, and Ryan Hebert will be guest organist.

Donations to Saint Andrew's

*In loving memory of
Mary Sharpe
Betsy & Steve Chambers
Betty Hall Wood*

*In loving memory of
Millicent McBride
Rose & Rodi Brown*



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



From the Parish Register

Deaths

Millicent McBride



Hospital Admissions

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



Columbarium niches available

St. Andrew's columbarium is located north of the Children's Chapel, 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.

September Vestry Meeting Highlights

RECTOR'S REPORT– Fr. Reese

As of 9/9/19, there was \$114,794 in ops account and \$105,824 in the parish reserve account.

As of 7/31/19, there was \$26,847 in the Foundation's checking account – monies available to the vestry. (There is still \$6,650 to be paid from this account for the new roof we are having done on south side of church. Foundation already paid a 3K first installment on this.)

We have another \$13,324 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. (\$30,000 has already been transferred to the Foundation checking account from the 2016 allocation, which totaled \$43,324).

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.

We have another \$63,718 available from the Foundation principal as a result of the 3% spending allocation designated by the Foundation Board for 2019 at their meeting on 2/27/19.

And there was \$2,649,960 in the Foundation principal as of 6/30/19 (as compared to \$2,421,641 at end of 2018, a 228K increase over six months).

The recent audit of the Foundation recommended that we add dual control to our checking account as the process is currently being managed by one individual. An additional pair of eyes will be added to the process.

There is also \$98,466 in the Dan Curtis fund fbo St. Andrew's within the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, with about \$700 in grant money currently available. We spent 6.5K from this fund earlier in the year to pay for church roof repairs of tiles broken during January termite tenting.

Sesquicentennial Celebration – St. Andrew's turns 150 in 2021 (the parish was founded in 1871). This, of course, will be an ongoing process as we prepare for festivities.

Vestry Nominations – time for nominating committee to get together and determine the nominees, then ask them to run. This year's committee is Richard, George, Piers, Lori, Barbara, Brad, and Paula (all outgoing vestry members plus exec com members).

717 Parking Contract – has been finalized. A copy will be emailed to you for your perusal. Many thanks to Peter for all his work negotiating this new deal.

Church Roof – work will hopefully begin on south side roof very shortly. We decided to pay the \$9,650 bill with Foundation funds.

Fire Pump repairs – CINTAS is waiting on parts. Cost is \$5,460, which we are paying from the reserve fund.

Deanery Convocation – was at Ascension, Clearwater on Thursday, 9/5 at 7PM. All our convention delegates were there (George, Paula, Donreece, and Barbara). The Diocesan assessment for 2020 will be 58K, as opposed to 62K in 2019 and 55K in 2018.

September 2019 Operating Summary

	<u>MTD Actual</u>	<u>MTD Budgeted</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budgeted</u>
Revenues	\$39,770	\$47,095	\$357,646	\$423,860
Expenses	\$42,370	\$47,095	\$407,101	\$423,860
Net	(\$2,600)	\$0	(\$ 49,454)	\$0

Acolyte Festival – at the Cathedral in St. Pete on Saturday, 9/7. We had nine acolytes in attendance. Many thanks to Richard for leading our delegation.

New Daughters of the King – Six new members will be installed during the 10:30 service on Sunday, 9/15. Congratulations to Summer Crawford, Pam Curry, Lynn Dorman, Rosemary Graf, Sue MacIsaac, and Ingrid Muellerleile.

Organ Recital to Celebrate 25th Anniversary of the Fisk Organ – is on Sunday, 9/29 at 3PM. Reception hosted by Parish life follows in Parish Hall.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – Richard Ferlita

Richard caught up with Fr. Thomas Williams and Canon Richard Norman at the recent Acolyte Festival. They have offered to assist us in planning our big celebration.

JUNIOR WARDEN'S REPORT – George Levy

Roofing tiles project is underway.

Bids are being sought to paint the interior of the church and the exterior of the Rectory. These bids will be presented to the Vestry.

Richard Ferlita is organizing the detail to clean the smoke residue from the marble on the altar.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Fr. Reese for Piers Curry

After reporting August 2019, the operational budget is \$21,941 behind our planned YTD goal. This is a below average operating deficit, which is a good thing. This anticipated annual deficit coming out of the summer months is historically offset by the increased giving during the Christmas season. Most notable is that the church's planned pledge offerings have been unusually high through April so the summer fall off has been less impactful than it has been in years past. The church still remains strong in its financial footing.

OUTREACH – Ingrid Muellerleile

Update on the request from Rosemary Graf for Foster Elementary. She has received over \$900 in donations, along with numerous bags of clothing, and I understand that they are still coming in.

Plans are well under way for Oktoberfest, October 6th, with Committee members pre-selling tickets for the event. The ticket sales are going well, and we will continue to encourage parishioners to buy their tickets ahead to give us an accurate count for the food. Our next meeting will be Sept. 22nd, where we will finalize plans.

Then, looking forward, we will soon be making plans for Thanksgiving Boxes of Hope, Fish Fry & Gabriel's Giving Tree). Linda Busby and Martha Cobb are in touch with their contacts for Gabriel's Giving Tree and the families are being identified and "hands" being made.

PARISH LIFE – Lori Taplow

Rally Day was a success with 3 new members joining the ranks.

A meeting of the Parish Life committee took place last Sunday after the 10:30 service. Planning for the reception, following the upcoming organ concert on September 29th at 3:00pm, is underway.

Fr. Reese would like us to schedule a Newcomer's Dinner in the Fall.

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TURKEY DINNERS FOR METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES

(see page 3 for how you can help)

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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
Lauri in the church office.