



# Andrew's Net

*The News from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church published monthly*  
*Our Mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ both at the altar and in the street*

December, 2009

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

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## Interim Rector's Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Andrew's,

Advent is a time of looking; looking back to Christ's birth and the beginning of the Kingdom of God, and looking forward to its fullest expression at the eschaton. While looking in both directions, we must also think of the Kingdom of God as being alive, present, and among us today. It is present, but that does not negate the fullness of the Kingdom of God is not yet fully revealed.

Living in the present means doing the work that is at hand. Christians do this by living as Christ lived, by thinking as Christ thought, and by promoting peace and justice. We live in the present with our daily round of work, but not being so absorbed we lose sight of the concerns of others.

For many of us, looking ahead also includes anticipation of the church's celebration of Christmas, the birth of Christ. For us at St. Andrew's, this is a major feast, one at which we pull out all our finest in liturgy and music, not for its own sake, but for Christ's. This is one of the high points of the church year. And the blue and rose of Advent only points to the white of Christmas.

It is not so for all southern Christians. I was discussing the frantic binge of shopping beginning on black Friday with a friend and both of us were bemoaning such ideas as "Christmas costs less . . ." She then dismissed the entire affair with the words, "Well, Christmas isn't so important after all. Easter is really the day." I disagreed quietly. "Some of us think it is very important." Her response told it all, "Oh, yes, I forgot; the incarnation."

Oh, yes indeed. Without the incarnation and birth there could be no Easter and no Pentecost. Christ's birth is a critical piece of the story of salvation and celebration of it is "very meet and right so to do."

Even as we live in the world, Advent is a time to refuse to be caught up in the marketing excesses of the world. Advent is a time for reflection and anticipation, a time of joy.

May God bless each of you during this season.

Wilton+



## Parish News – We Heard It Through the Grapevine

**Seth Olson**, thanks everyone at St. Andrew's for recent prayers. The Diocesan Commission on Ministry and Bishop Parsley have recommended his continuing in the process to priesthood, and have just named him as a Postulant for Holy Orders. He intends to go to seminary next year. Praise be to God!

**Joanne Douglas** is retiring due to disability, effective December 1.

## Senior Warden's Report

From **Meanings of Christmas** by Fr. Andrew Greeley, Woman's Day, December 22, 1981

*"It might be easy to run away to a monastery, away from the commercialization, the hectic hustle, the demanding family responsibilities of Christmas-time. Then we would have a holy Christmas. But we would forget the lesson of the Incarnation, of the enfleshing of God—the lesson that we who are followers of Jesus do not run from the secular; rather we try to transform it. It is our mission to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas just as the early Christians baptized the Christmas tree. And we do this by being holy people—kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people—no matter how maddening is the Christmas rush..."*

For the church, Advent marks the beginning of a new year in the liturgical calendar. "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "arrival," "visit" or "coming." While the secular world fills with traffic, shoppers, reindeer songs, and shiny baubles, Christians are called to get ready for the two "visits" of Christ: His first coming through the Incarnation, and His second coming as the reigning Lord.

Advent is a season of waiting, hoping, and realizing our need for a Savior. As Lent helps us look toward Easter, Advent prepares us for Christmas, and, in fact, in some Christian churches, Advent is a time of fasting and repentance.

A pull between secular and spiritual always starts around St. Andrew's Day -- and, for me, I don't mind the tug of war. Ever since the early church substituted the celebration of Christ's birth in late December for the extremely popular Roman Saturnalia festival, there have been temporal aspects to Christmas and Advent alongside the eternal, religious ones (except maybe for the brief Puritan rule).

So, while part of me would really like to wait (to decorate, to turn on Christmas lights, to wrap, to cook) another part of me enjoys the bustle, shopping in large crowds, and my neighbor's Griswold-like overly lighted yard, trees, bushes, and roof.

So, I have learned to do both: slow down, read special spiritual pieces, meditate, tune out some of the worldly noise, and clear out a place in my heart for new birth. And to also

relish the sights, sounds, smells, feelings, colors, music, movies, and scramble of the secular celebration, transforming the secular into the sacred.

I am not a particularly patient person, but each year about this time, I receive a gift that helps me hone my self-restraint and calls me to pause in yearning anticipation. Last Advent, I learned that my daughter Elin was pregnant with my first grandchild -- an event for which we all pined in excited expectation. New life! This year, I wait with my son Seth as he looks forward to a seminary he has yet to discover. More new life!

And, with all of you, I also long and dream for the time (hopefully early in the new year) when we can begin to earnestly search for a new rector, when our finances are secure, and when we can recruit our consultants and name a discernment team. We have gone through a little anxiety as we entered an interim space where we had to steady our church and ourselves. Let us use this Advent time to pray that, as Christ is again made incarnate in this world, we can prepare ourselves as a congregation for new birth (new life!) here.

Peace, Barbara Sloan, Senior Warden

## 55th Place News

The 20th Anniversary Celebration for 55th Place was held November 17th @ 55th Place Thrift Store. Bishop Parsley, 55th Place Board Members, liaisons from various churches as well as other guests were there in attendance. Roly Poly graciously donated all food items for the luncheon enjoyed by all. Board Member, Margaret, who has been on the Board of Directors ever since the beginning, gave a brief verbal history of 55th Place and its accomplishments. Since its beginning, 55th Place has donated about \$800,000 to charities in the Birmingham area. For more information go to: <http://www.freewebs.com/55thplacethriftstore/index.htm>

# Cursillo



The first Cursillos developed in the Roman Catholic Church in Mallorca, Spain, in the late 1940s. Under the leadership of their bishop, several laymen began to formulate a way to draw active laymen into the work of "Chris-

tianizing" the everyday life settings where they lived.

Eventually, the Cursillo Method found interested parties in the United States. The first Cursillo Three-Day Weekend in the United States was held in Waco, Texas, in 1957. At first, these were still held in the Spanish language, and were available only to Roman Catholics. The first English speaking weekend was in 1961 in San Angelo, Texas. In time a few Episcopalians were invited to participate in the weekends.

Alabama's first Cursillo weekend was in the 1970s, and Bishop Stough was a part of bringing the movement to Alabama. In fact, all of our bishops have been and are very supportive of Alabama Cursillo.

Today, Cursillo is emerging as a mature instrument in the hands of committed clergy and lay Christians to empower the "ministry of the laity."

For more information on Cursillo, call 790-0654 or email <erconville@aol.com>

**DeColores, Roger Conville**

## DIOCESAN ADVENT QUIET DAY

The Commission on Spirituality invites you to a quiet, reflective day at Grace Episcopal Church in Anniston during the waiting season of Advent. Spend the day, Saturday Dec. 12, 2009, with Bishop Henry Parsley as he helps us prepare for the coming of Christ in our lives. Registration fee is \$15.00. Click here for registration form and complete schedule. Registration deadline is Dec. 5. Call or email Sarah Sartain at Carpenter House.

The event is from 9:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
Grace Episcopal Church  
1000 Leighton Ave  
Anniston, AL 35207

## DEACON'S DESK

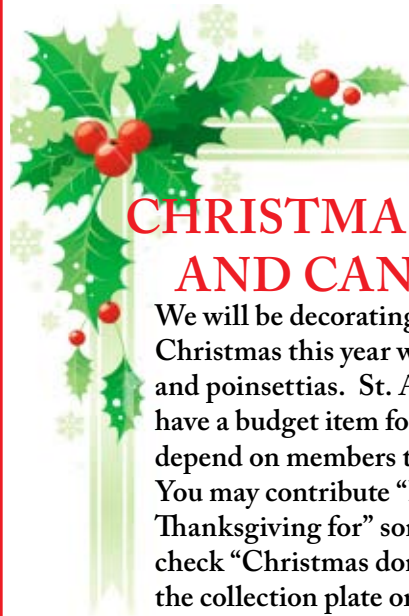


Between our bare-bones-budget and climate change we at St. Andrew's need to consistently monitor and conserve our use of energy and water. Conservation and efficiency will save us money to be used for other purposes and we will be better stewards of God's creation at the same time. Win-win for sure! To do this we need a small corps of dedicated folks who will work each

month to monitor and tackle projects to help with this task. Please let me know at deacongerri@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining this group.

Peace <><

*Deacon Gerri*



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND CANDLES

We will be decorating St. Andrew's for Christmas this year with candles, greenery, and poinsettias. St. Andrew's does not have a budget item for the decorations. We depend on members to provide donations. You may contribute "In Memory of" or "in Thanksgiving for" someone. Mark your check "Christmas donation" and return in the collection plate or mail the check and form to the church office, with instructions. Your contribution will be noted in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you for helping to make St. Andrew's beautiful for Christmas.

I would like to contribute to:

☐ Flowers and Greenery  
☐ Candles

☐ In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Or

☐ In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Or

☐ Neither, I just wish to make a contribution with my name listed as a contributor.

Your name:



## HAPPENINGS WITH THE EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY (EYC)



Episcopal Youth Community of St. Andrew's. Katie Dean, is our director! Email:

m.katiedean@gmail.com

There is always room for more at St. Andrew's EYC! Feel free to bring a friend to any of our activities. Your comments, questions, suggestions, and ideas are always welcomed!

### St. Andrew's Parish Retreat February 19 - 21, 2010

St. Andrew's Parish Retreat - February 19 - 21, 2010 We are having our annual Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell February 19 - 21. We will be staying in Stough Lodge again. If you stay both nights and eat most meals, the weekend costs around \$100. Children under age 6 are free Children ages 6 -10 get free lodging if they are the 3rd or 4th person in the room. Because of our financial situation this year, we will have to have an up-front deposit, so plan ahead this year! We will also have to have the remainder of your fee up front. We need a \$50 deposit by December 1 for each adult attending the retreat. The deposit is nonrefundable, but it is transferable to another person. We need the remainder of your fee and your filled out form by January 25. The Rector's Discretionary Fund will not be able to furnish scholarships this year; however, several parishioners have offered to contribute to a scholarship fund. Please fill out a pre-registration form found in the back of the church and return it with your check either to the church office or in the alms basin by December 1.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RALLY DAY!! Youth Christian Formation

Youth Classes are involved in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculum. All children 3 and up are encouraged to attend. Parents will be amazed at this new approach to Christian formation.

### Nursery News

The Nursery opens at 9:15 for Christian Education hour and runs through the 10:30 service. We have a corps of volunteers specifically for newborns to 2 year olds, so please take advantage of this new service. Thanks to all the new Nursery volunteers who make the rotations much easier!

### Adult Christian Education

The **Adult Sunday School class** that used to meet in St. Joe's has started reading *To Have or To Be* by Erich Fromm. The class now meets in the suite of offices formerly used by St. Andrew's Place. This book is thought-provoking and very relevant to issues facing us today. It is also a very readable book. There are some copies available at The Little Professor Book Store in Homewood, and can order more. The discussion leader is Sharon Fugate. Please join us; all are welcome.

The **Monday Bible study group** is meeting at 5:30 each Monday for centering prayer if anyone is interested. Bible Study starts at 6:00.

The **Sunday Christian Education class** that meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Christian Education wing is currently reading Deitrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*. Colby Galloway is leading this class. Everyone is welcome.

## Red Door Arts Events



🕒 **December 17 at 6:30 p.m.:** A worship service of Advent Lessons and Carols. This service will be in honor of Charles Tyler Clark.

🕒 **January 21 at 6:00 p.m.:** Art with Spirit: Creating a Model City for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



# Twelve Months, Twelve Members, One Body Campaign

## Vestry Focus on Music and The Choir



This month's Vestry Focus is on our music program and choir members have been kind enough to share why they share their talents in this ministry and what they get out of being a part of this group.

"My participation in St. A's Choir provides a wonderful discipline to my life I could not replace, making me a more whole person. Also, the music we sing enriches and enlivens me."

"To sing to the Lord in peace is joy -- it is a wonderful blessing."

"Singing in St. Andrew's Choir is a very special time in my week. It is time set aside not only for me to get away from all the other things going on in my life, but to share the gift God gave me with others and to help lead in worship."

"Singing hymns and anthems that either praise the Lord or touch our spiritual hearts is, to me, as pure a form of worship as any I can imagine. My hope is that our worship experience is transmitted to the congregants, to enlighten and enhance their own worship. I can't even imagine sitting in a pew not participating."

"I love music that touches, and uplifts me and hopefully the congregation."

"Singing is the best way to pray, for me, and I hope that the music and words might help the rest of the congregation to lift their thoughts and prayers to God."

"Singing in the choir lifts me into worship experiences I do not find in any other form. On a more personal level, as a choir, we truly become one in Christ as we strive to come together as one voice through music."

"Singing heals the wounded soul and rejoices with the joyful heart; plus, choir is fun!"

"It's just not church without music, and I try to do my part."

"Music touches the emotions as well as the senses, taking liturgy ever deeper."

*If you are a musician and are interested in sharing your musical talents with St. Andrew's, our organist/choir-master Jason Turner would love to hear from you. Please contact him at [jasoncoyturner@aol.com](mailto:jasoncoyturner@aol.com).*

## PASTORAL NEEDS

All parishioners are encouraged to contact the church office or one of our clergy for all pastoral needs and concerns. Fr. Wilton Bunch can be reached by calling the church 251-7898 or home 824-4520 or by email at [whbunch@samford.edu](mailto:whbunch@samford.edu) (preferred email for immediate needs) or [FrWilton@standrews-birmingham.org](mailto:FrWilton@standrews-birmingham.org). Fr. Roy can be reached by phone at 870-3899 or email at [rwells@bsc.edu](mailto:rwells@bsc.edu). Deacon Gerri Aston can be reached by phone at 879-8390 or email at [deacongerri@yahoo.com](mailto:deacongerri@yahoo.com).

## Your Vestry Rep

The Vestry has divided up the Parish Directory into 12 parts. Here you will find your Vestry Representative. If you ever have concerns that you would like to bring to the Vestry's attention, please contact your rep. They will be in contact with you, hopefully each month, but at least periodically. This contact may be personal (for instance, a check-in at church), or it may be an email or a phone call. When you have good news, an illness, or a concern, while you are always welcome to call the office, you can also get in touch with your Vestry Rep.

**Katie Dean:** Adams through Blake

**Roger Conville:** Boyd through Cotton

**Bentley Manning:** Covington through Friedel

**Mike McKenzie:** Fugate through Groves

**Tommie Watkins:** Hagen through Joiner

**Barbara McDowell:** Jones through Layne

**Bertram Perry:** Lea through McKenzie

**Janet Simpson-Templin:** Merkle through Ott

**Barbara Sloan:** Parker through Price

**Nelson Gage:** Prince through Slaughter

**Barbara Smith:** Sloan through Tytler

**Laura Wells:** van Zalingen through Zweifel



# Calendar Items



## SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH:

**Sunday, December 6:** *Second Sunday in Advent (Children will celebrate St. Nicholas Day during Children's Church)*  
**Sunday, December 13:** *Third Sunday in Advent*  
**Thursday, December 17:** *Third Thursday: Service of Lessons and Carols, featuring the St. Andrew's Choir at 6:30 p.m.*  
**Sunday, December 20:** *Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
**Thursday, December 24:** *Christmas Eve Children's Service at 4:00 p.m.*  
**Thursday, December 24:** *Christmas Eucharist at 10:30 p.m.*  
**Friday, December 25:** *Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.*  
**Saturday, December 26:** *St. Stephen's Day (no service)*  
**Sunday, December 27:** *The First Sunday after Christmas and St. John the Apostle*  
**Monday, December 28:** *Holy Innocents*  
**Tuesday, December 29:** *St. Thomas Becket (no service)*

## PLEASE NOTE:

**Monday, November 30, St. Andrew's Feast Day Eucharist and Dinner at 6:30 p.m.** Please join us in celebrating the Feast Day of our patron saint with a Visitation by Bishop Parsley. Bring a special dish for the pot luck, and invite friends to come back home!

**Sunday, December 20 Open House:** You are invited to a Christmas Open House at the home of William and Barbara Patterson on Sunday, December 20, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Homemade goodies and beverages of the season will be served. On display will be a large model train layout with showings at 3:00, 4:00 and 5:00. Children welcome. Directions: Take University Blvd. to 42nd St. So (University becomes Clairmont Ave.). Turn R (south) onto 42nd and go 2 blocks. Turn L onto 10th Ave. S and go one block. Turn R on 43rd. We're the next to the last house on the right. If you get lost call 595-7740. Hope to see you there!

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

**Mondays** in December 5:30 p.m.

Centering Prayer;  
followed at 6:00 p.m. with Bible Study

**Tuesdays** in December 7:00 a.m. Eucharist;  
5:30 p.m. Alanon

**Wednesdays** in December:

Bible Study at 11:30  
with lunch following; Choir Practice at 6:30 p.m.;  
Compline at 8:15 p.m.

**Thursdays** in December:

8:15 a.m. Staff Meeting

**Fridays** in December: 8:00 a.m.

Centering Prayer; Study Class 9:00 a.m.;  
Healing Eucharist 11:00 a.m.

*Looking Ahead - put these events  
on your Calendar*

*November 30: St. Andrew's Day with*

*Visitation by Bishop Parsley*

*December 17 at 6:30 p.m.: Advent*

*Lessons and Carols*

*January 15-17, 2009: Vestry Retreat*

*January 21 at 6:00 p.m.: 3rd Thursday*

*February 11 - 13: Diocesan Convention*

*February 14: Carnival Sunday*

*February 17: Ash Wednesday*

*February 19 - 21: Parish Retreat @  
Camp McDowell*



## Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for Adults and Children,  
Nursery Provided

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Nursery Provided

12:00 noon Coffee Hour

6:00 p.m. Trinity Commons Holy Eucharist



# MONTHLY BULLETIN BOARD

## BIRTHDAYS

December 1 Doug Turner, Jr.  
December 4 Melanie Bass  
Barbara McDowell  
December 6 Brian Jones  
Bertram Perry, Jr.  
December 8 Tommy D. Carr  
Henry Walker  
December 13 Jo Clelland  
Margaret Crawford  
December 14 Alan Davis  
December 22 Robbie Morgan  
Bill Ross  
Francis Walter  
Roy Wells  
December 23 Romy Albin  
December 24 Gail Smith  
Richard Stockham  
December 28 Kathy Bowden  
Dylan Evans  
Kira Morgan  
December 30 Carole Griffin

## ANNIVERSARIES

December 20 Gail Barber & Nass Cannon  
December 21 Bill & Kathryn Lea  
December 28 Niamh and Paul Clarke

*Please let us know if your birthday  
or anniversary is left out of the monthly list.*

## Integrity

Contact Stanley Rich if you have an interest in networking with LGBT Episcopalians, friends and supporters. We now have regularly scheduled meetings. For more information, contact Stanley at 290-6862 or [johnsrich@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnsrich@bellsouth.net)

**TRANSITIONS**  
No transitions this month.

DON'T FORGET THE NET DEADLINE IS  
AROUND THE 12th OF THE MONTH. IF YOU  
KNOW ANY NEWS FOR THE GRAPEVINE, OR  
HAVE A COMMITTEE REPORT, PLEASE

email your information to  
BARBARA SLOAN at  
[followthegleam@aol.com](mailto:followthegleam@aol.com)



## Current Vestry

Roger Conville	Bertram Perry
Katie Dean	Janet Simpson-Templin
Nelson Gage	Barbara Sloan
Bentley Manning	Barbara Smith
Barbara McDowell	Tommie Watkins
Mike McKenzie	Laura Wells

## Wardens:

Barbara Sloan, Senior Warden  
Tommie Watkins, Junior Warden

## Our New Vestry Members are:

Melanie Atha	Sharon Fugate
Matt Joiner	Beverly Miller

## ST. ANDREW'S MISSION STATEMENT

**Our Mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
both at the altar and in the street**

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is a diverse community that seeks unity with God  
and neighbor through Christ in the Anglo-Catholic tradition  
of liturgy and service, promoting justice, peace, and love.*



# Ways to Reach Out, In & Outside The Parish

## RECYCLING

Please remember to recycle: there are containers in the pantry at St. Joe's.



## Jail Ministry

Deidra Daniel, the social worker at the City Jail met recently with the Wednesday Bible Study luncheon. Present were Barbara Smith, Deborah van Zalingen, Janet Griffin, Tom Fields, Lee Welden, Elizabeth Anderson, Stanley Rich, Parrish Nored, Katie Dean, Rick Noblitt, and Rick Sidwell.

She gave us an update on conditions at the jail and her need for various items. We are sending back with her today men and women's underwear, men and women's socks, pads and pens, flipflops, combs, eye glasses, shampoo, soap, toothbrush and toothpaste, men's undershirts. We are not putting them in bags this time. She will distribute as needed. We sent about fifty of each this time.

We have prepared and given to the jail before today 262 care kits, each filled with prestamped post cards, deodorants, shower shoes, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soaps, shampoo, notebooks, pens, socks, playing cards and various other items. We have also been enclosing prayer cards telling about our church and the free lunches that are provided to the underprivileged.

Some inmates are there for many months with no families to provide extras and sometimes even essentials. We will start providing on a regular basis soft cover books, magazines, playing cards, puzzles and possibly basketballs. Clear deodorants and soaps are especially needed as essential items.

Elizabeth will investigate getting bus tokens to be given as men and women are released from jail. Tommie Watkins continues to do group aids education and monitors AIDS testing on a continuing basis. Deidra will continue to let us know if there are special needs.

We will be taking a trip to the city jail and also the court house this year. We still have about a thousand dollars to continue this ongoing ministry.

Janet Griffin

## Paperback Book Exchange

St. Andrew's Book Exchange is up and running and will help us make a little extra money and assist parishioners who want a good read for a good deal. The old mail boxes in the hallway near the restrooms are being filled with paperbacks and hardback books. Here is the process:

Take a paperback and put \$2 bills in one of the envelopes on the bottom shelf and give it to Lisa or an office volunteer, or, if no one is in the office, slip the envelope under the door, marked "Book Exchange." Keep the book forever, give it away, or read it and bring it back.

If you bring in a paperback to add to our collection, you can take a book for \$1! Hard to beat, even at a used bookstore.

This operation will be on the Honor System.



## Annual Blanket Drive

Integrity Alabama's Ninth Annual Winter Blanket Drive Service Project. For the past eight years, Integrity Alabama has conducted a

holiday fund raiser from which the money raised is used to buy blankets for the poor.

In 2008, the annual project celebrated its biggest ingathering to date. We distributed 763 blankets to Birmingham-area homeless, working poor and people affected by AIDS last year. And, to date this ministry has now provided more than 3,300 blankets! Help make this year another success.

Financial contributions of any amount (or offers of volunteer assistance with procurement, preparation and distribution) is greatly appreciated.

Please consider donating to this project indicating "blanket drive" in the "for" line of your check made out to Integrity Alabama Blanket Drive. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact David Gary at (205) 595-3159.

Mail Checks to:

Integrity Alabama c/o David Gary  
5016 Sixth Ave. South  
Birmingham, AL 35212





# Stewardship for 2010

*This is St. Andrew's  
Look at What WE Are  
The Hands and Feet of Christ*

Based on the BCP page 854:

*"Q. How is the Church described in the Bible?"*

*A. The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It*

*is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth."*

*Also based on Colossians 1:18 - "And he is the head of the body, the church..."*

## STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand.

Gracious and Loving Father, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.

Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve.

May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

## VESTRY STEWARDSHIP STATEMENT:

*We, the members of the Vestry of St. Andrew's, Birmingham, believe God is the source of all gifts, spiritual and material. Our faithful response, in gratitude, is to be givers and creators ourselves. While we strive to be good stewards of all God's gifts to us, we believe that the way we use our money reflects the state of our spiritual lives.*

*We commit ourselves to follow Christ in community. In prayerful witness to our faith, each of us is already tithing or is committed to increasing his or her personal giving to reach or exceed the tithe.*

*Our experience is that joyful giving results in spiritual growth. We urge the parish to join us in the commitment to deepening our faith.*

## Stewardship Update

As of November 30

Number of Pledges: 86

Number of New Pledges: 20

Total Amount Pledged: \$210,451

80% of Pledges for Budgeting: \$168,360

## FROM THE 1928 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

**Question.** What is your bounden duty as a member of the Church?

**Answer.** My bounden duty is to follow Christ, to worship God every Sunday in his Church; and to work and pray and give for the spread of his kingdom.

## HOSPITALITY NEEDS !!!

Coffee (lg. can)	\$7.99	
Coffee cups	\$7.49	(200 cups)
Cold cups	\$9.29	(360 cups)
Creamer	\$9.88	(3 containers)
Sweet & Low	\$11.48	(2,500 packets)
Plates (large)	\$14.59	(276)
Plates (small)	\$10.99	(300)
Utensils	\$7.99	(600)

*Anyone wishing to buy supplies for hospitality, please contact Lisa. At present, there is no amount designated for hospitality in the budget. These are approximate prices at Sam's or Costco's. You may purchase the items yourself or make out a check designated for "Hospitality" and we will purchase the items.*

# Prayer for Our Transition Time from the Book of Common Prayer

*"Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.*

## FINANCIAL Snapshot: October 2009 Income & Expenses

### Income - Operating Income

Pledges & Offerings	\$17,998
Community Kitchens (rent)	\$440
Scrap Metal	\$935
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$19,373</b>

### Expenses

Salaries/Housing Allowance	
Clergy	\$1,575
Lay	\$10,600
Capital Loans	\$2,441
Building & Grounds	\$3,838
Office Supplies & Technology	\$572
External Gifts (diocese)	\$0
Church Program Expenses	\$296
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$19,322</b>

Outstanding Expenses for October	(Incurred but not yet paid)
Salaries	\$2,550 (Interim Rector)
Buildings & Grounds	\$1,350 (Insurance payable quarterly)
<b>Total Outstanding Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,900</b>

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Barbara Sloan - Senior Warden  
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Rick Sidwell - Sexton