



The Sea Net

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church



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✂5 R's of REPENTANCE

Every Lent for as far back as I can remember, I heard about the "4 R's of Repentance". I don't know whether my dad, who was a priest, got them from my maternal grandfather, who also was a priest, but wherever they came from, they made sense to me, so I thought I'd pass them along, modified, to include a 5th R.

RECOGNIZE... where you are in need of repentance, broken relationships (with others, with God, with yourself) for which you have a responsibility. This requires conscious, careful reflection and self-examination and some form of confession, either formal or personal.

REMORSE... Be sorry for what you have done, or not done, which is wrong or harmful.

RESOLVE... to change. Real forgiveness is not possible without the sincere attempt to change. Ask God to help and strengthen you to change. God will.

RECONCILE... What can I do to mend the damage done by my sin? Sometimes that reconciliation depends on another, and the break may not be mended, but we have done what we can.

RECEIVE... the forgiveness offered by God and go forward restored, forgiven and healed.

Repentance and forgiveness is not a simple, perfunctory thing. It requires intentionality, honesty and care. And, by the grace of God, it is offered to us. When we say the General Confession in worship, may it be from a heart and mid that has reflected and recognized the need for repentance. Also know that I, as your priest and pastor, am available for the sacrament of reconciliation.

May this Lent truly be a season of growth and renewal.

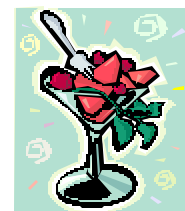
Fr. David

SPOTLIGHT



Champagne &
Strawberries
Sunday

March 6
Fellowship Hour



*to celebrate our
snowbirds
And their ministry at
St. Andrew's*

Usual Weekly Schedule

Sundays

Worship Service..... 10:00 am
 Fellowship Time 11:00 am

Mondays

Cursillo Reunion GroupNoon
 Hand bell Practice 7:00 pm

Tuesdays

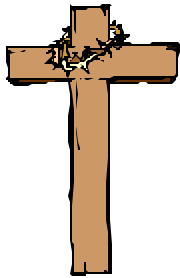
Healing Service..... 10:00 am

Thursdays

Knitting Group..... 10:00 am
 Motley Crew.....Noon
 Cursillo Reunion Group 5:30 pm
 Choir Practice 6:30 pm

Special Items of Interest

Worship CMTE Meeting.... 3/8, 5:30 pm
 Lenten Supper..... 3/9, 5:30 pm
 Parish Breakfast.....3/12, 8 am
 Vestry Meeting.....3/13, Noon
 Lenten Supper..... 3/16, 5:30 pm



Holy Week Schedule March 20-27

3/20Eucharist..... 10:00 am
 3/21 Eucharist.....Noon
 3/22 ... Eucharist/Healing..... 10:00 am
 3/23Eucharist.....Noon
 3/24 Stripping of Altar 6:00 pm
 3/25 ...Good Friday Liturgy.....Noon
 3/26 Holy Sat. Liturgy.....9:00 am
 3/27 Easter Liturgy 10:00 am

The Sea Net is now a MONTHLY publication. Articles, announcements, etc. for the Sea Net may be submitted to Kim Moore directly (kimmers@cox.net) or through the church office. With the Newsletter committee's approval, these submissions will be included when appropriate. The deadline for articles is the 15th of each month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOW ABOUT LUNCH?

Try being part of a lunchtime 'family'. Come to St. Andrew's at 11 am on weekdays at 11 am for a hot, healthy lunch for just \$1. For reservations, call 833-9165. Program open to all residents, visitors and snowbirds.

FALL LEAGUE OF ARTS

March 10-12 at First Methodist Church in Niceville. Volunteers are needed for the workshops. Call Steve at 582-3379.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

Every Thursday, 10 – 11:30 am, in the Parish Hall.

Adult Sunday School Class

Using the book *Opening the Bible* from the current Church's Teaching Series, this class will explore Anglican perspectives on reading and understanding the Scriptures, and should equip us better to engage folks who come at scripture from other perspectives as well as provide us with a deeper appreciation of scripture. This class meets from 8:45 - 9:30 In addition, each person will need an annotated bible in a modern translation.

Men's Conference

Men's Conference is March 4-6 at Camp Beckwith. This year's topic is "Faith and Conscience in the Church's Ministry to Our Armed Forces". All men of the Diocese are encouraged to attend this conference. For more information, contact the Diocesan Office.

"Meditation as Prayer" Conference

Camp Beckwith will host the "Meditation as Prayer" Conference March 18-20. For more information, please contact The Rev. Marshall Craver at (251) 342-8521.

Silent Retreat

The Commission on Personal Spiritual Growth will host a silent retreat entitled "The Empowerment of the Resurrection – From Servant to Friend" on April 1-3 at Visitation Monastery in Mobile, AL.

Spring Day Away

ECW Spring Day Away will be held April 30th at Camp Beckwith.

PARISH BREAKFAST

"The February Parish Breakfast was held on Saturday, February 12. A wonderful crowd of 24 people showed up to share fellowship and feast on ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, poached eggs, hash browns, grits, saw-mill gravy and homemade biscuits. Our next breakfast feast will be held on Saturday, March 12. Come join us!



*God's Peace
.....Jerry*

INREACH

Spring is around the corner and a weather change is in the air. Snowbirds are thinking of home, locals are thinking of planting flowers, golf and that Cobia season is near. Yet the fellowship of food lasts year round and there are many chances in March to be together.

March will host the rest of our Lenten Soup Suppers on the 2nd, 9th, and the last supper on the 16th. If you have not attended you are missing some great soups and an enlightening and uplifting series of talks by Father David.

St. Patrick's Day falls during Lent this year so we will not have our usual party. When St. Patrick's falls in Lent the tradition of the Episcopal Church is for the 4th Sunday to be Refreshment Sunday and restrictions are relaxed slightly. At St. Andrew's we are calling it Champagne and Strawberries Sunday to celebrate our Snowbirds and their time with us as winter members of St. Andrew's. This celebration is to let them know how much we cherish and appreciate them. As Father David says, "You bless us with your presence."

I personally would like to thank Phyllis and Len DeWitt for their unflagging help and support in set-up and clean-up after fellowship and other meals. They constantly volunteer and their help has been invaluable. Thank you and God Bless you.

As always we look forward to sharing a cup of coffee at fellowship on Sundays. Thank you so very much to all of you who have provided food, and/or clean-up help, you make fellowship possible. The sharing of food is a Christian tradition that was begun by our Lord, so know that you are blessed each time you share with others.

Go with God,
Jim Cooper

LAISSEZ LE BON TEMPS ROULER

- Let the good times roll!

And roll they did. Our fourth annual pancake Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) supper was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our chefs Duane, Jerry, Annabelle, Bill, Tom and Carrie prepared piles of pancakes, over 200 sausage patties and delicious ham slices. Chet Tanski was our wime steward and did his best to improve spirits. Snow Bird John Busby's gift of gab served him well as our MC for the outrageous hat contest. The winner, Jerry McGee, raised the bar for future contests with his truly outrageous hat. Thanks to Lynn Middlebrook on the trumpet and our own Kate on the piano, we had live New Orleans Jazz to close down the evening. What a way to mix and mingle!

LADIES LUNCHEON

The Ladies Spring Luncheon was a fun event for a room FULL of ladies from this parish and their friends. Many men and women helped make this event successful. Thanks to all!

Organization meeting for next year will meet Monday, March 7th at 10:00AM in the parish hall. Everyone interested in helping put on this event please come. See Camille Morgan, new chairperson, with ideas and suggestions. This is a wonderful way to make new friends in our church.

All are welcome!! See you at the meeting.

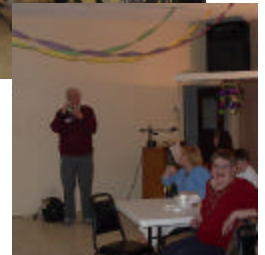
Suzy Eidson
'05 Chairperson



LENT & THE UTO

The Lenten season is a time in the church when we reflect on our life and our relationship with Christ. In our prayers and meditations, I am sure you will have moments of thankfulness for the blessings you have received. This is a perfect opportunity to manifest your thanks by prayerfully using your UTO boxes. Give thanks generously and we will share those blessings at our UTO ingathering in the Spring of 2005.

God's Peace,
Kathy McGee,
Parish UTO Coordinator



JUNIOR WARDEN'S JOURNAL

HELP!

Now that I have your attention, I really do need some help. The Motley Crew has dwindled to a few hearty souls while the project list keeps growing. I know it is not Spring yet, but we have a great deal of Spring-cleaning to do inside and outside our buildings.

We are scheduling an outside workday on 27 February. There are flowerbeds to get ready, hedges and bushes to trim and a general clean up of the grounds. Inside we will be cleaning out some storage rooms and reorganizing some of the office space wing. And don't forget the 'lawn dressing' if it ever gets delivered. So if you have the time, please join us on Saturday the 27th at 9 AM. Gloves are recommended.

As your Jr. Warden I have several ongoing projects that I am working on that are in various stages of completion. Stabilization of the Bell Tower, rehabilitation of the Choir room, cleaning and reorganizing of the office complex, and refurbishing the Kitchen to name a few. Remember to call to my attention any other things that you think need doing and then come join us to do them.

Bill James

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of Jan. 31 we have received the following pledges:

Number of Pledges	62
Pledges Received	\$113,376.00
Average Pledge	\$1829.00
Budget Goal (Pledge)	\$104,861.00
Percentage of Goal	108.12%

The average annual pledge for the Episcopal Church nationwide for 2003 was \$1700.

We will continue to accept additional pledges throughout the year. Anyone wishing to pledge should contact me or pick up a pledge envelope in the Narthex.

Pledge envelopes are available in the Narthex to those who wish to pay their pledges in cash. For credit, be sure to put your name on the envelope

This year, we will be mailing quarterly statements to allow a greater awareness of your pledge standing. If you have question concerning your pledge, you may call me anytime at 837-2539.

On behalf of the Staff and Vestry of St. Andrew's I want to give heartfelt thanks for the wonderful support and blessings that you have given the Church.

Jerry E. McGee
Stewardship Chair-2005

CHILDREN'S' SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We have a wonderful group of children in our class, and we would love to see this group enlarge. If you have children or grandchildren that normally do not attend Sunday School, encourage them to come. There have been some exciting changes recently that should help make the class more fun and educational.

The first change is that we are now using the "Good News for Living" curriculum. We have been using it for several months, and the children seem to enjoy it. It's lectionary based and uses various teaching techniques, including Godly play, arts and crafts, game playing, music, and discussion. However, we found that we just did not have enough time to accomplish the goals of the curriculum. That is why the second change occurred.

The second change began Sunday, February 20. Instead of the children leaving for Sunday School following the second reading and Father David's children's' moment, they will follow their teacher at the end of the Processional and go right to class. This will

allow a lot more time for Sunday School. As before, they will return at the Peace.

We have one more small change. On Easter Sunday, we always have a large group of children visiting St. Andrew's. Since it's hard to plan a lesson for a large group of varying ages, we plan to have an Easter egg hunt during the Sunday School time. In order to accomplish this, we need your assistance. We need plastic eggs and candy. Last year, we had 20-30 visiting children, so we need at least 200 eggs. If anyone wants to donate inexpensive Easter baskets and grass for the visitors to use, that would be appreciated too, since they won't know to bring baskets. The eggs and candy should be brought to the church by Palm Sunday. Baskets and grass may be brought anytime prior to 9:30 Easter morning.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding Children's' Sunday school, please contact us.

Cindy Warriner & Rosemary McCown

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