

The Messenger

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Rector's Report for 2011

Pastor Gene Reuman+

Jesus said; "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16 RSV)

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

This is now my eleventh annual report to you as your rector, and as I have written to you previously, each and every year has its own pain and sorrows; gains and losses. While we have again bidden adieu to far too many faithful members, we have also again had a truly blessed gain with new members joining our fellowship! I am very thankful that most of us have been able to focus our energies on the proclamation of the Gospel, and living it out in our lives! We have had, again, a most remarkable year of accomplishments, and by working together, we have finished the year on solid financial and spiritual footing!

In 2011, we lost 7 pledging members to the Church Triumphant; compared with ten in 2010, and nine in both 2009 and 2008, 11 in 2007, and 6 in 2006; their loss is still felt, and will be felt for years to come! Also, I have transferred six adults to other Episcopal parishes, and a couple to live closer to children and family members; none of whom were upset with me (a marked change from 2009)! While some others have simply stopped attending St. Margaret's, we have also again seen solid growth, with many new individuals, and several new families worshiping with us. In 2011, we had 8 baptisms, compared to 9 in 2010; 12 in 2009, and 8 in 2008. We did not have an Episcopal visitation with Bishop Howe, this past year. Additionally, this past year we have recorded twenty-four (24) new communicants on our roles! While not all of these new communicants have transferred-in, nor have all become members, it is a continuing indication of the spiritual health and wellness of St. Margaret's Parish.

I feel that we have a very real sense of purpose and positive direction in both our faith community, and in the continuing development of our youth ministry; with several new young people being attracted to our church family as a result of this ministry. While this past year we had a transition in this program with the resignation of Michelle Jones as our paid Youth Minister, we have been blessed with Steve Farnsworth, stepping into and volunteering for this important ministry. While our total attendance at our Vacation Bible School, counting both adults and children, again showed a slight decline this past summer, it certainly bore fruit for God's Kingdom, with two of the oldest main-line church congregations working together, and new friendships forged between St. Margaret's, and St. James A.M.E.

Over the past few years, we have seen a continuing slow decline in our Sunday primary service numbers, from 10,188 (2006), 10,062 (2007), to 9,758 (2008), 9,973 (2009), 9,528 (2010) to 9282 for 2011. Considering the number of deaths we have experienced, and the number of our home and/or institutionally bound members of our parish family, I was pleasantly surprised that our average Sunday attendance (ASA) has held up as well as it has. As I have reported to you previously, there is much room for improvement!

The number of our pledging households has decreased from 130 to 124, previously it had declined from 133 (2008), and 140 (2007), (again there is room for improvement, and I am hopeful that there will be more pledges made this year). Our pledged income as of January 16, th stands at \$217,924, compared with \$209,245 at this time last year. It has continued to grow over the previous five years; years in which we saw much turmoil and trouble in our beloved church at the National level, distress at the local level, and the loss of many pledging members. At present our projected budget is essentially flat with last year's. As I conveyed to you last year, in the midst of turmoil, God has continued to Bless the mission and ministry of St. Margaret's Parish both spiritually and materially; with our total pledged income again exceeding our pledges! This past year we were able to give away in excess of \$18,000 to help ease the suffering and/or meet the needs of many in distress in our extended community. But I feel that the most telling data is what you can see and touch and feel...just look around you! We have continued to raise and add funds to the Growth and Expansion Fund; with nearly \$3,000 being raised by the three Military Card Parties, and more are already planned! This parish has indeed been blessed by so many of her members sharing their gifts and talents, their time and treasure, for the good of the whole; indeed, "many hands make light work!"

I want to personally thank Jessie Ballou, and James Stone, our wardens, for their leadership throughout the year, and their commitment to the Lord's House, here at St. Margaret's. We have had a most extraordinary and productive year together as a church family! Thank you to Dave Bryan, Jim Stone, and all those who worked and labored on our audio/video system from the sanctuary, into the Parish Hall. I continue to believe that as we remain focused on Jesus, and to His ministry and witness which He has called us to here in Citrus County, that Our Heavenly Father will continue to Bless and "expand our territory," here at St. Margaret's! I intend to continue to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ; 'regurgitate it' for some, but preach it to all who have ears to hear, and who will listen; I pray that you will continue to support me in this work! Working together, we are achieving the extraordinary! Faithfully, yours in Christ, Pastor Gene+.



A Day for Readers and Writers

Books and Beyond

2012 Festival of Books

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

Historic Downtown Inverness

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church
114 N Osceola Ave.
Inverness, Florida
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Writing Seminars **
Advice on publishing, editing
** One \$10 fee admits bearer to choose four of eight different seminars as well as attend entertainment

Meet and Greet Citrus County Authors
Buy Their Books
Get Autographs

FREE ADMISSION

Featured Author

Nancy Kennedy

Religion Editor, *Citrus County Chronicle*

Also . . .

Florida Folk Singer Carly Bak

noon to 1 p.m.

(among her songs: *Turner Camp*)
One of the seminars will be on how to get songs published

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Travel Ideas

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my sons.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not.

People keep telling me I'm in Denial but I'm positive I've never been there before!



KITCHEN KAPERS

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height.
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight--"
Give me a break, after all it is February, so I can quote Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Pick your own song or ditty.

This has been a very topsy turvy month. One purse took a tour with a confused owner. Imagine the surprise when the "confused non owner" opened it to find the wrong contents.

Oh, and then we had the march of the Jell-o out the door. It is now hidden.

We had a pot luck for our Annual Meeting and ended with the fifth Sunday celebration.

You remember the Jell-o escape, well-when it was replaced, one of the boxes wanted to go back to Winn-Dixie, so it hid in a big canvas bag for a week. It was caught being taken out of the store for a repeat performance.

May everyone take some time out in the middle of this month to remember the loves in our lives.

Also remember to thank God for the past great citizens and presidents that we honor on President's day. Our country is as great as its citizens, past and present.

We wish you a great month, as we look forward to spring and a thoughtful Lenten Season.

Your infamous snoop.

Sherlock Schmidt



Girl Scout Troop 497, which meets here every Monday night, held a food drive for St. Margaret's Food Pantry. Harry Newberry accepted the donated food items and explained to the girls just how our food pantry helps those in need.

Memorial Garden

Please do not use glass containers for flowers in the garden, use plastic vases with wide bases, these withstand being blown over by the wind

Doug Guth : I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, phone calls, and visits throughout my recent illness. You are a blessing to Sue and myself.

Recycling Of newspapers brought in \$11.28
for St. Margeret's Youth

February Altar Guild

February 4 - 10

*8:00 a.m. Mary and Lee Carter

10:30 a.m. Sharon Guenther and Debra Germann

February 11 - 17

*8:00 a.m. Betty Bryan & Dorothy Klaczko

10:30 a.m. Martha Vanderspool & Shirley Hardy

February 18 - 24

*8:00 a.m. Liz & Rayburn Joyner

10:30 a.m. Pat Edmunds & Deb Montag

February 25 - March 2

*8:00 a.m. Bobbie & Curt Dilocker

10:30 a.m. Janet Thompson & Naomi Mury

*Team leaders will call and set up times to work.

*Dottie Thomas has graciously agreed to take care of the linens. Please rinse them and hang on the rack. She will pick them up each Wednesday.

February Birthdays

4	William Martin	18	Gregory Webb
8	Diane North	20	George Kastner
9	Dorothy Radcliffe	22	Jean Butterfield
10	Valerie Harbour		Ethel Smith
	Donald Hesseltine	24	Brittany Woods
12	Jackie Boucher	25	Patricia Smith
	Sally Flokstra	26	Judy Stauffer
13	Jeanine Saunders	27	James Furtado
14	Marc Wigmore		
15	Brooke Boucher		
	Kathy Pennybacker		
17	Curtis Dilocker		

February LEMS

8:00 am Service

5 Leon Palmer & Bill Meadowcroft

12 Cathi Smith & Charlotte Furtado

19 Bill Meadowcroft & Sue Howard

26 Cathi Smith & Leon Palmer

10:30 am Service

5 Manny Cabral & Rosemary Kent

12 Jessie Ballou & Paula Reuman

19 Jay De Simone & Bob Radcliffe

26 Rosemary Kent & Jim Williams

Please take time to
remember our shut-ins

Nursing home parishioners:

New Horizons

Wylene Kotis

Reita Carpenter

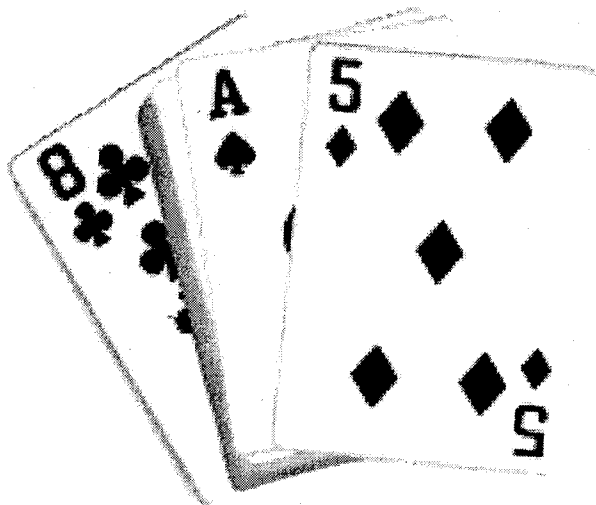
February 10:30 AM
Coffee Hour
Servers

5 PASTORAL CARE
12 DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
19 ALTAR GUILD
26 LEMS



February
Anniversaries

- 3 Sheila & Tim Tyler
12 Brenda & Robert Hall
Margaret & Rev. Frederick Ohsiek+
13 Rosemary & Michael Kent
Jessica & Michael Morris
15 Sally & Curtis Long
20 Elinor & Jimmie Castagnola
24 Cathi & Bob Smith
28 Lynda & Donald Hesseltine



February Ushers
and Greeters

8:00 am Service

James Stone, Rayburn Joyner, Don Moser,
Michael Morris, Jerry Budzinski
& Jay Poffembaugh

10:30 am Service

- 5 Urban and Claudette Marks
12 Jerry & Jackie Reeves
19 Ray & Patricia Cordahl
26 Ted & Judy Stauffer

February 20th is the deadline
for the printing date
of the March Messenger.

If your birthday or anniversary
hasn't been listed in the appropri-
ate month, please check with the
office to be sure that you have
completed the parish information
sheet.

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MILITARY CARD PARTY

Monday, February 13, 2012

Reservations by February 9, 2012
114 North Osceola Avenue
Inverness, FL

Lunch served at 12:15 p.m.
Card play at 1 p.m.
Fun -- Prizes -- Raffle

\$12.00 per player -- Make up your table
of four or come as a single and we will
pair you. For more information or to
make a reservation, call Dottie at
382-3656 or Marilyn at 746-6583

