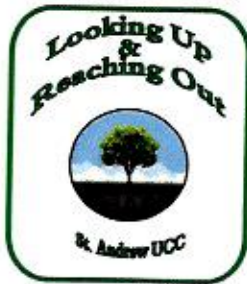


St. Andrew United Church of Christ



The EPISTLE NOVEMBER 2016

FROM GREG'S DESK . . .

TWO THINGS TO REMEMBER IN EARLY NOVEMBER

NUMBER 1: TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 5.

Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday night, November 5. (Actually, the official time to change the clocks is 2:00AM Sunday morning, November 6. It's just easier to do it before you retire on Saturday night.) Besides, we are observing All Saints Sunday on November 6, and you will want to be on time for that.

NUMBER 2: VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8.

The other day, a wag opined that presidential elections were always held in Leap Years so that we could recover an otherwise wasted day.

I, on the other hand, hope you are planning to vote in the upcoming election November 8. I have enough faith in the democratic process to think everyone needs to be involved in the decisions that determine the leadership for our nation and our communities. Democracy simply doesn't function when we don't participate!

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Whatever your opinion is . . . **VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8.**

We are headed into our busiest time of the Church year. **CHECK YOUR CHURCH CALENDAR REGULARLY** for events you won't want to miss!

*Pax et gratia,
Greg*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS . . .

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

If you would like prayer for any reason, please call the church office and that request will be passed on to the Pastor and listed in our Sunday bulletin and the monthly *Epistle* for corporate prayer.

For Comfort: Marilyn Panhorst and family, in their loss of Ken Panhorst, and for Joyce Berry and family, in their loss of Iver Berry.

For Safe Travel and Return: Debbi Roberts



FROM YOUR BOARD OF MISSIONS & OUTREACH

September Giving

\$587	Back Pack Kids (All Faiths' Food Bank)
\$262.60	Pride Fest bracelet materials
\$ 50	Family Promise
\$ 6	Samaritan Fund
\$830	Our Church's Wider Mission

November Mission - Habitat for Humanity

On October 6th of this year, Habitat Sarasota broke ground on two new homes! For over 30 years now, since Rev. Paul Binder was our pastor, St. Andrew has provided financial support for Habitat. We have partnered with them to fulfill their mission to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing for deserving families in Sarasota. Continue our tradition this month, as we focus our mission giving on this outstanding and deserving local ministry. Make your checks payable to St. Andrew, and put "HFH" in the memo section. And thank you!

Haiti Hurricane Relief

"As you do for the least...." If you wish to make a special offering for our neighbors in Haiti, here is "the deal":

Write the check payable to "UCC International Emergency Relief."

Put "Matthew" in the memo section. And mail to:

One Great House of Sharing
Memo: Hurricane Matthew
Financial Services Office
700 Prospect Ave. E.
Cleveland OH 44115

Nancy Hale Goethe



ST. ANDREW CRAFT FAIR AND BAKE SALE

Hear ye, hear ye! St. Andrew Craft Fair and Bake Sale!

Saturday, November 12th

9am - 2pm

Handmade quilts, crafts, jewelry, teachers' gifts, yummy baked goods and much much more! Please bring any craft donation on Friday morning, 9am-noon, and baked goods on Friday 9am-noon, and/or on Saturday by 9am. Call Lois Lewis (941-966-7838 or Debbi Roberts (614-296-8600) for help. Please note, cash and checks only on sales.

SPECIAL OCCASION POTLUCK

Mary, Mother of Jesus, Inclusive Catholic Community (also known affectionately as MMOJ) will be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Bishop Bridget Mary Meehan's Ordination as a Roman Catholic Woman Priest on Saturday afternoon, November 19.

Everyone here at St. Andrew is invited to attend both the Liturgy of the Mass at 4pm, and/or the Potluck Dinner immediately following in Stewart Hall. As a gift to Bridget Mary, MMOJ asks everyone to send a note on an index card (side without the lines) describing how Bridget Mary's commitment of her life to minister to the people of God has affected you. Or you may want to send a special prayer to her. Along with your note, please enclose a picture of you with Bridget Mary or a picture of you alone. Please send items to Pat MacMillan, 13476 Abercrombie Dr., Englewood, FL 34223. These letters need to be received by November 11 to have this special album ready for presentation.

For further information call Mary Al Gagnon at 941-496-4773.

Happy



Thanksgiving

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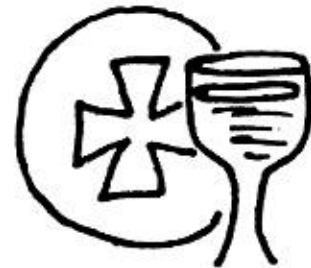
St. Andrew will hold its' traditional Thanksgiving celebration at 4pm in Stewart Hall on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.

Participants will be asked to bring a holiday dish to share, and volunteers are needed to cook turkeys.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Narthex and in Stewart Hall. Please sign up if you are joining us, and for the dish you will be bringing. All members and friends are invited!

BOARD OF DEACONS

John Hubschmitt reports that he has had to step down as co-chair of Deacons for personal issues. He has not left the Board and continues to function normally, only as Donna Papenhausen's co-chair, or as John puts it, "I'll be Robin to her Wonder Woman."



The Board of Deacons will be holding a workshop for liturgists on Saturday, November 19, at 10am. Anyone interested in becoming a liturgist and reading the scripture on Sundays is welcomed to attend. Any current readers are also welcome as well. We will discuss protocol and duties and hopefully give you a chance to read from the lectern with a live mic. We are getting a bit short of readers due to folks that are seasonal and/or choose not to read any longer. If you can read and have a good speaking voice, you are eligible. Please call John at 828-508-1631, or email him at andrewgolley@comcast.net or simply show up on the 19th.

ST. ANDREW UCC WOMAN

Christmas is coming soon and so is our annual Christmas luncheon and accompanying festivities! On Tuesday, December 13th, we will enjoy a provided luncheon, a short meeting, and then be entertained by the Riverview Madrigal Singers. What a great way to start our Christmas festivities! Please note that our event time is 1pm to 3:30pm.

To kick off the new year, on Tuesday, January 10th, we have our Field Trip to Mote Aquarium, followed by lunch at the Salty Dog. Please be at church at 9:30am to carpool.

Our Mission Statement: To unite the women of St. Andrew in the fellowship of worship, education, and service. To support the programs and activities of St. Andrew and the United Church of Christ as they serve the cause of Christ in our church family, the community, and the world.

We come together to be nurtured, challenged, and to have a joyous time.

ALL women of St. Andrew are **WELCOME!**

A THANK YOU from Kristen

Dear Members of St. Andrew:

Thank you all so very much for your well-wishes and prayers! I am getting better day by day and look forward to being able to share in another holiday meal and actually being able to chew it well . . . ha ha ha!!

God bless you all for your kindness and I love my new teddy bear!

Sincerely, Kristen Papenhausen

**Happy
Anniversary
to . . .**



11/25 Ed and Cindy Hooper

Happy Birthday to . . .



11/03 Hugh Moore
11/05 Helen Lewis
11/10 Jean Haerr
11/14 Irene Webb
11/17 Joe LaDu
11/17 Margaret Seifert-Russell
11/19 Julie Moore
11/29 Cindy Hooper

REST IN PEACE

Ken Panhorst died on October 16.
A Memorial Service and reception were held at St. Andrew on October 24.

Iver James Berry, Jr. died on October 27.
A Memorial Service and Reception were held at St. Andrew on October 31.

**ST. ANDREW UCC WOMEN OPEN THE 2016-2017 SEASON
AT THE OCTOBER 11th SIESTA KEY PICNIC**





A HAPPY GRANDMA!

Here is Debbi Roberts (St. Andrew's Financial Secretary), holding newly-born grandson Harrison James. Jeremy and Erica Roberts are the proud parents of Harrison, born at 11:27pm on Tuesday, 11th of October. He was 5 lbs 8 ozs and 19 inches long. Debbi says: "He's my tiny yet mighty little man! Everyone is doing great." Debbi spent a few weeks up in Ohio helping out the new parents.

ST. ANDREW HALLOWEEN HULLABALOO
on Saturday night, October 29, in Stewart Hall.



**ST. ANDREW
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday Worship 10:30am
Wednesday Contemplative Communion 6pm
We are an open and affirming church
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Tel: 941-922-7595 Fax: 941-924-6779
Web site: www.uccstandrew.org

Nancy Speed, Bookkeeper
Jimmy Cox, Director of Music Ministries
Rev. Greg Russell, Interim Minister
Linda Lee Miska, Secretary
Bob Stewart, Sexton

NOVEMBER'S THOUGHT:

"Gratitude can transform common days
into thanksgivings,
turn routine jobs into joy,
and change ordinary opportunities
into blessings."

~ *William Arthur Ward*

*Have you remembered
St. Andrew in your will?*

