

# THE PARISH *M*ESSENGER

November 2017

## EVERY MEMBER CANVASS 2017

If you have not returned your Financial Commitment and Time and Talent cards, please do so as soon as possible. Extra cards will be available in the pews Sunday, November 5.

As of October 29, our totals were:

70 Pledges

\$162,749 total pledged

Our goal for 2018 is  
\$440,000.

Every pledge counts. Please make yours today by clicking [\*\*HERE.\*\*](#)

## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As we begin November, our new Rector is finally here, but without his family. Fr. Jeff is settling in to the regular cycles of meetings and services and is following a steep learning curve about our parish. We are thankful to have him here and look forward to the day when Sian and his children can join him. If you haven't yet met Fr. Jeff, please introduce yourself.

It is fall and time again for the Every Member Canvass. We encourage you to complete your pledge commitment for 2018 by November 20 so that we can prepare the operating budget. Please complete the Time and Talent card, too, to support our missions and outreach activities. If you have questions about any of the items listed on the card, please ask Fr. Jeff or a Vestry member. It takes many volunteers to support our parish; we hope each one of you will contribute to these efforts.

If you haven't attended any of the Sunday Adult Education programs, you have missed some interesting sessions. The Adult Education Committee has planned a variety of programs; every person should find a topic of interest. We hope each of you will join us for these programs on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in Canterbury Hall.

Finally, please see the article by Sharon Rovanseck on the upcoming nominations for Vestry and Convention Delegates.

Thank you for your support of our parish.

## WELCOME, FR JEFF PACKARD TO ST. ANDREW'S!

Thank you to all who helped make Fr Jeff Packard's first Sunday with us a celebratory and welcoming occasion during Education Hour on Sunday, October 22! Fr Jeff, we are so glad you are finally here with us at St. Andrew's! May God bless you in your ministry! We look forward to welcoming your wife Sian and children Ruth, Aaron, and David.

*(For more photos from Fr. Jeff's first Sunday, see the Photo Gallery at the end of this newsletter.)*



*Fr. Jeff, his mother, Janet, and his cousins celebrating his first Sunday as rector of St. Andrew's with us.*

## FROM THE VESTRY

### St. Andrew's Vestry Update - October 2017

Vestry met on Monday evening, October 16, and welcomed Fr. Packard to St. Andrew's. The Finance Committee reported that the overall year-to-date operating income continues to be positive. The vestry expresses its sincere thanks to all who contribute to St. Andrew's and urges everyone to be diligent in meeting pledge commitments. As always, pledge contributions may be placed in the collection plates during the Sunday services, or they may be mailed directly to the church office. Your continued support is needed and much appreciated.

An important change has been made for the date of the annual parish meeting. Vestry has set the date to be the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in January beginning in January, 2018 (January 28, 2018). Please note this important date in your personal calendars. Elections for vestry and diocesan convention delegates will also take place on this date. More information regarding nominations and elections will be forthcoming. The Adult Education Committee provided an updated schedule of the adult education programs through December. Topics of these programs will be announced in the weekly service bulletins and in the weekly *This Week at St. Andrew's* email.

The annual stewardship campaign is underway. Please prayerfully consider a financial pledge to support St. Andrew's and its ministries. In addition to financial support, please complete and return the Time and Talent pledge cards. The prompt return of pledge cards will be greatly appreciated as vestry and the finance committee plan for the 2018 budget. Pledges, both financial and time and talent, may also be made online through the church website. Remember that nearly all of the funds supporting the St. Andrew's budget come from pledge commitments.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Hoover,  
Clerk of the Vestry

### Vestry and Convention Delegate Elections 2018

According to The Episcopal Church website, the vestry is "the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its corporate property." The basic responsibilities are to "help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed; to select the rector; to ensure effective organization and planning; and to manage resources and finances." As the end of the calendar year approaches, four vestry terms at St. Andrew's will also expire.

Once a year, our Diocese gathers together to pray, listen, learn, and conduct the business of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Each parish may send at least one elected delegate who, along with all clergy of our Diocese, form the voting delegation. The exact number of delegates is based on the number of parishioners registered on the parish rolls. Accordingly, St. Andrew's will elect and send six delegates to the 148th Annual Diocesan Convention which will be held on October 10-11, 2018 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The Vestry has approved reimbursement of hotel costs associated with traveling to the convention site up to the amount of the discounted convention rate, so financial constraints should not deter anyone from serving as a delegate.

To be eligible to serve on vestry **or** as a convention delegate, you must be baptized, at least 16 years old, and a confirmed or received member of St. Andrew's who supports the parish through regular financial

contributions. Nominations for vestry members **and** convention delegates are due by Friday, December 15, 2017. You may self-nominate or nominate someone else. All nominees will be vetted by the Nominating Committee, chaired by Junior Warden, Sharon Rovansek. Please make sure your nominee is willing to serve and, for convention delegates, will be available on October 10-11, 2018 before submitting his/her name. You may submit nominations through the Warden's email below or in writing to the church office to Sharon's attention

Voting will take place on Sunday, January 28, 2018, with results being announced that evening at the Annual Meeting. We will soon publish a list of those eligible to serve on vestry, as a convention delegate, or vote in the election. Please check the list when available to make sure your name is on it. This will give us time to resolve issues beforehand.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please seek out former vestry members, delegates, or Fr. Jeff.

Thank you very much for your continued prayers and support for the vestry, and please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. The vestry is in place to serve you and St. Andrew's.

In gratitude,

Linda Mace, Senior Warden and Sharon Rovansek, Junior Warden

Wardens@standrewsc.org

## 147<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The 147<sup>th</sup> annual diocesan convention for the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania was held at the Antique Automobile Club of America (AACA) Museum in Hershey on October 13 and 14. The annual diocesan convention is a diocesan-wide gathering of clergy, parish delegates, and interested observers for the purpose of conducting diocesan business, such as passing the budget, closing parishes, electing members to various diocesan committees, and acting on resolutions of diocesan-wide impact. In addition, the bishop presents a state of the diocese address. The number of delegates allowed to each parish is based upon the size of the active membership of the parish. This year, St. Andrew's had six delegates: Walter and Molly Wells, Rich and Michele Marini, and Rick and Linda Hoover.

Key items of diocesan business at this year's convention included the official closing of three parishes, adoption of the new budget, and election of members to diocesan committees. St. Andrew's will be proudly represented on the Diocesan Council of Trustees by Linda Hoover, and on the Diocesan Disciplinary Board by Sandy Schwartz.

Learn more about the diocesan convention and its activities during the education hour on November 19, when this year's delegates will be presenting information about the convention and the diocese.

Rick Hoover

## ST. ANDREW'S FINANCIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2017

	SEPTEMBER	Total for 2017	% of Budget	2017 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 26,177	\$ 333,740	72%	\$ 462,596
Total Monthly Income	\$ 28,741	\$ 370,446	74%	\$ 500,500
Monthly Expense	\$ 24,040	\$ 336,302	68%	\$ 492,331
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 4,701	\$ 34,144		\$ 8,169

Submitted by Sue Stephenson, Treasurer

## EPISCOPAL HOME THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The Episcopal Home is a personal care home operated by our Diocese that serves residents who can no longer live independently. One of the primary opportunities for our parish to support the Home comes through the Thanksgiving Offering. The money raised through this offering provides significant support to the Home and to residents who cannot afford the full cost of their care. As you think about your blessings in this season of Thanksgiving, please consider giving to this special offering on Sunday, November 26, to support this ministry in our Diocese.

## CROP HUNGER WALK

Congratulations to the Purple People Feeders who walked in the State College CROP Hunger Walk on October 15! Our St. Andrew's team consisted of 5 children, 9 youth, 19 adults and 5 dogs. We enjoyed a very warm day for our 5K walk through the Borough on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

Our team has raised almost \$2,600 that will be used to help communities throughout the world, starting in State College. It's not too late to add to this total and help us reach our \$3,000 goal! If you'd like to show your support for these walkers, you can make an online donation on our team page:

[crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/standrews](http://crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/standrews). If you prefer to write a check, make it out to CWS/CROP, and give it to Julie Kwasnica. Thank you!



## ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

Canterbury Hall, 9:15 a.m.

Education Hour for Adults this fall has offered a variety of presentations that have been informative, entertaining and thought-provoking. The offerings for November listed below promise to be equally engaging. Come early for a cup of coffee and snack and learn something new.

*Kevin Lowe sharing information about St. Andrew on October 29*



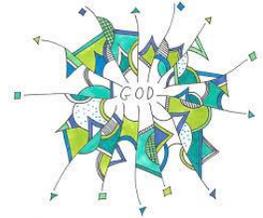
## November 5

Connie Schulz, the Family Outreach Specialist from SCASD, will lead us in a crash course on parenting teens. Connie is certified as both a parent educator and a family life educator by the national council on Family Relations. She has a B. S. in Family Consumer Science, an M. S. in Rural Sociology, as well as two grown children who were once teenagers of her own.



## November 12

If you want to pray but the words just don't come easily. If sitting still and staying focused in prayer can be a challenge. If listening to God seems impossible. If you just need a new way to pray. Consider Praying in Color, as envisioned by author Sybil MacBeth, and presented by Kitty Mussett.



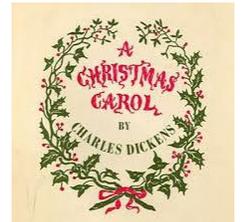
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## November 26

Dickens's "A Christmas Carol": A New Look at an Old Story - presented by Dr. Linda Freeman

Why does Scrooge turn up every year at this time? Why does nearly everyone know the story (even if he or she has never actually read it)? Why does it have such appeal after all these years? Come join a discussion of the time-honored masterpiece led by Victorian literature specialist Dr. Linda Freeman at the Adult Forum on November 26. She promises to uncover some to the profound Christian theology that lies concealed beneath the secular surface of the story and, as we head into Advent, she hopes to provoke you into a new appreciation of and maybe even a (re)reading of Dickens's remarkable little story of "A Christmas Carol."



## Save the Date!

All Parish Breakfast  
and Advent Activities  
Sunday, December 3  
Education Hour - 9:15 a.m.  
Canterbury Hall



*Dr. Linda Freeman has retired from teaching Victorian literature as a lecturer at the University of Maryland and now teaches in the Osher Life-Long Learning Program for retirees based at American University in Washington, DC. She is an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Bethesda, has assisted with the Episcopal chaplaincy at the University of Maryland, and has held a number of elected offices in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, including one as a five-time deputy to General Convention.*

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

### Godly Play (ages three to fourth grade) 9:15 AM – Room 336



In October, the children in Godly Play experienced and then responded to story presentations about Creation, The Flood and the Ark, The Great Family, The Exodus, and the Ten Best Ways to Live. Several stories were told in the Desert Box! Children began most classes in song, and then experienced and responded to the story by creating art or working with the story materials. Thank you to leaders and greeters for October Melissa Arnett, Marisa Ferger, Paul Humphreys, Meira Minard, Darlene Nordoff, and Julie Wunz. A special thank you to Tina and Jenna Ruberto who will be offering a special class about The Saints for All Saints'

Sunday on November 5.

### Grade 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class – 9:15 AM – Room 131

Thank you to Robyn Bastress, Pam Couch, Pam Ferguson, Michele Hamilton, Madeline Johnson, and Tiffany Muller for serving as teachers and assistants in October. The teachers access a lectionary-based curriculum online through the Episcopal Digital Network. Art responses and games are also available. In October, the youth traveled with Moses and God's chosen people. They listed and then discussed the Ten Commandments one Sunday and made a paper love chain the next! In November, the possible themes to be explored are: Serving the Lord and Walking with God, and Be Prepared; Being a Leader and Using our Gifts; and Shepherds and Giving Thanks, and Service and Giving Thanks.



### Children's Chapel – 10:30 AM – Room 338



The Episcopal Digital Network also provides lectionary-based lessons for younger children, and our Children's Chapel leaders access this online curriculum -- and their imaginations -- to offer engaging and fun lessons. Children move and sing, listen to the Old Testament and Gospel lesson, engage in an art response, and enjoy a small snack together before joining their parents in church at The Peace. The themes for November are the same as those mentioned for the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Thank you to Katie Gaines, Joe Lee, Andrea McCloskey, Meira Minard, and Darlene Nordoff for leading and helping with Children's Chapel in October. This important ministry would like to welcome

a few more adult volunteers – contact Darlene Nordoff for more information. She'd be happy to talk with you!



## Journey Jr. High School – Adventurers!

Thank you to Peter Chamberlain, Mary Beth Hoffman, Kevin Lowe, Marion Schwartz, and Kathryn Yahner for leading this group of active and engaging youth. During October, the youth engaged in three lessons from the Rite-13 and J2A Journey to Adulthood curriculum -- from the *Unit I am Loved by God: Who I Am vs Who I Would Like to Be; Contingency – We are All Connected; I am Made in God’s Image and God Said it was Very Good*. The youth attended the Welcome Breakfast for Fr. Jeff with their families on October 22. On October 29, they attended youth leader Kevin Lowe’s presentation at the Adult Forum on “St. Andrew the Apostle.” Gabe Hickner asked a great question; something like: “Since we are St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, why don’t we have the cross of St. Andrew on our steeple?” That led to a discussion at a staff meeting about the possibility of displaying the cross of St. Andrew in the Narthex. Thank you, Gabe!

## Diocesan December Retreat

Grades 6-12

December 1-3, 2017

Location: Camp Mt. Luther

Cost: \$120 if registered by November 24; scholarships available  
\$150 after November 24; no scholarships available

Register: <http://youth.diocesecpa.org/events/winter-retreat-o>

- Build friendships and community with other youth from the diocese.
- Worship in small and large groups.
- Workshops, games, amazing music, and a lot of fun!



## Journey High School

Thank you to the Journey High School youth and their leaders for tying, dyeing, and distributing the T-shirts worn by St. Andrew’s Purple People Feeders during the CROP Walk on October 15. Youth also attended the Welcome Breakfast on October 22 for our new rector Fr. Jeff and a talk given by Kevin Lowe on October 29 about “St. Andrew the Apostle.” Youth are encouraged to check their emails and texts for upcoming classes and activities.

## VOTE November 7!

Even though it’s an off-year election, your vote is very important! Candidates are running for local offices and for judicial positions throughout the state; they could make real differences in public policy.

Research the candidates and issues, make informed choices, and then VOTE on November 7! Remind others to vote, too.

## COMPASSIONATE LIFE

**First and Third Thursdays  
November 2 and 16  
9:30 a.m. ~ Room 325**



**You are invited!** Women of all ages from the parish (friends are welcome, too!) are invited to join a wonderful group of caring and compassionate Christian women from St. Andrew's every first and third Thursday of each month. We share in conversation and community, study, and reflection, prayer, and... coffee!

**We learn!** On October 5, we welcomed Kevin Barron, who spoke about the Episcopal Church and its relationship with social justice and racism. We took a journey through time to reflect upon the history and the role the church played in racism, and where the church is currently in its policies and opportunities for education and engagement. Thank you, Kevin, for your work with the diocese and St. Andrew's! On October 19, the women experienced a personal reflection and presentation from Elizabeth Brady about her journey since losing her son Mack Brady five years ago; Mack would have been 13 years old now. Elizabeth shared her essay *The Downstairs Thief*; she is including essays that she has written about loss in a new book she is entitling [Sudden Death & Slow Dieting: Things We Would Rather Not Do](#). Her essays can also be accessed online at [hope.com](http://hope.com). Thank you, Elizabeth, for sharing your heart with the women of Compassionate Life.

On November 5, CL will open in prayer, share personal stories of compassion, offer our *take aways* so far from our recent presentations, and touch base with each other about what's going on in our own lives. On November 19, Ginny Poorman will again visit CL to inform us about the changes and current status for *Hearts for Homeless*. She will also talk about how to balance the desire to help with the need for boundaries. Even though there is no meeting scheduled for November 30, let Darlene know if you'd like to meet on November 30 to create Christmas cards for Center Peace to distribute to those who will be incarcerated this Christmas and 3D snowflakes for distribution when St. Andrew's goes caroling at local nursing homes.

**We trust!** Trusting in the goodness of God to point us in the right direction at the right time to best offer our gifts, we know we can't do it all or respond to all the needs in our communities and the world. However, bit by bit, woman by woman, our individual offerings of light to each other and to the world create beacons of light in the darkness which surrounds us, providing hope, direction, and gladness and singleness of heart. Thank you to each woman in Compassionate Life who are lights for each other, for our church, for their families.

**Join us!** The women of Compassionate Life will be happy to welcome you. Contact Darlene Nordoff for more information.

## KNITTING GROUP

If you are a former knitter (or someone with an interest in this group) and you would like to be part of restarting this ministry, we will meet in Room 324 after church on November 5 to discuss how we might move forward. We will meet to strategize, but without our usual lunch and knitting time. The meeting will hopefully answer our questions about how we feel about this ministry. All are welcome!



## EVENSONG

On Sunday, November 5, at 5 p.m. we will offer a service of choral evensong according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. This book is still the official prayer book of the Church of England. Music in the service will be by and inspired by Thomas Tallis. Our new rector, the Rev. Jeffrey Packard, will be the officiant.

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.

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 soothe us and to draw us closer to the presence of God. The congregation also joins in the spoken parts of the liturgy: the reciting of the Confession and the Creed, as well as singing the hymns.

Please join us for this service. A reception will follow in Room 325

## FRIDAY FILM SERIES

***Sons of Perdition*** (Documentary- Not Rated)

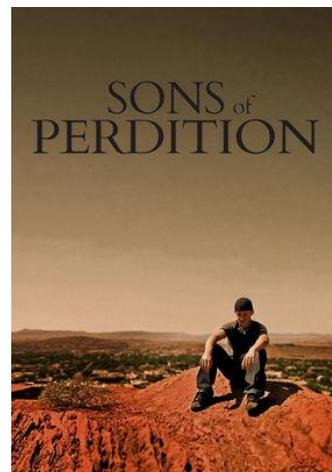
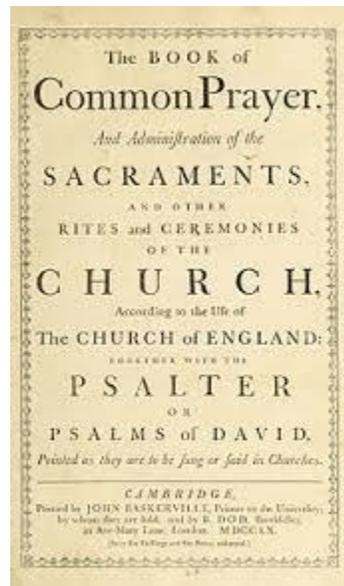
Date: November 10, 2017

Place: Canterbury Hall

Time: Snacks and gathering at 6:30 p.m.; Film at 7:00 p.m. There will be a discussion following for those who wish to stay.

*Sons of Perdition* is a 2010 documentary film featuring a behind-the-scenes look into the lives of teenagers exiled from their families and community by Warren Jeffs, self-proclaimed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS Church). *Sons of Perdition* premiered at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York on April 24, 2010, and sold out at the box office within one hour from the time tickets went on sale.

The film is free and all are welcome!



## MEN'S GROUP

The men's group, The Holy Spirits, is growing bold! We are taking the bull by the horns, and not only setting the date for one meeting but for the next four. This unusual and curious step is new for us, but not new to men's groups at St. Andrew's. In the church archives, if you were so inclined, you can find notes from when our church was first formed, and among the new clubs created was (you guessed it!) a men's group. Those notes indicated that a good time was always had by all, but the group could benefit from setting the dates of those meetings earlier than just by a few hours.

So, it has only taken us a little over 100 years, but good things come to those who wait. Here are the dates and following locations for the next four months; they all are held on the second Monday of each month and all begin at 7:30 PM:

November 13- Federal Tap House  
December 11- Otto's  
January 8- Port Matilda Hotel & Tavern  
February 12- Happy Valley Brewing Co.



We hope to see you. All are welcome, all matter of discussion is welcome, and you do not have to consume alcohol to participate. If you have any questions, or would like to be added to the email list for reminders, contact Ron Rovanseck at [rrovanseck@pacewater.com](mailto:rrovanseck@pacewater.com)

## DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King at St. Andrew's would like to thank all who graciously contributed to the Women's Prison Ministry project of our Diocesan Assembly. With the collected funds, we were able to contribute nine \$25 gift cards that the Director of Lighthouse Ministry will distribute to the women as they start their lives over after prison.

DOK will meet on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in room 325 at 6:30 pm for a potluck supper to welcome Fr. Jeff. Following our meal, we will celebrate Holy Eucharist in the chapel and install Fr. Jeff as the Chaplain for our Diocesan Assembly of Daughters of the King.

## COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Café is busy gearing up for the holiday season! With Halloween at the Café behind us, we are currently planning our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23 from noon to 2:00 p.m. To get us started, we are requesting donations of turkeys and pies. Turkeys will be cooked the Tuesday morning before Thanksgiving, so be sure to thaw it yourself or give us time to thaw it. You may place your turkeys in the freezer in the Canterbury Hall kitchen prior to Monday, November 20, and afterward in the refrigerators. Pies can be dropped off the week of Thanksgiving. They can be placed on the counter or if they need refrigeration, there will be room reserved in the refrigerators. We love traditional pumpkin and apple pies, but we also love the more hard-to-come-by pecan, sweet potato and berry pies. Last year, the most delicious butterscotch, shoofly, and key lime pies were gone as soon as they hit the dessert table. Our mouths are watering already!



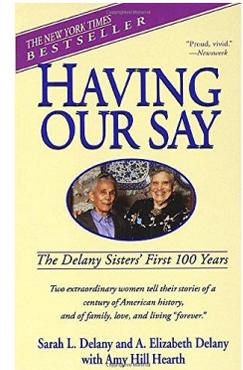
On a more practical note, a brand new, commercial grade ice maker was recently installed in the food closet, as there needed to be space for not only it, but for plumbing as well. It can make up to 45 pounds of ice per day

and in different shapes too! The ice maker is for everyone to use, and we hope you enjoy it, and it makes events at St. Andrew's a little easier to plan. No more running to the store for last minute bags of ice!

As always, if you would like to learn more about the Café or to volunteer, please contact Ron Rovanseck at rrovanseck@pacewater.com. The Café is open for business from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Thursday. The meal is free, everyone is welcome, and donations are accepted, but they are not expected.

## BOOK GROUP

The St. Andrew's Book Group has selected *Having Our Say: The Delaney Sisters' First 100 Years* as the book to read for November. The book is based on an oral history by Sarah Louise Delaney and A. Elizabeth Delaney, daughters of a former slave who became the first African-American elected Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. The sisters were civil rights pioneers, but their story was largely unknown until Amy Hill interviewed them and turned their story into a national best seller in 1993. It has since been adapted to a hit Broadway play and a CBS television film. All are invited to read the book and join the discussion on Tuesday, November 28, at 7 p.m. in the St. Andrew's library, Room 324.



## PHOTO GALLERY

### Father Jeff's Welcome Breakfast in Canterbury Hall



