



St. Andrew's
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OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. ANDREW'S

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SOCIAL JUSTICE / OUTREACH

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

This group, which is open to anyone interested, focuses its attention on our social justice / outreach ministries:

■ **FOOD PANTRY**

Another way we feed the hungry is through our own small food pantry, stocked with the canned & packaged foods our parishioners bring in weekly. These offerings are presented and blessed at the altar along with our financial offerings. We also receive a monthly food donation from an Adult Sunday School class at the Destin United Methodist Church. Our volunteers keep the pantry organized and distribute pantry food at designated times.

■ **SACK LUNCHES**

Remembering our Lord's direction to feed the hungry, we have a quiet ministry of providing a sack lunch to anyone who comes in and requests one. Volunteers put these sack lunches together as needed, and they are distributed by the Parish Administrator.

■ **MONDAY LUNCHES**

On Mondays, volunteers set up and serve a hot meal (or in the summer, a cold sandwich & salad plate), join for lunch anyone who comes in for the meal, then clean up the kitchen.

■ **SHOWERS**

A group of volunteers washes, dries, and re-stocks towels and other bath items in our inside shower so that those who are homeless can enjoy a hot shower.

■ **BICYCLES**

Donated bikes are given to folks who have no other transportation but need to get to jobs or appointments (medical, legal, job interviews). Volunteers keep donated bikes in good repair & ready to be provided to those who ask.

ERD (EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT)

During times of natural, or other, disasters, St. Andrew's members generously respond to appeals from this outreach arm of the Episcopal Church. ERD responded to the local economic downturn from the BP oil spill by granting St. Andrew's \$6,000 in August 2010 and another \$10,000 in November 2010 for food and fuel assistance to our community. In 2012, we began our "Noisy Change Sundays": the children collect change donations in tin buckets for forwarding to ERD.

FACILITIES FOR OUTSIDE GROUPS

St. Andrew's understands as part of its mission serving the local community by providing our facilities to outside groups. Use of the facilities is scheduled through the Parish Administrator. Several groups currently meet at St. Andrew's or use our facilities regularly:

- Narcotics Anonymous
- Covenant Hospice Support Group
- American Cancer Society

Other groups that have used our facilities include Alcoholics Anonymous, the 55 Alive/H2U Driving Course, the Florida League of the Arts, the Girl Scouts, Meals-on-Wheels in-house lunches, OASIS, Project Hope, and the USMC Toys for Tots program.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY THANKSGIVING DAY MEAL

Many of our parishioners participate in the Habitat for Humanity Thanksgiving Day Dinner fund raiser by serving and assisting at Harbor Docks Restaurant in Destin. Even more of our folks choose to have their Thanksgiving Day meal there and donate what they can to support Habitat of Okaloosa & Walton counties.

UTO (UNITED THANK OFFERING)

This long-time national ministry of Episcopal Women encourages thankfulness in daily living and generosity in sharing of resources through blue "mite boxes" and twice a year (spring & fall) in-gatherings