

## Sharing What We Have: Helping Others

### A Series on Giving

Our family of four came to St. Andrew's in 1981. The Coast Guard moved us three times between then and now and St. Andrew's has always been our true spiritual home. We've loved being part of the St. Andrew's family and all the Outreach opportunities St. Andrew's offers, no matter where you are called to serve. Before his passing in 2006, my husband, Lee, was a teacher in the early days of the ESOL program. Lee loved being in the company of people of every culture and always came home with wonderful stories of his students. He would be so happy to see the ESOL Program's growth over the years and he would be especially pleased with the sharing of our church with the Peace Islamic Center.

St. Andrew's offers so many programs that help others such as Facets, ECHO, El Hogar, Mission Trips for our teens, and the Hypothermia program. I have been a Hypothermia greeter/sign in host for many years, and I love meeting our guests and sharing a meal with them.

Another program is Relay for Life which supports the American Cancer Society. Lots of fellowship is shared by the St. Andrew's women of Team Believe as we walk to aid this worthy cause.

In 2008, Barbara Klix and I were approached by our then Seminarian, Clarisse Shroeder, to participate in her senior project to help residents of Garden Ridge at Greenspring at their 2:00 p.m. ecumenical church service. We have been helping residents in Assisted Living and Memory Care ever since until the recent pandemic. This has been a truly enriching experience over the years as we have really gotten to know the residents and hear their life stories.

In 1999, my husband and I traveled to the Holy Land with a group from St. Andrew's. It was truly spiritually enlightening to visit the Holy Land, to meet members of the Diocese of Jerusalem, and meet the students at the school we support in Ramallah. Our contributions to this ministry are so important.

We are a faith community that is called to help others. Please consider making a pledge so that our Outreach will continue to thrive.

Pray Together, Help Others Together, "One Together"

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