

# High Tidings

November 2010

## COMING EVENTS

**Order of St. Luke**  
**Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**Deuteronomy Feast**  
**Saturday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**ECW**  
**Tuesday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m.**

### **Our Mission Statement:**

**To Encounter God and  
Have Our Spirits Formed  
through Christian  
Worship in Episcopal  
Tradition, Community,  
Mission, and Education**

***The Rev. Dr. Margaret S. Shepard***  
***Priest-in-Charge***

A Message from Margaret...

### THE DEUTERONOMY FEAST! What is it??

By now you should have received your invitation to the Deuteronomy Feast. This feast is a way for St. Andrew's to say to you: "Thank you for your presence in this parish, for your gifts, and the gift of just being you." Everyone is invited and there is no charge-just as in God's gift to us of ourselves and all that God has given to us-even our very breath.

The idea of the Deuteronomy feast comes from the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) from the Older Testament. We read in the 16th chapter of Deuteronomy: "You shall celebrate the Feast of Booths seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat; and your male and female servants and the Levite and the stranger and the orphan and the widow who are in your towns. Seven days you shall celebrate a feast to the Lord your God in the place which the Lord chooses, because the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you will altogether be joyful." (16:13-15)

As you can see, the feast is for everyone! The feast also ties us to a time when the 12 Tribes of Israel spent a lot of time living in tents or tabernacles, and the metaphor is that even our very bodies are tents or tabernacles in which we live, given to us by God. We read later on that God came in the form of a human and "dwelt" or "tented/tabernacled" among us. It is a symbol of our temporary abode here on earth because our permanent home is wherever Jesus is. So they brought branches and decorations and made their booths, and brought before God all they could find: pumpkins, pomegranates, cucumbers etc., in order to give thanks for their very lives.

At the end of the evening, we will be given a chance to do the same... to say thank you to our God for God's abundant generosity to us and to our parish. We, like the Children of Israel, will be given a chance to give our "first fruits" back to God in direct proportion to our thankfulness. See YOU there!! .

# WHAT'S GOING ON THIS MONTH?!

**VESTRY & DELEGATE NOMINATIONS** are now being received from the parish at large. The Diocesan Convention will be held February 10-12, 2011 at St. James, Fairhope Alabama and Beckwith.

Election of Vestry and Delegates will be at St. Andrew=s Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, December 12, 2010 immediately following the service.

**The qualifications for nomination to serve as a member of the Vestry are as follows:**

- Must subscribe to and support the Parish through the biblical tithes
- Be a communicant member of the Parish (at least 16 years of age) in good standing.\*
- \*A member in good standing, as recorded in the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church means that a candidate is regular in worship, is confirmed, and is a giver of record (pledges to the parish)
- Be active and committed in participation in worship and the work of the Parish
- Be willing and able to regularly and consistently attend Vestry meetings and be willing to attend the Vestry Retreat.
- Be an example and leader for others in the Parish in terms of his/her personal Christian faith and life and prayer.

**The qualification for nomination to serve as a Lay Delegate to our Diocesan Convention are as follows:**

- Be a communicant member of the Parish (at least 16 years of age) in good standing\* (see above).
- Be regular in attendance at worship
- Be regular in contributions of time, talent, and money to the work of the Parish.

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**VESTRY/DELEGATE NOMINATION SLIP**  
*(Place in the offering plate or return to the Parish Office)*

**Deadline for Nominations is  
Monday, December 6, 2010**

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for Vestry  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Delegate

I would like to be a delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee=s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**You must have the person=s permission to nominate him/her for the Vestry or to serve as a Delegate.**

# MORE NEWS AND ACTIVITIES!

## The Episcopal Community

The Episcopal Community, a new national women's group in the Episcopal Church, includes lay and ordained women who are called into community to support one another in a life focused on our Baptismal Covenant in order that we may be more effective in our church and the world. The motto of the group is "Marked as Christ's own for ever." Members of the group, after taking part in a six-month study and discernment period, take vows to live by a Rule of Life that includes prayer, service, study, and seeking the direction of the Holy Spirit. The Community follows the canons of the Episcopal Church and takes no stand on issues of a political or theological nature so it can provide a neutral and safe environment for Episcopal women as they seek to live out their vows. The group is led nationally by a Circle of Leadership which uses a consensus model of decision making.

Nancy Young, a member of St. Andrew's, is one of the fifteen women on this Circle of Leadership. The Right Rev. Philip Duncan serves as the National Chaplain. The Rev. Martha Kremer is the Diocesan Chaplain, and the Rev. Dr. Margaret Shepherd is Chaplain of our local chapter. The local St. Andrew's chapter is in the process of the six-month study in preparation for the installation of our local chapter on **January 15** (here at St. Andrew's) when the first chapters of The Episcopal Community will be installed by Bishop Duncan in the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. The installation will be part of a Quiet Day sponsored by The Community that is open to all women in the diocese (It's okay if men come too!).

The day will include a meditation by Pat Horn and quiet time in the morning, a luncheon provided by Teri Floore and Joni Yon with proceeds going to the National Foundation for Transplants, and a Taize Eucharist after lunch with Bishop Duncan celebrating and installing members of The Episcopal Community from throughout the diocese. Membership is open to women 18 years and older who are confirmed members of The Episcopal Church or who have been received by a Bishop into the Episcopal Church. Those interested in membership should contact Nancy Young. The membership study can be begun at any time.

## ECW planning evening meeting!

The Women of the Church will have an evening meeting on **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. We hope this encourages women who cannot attend during the day to join us. Please bring a pkg of RICE or DRIED BEANS for the Grocery Cart.

## St. Mary's Guild Decorating Christmas Tree

Members of St. Mary's Guild will decorate a Tree at their **November 9<sup>th</sup>** meeting at Shirley Gobat's home at **10:00 a.m.** for the Festival of Trees to be held at the Marina Civic Center on **Thursday and Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**. St. Mary's Guild will have a table at the tea party on Dec. 2nd.

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## FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:45 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 9:00 a.m. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Story of Anglicanism  
(Byrne Hall—Stage Area)
- YOUTH AND CHILDREN: GODLY PLAY  
(Front Nursery Room)
- 9:15 a.m. CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!**

Thanks to your generosity in donating, shopping, pricing and working, the annual NFT Rummage Sale was again a HUGE SUCCESS!! We raised over \$1400 and we are very grateful. God bless you.

**OSL on 4th Sunday this month!**

The Order of St. Luke will meet on the fourth Sunday in November—the 28th at 11:15 a.m.— instead of its regular meeting on the third Sunday. OSL is a group of people dedicated to praying for the sick— physical, mental or emotional. They also distribute prayer shawls that have been blessed to bring healing and comfort to the wearers. Contact Nancy Young for more information ([teachdok@comcast.net](mailto:teachdok@comcast.net)),

**Lessons and Carols Coming Sunday, Dec 5th!**

Mark your calendars now for the Choir's annual presentation of Lessons and Carols at **4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, followed by a reception in Byrne Hall. More details later!

**St. Andrew's Day  
Celebration**

We will celebrate our patronal feast- The feast of St. Andrew's on November 21st complete with Bag Pipes! Following the service there will be a **Catered Luncheon**. The congregation is asked to bring desserts. You don't want to miss this festive day! **No continental breakfast this day.**



## NOVEMBER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The Lay Ministry Schedule is compiled on the 15th of each month for the following month. Contact Melinda Hall at [halltribe@comcast.net](mailto:halltribe@comcast.net) or leave message at (850)348-1289 if you can't serve the day you are scheduled. Substitutes for the current month should be arranged by the participants. Thank you for serving.

The Vestry Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.



## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

For most of us that phrase brings to mind wonderful memories of past Christmases and hopes for those in the future. However, for the thousands still living in tents or boxes 10 months after the Haitian earthquake in January 2010, home for the holidays seems to be an impossible dream. At this time there is still a need for 10,000 houses for earthquake victims!

The good news is that this year's Alternative Gift Market at St. Andrew's gives us all an opportunity to provide much needed affordable, sustainable and energy efficient homes in Haiti while remembering friends and loved ones this Christmas. On Sundays, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, you can purchase shares of homes at the Alternative Gift Market exhibition in Byrne Hall. You will be given Episcopal Relief and Development cards to send to your friends and family announcing your gifts of hope and dignity to the people of Haiti in their honor. The earthquake and fire resistant homes are being constructed by volunteers at cost around \$3,000 each. The materials are manufactured by Lazarian World Homes a non-profit company building homes for the world's needy. ([www.lazarianworldhomes.com](http://www.lazarianworldhomes.com))



To find out more about its unique building system using insulated concrete form polystyrene foam blocks, check out the display in Byrne Hall. The Fuller Center For Housing, founded by Millard Fuller founder of Habitat for Humanity, is coordinating the effort. Our gifts from the Alternative Gift Market will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development for Houses for Haiti.



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!



The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
Here are the pictures we promised you from Saturday,  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at the annual Blessing of the Animals! More at  
our webpage: [www.saintandrewsbythebay.org](http://www.saintandrewsbythebay.org)



**ST. ANDREW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

The Right Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II  
*Bishop*

The Rev. Dr. Margaret S. Shepard  
*Priest-in-Charge*

The Rev. John E. Wave  
*Associate for Pastoral Care*

**Staff**

Carla Croud

*Parish Administrator*

Sue Webb                      Miriam Gladstone

*Choirmaster                      Organist*

Christine and Michael Howk  
*Sextons*

*The Vestry of St. Andrew's*

Frank Lopez (2010), Sr. Warden  
785-9604

Lynn D'Albertis (2010) 249-4449

Bill Lee (2011) 763-2573

Bob Schlacter (2011) 271-8700

Teri Floore (2012) 763-2439

Melinda Hall (2012) 348-1289

Marilyn Hermansen (2012) 522-6449

Anne Staley(2012) 763-5995

Virda Zekas, Clerk 215-5617

Bill Gobat, Treasurer 785-1131

**Weekly Services**

**Sunday**

10:00a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir

**Wednesday**

12:15 p.m. Healing Holy Eucharist

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

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**Office Hours**

Monday 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or in need of a pastoral care visit, please call the Church Office at 763-7636.

**EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN**

If you need immediate prayer because of an emergency situation, the St. Andrew's prayer chain is available. Please call Jeanette Riley at 871-0470 or email at jriley16a@bellsouth.net.

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Names will remain on the Prayer List for **six weeks**. If prayer is needed beyond that period, please place a note in the offering plate, or call the Church Office at 763-7636.

**Prayer Cards** - If you would like to have a name included in the list below, please be sure to write "**Bulletin**" on the Prayer Card and sign the card.

**For the Sick and Those in Need:**

Jeanette Anderson, Dick Brooks, Rec Chavez, Chuck Hebert & Family, Tom & Ginny Kileen, Lynn Larkin, Jylian Riemersma, Harry & Eleanor Schroder & Family, Cassy Scribner, Kailey Schurman, Bo & Beverly Temple, Wendy Torlay, Iva Walter, Michael Wheeler, Bobby Wilder, and All U.S. Military & their Families.

**For Deployed Military:**

Jeff Anderson, Bowe Bergdahl, James Bracken, Nickolas Alan Cooper, Jeff Cole Darin Findling, Aaron Glass, Mitchell Gore, Ronnie Grissett, Logan Knutson, Ryan McGlothlin, Evan McClain, Joe Murphy, Nate Nemeth, Richard Smith, David Stanley, Colin Weaver and Jason L. White

**SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.  
THE DEUTERONOMY FEAST  
PLACE: ST. ANDREW BAY YACHT CLUB  
TIME: 6 P.M. (WINE AND CHEESE AND  
JAZZ)**