

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

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

NOVEMBER 2018

St. Andrew's Day Service and Potluck



On November 30 we will celebrate our patronal feast: St. Andrew's Day. We will have a service in the church at 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner.

It is customary for parishes to make a big celebration on the feast day of the saint to whom they are dedicated. St. Andrew's Day, however, has proven a difficult day to keep for our parish. Coming as it does at the end of November, it is always close to Thanksgiving. Obviously, people travel and have plans with their families that time of year. We are allowed to celebrate our patronal feast on a convenient close Sunday, but the definition of the First Sunday in Advent is the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day. We don't want to coopt the First Sunday in Advent. What about the Sunday before that? Well, that is always the Last Sunday after Pentecost, also known as 'Christ the King' Sunday, another special Sunday we don't want to lose in our calendar. This year, we hit it just right. St. Andrew's Day falls on a Friday. It will be fun to get together and remember this Apostle and our heritage.

Andrew was the brother of Peter. They were both fishermen. Jesus called them to follow him and the two brothers dropped everything and followed Jesus. In John's Gospel, it is Andrew who meets Jesus first and then brings his brother along, telling him, "Come and see!" Andrew is also the patron saint of Scotland. The Episcopal Church has a historic connection to Scotland because when England - still obviously holding a grudge after the Revolutionary War - refused to ordain a bishop for our new country's new Church, the Scottish Episcopal Church did so, thereby giving us the ability to sustain our ordained ministry and giving us our name. The "X" shaped Cross of St. Andrew in the Episcopal shield, made up of nine small white crosses on a field of blue, is a nod to our Church's Scottish heritage. To honor our church's historic connection to Scotland, I am hiring a bagpiper to come and play as part of our service. You are encouraged to bring Scottish foods to share at the potluck

I hope you can join us for this special celebration in our parish life. And let's hope this becomes an annual tradition.

Mark your calendar

Friday, November 30, 6:00 p.m.

For the Potluck, if your name begins with

A to I – please bring a salad, appetizer, or bread.

J to S – please bring an entrée, side dish, or vegetable.

T to Z – please bring a dessert.

Fr. Jeff +

VESTRY UPDATE, Rick Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry

October 2018



The October vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, October 9. Income for the month of September was helped greatly by the fifth Sunday of the month, and the year-to-date operating income moved out of the red. Vestry is thankful for the generous September contributions and urges everyone to meet pledge commitments even if not able to attend regular services. In addition to providing for the parish spiritual needs through regular services, pastoral care, and Christian education, St. Andrew's supports the community by hosting two weeks of the Out of the Cold program, by providing meeting space for weekly AA meetings, and through the Community Café. Your regular financial support is necessary in order to sustain the many active ministries of the church. If you cannot participate in the services in person, your contributions may be sent to the church office care of Mary Andrew or made directly online through the church website at www.standrewsc.org. By regularly meeting your pledge commitment, you will greatly help the church's financial picture and allow it to continue doing God's work through regular worship, education, and outreach to the community.

The 2019 stewardship program has been launched, and announcements and regular updates will be found in *St. Andrew's Net* and in the weekly email blast. Upon receiving your pledge packet for 2019, please prayerfully consider contributing to the support and growth of the St. Andrew's faith community. November 4 has been designated as Commitment Sunday for 2019 pledges. Watch for more information.

The property committee reported that community groups have volunteered to thoroughly clean the sanctuary and the kitchen in Canterbury Hall. This volunteer work is greatly appreciated. A general clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering some time to help clean up around the church facility, both inside and outside to provide a pleasant and welcoming place to gather and to worship.

Vestry and Fr. Jeff have set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting as Sunday, January 27, 2019. Please mark your calendars to save this important date.

Rick Hoover

Clerk of the Vestry

ST. ANDREW'S FINANCIAL REPORT

September 2018

		Total for	% of	2018
	September	2018	Budget	BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 43,389	\$ 359,759	77%	468,295
Total Monthly Income	\$ 45,437	\$ 391,185	76%	517,626
Monthly Expense	\$ 34,341	\$ 385,853	75%	517,626
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 11,096	\$ 5,332		(14,926)

September was a pleasant reversal of fortunes for the church following a lean summer. That's the Episcopal equivalent of a smiley-face emoji. Donations were significantly higher for the month while we had no unusual expenditures or utility bills, so we ended the month with a good surplus. In addition, extra donations for Parishioners' Ministry totaled \$1970. This shows what a generous and caring parish that we are!

*Includes pledges, plate offerings, and identified plate offering, plus special holiday offerings.

Sue Stephenson, Treasurer



Stewardship 2019

Time 🌹 Talent 🌹 Treasure

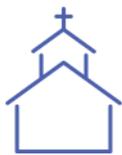
Commitment Sunday Sunday, November 4

If you are reading this, you have probably received this year's Stewardship mailing which included Time and Talent and Pledge cards as well as a brochure with information about online giving. This year we have designated All Saints Sunday (November 4) as Commitment Sunday, when all pledges for the upcoming year should be brought to church and placed in the offering plate. This is a custom in many churches and helps us all to remember that the bounty we enjoy is rightly understood as the bounty and blessings of God. Whether you make your pledge online or on paper, we encourage you to bring your cards to church on November 4 to include with the offering. Additional pledge cards will be available if you did not receive a mailing or need an extra card. If you have any questions, please contact Kathryn Yahner or Ted Christopher.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving has launched and can now be used to make contributions to the church in several ways.

Gifts can be made with or without an account, through the [church webpage](#)



Our new secure online giving platform, Realm, will give every parishioner, including those who choose to give in person, access to their own giving history and other features through a personalized online account. You should have received an invitation to join Realm last month allowing you to create your Realm account, login and password. **We will be sending a second invitation the first week of November to those who have not replied.** If you have misplaced the original or decided you would like to set up online giving in connection with your 2019 pledge, you will have the information at hand.



Once you have created your account, click on "Giving" and you will be able to make a gift, set up a recurring gift, view your pledge history, and coming soon: make a pledge for 2019. Personal giving records will remain accessible only by the parishioner and the Financial Secretary. Credit card and banking details are securely encrypted.



Text offerings can be made by texting StAndrewSC, followed by the dollar amount, (StAndrewSC \$100) to 73256. Follow the prompts to complete the giving process. You will receive a receipt via text and email.

Online and text gifts can be made by credit card, or through an ACH automatic withdrawal from a bank account. We encourage those making a gift online to consider helping us cover the fees involved in processing these transactions by checking the box to pitch in a few cents or dollars to help cover processing costs (2.5% for credit cards and 1% for ACH).

Pies for Pilgrims

Pre-order now through Sunday, November 11

Pick up Sunday, November 18

\$10 per pie (proceeds support Journey Pilgrimage fund)

Get your Thanksgiving pies! This annual youth fundraiser will be a little different this year. We're offering THREE kinds of pie:

pumpkin,

pecan and

mixed berry.

And so we can offer variety with confidence, we're asking the congregation to PRE-ORDER by signing up on the paper posters in the Narthex or in Canterbury Hall starting this Sunday, October 28, until Sunday November 11. Pies are \$10 and go towards the pilgrimage fund.

Thank you!



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Halloween Beyond Monsters!



One interesting way to extend the meaning of Halloween past the scare and sweet factors, is to incorporate All Souls Day into your home. Find a little space somewhere to lay down a special tablecloth, put out some flowers, and set up pictures of loved ones and other people important to you who have died, along with objects connected with their history, habits and personalities.

Use it as a prompt to tell the family stories! We've done to have conversations about why we like to celebrate scary things at Halloween. When my kids were younger, I especially liked to have Day of the Dead skeletons (*calacas*) around the house - I made a connection between their absurd and almost cheerful presentation of death and the confidence in new and greater life we have from Jesus!



CHILDREN



Church School

Godly Play children are finally getting to change the leaves on the wall tree from summer green to fall yellow and gold! All our classes are getting into a rhythm again, as we bring out the precious stories and lessons, one Sunday at a time.

The youngest children moving up from the nursery have gotten used to their new place as their teachers have welcomed them. They have heard the stories of Creation, the Ark and the Flood, the Great Family, and the

Ten Best Ways (the 10 Commandments) this month.

Older children next door to Godly Play in the 3rd-5th grade class have moved onto new and different ways of reflecting on Scripture, leaving the wooden figures and felt squares of Godly Play behind. They have been exploring the same Gospel and Hebrew Scripture readings their parents are hearing in the church service.

As we step into November and watch the leaves fall and Thanksgiving come and go, we'll getting ready for the season of Advent! St. Nicholas day and Toys for Tots collection will be December 9th.



Be sure to thank our Church School teachers for spending time and sharing faith with our children. Godly Play - Darlene Nordoff, Julie Wunz, Marisa Ferger, Meira Minard. 3rd-5th Class - Michele Hamilton, Pam Ferguson, Pam Couch, Paul Humphreys, and Ted Christopher.

YOUTH

Journey Middle



Our newest youth group is launched, with the leadership of Kelley Paulsen and fellow teachers Eric Zimmerer, and Susan Dawson! Soon, this fresh batch of youth will be adding their handprints to the hallowed wall of Rm 330. This group uses fun as a bonding tool, but also spends a lot of time taking the next step into deeper self-understanding and reflection, prayer, relationships with peers and family, societal dynamics (especially poverty), Scripture reading and generally seeing faith as part of their lives. There's still room in this group for another leader - contact Kathy Hickner or Kelley Paulsen for more information.

Journey Pilgrims

Still spending a good amount of time on lessons - the group recently learned how much money it took to feed a family of four for a month, and they also wrote their own amazing Collect - the work for pilgrimage June 2019 to Arizona has begun in earnest! Along with the standby sales you know and love - Thanksgiving pies, Christmas cookies & crafts, and Super Bowl chili - we've added events that draw support from *outside* the congregation as well, including Buncoween in October, the Rummage Sale in September, and coming up in February, a winter dinner and contra dance. We hope to raise the funds we need with these events, but they also give youth and families the chance to build connections by working alongside one another, to show the youth that working hard can yield a great result, and to bring some fun to our congregation.



It's not an easy world to grow up in and having a supportive faith community can make a big difference in a person's life. So thank you for buying our tickets and chili, but also for smiling at and saying hello to our youth, and praying for their well-being and their faith!

Journey Seniors

This group of older youth meets every other Sunday (second and fourth of the month) to spend time together, decompress, talk about faith, and take on a variety of projects around the church. Leaders Christina Ford, Kathy Hickner, and Sharon Rovanssek are enjoying getting to know this group! They recently surprised us with their talent for tie-dyeing shirts for the CROP walk.



ADULT FORMATION

Adult Ed in November

The Adult Education Forum meets between the two Sunday morning services: 9-9:50 AM in Canterbury Hall. If you are interested in sharing your own expertise and/or exploring other topics in the Forum, please let us know (contact: Kate Freeman, khf4@psu.edu). Childcare is available upon request (contact: Kathy Hickner kathyhickner@icloud.com).



November 4: Marion Schwarz *India: A Nursery of Spirituality*

India is a sub-continent full of contrasts. It is particularly notable for the many faiths that find a home there, and the various ways that they have lived together, both peaceful and violent. Marion Schwartz will tell us a little about their encounters with different faiths on a trip last February.

November 11: Joan Bouchard *Doing God's work in Honduras*

My talk will be about teaching in the bilingual Episcopal schools there, working to establish Al-Anon and Alateen groups, planting trees with elementary school kids and their families, and mentoring students who want to improve conditions in their country - A Magical Mystery Tour through 10 years of service in Central America!

November 18: St. Andrew's Delegates *A Report on the 2018 Diocese Annual Convention*
led by Rick Hoover

November 25: Linda Freeman *Poverty: 19th-Century Views and 21st-Century Issues with observations taken from Charles Dickens, Benjamin Disraeli, Elizabeth Gaskell, Charles Kingsley, and George Bernard Shaw*

How we view our impoverished neighbors is framed by contradictory myths and stereotypes that have deep roots in western culture. Narrative examples from Victorian writers help us examine our own preconceptions and gain insight to 21st-century approaches to poverty. Please join us for this return visit by Dr. Linda Freeman, retired lecturer of English Literature at the University of Maryland and group leader, American University Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

And coming in December:

December 2: Mary Riddle, *Sacred Sights of Spain*

December 9: Janet Haner, Manager, St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in State College,
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

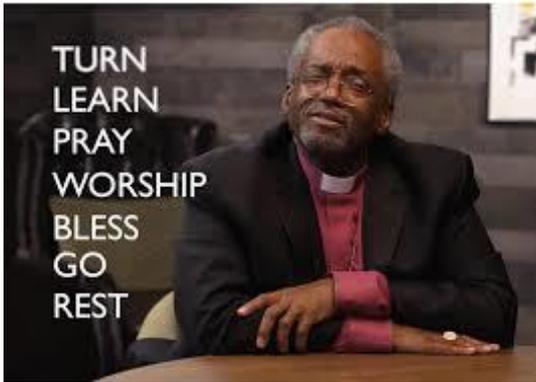
December 16: Kevin Lowe, *St. Nicholas of Myra: The Real Santa Claus?*

Compassionate Life

Thursday, November 1 and Thursday, November 15

9:30 a.m. – Room 325

The Way of Love



The women of the Compassionate Life group are going deeper into our faith using Bishop Michael Curry's helpful summary image of Christian practice, the Way of Love. These are old and familiar practices brought together in a symbol to re-focus us on our path as followers of Jesus. What a wonderful reminder of what we're all about and spark for important conversations. These practices are: Turn - pause, listen and choose to follow Jesus; Learn - reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings; Pray - dwell intentionally with God each day; Worship - gather in community weekly to thank, praise and dwell with God; Bless -

share faith and unselfishly give and serve; Go - cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus; Rest - receive the gift of God's grace, peace and restoration.

Compassionate Life meets the first and third Thursday mornings of the month from 9:30-11 in room 325.

Please come check us out! Email Kathy Hickner

Questions? Contact [Kathy Hickner](#) or [Darlene Nordoff](#).

OUTREACH

CROP Hunger Walk

Congratulations to the Purple People Feeders who walked in the State College CROP Hunger Walk on October 21! Our St. Andrew's team consisted of 4 children, 11 youth, 19 adults and 5 dogs. We bundled up for a chilly day for our 5K walk through the Borough on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

Our team has raised about \$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 to our [TEAM PAGE](#). If you prefer to write a check, make it out to CWS/CROP, and give it to Julie Kwasnica. Thank you!



Over the Edge -

WE DID IT

and we couldn't have done it without you!

What a day!

Over 70 Edgers came out in the rain on Thursday, 10/11, to rappel off the Fraser Centre in State College.

IT. WAS. EPIC.

Crowds gathered, people cheered. Radio and TV stations came to do stories; so did newspapers and magazines.

The Over the Edge staff trained volunteers and helped rappellers do amazing things. Sponsors provided food and goods.

Our goal was to raise \$80,000 for both Interfaith Human Services and FaithCentre.

Guess what?

We raised over \$85,000.



IHS Wishing Well Campaign



We have all celebrated the bravery of our dear rector, who went Over the Edge for Interfaith Human Services last month! Successful as that fund-raiser was, the needs of the people in Centre County continue to rise. The cost of housing and home heating is up again, and the health care situation is not improving. IHS must continue its work. With the support of over 30 faith communities in Centre County IHS offers professional case workers to counsel those in need, help with winter heating costs, manage money for those unable to receive their own support checks, and provide furniture service for those transitioning to new housing.



Each Advent IHS rings the bell for their wishing well campaign. As we have done for the last several years, St. Andrew's will staff the wishing well outside Meyer Dairy. We are scheduled for Tuesday, December 4 and Wednesday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. until closing at 10:00 p.m. We like to have 2 people for each one-hour shift To sign up use or click on this link: <http://bit.ly/IHSBellRinger>. It's a fun activity for families or friend to share, and you are doing good for those in need.

Tree of Life Project

Submitted by Anne Hoag

The senseless tragedy in Pittsburgh has left many of us wishing there was something we could do for survivors. For us knitters, I found something small but surely worthwhile: A nine-year old Pittsburgh girl had throughout North America are knitting Nicky Epstein's Tree of Life and Star of David afghan squares and sending them to Yarns by Design, a LYS in Pittsburgh. There, the squares are being sewn into blankets. You can follow the story on the Ravelry.com forum called, "Tree of Life." or click [HERE](#) for the news story.



I contacted Yarns By Design and they sent me the patterns (click [HERE](#)). I'm starting mine tonight. If you'd like to knit up some squares, I'd be happy to bundle them up and send them to Pittsburgh.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 22

Noon until 2:00 p.m. – Canterbury Hall

The Café is busy gearing up for the holiday season! With the wonderfully hilarious Happy Valley Improv Fundraiser behind us, we are currently planning our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 22 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 evening 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 19, 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!

If you would like to volunteer for the Thanksgiving meal, please contact Ron at rrovanssek@pacewater.com. Also, there is a particular need for regular team members who serve and clean up the meal on a rotating basis. 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.

FRIDAY FILMS



First Reformed

Friday, November 16 – Canterbury Hall

6:30 p.m.: Gathering and food

7:00 p.m. Film

Rated R for disturbing violent images, threat of mass casualties, and suicide.

Reverend Ernst Toller of the First Reformed church in Snowbridge, New York is writing down his thoughts in a journal for a year, after which he intends to destroy it. Follow his crisis of faith as he spirals out of control as he faces dwindling church attendance under his leadership, guilt over the death of his son, and a soul-shaking encounter with an unstable environmental activist and his pregnant wife. Writer-director Paul Schrader, known for *Taxi Driver*, brings us this incredible film that critics say he was ‘put on this planet to make’ and ‘this drama can almost be viewed as a companion piece to that classic.’ We hope you join us for this free film. A discussion will follow for those who wish to stay.

UPCOMING

Choral Evensong

Sunday, November 4

5:00 p.m. – Church

This Sunday the Adult Choir of St. Andrew's will sing the service of choral evensong. Music will include the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C by Charles Villers Stanford, anthems by Christopher Tye and Simon Lole, Preces and Responses by Richard Shephard and organ music by David Lasky and Johann Pachelbel. The Rev. Gene Tucker, rector of St. John's, Huntington, 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. 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 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 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. The next evensong will be Sunday, February 3, 2019

GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

This is not a comprehensive listing; regularly scheduled meetings and events are included only if an item has been submitted for publication. For complete and updated listings, please check your Sunday bulletin or weekly email.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Monday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.
Room 131

Our next meeting will be held the first Monday of November.

KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, November 11, 11:15 a.m.
Room 325

If you knit, crochet or would like to learn, you are welcome! We 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. Even if you can't attend the meetings but would like to participate, you may knit/crochet at home and bring finished work to the Parish Office. For more information, contact Anne Hoag at anne.hoag@gmail.com. Future meetings: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12.

LECTIO DIVINA

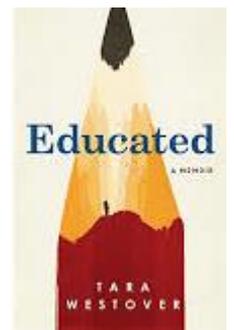
Sunday, November 18, 9:00 a.m.
Room 324

The November session of Lectio Divina will be held on Sunday, November 18. Reminder: we are meeting in the library and not the chapel this year.

BOOK GROUP

Monday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.
Room 324

The St. Andrews Book Club has decided to read Tara Westover's *Educated: A Memoir* as their November selection. Published in 2018, it is the true story of how a young girl who was kept out of public school leaves the confines of her survivalist Mormon family, experiences life, and eventually goes on to college to earn her PHD. This book is very reminiscent of Jeannette Wall's novel *The Glass Castle*. We hope that you join us at the end of November for a lively discussion.



If you have any questions, please contact Paul Hochreiter at plh134@psu.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING TEA



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



1 Katie Gaines
1 Debra Noyes
1 Deborah Morton
2 Maverick Mainzer
4 Linda Hoover
5 Derald Stump
6 Gwen Catchen
7 Andrew Gaines
8 Anne Hoag
11 Betty Shaner
12 Ru Sabre
13 James Tybout
15 Tom Yuhas
16 Brucie Serene
18 Christina Ford
19 Betty Parry
20 Christine Mihalenko
20 Carolyn Hatley
20 Mary Valentine
21 Jim Serene
21 Diane Cramer
23 Tony Kwasnica
23 Ted Christopher
23 Bob Downs
23 Larry Murphy
26 Paul Humphreys
28 Rose Bohn
29 Sian Packard
30 Scott Dash

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a November 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

Fred, Lee, Charles, Chloe, Joe, Jocey, Peter, Karen, Kathryn, Debbie, Anne, Kevin, Frank, David, Emily, Sara, Diane, Robbie, Vicki, Guy, Mary, Paula, Brad, John, Christian, Joan, Jane, Don, Joyce, Laura, Linda, Roberta, Lisa, Pam, Leon, Rick, Debbie, Kathy, Carter

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

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

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