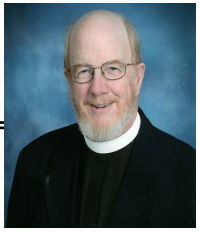
ST. ANDREW'S ON-THE-SOUND

Matthew 7: 7-12

7 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and
you will find; knock and the door will be
opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks
receives; the one who seeks finds; and to
the one who knocks, the door will be
opened.
9 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread,
will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a
fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then,
though you are evil, know how to give
good gifts to your children, how much
more will your Father in heaven give good
gifts to those who ask him! 12 So in
everything, do to others what you would
have them do to you, for this sums up the
Law and the Prophets.

FEBRUARY 2023 SOUNDINGS

The Rectors Reckonings



We are moving on through Epiphany, the season of manifestation, toward Lent, the season of penitence and preparation. This year we will off a Lenten Series on Wednesday evenings (conveniently, every Wednesday in March) with dinner and opportunities for adults and children, as well as a Sunday morning Adult Class in the Parish Hall.

Our Lenten Program is *Living Well through Lent 2023, Practicing Compassion with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind*. This will be an opportunity for us to deepen our spiritual lives as we reflect and share. Gather from 5:30-5:45 to be ready for dinner.

Sunday Mornings at 10 in the Parish Hall we will be exploring *Short Stories by Jesus*, a study of several key Gospel Parables with Amy-Jill Levine, a Jewish New Testament scholar. There will be video presentations as well as time for reflection, discussion, and sharing.

Be ready to make Lent a season of enrichment and growth this year.

OUT OF THE OFFICE

Leslie and I will be away at the 140th Diocesan Convention in Greenville Friday, February 10th and 11th. This years delegates are: Frances Goodman, Mark Mathney, Scott & Katherine Dodd; and Lily McLamb (Youth Representative).

I will also be in Arlington, VA doing a funeral Thursday, February 23rd. If you have pastoral needs or an emergency, please contact Leslie at 910-257-8262.

CURATE'S CORNER...

Last week one of our St. Andrew's kids dropped by my office and played with the stuffed animals on my shelf. There are many of the regular animals found on Noah's Ark - octopus, penguin, cow, etc. There are others a bit more unusual (and commercial) Big Bird, Pluto, and Kermit; a few of my favorites.

This child had never met Kermit. We sat down on my orange couch with the Muppet Master and watched a video of him sitting on a log, playing his banjo and singing his hit "Rainbow Connection"

Kermit represents many things for many people and does it with a reassuring, down-to-earth enthusiasm that is reflective of his creator Jim Henson. "I think there are lots of ways of leading very good lives and growing spiritually. This process of growth goes on whether we believe in it or not."

He suggests the world continues around us; a world so much larger than we can grasp. These days we may be more aware of this than ever. So we continue, like Kermit and like Mr. Henson, to try to lead "very good lives" where we can "grow spiritually."

As Lent begins I urge us all to take the time to seek what it is inside of us and around us to help us to grow closer to God and to one another. What can we find that will help us make a connection? *Leslie*

Thank you on behalf of myself and my children Jillian, Laurel, and Benjamin for your love and sympathy during this time. Losing your father is never easy and always difficult. We have felt your care and support and we are indeed very grateful. *Leslie*

OUT OF THE OFFICE

I will be out of the office Wednesday, February 1st through Sunday, February 5th. If you have pastoral needs or an emergency, please contact Richard at 910-547-0879.

ASH WEDNESDAY

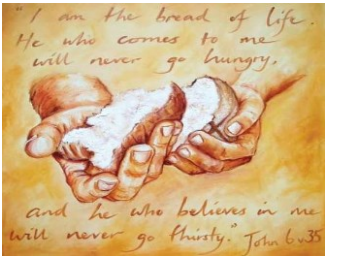
SERVICES **FEB. 22nd**

7:30am - 12noon and 7:00pm

Lenten Opportunities

FRIDAYS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
February 24th - March 31st
5:30pm in the Church

WEDNESDAYS
FELLOWSHIP DINNER AND
LENTEN STUDY FOR ALL
March 1st - 29th
6:00pm



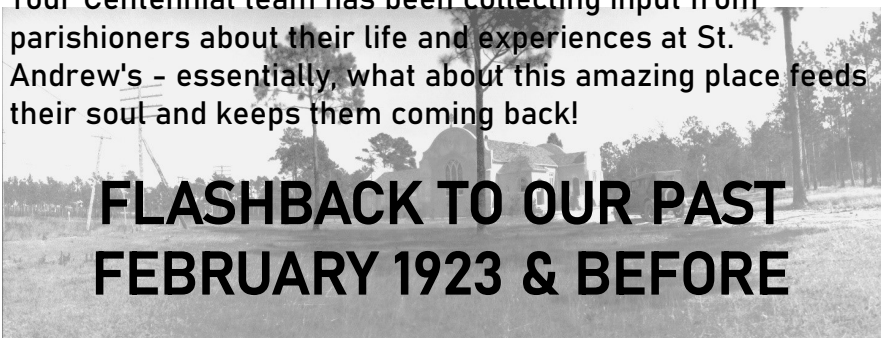
Living Well through Lent:
Practicing Compassion with All your Heart,
Soul, Strength, and Mind.
Led by Richard, Leslie, and Carolina.

WECLOME TO ST. ANDREW'S CENTENNIAL CORNER

100 YEARS IN THE MAKING...

Wow! It's hard to believe February is upon us! Our Annual Oyster Roast will be the first event of our Centennial Year! It's always a wonderful occasion, so please try to make it! Oysters, delicious BBQ and coleslaw, wonderful music, and a wonderful gathering of friends, new and old!

Your Centennial team has been collecting input from parishioners about their life and experiences at St. Andrew's - essentially, what about this amazing place feeds their soul and keeps them coming back!



FLASHBACK TO OUR PAST FEBRUARY 1923 & BEFORE

- The native North Carolina oyster has a history stretching back to the 1880's.
- Sustainable oyster farming is relatively new to Southeastern NC.
- February 16, 1923, Archaeologist Howard Carter unsealed King Tut's tomb.
- US signs friendship treaty with Central American countries.
- 1st Black pro basketball team, "Renaissance", organizes. The team was named after the Renaissance Ballroom in Harlem. The ballroom served as the New York Renaissance's official home court.

Stay tuned - lot's happening ahead!
Peace and blessings to all!
Your Centennial Team

From the Music Room

Dear Members and Friends of St. Andrew's,

As I write this in mid-January, I believe that our hectic schedules are finally calming down and falling back into a bit of a routine schedule for most of us. It seems that every year November and December become more and more frantic, without a moment to sit and reflect on the real meaning of our celebrations of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. For me, this year was no exception, and most of the past couple of months were a blur. I think I made it all the services, concerts, events, and other activities that I was supposed to attend, but it was such a rush. Thankfully, the last couple of weeks have been slightly a bit slower, but even then, most of January seems to be spent catching up on things we do not have time to do during the busy months of the end of the year.

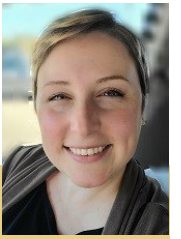
February, therefore, brings a real opportunity to slow down, get back into a weekly rhythm of activities, and hopefully allows a chance for you to spend time in church. This year, most of February is focused on the Sundays after the Epiphany. These Sundays allow us to sing hymns and anthems reflecting on Jesus' early earthly ministry, some of his important sayings, and his transfiguration. While maybe not as exciting or familiar as some of our Advent and Christmas hymns, or as devotional as some of the Lenten hymns, hymns for Epiphanytide are some of my favorites in our hymnal. I hope you will join us in February for some music that you may not hear any other time of the year.

More from the Music Room

After these several Sundays after the Epiphany, we turn our hearts and minds to Lent on February 22, with Ash Wednesday. One of my favorite services of the year, the austere and introspective liturgy, readings, and hymns of Ash Wednesday really allow us to recall our humanity and need for God. Please make plans to join us at one of our Ash Wednesday services this year.

Blessings,

Children & Family Ministry



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

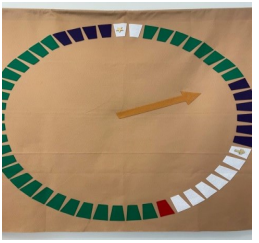
5th & 19th
Small Group Sunday School at 10am

- Godly Play (K-2nd grade) meets in the classroom by the Parish Hall
- Whirl Class (3rd-5th grade) meets in the Education Hall

12th & 26th
Large Group Gathering at 10am

- All ages are welcome to come for coffee, snacks and a time to catch up! We will continue to learn about life during times of the Bible during our Bible Investigators activity. This intergenerational event is a wonderful

There's lots coming up for the month of February! It's time to connect as a church, to God and His Word! There will be events for all ages to gather together as we continue to grow closer to Jesus as we enter the season of Lent.



Lent is a holy season of the church year. It is when we get ready for the mystery of Easter! On our Godly Play calendar we can see that the green liturgical colors will change to purple. Purple is the color for kings! During Lent we nurture our relationship with God and Christ our King through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We slow down, we listen and we come closer to the mystery.

Ash Wednesday starts our Lenten Season. It is on February 22nd. How will we get ready for the mystery of Easter?

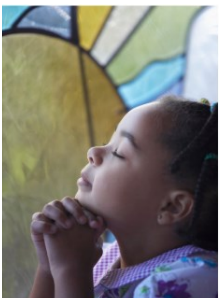
LARGE GROUP GATHERING

Feb. 12, 10am

Create Alleluia Butterfly Wings

The Church has the custom of not speaking or singing the word "Alleluia" during Lent. Alleluias are joyful proclamations, which we put away during the more contemplative season of Lent. We will decorate beautiful Alleluia butterfly wings on this day to wear or decorate with on Easter Sunday! At the beginning of Lent, we will "bury the Alleluia" by covering a banner with our butterflies.

LARGE GROUP GATHERING
Feb. 26, 10am



Pretzel Making

The pretzel has a deep spiritual meaning for Lent. It was the ancient Christian Lenten bread as far back as the fourth century. In the old Roman Empire, the faithful kept a very strict fast all through Lent: no milk, no butter, no cheese, no eggs, no cream and no meat. It shows the form of crossed arms, reminding us that Lent is a time of prayer. Cooked using only water and flour they were eaten as part of the traditional fast during this time.

Episcopal Youth Community

At the beginning of January, our theme was "What is your word for 2023?". We had a chart of words to see what might stand out to us and an online quiz too. We each chose a word that we can focus on throughout the year! Youth got a chance to also look up Bible verses that are linked to their chosen word and write them down to take with them. Then we made keychains and bracelets with our word. Some of the words that were picked were Courage, Hope, Engage, Health, Thankful, Peace, Joy, Adventure, Growth, Soar, and Truth.

If you have any questions about our program or would like to join the EYC, please contact Stephanie Rieman at 910-431-7898 or eycstandrewsonthesound@gmail.com

FEBRUARY CALENDAR:

5th: **10:00-11:00am Sunday Morning EYC**

12th: **No EYC - (SAOTS Youth Council Mtg. 10-11am-New)**

19th: **10:00-11:00am Sunday Morning EYC**

21st: **5:30-7:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by EYC youths and families (Fundraiser for DC Trip)**

26th: **Ice Skating Outing**

Hosted by SAOTS EYC youth and families on Tuesday, February 21st from 5:30-7:00pm in the parish hall. Come enjoy a delicious dinner and fun times. We will have a Mardi Gras themed night including a photo booth, raffles, and a children's station with activities. Fun for all ages.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner RSVP Link

Menu includes:

- **Pancakes with several toppings options**
- **Scrambled eggs**
- **Bacon**
- **Sausage**
- **Grits**
- **Fruit**
- **Biscuits**
- **Bagels**
- **Donuts**
- **Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, and Water**
- **And more**

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Rieman at 910-431-7898 or eycstandrewsonthesound@gmail.com

Preschool News

The teachers, parents, and students alike are happy to be back at school following Christmas break. Not only are we busy learning about colors, numbers, shapes, and the alphabet, but preschool is also about learning to share, walking in a line, cutting with scissors, holding a pencil correctly, and so much more.

In January we delve into our winter theme. It is often difficult to explain snow, snow people, and sledding to children who have never experienced it, especially our youngest students. Reading books and making winter-themed crafts helps them to better understand until they can experience snow for themselves.

Preschool is an exciting time full of fun and learning - readying our students for kindergarten. If you or someone you know will be looking for a preschool program this year or in the years to come, have them call or email the school; we are always happy to answer questions about our special preschool program or give tours to interested families. It is never too early to get on our wait list.

Blessings,

Tracy Hanson
preschool@saots.org
910-256-8321

HAVING FUN, EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE THE REAL THING

Making a Snowflake

Building with Ice Blocks

Snow in a Jar Experiment

Faux Snow Play

Flowers On-the-Sound

THE FLOWERS BEHIND THE ALTAR ...

are given to the glory of God and in...

FEBRUARY

19th: To the Glory of God, by Elizabeth McGowan.

26th: In memory of my mom, Mary Sowers on what would have been her birthday on February 27th, by William Sowers.

FLOWER & GEENERY ARRANGEMENTS NEEDED...

This is a great way to honor and/or remember that special someone or event. The process is easy. Choose your date and sign-up in the notebook on "The Table" in the church; call Barbara in the church office at 910-256-3034.

Available dates for Flowers:
February 5th, 12th, and 26th
Cost: $80 per arrangement & $40 for Lent Greenery

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATION

Easter Flower Dedication envelopes will be available in the pews (cost: $15 per flower) **starting Sunday, February 26th.** This is a great way to honor and/or remember that special someone or occasion. PLEASE PRINT your dedication and drop it in the offering plate.

DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR ENVELOPE IS SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH!

Candle Dedications

ALTAR AND SANCTUARY CANDLES

This is a very nice way to dedicate a candle to a loved one or in memory of someone. A donation of $25.00 will be billed to you later.

THE ALTAR CANDLES

are given to the glory of God and in memory of my wife Irene, and son, Matthew, by John Gangemi.

To sign-up, please call Donna at (910) 256-8754.

Fellowship

FOURTH FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

JOIN US FEBRUARY 24th from 6-8:30pm

Hosted by: Dick and Maggie Brice
(4248 Moorland Lane - 28409)

Drive through the development and press #0019 to open the gate or call Maggie at 910-616-3409.

FFFG is a Church wide gathering opportunity at St. Andrew's On-the-Sound. This is a wonderful venue meant to strengthen friendships with those you may know and make new ones with those you do not. All we ask is; you come casual, with a beverage of choice, a finger food for nourishment and a grateful attitude for such an awesome group of fellow parishioners.

To learn more or to be added to the list to host, please contact Donna Grice at 910-256-3616.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

It's wonderful to be able to get back to planning opportunities for us to be together and enjoy social events.

This committee host the annual Pig Pickin' in the Fall, the Christmas party in the Winter, and the Family Seder meal in the Spring.

We are in need of new members on the committee to help with the planning and hosting of these events. Our next Parish Life event will be the Family Seder just before Easter.

To join us, please contact Maggie Brice at 910-616-3409 or bricemargaret78@gmail.com.

ST. ANDREW'S KNIT WITS

Join us Wednesdays from 11am-noon in the first room on the right in the Parish Hall. We make baby blankets for newly baptized babies, prayer shawls for anyone who requests them, hats for the homeless at Christmas, and sometimes special projects, or you can just come and chat and work on your own projects if that is best for you. We have knitting needles, wool and instructions/help if needed.

Contact Billie at weroyce@aol.com to learn more about this vital ministry.

OUTREACH

THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Are you looking for an opportunity to help both St. Andrew's community outreach program while giving back to our Wilmington community? Please consider joining your fellow parishioners by volunteering the first Wednesday of the month at the Good Shepherd Center when your schedule permits. We supply 4 individuals to help the shelter's cook prepare and serve the evening meal from 4:00-6:30pm. Our next time to serve will be Wednesday, February 15th.

For more information, contact Ann Cameron Shuman at 910-256-9659 or cameroncatering2@gmail.com

The Order of the Daughters of the King

The DOK is an International Order in which the members pledge to participate in a life long practice of **prayer, study, service** and **evangelism**. Currently we have 20 active members and 3 out of town members. We meet monthly, "in person" to build community within our chapter and to discuss the book we are studying. The primary purpose of the DOK, is to **pray daily** and we maintain an **Active Prayer List** that is updated monthly.

Starting in February, we will be offering the DOK Introductory Course for anyone interested in becoming a member. The course meets via Zoom, for one hour each week for 12 weeks. For more information please call or text Lee Graham at (910) 264-0118 or Donna Grice at dkgrice@ec.rr.com.

	February 5	February 12
Vestry Person of the Month: Mark Mathney and Frances Goodman		
Lay Readers		
7:45 a.m.	Alicia Rudd	Mary Thomson
9:00 a.m.	Frances Goodman Natalie Sherwood	Frances Goodman Amy Lease
11:15 a.m.	Melinda Rider Tracy Hanson	Bob Royce Maria Hanna
Acolytes		
9:00 a.m.	Ryleigh Patterson Currin McLamb Lee McLamb Christopher Andersson	Riley Hubard Ryleigh Patterson Ryer Barbour
11:15 a.m.	Maria Hanna	Maria Hanna
Greeter		
7:45 a.m.	Katherine Dodd	Ophelia Hart
9:00 a.m.		
11:15 a.m.		
Usher		
7:45 a.m.	Scott Dodd	Bob and Mary Thomson
9:00 a.m.	Brian Jinks	Andrew Hubard
	Mark Arcuri	Dan Patterson
11:15 a.m.	Tina Poisson	Mark Matheny
	Billie Royce	Jerry Kinlaw
Altar Guild	**Team 3 - Shore**	**Team 1/4 - Thomson**

February 19	February 26
Dick Gerrish	Scott Dodd
Stephanie Kraybill Lane Tompkins	Elizabeth Woodside Mark Zeigler
Cathy Fisher Kathryn Smith	Cathy Miller
Lane Tompkins Ladd Barnes Emme Tompkins Christopher Andersson	Clover Davidson Knox Davidson Bryson Williams Alexandra Williams
Caroline Smith Kathryn Smith	Bob Royce
Donna Grice	Margaret Larson
Jim Grice	Mike Larson
Anntoinette Ryals	Bill Heckman
Jon McLamb	Kevin Davidson
Barry Farrell	Anna R. Smith
Phillip Hanna	Mark Matheny
Team 2 - Grice	**Team 3 - Shore**

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1 Mark Arcuri, Debbie Mitchell, Steven Lease

February 2 Patricia Coulson, Connor Heckman, Jennah Bosch

February 3 Rosemary O'Hayer

February 4 Walt Kraybill, Tom Lease, Danny Philemon, Nicole Bloomquist

February 5 Elizabeth Ellis

February 6 Henry Foy

February 7 David Merten

February 8 Allie Earnhart

February 9 Rickey Oehrlein, Mary Keckich, Ann Thornton

February 10 Sebastian Hajek, Maggie Brice, Emerson Tompkins

February 11 Honor Lewis, Jack Manock, Faye Russ, Peter Manley

February 12 Chase Carraway, Frances Teed

February 13 Stephanie Kraybill, Kevin & Hallie Gaylord

February 14 Melinda Rider, Isaac Faulkner, Earl Miller

February 15 Cameron Rieman

February 16 Patricia Foy,

February 17 Howard McCain, Jennifer Morin

February 18 Brian Guill

February 20 Allison Hajek, Johnathan Barbour

February 21 Ken Hanson, Augustus Ballantine, Hudson Thomas, Lucy Ballweg

February 22 Megan Apollonio, Darlene Calcutt, Elizabeth Baker, Karen Hancock, Anne Mays, John Mays, William Johnson, Brett King

February 23 Slade Baker, Ashley Bardsley, Peggy Loughlin

February 24 Joel Aiken

February 25 Alan Collins, Lori Williams, Kathleen Jones

February 26 Dave Renquist, Alexa Skelly

February 27 Lauren Hedrick, Frank Dolezal, Jane Mickelson

February 28 Mary High, Christian Barnes, Mary Renquist, John Russ

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 5 Susan and C. McGranahan

February 6 Hoop and Hope Morgan

February 13 Christopher and Jennifer Morin

February 20 Andy and Allison Hajek, Vince and Stephanie Rieman

February 23 Thomas and Nancy Jenkins, Sr.

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:14

FEBRUARY 20

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W
			1 9:30 AM F 10:45 AM 11:00 AM 12:00PM
5 Fifth Sunday of Epiphany 7:45 AM HE at St. Andrew's 9:00 AM HE at St. Andrew's 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM HE at St. Andrew's	6 8:00 AM MSF Group 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study	7 5:30 PM WIN	8 9:30 AM F 10:45 AM 11:00 AM 12:00PM 4:30 PM
12 Sixth Sunday of Epiphany 7:45 AM HE at St. Andrew's 9:00 AM HE at St. Andrew's 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Large Group 11:15 AM HE at St. Andrew's	13 8:00 AM MSF Group 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study	14	15 9:30 AM F 10:45 AM 11:00 AM 12:00PM 4PM Goo
19 Seventh Sunday of Epiphany 7:45 AM HE at St. Andrew's 9:00 AM HE at St. Andrew's 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM HE at St. Andrew's	20 8:00 AM MSF Group 5:30 PM Women's Bible Study **OFFICE CLOSED In Observance of Presidents' Day**	21 **5:30 - 7PM Pancake Supper EYC Fundraiser**	22 **ASH** **7:30 AM S** 10:45 AM 11:00 AM **12noon S** 12 PM W **7:00 PM S**
26 First Sunday in Lent 7:45 AM HE at St. Andrew's 9:00 AM HE at St. Andrew's 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Large Group 11:15 AM HE at St. Andrew's 5:00 PM EYC	28 8:00 AM MSF Group		

23 CALENDAR

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Revelation of John Healing Service Knit Wits Women's AA Mtg	2 9:30 AM Al-Anon 6 PM Centennial Meeting	3 **VESTRY RETREAT** 8:00 PM AA	4 **VESTRY RETREAT** 8:30 AM Men's AA 5:30 PM Celtic Service
Leslie will be out the office (2/1– 2/5) . If you have pastoral needs or an emergency, please contact Richard at 910-547-0879.			
Revelation of John Healing Service Knit Wits Women's AA Mtg Endowment Mtg.	9 9:30 AM Al-Anon	10 Sabbath day for the Rector/Curate 8:00 PM AA **Richard and Leslie will be out the office (2/10 and 2/11) at the 140th Dioecian Convention**	11 8:30 AM Men's AA 10:00 AM AAUW Mtg.
Revelation of John Healing Service Knit Wits Women's AA Mtg d Shepherd	16 9:30 AM Al-Anon 5 PM CPR Training	17 Sabbath day for the Rector/Curate 8:00 PM AA	18 8:30 AM Men's AA 9:00 AM DOK Retreat 5:30 PM Celtic Service
WEDNESDAY **Service** Healing Service Knit Wits **ervice** Women's AA Mtg **Service**	23 9:30 AM Al-Anon **Richard in VA.**	24 Sabbath day for the Rector/Curate 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM FFFG 8:00 PM AA	25 8:30 AM Men's AA 9:30 AM Cursillo Mtg 5:30 PM Celtic Service

DOK: Daughters of the King, open to all women
ECW: Episcopal Church Women, open to all women
EYC: Episcopal Youth Community, grades 6-12
MSF: Men's Spiritual Formation, open to all men
FFFG: Fourth Friday Fellowship Gathering

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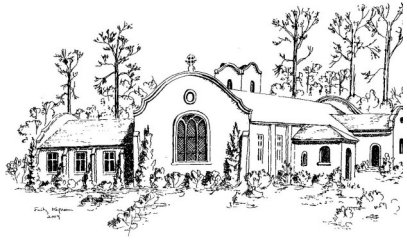

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