



# The Sea Net



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

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There's something about those places that are prayed in regularly and often. They become holy places, and when you're there you can sense the presence of God and know that they are places of encounters between God and people. One such place for me is the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at General Seminary. There we met regularly for Morning Prayer and Evensong and for the Holy Eucharist. There we came to give thanks, to struggle, to question, to be nurtured, to be with others in the pilgrimage...to encounter and be encountered by God.

St. Andrew's is a holy place. People come here to pray, regularly and often. St. Andrew's is a place where one can sense the presence of God. To this place people come to celebrate, to give thanks, to struggle, to question, to be nurtured, to be with others in the pilgrimage...to encounter and be encountered by God.

It has long been my practice to begin the "work day" with Morning Prayer in the church, including a few minutes of reflective prayer, a practice that our church staff is carrying on. Anyone who wishes to join is invited—8:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday, in the church. It takes about 25 minutes and is a good way to begin the day.

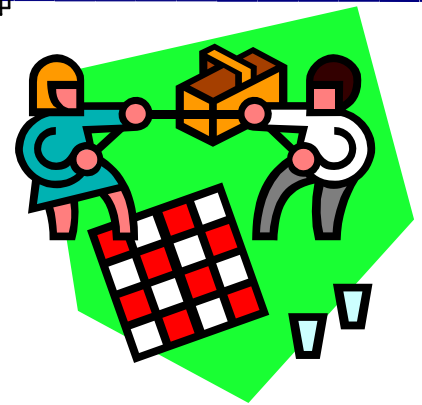
Let me close this invitation/reflection with part of a text, set in our hymnal to the tune "Down Ampney" (No. 516) which describes the heart as a place of encounter, a potential "holy place."

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
shall far out-pass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till Love create a place  
where-in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

May we as a parish and as individuals through prayer become more the place "where-in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling."

Fr. David+

### SPOTLIGHT



**FAMILY PICNIC**  
*Saturday, July 30th*  
*10 am – 3 pm*

*Clement Taylor Park*  
*on Calhoun Avenue,*  
*Destin*

*Fun for the whole*  
*family!*



## Usual Weekly Schedule

### Sundays

Holy Eucharist, Rite II. 10:00 am  
Fellowship Time ..... 11:00 am

### Mondays

Morning Prayer ..... 8:15 am  
Cursillo Reunion Group.....Noon

### Tuesdays

Morning Prayer ..... 8:15 am  
Liturgy of Healing and Holy  
Eucharist, Rite II ..... 10:00 am

### Wednesdays

Morning Prayer..... 8:15 am

### Thursdays

Motley Crew ..... 8:00 am  
Morning Prayer..... 8:15 am  
Cursillo Reunion Group. 5:30 pm

## Special Items of Interest

### *Vestry Meeting*

(usually the second Sunday)

August 14 ..... Noon

### *Worship Committee Meeting*

(usually the second Tuesday)

August 16 ..... 5:30 pm

### *Parish Breakfast*

(usually the second Saturday)

August 13 ..... 8 am

### *Christian Ed Team Meeting*

(usually the third Sunday)

August 21 ..... Noon

### *Pot Luck Dinner*

(usually the third Wednesday)

August 17 ..... 5:30 pm

*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.*

## Service News

*Duane St. John*

### English as a Second Language

**A new and exciting outreach ministry is about to begin at St. Andrew's!** The influx of Spanish-speaking people to this area, many who can speak no English, calls for a teaching outreach. Weidia Coutts, whose first language is Spanish (Ecuador) has offered to run FREE classes for all who want to learn. This outreach requires more than just the teaching function. We need volunteers to research and contact companies in the area who employ these people so they can advise their Spanish-speaking workers of the program. If you speak Spanish and would be interested in helping Weidia or do not speak the language but would take on some of the burden of promoting this outreach, please contact Duane St. John at 654-1013 or outreach@destinepiscopal.org.

### Summer Youth Program

**S**ummer Youth Group from St. Monica's Episcopal Church in Cantonment, FL arrived Friday evening, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, enjoyed breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and a picnic lunch on Saturday. There were 21 in the group.

**Heavenly Hosts Pittman Watson and Jeff Corl** handled the food preparation, table set up, and food distribution with an ease seldom seen in the hallowed Hall of Parish St. Andrew's.

The breakfast menu Saturday consisted of juice, fruit, cereal, coffee, milk plus French toast, syrup, and pork sausage. Immediately after breakfast the group went back to the Ed. Building and prepared five new cleverly-designed stepping stones. St. Monica's started this event when they presented us with a stepping stone they prepared as a gift to St. Andrew's three years ago. You can see the collection we have garnered over the last two years in the garden outside the Parish Hall.

Hamburgers with all the trimmings was the main picnic fare. All the condiments were provided along with copious quantities of chips. The ol' standby of peanut butter and jelly was included for those who prefer a non-meat item. In addition to the food we also supply the charcoal used in the cookers at Henderson Beach State Park.

Sunday morning **Jerry McGee** made grandma's-from-scratch biscuits which were, as usual, superb. These were slathered with a generous portion of sausage gravy.

The group performed by singing before the service started and at the offertory. Both the adults and youth were an animated and talented group.

After Eucharist the group shared in the fellowship tables to be sure they had sufficient calories to get them back to Cantonment.

St. Monica's can be very proud of their youth group and leaders. We hope to see them back next summer. Maybe if they can work it around a long holiday weekend they can be with us for the full program – arrive Thursday and depart Sunday.

## **Service News**

*Duane St. John*

**S****ERVICE** is the first word in the acronym **SWEEP**. Most of you are familiar with the term **OUTREACH**. Until now, outreach has been the filling of needs of those outside our walls as individuals have perceived those needs and volunteered to lead the way. No comprehensive budget has been developed to assist the various endeavors that go unnoticed by the vast majority of the congregation. Fr. David Powell has introduced the **SWEEP** concept to make all the things we do a coordinated and well-planned group of ministries.

The **Outreach Planning Committee** held an organizational meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. They reviewed an overview of the current Service ministries in progress. Each of the following Service ministries is or will be piloted by a member of the committee.

- Food Bags
- Summer Youth Program (Heavenly Hosts)
- Christmas Dinner
- Thanksgiving Day Volunteers at Harbor Docks
- Ladies Luncheon
- Annual Christmas Parade
- Episcopal Relief and Development
- United Thank Offering
- Guatemala Medical Mission
- Adopt-a-Class
- Our facilities provided for nine outside groups' periodic use

The committee will focus on a **planned flow of information** to the members of St. Andrew's utilizing bulletin inserts, newsletter articles, bulletin board posters, the web site, the Coastline, and the local press. All this is to keep the members and other readers of our newsletter aware of the Service Ministries and hopefully make newcomers and longtime members see the volunteer possibilities for individual participation.

A **Service Volunteer Coordinator** will keep track of the service ministries' needs for human resources. Each service ministry will make their need for helpers known to the coordinator. This will reduce duplication of effort in recruiting volunteers and provide a single person for parishioners to contact to offer help where it is most needed.

Please remember **volunteers are the human intervention that makes it possible to "Reach out and Touch Someone."** We all understand the

emotionally impelling force it represents. As St. Andrew's service ministry volunteers you are the people who put it into action. You make it happen.

Current members of the Outreach Planning Committee are: Brenda Barnes, Chiara Guyton, Esther Lofton, Kathy McGee, Camille Morgan, Marge Pegula, Stu Smith, and Duane St. John. Suzy Eidson is Vestry liaison.

If you have any suggestions for new outreach possibilities or you would like to be a Service volunteer, you may send us an e-mail at **outreach@destinepiscopal.org**

## **Senior Warden's Corner**

*Connie Tanski*

As you may already know, Father David is participating in an on-going column in the Destin Log, with ministers of several churches in the area. His column is called "Engaging Faith", and it is published every six weeks.

If you missed any of the first columns, they are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for you to read at your convenience. His next column will be published in the Log on Saturday, August 27th.

I encourage everyone to read these spiritually insightful articles, and continue to pray for the ministries of our Church. I also ask that each of you be in prayer about how you can be used by God, in service for our Parish.

We are rapidly moving forward with the Vestry's goals that were set at the retreat in March. Our Mission Statement continues to be that this Vestry is committed to organizing its responsibilities to most effectively serve the needs of our Parish, to intentionally identify and assimilate newcomers into the Parish, and to design Sunday morning to more effectively serve the entire community.

The Vestry encourages input from each of you. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any ideas that you would like to see implemented.

We are strong and we are growing!

Thanks be to God!

## **Junior Warden's Corner**

*Bill James*

There is something that I feel the need to do, so please bear with me. I feel the need to talk about Cursillo. Three of the happiest, most uplifting and spiritual days of my life were spent at a Cursillo at Camp Beckwith in October 1980. My wife Annabelle & I, as well as every other person who has been to Cursillo (known as Cursillistas), wants every one of their Christian brothers and sisters to share this wonderful experience.

This is **not** a secret society. Think of it as an opportunity for 3 days to get away from your everyday life and become renewed, rested, and at peace. The way you get started is to contact one of the Cursillistas and ask questions. To let you know who has been to Cursillo, we have begun to wear a small rainbow pin on our name tags. We can answer all your questions and perhaps be your sponsor. This weekend won't cost you anything. Your sponsor will arrange your transportation to and from your Cursillo weekend. My personal preference is for partners to have this experience together, but it is not a requirement.

I cannot adequately describe the Cursillo experience. It is a warm, wonderful gathering of Christians, all very much in touch with the Holy Spirit. Please join us.

Bill James, Cursillista / Junior Warden

## **Pastoral Care News**

*Jim Cooper*

This month brings a new event to our Parish Fellowship, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Family Picnic. St. Andrew's has reserved Clement Taylor Park on Calhoun Avenue, Destin, for Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10 am till 3 pm.

The Church will be serving Hamburgers and Hotdogs with all the trimmings, and sodas and other non-alcoholic drinks. The park by City law does not allow alcoholic beverages on the premises but with home-made lemonade, punch, and sodas, who needs alcohol? If you would like to bring a side dish, chips, or a dessert there will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall all month, or call the church office.

There will be activities for toddlers and young children, and there is a playground beside the pavil-

ion with slides and swings and things to climb upon. There will also be a variety of teen and adult activities such as swimming, volleyball, games. What would you like to do? Badminton, croquet, karaoke? Let us know. There is no pier for boats to dock, but they can be moored outside the swimming area within wading distance of shore. Maybe someone will give boat rides?

We will wind up the day with a watermelon cutting and ice cream. Please sign up early for this so that we know how much food to cook. Bring your children, grandchildren, and their friends for a great Family Picnic.

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Our Parish breakfast will be on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, and our monthly Pot Luck on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, with sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall.

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Our first Dinner and Dance at the American Legion was a lot of fun. Twelve of got together and danced the Twist, Carolina Shag, Jitterbug, Rumba, Electric Slide, some dances that have no name, and literally danced ourselves out of breath. You should have seen our Senior Warden go, she can really cut a rug. We are planning another Dinner and Dance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in August so plan on joining us for good time.

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Special thanks to Mike and Gail Woodham, Chiara Guyton, and all the others who have joined the Sunday Fellowship set-up and clean-up crew for the wonderful job you have done. Many hands make light work.

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Last of all, please remember that the vestry exists to serve you as well as the Church. We each hope that you know we are here for your needs and concerns, so please do not hesitate to call on any of the Vestry. We serve our Lord Jesus Christ best by serving others.

## **St. Andrew's on the Road**

Bill & Suzy Eidson recently visited St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Canton, NC.

Wesley Poole recently visited St. Paul's in Mobile.

## **Christian Education News**

Bruce Moore

One of the three goals our vestry established was to design Sunday morning to better meet the needs of our community. Working to enable this goal, the Christian Education Team has formed the framework for Sunday morning classes leaving no parishioner without a chance to learn more of God.

Children's classes will continue with our lectionary-based series but with the enhancement of up to three different age groupings: pre-k/kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, and 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Youth and adult classes are being researched for just the right curriculum. To aid us in narrowing our search, we will distribute a brief questionnaire to adults in the coming weeks. Additionally, we will be having a confirmation class beginning in September.

The education team invites you to join us, Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, during fellowship time, as we present the courses selected for this fall and again on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, for the commissioning of the teachers. While you have your calendars handy, please note that September 11<sup>th</sup> starts our new teaching year.

As always, you are invited to join the education team for our meetings—after church on the third Sunday of every month—or to volunteer to lead a class this fall. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Bruce Moore at 678-3914 or e-mailed to **bemoore@cox.net**.

### **CONFIRMATION / INQUIRER'S CLASS**

Included among our Sunday morning Christian Education offerings for the fall unit will be a Confirmation / Inquirer's Class which will consider the faith and practice of the Episcopal Church. Among topics covered will be: sacraments, Anglican perspectives on scripture, worship customs, signs & symbols, the prayer book, church history, what it means to be an Episcopalian, and the life and worship of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea.

Who is this class for? Any adult or high school student who is interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church. We have so many people worshipping with us on a regular or somewhat regular basis who are new or newly-returned to the Episcopal Church. ***This offering is for you.*** Participating in this class will give you the option of being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when the

Bishop makes his visitation to St. Andrew's in January.

This will be the high school Sunday School class for fall.

**WHEN WILL THIS CLASS MEET?** On Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour before church. (The precise time will be determined by the vestry as it considers the overall Sunday program.) The class will run from the Sunday after Labor Day (September 11<sup>th</sup>) into December.

**BY TAKING THIS CLASS, AM I COMMITTING TO BEING CONFIRMED?** No. This class is designed to give you enough information to enable you to make an informed, mature decision for yourself. No pressure will be placed on any participant.

**HOW DO I SIGN UP?** This is important so that we can order sufficient materials. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

**QUESTIONS?** Fr. David will be delighted to answer questions and/or to talk with anyone about this class.

Dear Friends at St. Andrew's,

Yes, yellow IS my favorite color! And some "little bird" must have told you that for you all to have adorned the parish hall (and yourselves!!) in yellow on Wednesday evening June 15<sup>th</sup> when you all welcomed me "home" and helped David and me celebrate being our under one roof again! What a special, special evening! The dinner, the music, the fellowship, the laughter, the flowers...all combined to make for an unforgettable homecoming. In the short space of a year, I have felt embraced through these last months of seminary by your encouragement and prayers. David and I are so grateful for your understanding and support during this almost-a-year apart from each other, and we give great thanks for the grace and love with which we have felt upheld by the people of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea, Destin.

David joins me in saying "thank you, thank you" from the bottom of our hearts.

In Christ's love,

Betsy

# Episcopal & Anglican Info on the Web

compiled by Duane St. John and Kate Driggers

This is an expanded & updated version of the list that has been available for some time on our own website. To visit any of these links, go to [www.destinepiscopal.org](http://www.destinepiscopal.org), then click on the “Links” button. If you’d like to save a link for repeated access, click on the link to open it, then click File → Send → Shortcut to Desktop. You can leave the link icon on your desktop or drag it into any folder you wish. We hope you enjoy browsing these most interesting & informative websites. This is just a beginning to our list: we welcome your suggestions. **WARNING:** You can easily spend hours & hours & hours here!

## The Anglican Communion

- the official website of the Anglican Communion—<http://www.anglicancommunion.org>
- the Archbishop of Canterbury—<http://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org>
- the Church of England—<http://www.cofe.anglican.org>
- the Anglican Church of Canada—<http://www.anglican.ca/index.htm>

## ECUSA—The Episcopal Church in the USA

- the official website of the Episcopal Church—<http://www.episcopalchurch.org>
- directory of provinces, dioceses, & congregations—<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/webpages>
- an A-to-Z directory for the website—<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/atoz.htm?menupage=43786>
- Theological Education for All—<http://www.teforall.org>
- Episcopal Church Women (ECW)—<http://www.ecusa.anglican.org/ecw>
- Washington National Cathedral, Washington, D.C.—<http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral>
- the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City—<http://www.stjohndivine.org/index.html>
- Grace Cathedral, San Francisco—<http://www.gracecathedral.org>
- The General Theological Seminary, New York City—<http://www.gts.edu>

## The Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

- the official website for our diocese: some sections are still under construction—<http://www.diocgc.org>
- Thee Store, Episcopal Books and Gifts, Mobile, Alabama (under construction)—<http://www.theestorebooks.com>

## Media

- Anglican Communion News Service—<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/index.cfm>
- online version of the *Anglican Episcopal World* magazine: can be downloaded as PDF files—<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/aw/index.cfm>
- Episcopal News Service—<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/ens>
- online version of *Episcopal Life* magazine—<http://www.episcopal-life.org>
- Ship of Fools, a lighter look at the church—<http://www.ship-of-fools.com>

## Outreach Organizations

- Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD)—<http://www.er-d.org>
- United Thanks Offering (UTO)—<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto>
- Church World Service—<http://www.churchworldservice.org>
- World Vision—<http://www.worldvision.org>

## General Resources

- Anglicans Online: a grand starting place!—<http://www.anglicansonline.org>
- the Anglican Domain: an unofficial resource—<http://anglican.org/index.html>
- the Anglican Library Society—<http://stpaulsparish.org/AngLibSociety>
- Education for Ministry (EFM)—<http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM/EFMhome.html>
- the Library of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada—<http://www.anglican.ca/search/databases.htm>
- a dictionary of Episcopal terminologies and “things”—<http://www.stmarysct.org/EpiscopalDictionary.html>
- a dictionary of Episcopal articles, terms, and practices—<http://www.stmarysct.org/Dict.html>
- a glossary of liturgical terms—[http://www.episcopalchurch.org/19625\\_19610\\_ENG\\_HTML.htm?menu=menu19609](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/19625_19610_ENG_HTML.htm?menu=menu19609)

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