

“Follow me and I will make you
fish for people.” – Mark 1:17

The monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Connecting us in community and in Christ

MAY 2019

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH

*“Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.”*

John Macleod Campbell Crum
(Hymn 204)

Wheat is generally planted in the fall. It is sown at a time when all other flora is dying off. One could understandably forget that a field that looks dead and empty during the long cold winter is actually harboring the seeds of new life, quietly waiting for the spring, waiting for the warmer weather, the longer days, the right time to spring forth green, and new, and full of promise. What a delight this time of year to be surprised by the new life that springs up all around us. What a reminder that we owe so much to those who have come before us and have sown seeds of faith and good stewardship. What a reminder of the responsibility we bear to cultivate and care for the seeds that spring forth now and to plan and plant for the future.

During this season of resurrection, it is appropriate to pause and give thanks for the many resources on which we depend to support the ministry of St. Andrew's. We have endowment funds whose total value approaches \$1.5 million. Not all of that is available for spending, as is normal for endowments. The principal, in many cases, cannot be touched, only the income generated. There are eight different funds, each with a different purpose and its own limitations. Every year we set an amount in our budget to be funded by money from our endowments. This year the amount of budgeted income from endowment is \$23,000. In addition to that regularly budgeted endowment income, we have added just over \$31,000 as additional income from endowment. The purpose of that additional endowment income is to fill the deficit in our budget, not covered by operating pledges or other sources of income. Last year, our budget had a similar deficit, but through tight

control of spending and available surplus funds from a previous year, we avoided having to pull any additional funds from endowments. It is less likely this year that we will be able to avoid drawing extra money from endowments.

As you can see, already we would be in trouble financially without the endowment funds we have. There are many other churches who are in much worse shape, not just balancing budgets with endowment income, but seeing the largest share of their annual income coming from endowments. Many are even spending down the principal on those invested funds, a practice that is obviously not sustainable.

Our endowments are in memory of parishioners who have died. Some were given by people who are still with us. Some were set up for very specific purposes—altar guild, prayer books, outreach. Others give us more discretion in how we spend the money they produce. What they all have in common is that they facilitate our ministry now and into the future. The other common feature of all these funds is that they required the vision, commitment, and faith of the donors. Like seeds that when sowed produce many-fold the fruits that were intended, these funds will continue to be the embodiment of the generosity of our parishioners for generations to come. What a blessing! This spring, as we are surrounded by the blossoms of plants that have been planted by those who came before, and as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the first fruits of God's kingdom, let us say a prayer of thanks for all the resources we have to do God's work, and let us pray that we continue in the faithful footsteps of those who sowed the fruits we enjoy.



VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry

May 2019

The April vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, April 9. The vestry welcomed newly appointed member Michele Hamilton. The parish's net operating income for March 2019 was positive, and our year-to-date position is also financially positive. The junior warden noted that the total pledge amount for 2019 increased slightly this month due to some augmented pledges from regular pledgers. Some additional generous donations were received as well. Vestry sincerely thanks these stewards and everyone who pledges for the parish's support. The vestry invites all members of St. Andrew's to participate in stewarding our parish by completing an annual pledge. This can be easily and automatically set up through Realm (easily accessed on our website, StAndrewSC.org), and contributions can also always be sent directly to the church office in care of financial secretary Mary Andrew.

In other business, the vestry approved the appointment of Julie Kwasnica as Treasurer of St. Andrew's, following the retirement of Sue Stephenson from the position. The vestry sincerely thanks Sue for her years of dedicated service to the parish, and welcomes Julie to her new role. The vestry also approved the appointment of Marisa Ferger to the position of Chair of the Children and Youth Formation Committee.

Coming in June: Get to know Kevin Lowe.



TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer

March 2019

		Total for	% of	2019
	March	2019	Budget	BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 54,072	\$ 161,589	35%	\$ 462,261
Total Income	\$ 59,587	\$ 178,411	34%	\$ 530,384
Total Expense	\$ 40,618	\$ 138,708	26%	\$ 530,384
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 18,969	\$ 39,703		

For the last 18 years, Sue Stephenson has served as Treasurer of St. Andrew's. Every bill that was paid, every tax form that was filed, every expense that was reimbursed, every minute detail that goes along with the job was attended to with dedication, knowledge, and discretion during her tenure and St. Andrew's was better for it. But there came a day when Sue decided it was time to hang up her adding machine and spend less time crunching numbers and counting beans and more time biking, travelling, playing the cello, and enjoying visits with her grandchildren. As the search for a qualified replacement stretched from weeks into months, Sue postponed her retirement to make sure St. Andrew's continued to operate as normal.



Meanwhile, Julie Kwasnica, parishioner and our Nursery Coordinator, had been following the situation with interest. "I had been thinking that I should look for a job soon since Anna is going to college in the fall and things will be quieter at home. When Sue couldn't find anyone to take over after several months of trying to retire, I thought maybe I should give it a try."

Luckily for St. Andrew's, neither Sue nor Julie are leaving St. Andrew's. They are currently working together to transition to and from their new positions. There is a lot of information to pass along and remembering all the details, Julie thinks, will be one of the biggest challenges.

Julie may still be learning the ropes of the Treasurer position, but she is certainly familiar with St. Andrew's. Julie and her husband Tony were received at St. Andrew's in 2001. They have two daughters, Anna and Marlee. Julie has served as Nursery Coordinator, Interim Youth Coordinator, Parish Secretary, Community Café Board Member and Soup Maker, Website Administrator, CROP Walk Team Captain, Parish Life Committee Chair, and member of the Newcomer's Committee, the Gardener's, and Compassionate Life. Julie will miss the kids in the nursery but hopes to still volunteer occasionally after a new coordinator is hired.

I asked Julie, if St. Andrew's received an anonymous gift of \$1,000,000, how should we spend it? Her reply was "Huge raises for all staff members, of course. After that, I would hire a full-time Associate Rector in charge of education (but still keep Kathy!). Also, would install in-floor heating in the nursery, and replace all the windows in staff offices so they will open."

I think our money is still in good hands.

FROM SUE

It's been a pleasure and a privilege serving St. Andrew's as treasurer since 2001. Larry Hofer hired me, 5 rectors ago! It seemed no one else wanted the job and I think he had his doubts about me, too. It might seem odd for a music major to end up doing this, but to paraphrase the wisdom of J.S. Bach, getting the "right note at the right time" was how an instrument played itself. That's accounting in a nutshell and money is just as nebulous as music in a way. You can't touch it, and you can't exactly see it, but you definitely have to count it. And it can turn into amazing things.

I was asked if I will always worry about the finances of the church. There is no need to worry. I've seen some lean years and I've seen some fat years, but in the end, there was always enough. I've come to learn that this parish has always been generous with their contributions of treasure as well as their many talents. I especially enjoyed seeing the "backstage machinery" of how a church operates. Much goes on by our dedicated staff as well as the many volunteers that may not get recognized on Sunday mornings. I will miss being in the middle of all that activity.

I have every confidence that Julie Kwasnica will be excellent as the new treasurer. She has served the church in countless ways over the years as we all have seen. I think she will get the right notes at the right time!

Calling All Graduates!

(High School, College, Grad School...)

St. Andrew's would like to acknowledge your accomplishments! Please forward a picture of yourself, the school from which you are graduating(, the diploma/degree and special awards earned, and your future plans. Please forward all information to Kathy Hickner by May 27. The information will be displayed at St. Andrew's and our graduates will be acknowledged during the 10 a.m. service on June 9.

Thank you!



Last month, youth leaders celebrated graduating high school seniors with a night of eating and sharing St. Andrew's memories!



Our flocks of flamingos have been flying around town, to the delight of many! Thanks to those who have given the Journey Pilgrims your business for this fundraiser. Special thanks to Kelley Paulsen for directing the flock! We will continue flocking through May. There's still time to add your friend to the list!

Contact youth@standrewsc.org to schedule.

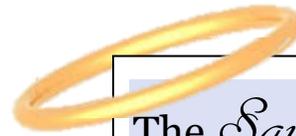
ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Canterbury Hall

Celebrating the Saints

The celebration continues in May beginning with Hildegard of Bingen on May 5. Each week, Kevin Lowe will guide our studies of the saints - these monks, missionaries, prophets, doctors, evangelists – imperfect men and women who made manifest the love of God and challenge us to live our own discipleship more fully and fearlessly.

Kevin Lowe earned a master's in early Christian history from Drew University, and a doctorate in American religious history from Penn State in 2013.



The *Saintly* Schedule:

- May 5: Hildegard of Bingen
- May 12: Francis and Clare of Assisi
- May 19: guest lecture by Philip Jenkins on the "Saints in Art and Iconography"
- May 26: C. S. Lewis
- June 2: Martin Luther King, Jr.
- June 9: Conclusion: Celebrate the Saints

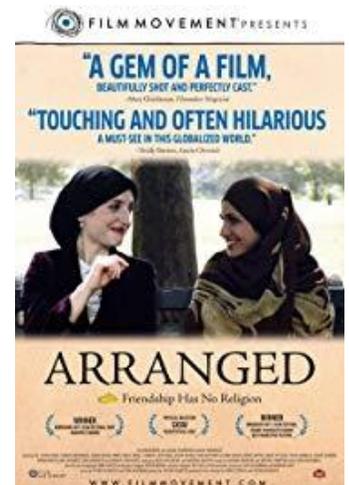
FRIDAY FILMS

Friday, May 17, 7 p.m.
Canterbury Hall

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Not Rated

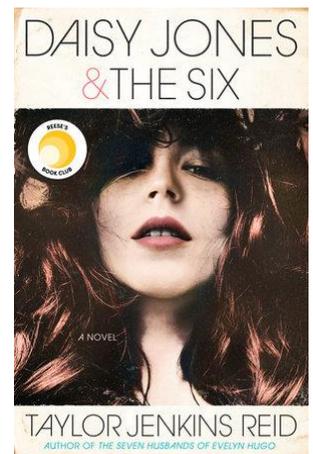
Two beautiful young teachers, one an Orthodox Jew and the other a Muslim, cross boundaries and flout convention when they forge a powerful and lasting friendship. The two women bond over their shared experiences of each experiencing "arranged marriages" through their respective religious and traditional customs.



BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 28, 7 p.m.
Room 330

The Book Group will try a change of venue in May when we meet in Room 330 on May 28 at 7 p.m. to discuss *Daisy Jones & the Six*. Although presented in the style of an oral history, the story is fictional. It follows a 1970s rock band and their lead-singer from their beginnings in the LA music scene to their mysterious breakup after becoming one of the most legendary bands in the world. It is both a book about a rock band a time capsule of the 70s. Dig out your bell bottoms and platform shoes and join us





Choral
Evensong
at 5pm

Sunday, May 5, 5 p.m.
Church
Reception following in Room 325

On Sunday, May 5 the Adult Choir will sing the service of choral evensong.

Music will include

the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C by Ralph Vaughan Williams
IN THEE IS GLADNESS by Charles Villiers Stanford
SONG OF REFLECTION by Colin Mawby
PRECES AND RESPONSES by Richard Shephard
Organist Gwen Catchen will play music by Jan Bender and Johann Pachelbel.

Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the Office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy. After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world. This is the form used at St. Andrew's

Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history, originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to touch us and to draw us closer to the presence of God.

Please join us for this service. Bring some friends! Come and be refreshed and renewed for the days ahead. A reception will follow in Room 325. The next evensong will be Sunday, October 6, 2019, at 5 p.m.



Toot-in-Common Spring Concert

On Monday evening, May 13, St. Andrew's parishioner, Judy Moore, will lead Toot-in-Common, in an hour-long program featuring classical and popular works arranged for flute choir and contemporary selections written just for flute choir. A reception will follow the performance. A good will offering will be accepted to help support the group. For more information, please contact Judy at flautodolce@comcast.net.

UPCOMING

Spring Clean Up Day Rain Date

Sunday, May 12, 1 – 4 p.m.

We may have been rained out on the 28th, but you know what they say – the Spring Clean Up must go on!

Join parishioners of all ages on our rain date, Sunday, May 12 for outdoor work consisting of raking, weeding, mulching, trash pickup, tree pruning, window well cleaning, and more. No experience necessary! Bring appropriate tools and your favorite gloves, or use the ones provided. Coffee and cookies will also be served! RSVP requested, but not required, to Sarah K. Lowe: (sek175@gmail.com).



We appreciate any time you can give towards this important church event!

PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, May 19

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Spring Creek Park, Pavilion #1

Save the date for our annual parish picnic at Spring Creek Park. We'll bring the burgers and dogs, buns and beverages, plates and napkins.

We ask that you bring a potluck contribution of a dessert or side dish (or both) to feed 6 - 8 people. Bring a lawn chair if you like. Spring Creek has a biking path, playground, basketball, tennis, baseball, stream, and indoor plumbing on site.

Two people needed to fill the position of Grill Master. Requirements may include wearing a hat. If interested, please contact Darlene Nordoff at dnordoff@comcast.net.



UPCOMING WORSHIP

Daughters of the King Women's Potluck Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.
Room 325

All women interested in learning more about Daughters of the King are invited to attend a Potluck Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 4, at 9 a.m. in Room 325. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chapter President, Kitty Mussett at kam13@psu.edu or 814-880-5217.

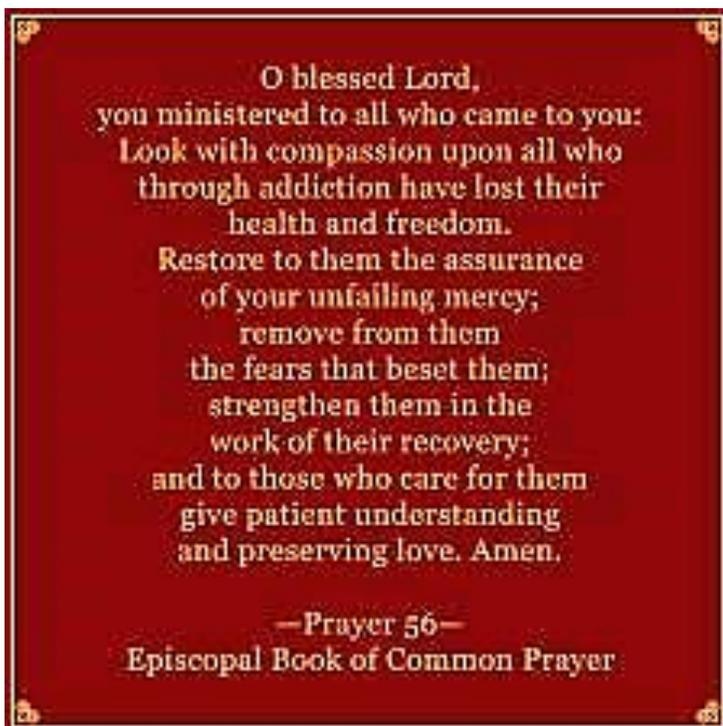


BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Sunday, May 5 – following 10 a.m. service
Front Lawn

Bikes (and bikers) of every kind are welcome – bicycles, tricycles, motorcycles – all will be blessed on the front lawn following our 10 am service. The blessing will be followed by a lap around the church block for those who wish to participate and refreshments. We will welcome riders from this year's Interfaith Power and Light Bike Trip to DC as they prepare for their ride. (See page 11 for more information on how you can support them.)

Bring your bike and bring a friend!



RECOVERY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19 – during 10 a.m. service
Church

Did you realize that we host up to 16 12-Step meetings per week at St. Andrew's? There are countless people who come to our building to get support in their recovery from addiction or for the recovery of a loved one. This is a huge ministry of our parish, but a very quiet one. The folks who come for meetings count on the ability to remain anonymous. So, we welcome them and leave them to their work of recovery. But there's no reason we cannot claim this ministry and celebrate the blessing of recovery.

On Sunday, May 19, at our 10:00 a.m. service, we will acknowledge and celebrate the difficult work of recovery and pray for this special ministry in which we are engaged. Come celebrate with us. Bring a friend. We will not single out those who may come as a visitor that day.

ASCENSION EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, May 29, 7 p.m.

Church

Reception following

We will observe the Feast of the Ascension on Wednesday, May 29, in a joint service with our companion parish, St. John's in Bellefonte. We alternate years hosting the celebration and this year we will worship at St. Andrew's. We hope many of you can join is in welcoming our brothers and sisters from St. John's including their newly called Rector, the Rev. Carlos de la Torre. There will be an opportunity for food and fellowship at a reception following the service.



IN THE DIOCESE

BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 13

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Mountain View Country Club,
Boalsburg, PA

This year's Bishop's Open Golf Tournament will be held right here in Boalsburg. Clergy and parishioners from around the diocese will gather for fellowship and light-hearted competition to address the serious issue of drug and opioid addiction in Central Pennsylvania. *Every penny* raised will be used to support programs that alleviate the pain and suffering caused by this epidemic.



You can register to play as a team or individual. **If you are interested in being part of a St. Andrew's team, please contact parishioner, Tom Hall (thos_hall@yahoo.com or text 814-207-1212.)** The tournament is open to anyone, so invite a friend. Go to <http://bit.ly/BishopsOpen> to view a brochure online. Questions, please contact the tournament Chair, Tim Mackey at 717-490-0042. **Registration deadline is May 3.**

“Let us support the work of the Diocese by caring for those who struggle with addiction. Our response sends a clear message to those who need healing, and those who care for them, that we stand with them.”

– Tim Mackey

“THE WAYS OF LOVE” WOMEN’S RETREAT

Led by the Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan

Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.

St. John’s Episcopal, 212 Penn Street, Huntingdon, PA

St. John’s invites women of the diocese and guests to a half-day retreat led by Bishop Scanlan. The day will begin with coffee and light refreshments at 9:30 a.m. in the undercroft. The Bishop will speak on the “Ways of Love” from 10:00 until noon. Noon Day Devotions will then be followed by lunch (provided.) Following lunch, if anyone is interested, an optional 15 -20-minute drive to Raystown Dam may be organized for some beautiful views of nature and possible bald eagle sightings. The cost is \$15 with your rsvp by April 20 or \$20 at the door. Dress is casual. For questions, please contact Kari Tietjens: tietjens302@comcast.net or St. John’s Episcopal Church (814) 643-4732. Registration forms are available in St. Andrew’s office.



NOTICES

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Saturday, May 11, 12:00 p.m.

Room 119 Trost Wing

We have two quilt projects to complete at this meeting. A light lunch will be served at noon and we will be ready to attack quilting tasks with lots of energy by 12:20 or 12:30. Hope to see you then.



For more information, please contact Michele Marini at 814-574-9639. Any and all experience (or no quilting experience) is welcome.

Knitting Group

Sunday, May 12, 11:45 a.m.

Room 325

The knitting ministry will meet Sunday, May 12, following the 10:00 a.m. service. If you knit, crochet, or would like to learn, you are welcome! We will work on preparing hats, scarves, baby blankets, and those adorable Peace Pals from www.knitting4peace.org, a wonderful organization that distributes useful handknits in the developing world. Bring a project to work on and a snack or treat to share. If you can’t attend the meetings but would like to participate, you may knit/crochet at home and bring the finished work to the Parish

Office. For more information, contact Anne Hoag at anne.hoag@gmail.com. Future meetings: after the summer hiatus, we will resume our regular schedule in September. Watch the Net for details.

LITTLE PANTRY

Donations Requested for Warm Weather



Located in Canterbury Hall, the Little Pantry provides toiletries and personal hygiene products to diners at the Community Café and others in need. It is currently seeking the following items (unused): toothbrushes, small tubes of toothpaste, sanitary pads, (preferably individually wrapped), and warm weather products like deodorant and baby powder. Donations may be left in the labelled basket in the narthex. I greatly appreciate your support for the Little Pantry and from my Girl Scout Gold Award!

-- Leah Patzkowsky

PET FOOD PANTRY

Donations Needed

The Pet Pantry is currently running low on dry cat food (always their biggest need), but can also use wet and dry cat and dog food of any variety. Please place your donations in the labelled basket in the narthex or leave in the church office. Thank you for supporting this ministry of FaithCentre.



CENTRE GIVES

Support Interfaith Human Services

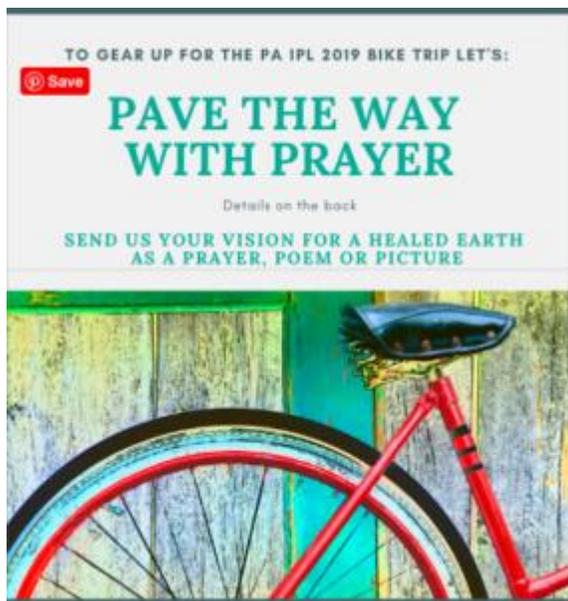
Tues., May 7, 8 a.m. – Wed., May 8, 8 p.m.



At Interfaith Human Services, we are grateful for congregational partners like you, because we literally cannot do our work without you.

Please go to our Facebook page or to bit.ly/Give2IHS at the times shown above to make a donation to IHS during Centre Gives. Your donations will go further as they qualify for additional monies during this area-wide giving event.

PAVE THE WAY WITH PRAYER



This May PA IPL cyclists from several counties will depart from State College and Philadelphia on May 10 and pedal our climate concerns all the way to Washington, D.C. They will speak with people along the way about their shared love for the earth. And they will raise money to support the work of Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light.

They need your help and support. Pave the way with prayer. Send your hopes for our future, share a prayer, an image or a poem sharing your moral imagination. We will share your submissions where they will inspire others, and cyclists will carry your prayers in their panniers, sharing them with our elected officials in Washington.

Prayer is powerful. It helps get things done.

All ages and faiths can participate in this activity. It's a great activity for Earth Hour parties, religious education classes, gatherings before or after worship, prayer groups, or for groups of family and friends.

For more information about Paving the Way with Prayer, making a donation or other information, click [HERE](#).

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Greg Paulsen
2 Annie Harvey
4 Greg Ruberto
5 Carolyn Holt
5 Turner Williams
7 David Frego-Bliek
8 Kevin Lowe
8 Caroline Shea
10 Kevin McGarry
11 George Chisholm
11 Sarah Klinetob Lowe
13 Greg Loviscky

13 Mavis Stapleford
14 Jenna Ruberto
14 Carol Eidsvoog-Spencer
14 Janet Engeman
14 Gretchen Heim
16 Carol McKeever
17 Harold O'Connor
17 Caitlin Osborne
17 Marc Rigas
18 Christie Orr
19 Melanie Wolfe
19 John Bagby

20 JudithAnn Rule
21 Judy Mitchell
21 David Packard
22 Marcia Saiers
23 Fran Budris
24 Leah Patzkowsky
25 William Hartmann
26 Robin Tate
27 John deCarle
27 Rick Hoover
29 Todd King
30 Barb Downs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a May birthday and don't see your name listed, we probably do not have that information in our records. Please contact the office – we may be missing other information, too.

Those for Whom We Pray

Teri, Franklin, Anne, Stu, Alexandra, Fritz, Mandy, Holly, Fred, Mary, Chuck, Joe, Lee, Chloe, Lauren, Bob, Nicole, Linda, Roberta, Leon, Steve, Sandy, Lisa, Pam, Rick, Jule, Stephen, Jon, Cheryl, Raquel, Heather, Helen, Richard, Ruth, Mary Jo, Betsy, Chris, Indy, Dave, Hope, Dick, Martin, Don, Jane, Joan, Peter, Karen, Kathryn, Jocey, Jack, Carter, Tim, Sandy, Natalie, Christian, Lee, Gary, Emmet, Beckett, Bill, Jessica, Tim, Ty, Terry, Cathy, Wayne, Bob, Virginia, Jimmy, Rich, Francis Xavier, Ellen, Denise, Mary, Joyce, Peter, Addy

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Christie, Sean, Nathan, Ted, Blake, Chuck, Jordan, Matt, Ben, Katy, Fritz, and Jenna