

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

January 2021

## Paths to the Priesthood

St. Andrew's has three people in the ordination process; Kevin Barron, Ted Christopher, and Kevin Lowe are all at different points along the way. The ordination process is necessarily long and complex (perhaps too long and too complex). The process seeks first to discern both a call to ordained ministry and the gifts required, and second to form the individual for the ministry to which he or she is called, either the diaconate or the priesthood. In our case, all three of the above members of St. Andrew's are in the process to be ordained as priests. The shape of the Episcopal Church is changing. So is the shape of ordained leadership. Along with those changes, adjustments are being made to how we identify and prepare people for ordination, and what they may expect from their ministries. We have created alternative ways to educate and form new members of the clergy that reflect the current and foreseeable future realities of our changing church. Below is a summary of our three parishioners' current place on their paths to ordination.

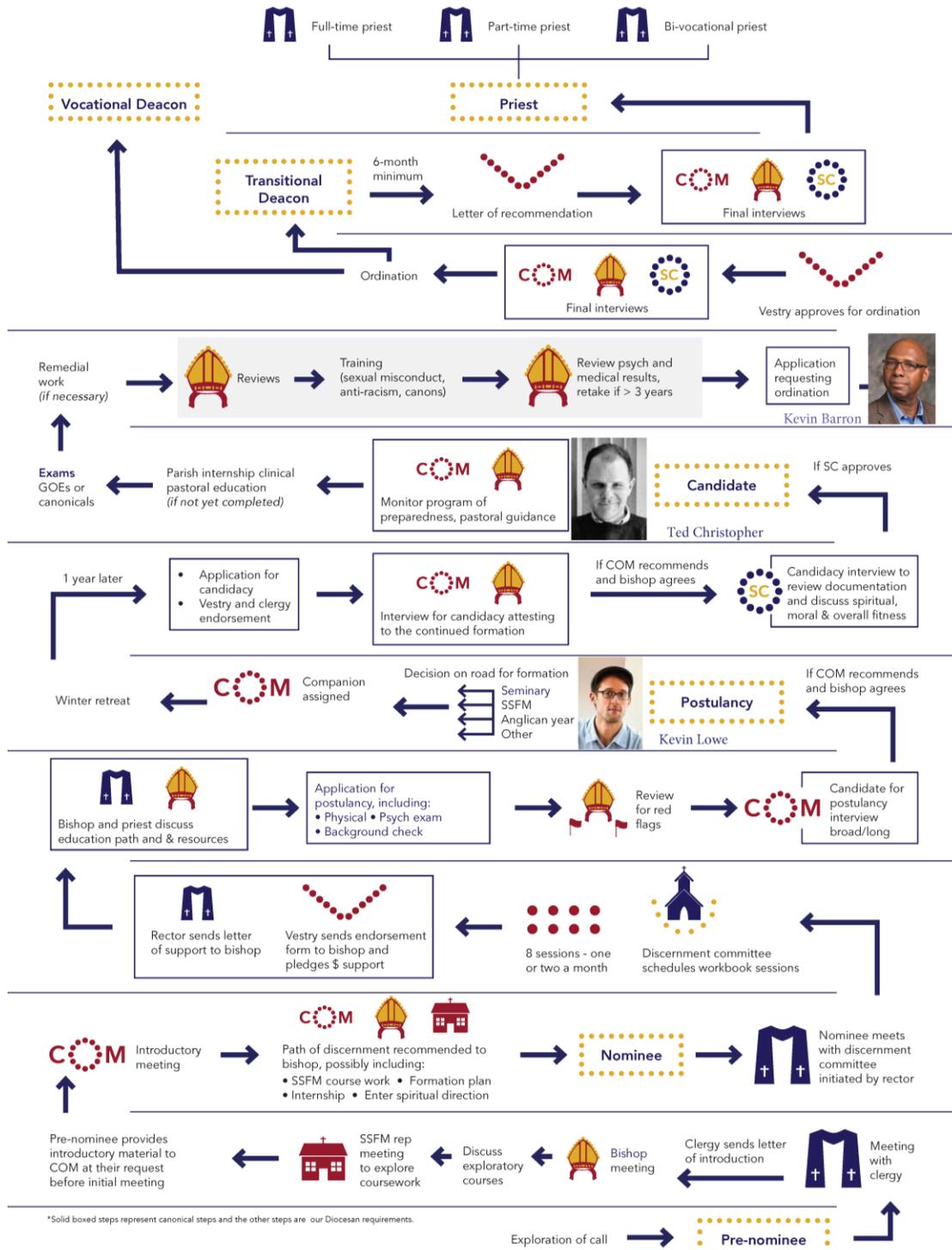
Kevin Barron is the furthest along of our three parishioners. He has completed his education through the diocesan Stevenson School for Ministry (SSfM), has completed his field education and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), has taken his General Ordination Exams (GOEs), and is applying to be ordained a deacon. If successful, Kevin will spend a minimum of six months as a deacon, what's called a transitional deacon, then be ordained to the priesthood. Kevin has been serving as a Lay Pastor in St. Luke's, Altoona. As a lay person, Kevin is leading the congregation and performing all the roles that a lay person can be licensed to perform, such as Lay Pastoral Leader, and Lay Worship Leader. Kevin leads worship at St. Luke's and preaches two Sundays per month, as well as offering Compline on Wednesdays and teaching Bible study. He was proud to march with members of St. Luke's in Altoona's first PRIDE parade. They were the only identified community of faith in the parade. Kevin has done all of this while continuing to work a full-time job. His vision for his ordained ministry is, "to work for justice for those at the margins of society." Kevin also teaches a special section of the 10-week course *The Beloved Community* through the Stevenson School (SSfM).

Ted Christopher was just made a candidate for holy orders this past fall, the second official step in the process. He is in the third year of a four-year course in the SSfM, a program called the Worker Priest Track, the same one Kevin Barron followed. Ted had intended to do his CPE this past fall, but the pandemic changed those plans. CPE is a supervised, intense ministry experience that focuses on being part of a learning community, developing pastoral skills and experience, and confronting personal issues related to ministry. Ted is just now starting his field education at St. John's, Huntingdon under the supervision of the Rev. Gene Tucker, the rector there. Ted will likely take his GOEs in about a year. He continues to do lots of good ministry here at St. Andrew's, including leading Bible study and leading Morning Prayer (on Zoom now). Like Kevin, Ted has done all of this while working a full-time job. Also, like Kevin, he doesn't intend to quit that job when he is ordained, intending to do part-time ministry in our region of the diocese. Ted says, "the Stevenson School is a tremendous resource for our diocese, one that we are all blessed to have." He encourages anyone to take a class, as they are not just for people preparing for ordained ministry. All classes are online, and always have been.

Kevin Lowe completed the first local step in this process, his Parish Discernment Committee, last spring. The group began pre-pandemic and had to finish their meetings through Zoom. The committee recommended him, and our vestry endorsed him to apply for postulancy, the first official step in the process. Kevin was granted postulancy on December 8. For his education, Kevin is applying to Bexley Seabury Seminary. Being a full-time father to their daughter, Julia, as well as a working musician, Kevin has his hands full. He wanted to do a full-time, residential seminary experience, but is now planning on taking Bexley Seabury's online/low residency

program due to coronavirus concerns. His field education and CPE will be coordinated with his seminary. Kevin is about to complete a term serving on our vestry where he serves as the clerk of the vestry.

You should be proud of the fact that our parish is producing such high-quality folks to serve the church in ordained ministry. It is unusual for any parish, even a large one, to have this many people in discernment/formation at one time. The only serious downside for St. Andrew's is that we will lose some really great lay people and their families, all of whom have been involved deeply in ministry here. I ask for your prayers on behalf of these folks, as well as anyone else who may be wrestling with a call to ordained ministry.



\*Solid boxed steps represent canonical steps and the other steps are our Diocesan requirements.


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ROAD TO ORDAINED LEADERSHIP

## TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



### November 2020

	November	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2020 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 36,524	\$ 437,004	95%	\$ 460,750
Total Operating Income	\$ 38,265	\$ 461,591	93%	\$ 496,350
Total Operating Expense	\$ 34,231	\$ 437,894	87%	\$ 502,162
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 4,033	\$ 23,697		

\*Includes pledges, plate offerings, and special holiday offerings.

## VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



### December 2020

The vestry met on Tuesday, December 8, remotely, using Zoom. The vestry is grateful for the 2021 pledges that have been received up to this point. The ministries of St. Andrew's would not exist without your continued generosity. We invite all parishioners to prayerfully discern their financial gifts to the parish and, if you have not pledged yet, to fill out your pledge card as soon as possible. You can also make your pledge online through the Realm platform. If you have questions or need assistance or a pledge card, please contact the office.

The December vestry meeting was largely concerned with financial matters. The parish ended 2020 with a budget surplus, which (following Finance Committee's recommendation) was moved into a surplus savings account for 2021 contingencies. Vestry also voted to adopt the 2021 draft budget as presented by Finance Committee, which keeps our spending at essentially the same levels as 2020. In addition, an ad hoc committee of the vestry continues to work on examining Trinity House and its potential for rental and ministry opportunities and has been cooperating closely with the Borough of State College with regard to zoning and property maintenance.

We are also preparing for the upcoming annual election and parish meeting, to be held entirely online this year (see elsewhere in the newsletter for information about the election). A very big thank you to the outgoing vestry members who are completing their terms on the vestry this month: Christina Ford, Greg Lovisky, Kevin Lowe, and Kathryn Yahner.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. Please contact me ([kevinlowe33@gmail.com](mailto:kevinlowe33@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link prior to the meeting if you would like to attend. Approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

## From the Financial Secretary Online Giving for 2021

Thank you to all our parishioners who use the online giving option for giving to St. Andrew's. If you have set up recurring payments through Realm for your pledge giving, please make sure you update your scheduled payments to the correct fund for 2021, **Operating Pledges – 2021**. Also make sure you update the amount of the payment to coincide with your 2021 pledge amount. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Andrew at [financesc@standrewsc.org](mailto:financesc@standrewsc.org)

## VESTRY ELECTIONS

The annual election for new vestry members and diocesan convention delegates will be held on the day of the annual parish meeting, **Sunday, January 31, 2021**. The election will be held using an online balloting system.

In order to use the online ballot, we need a **valid email address** from **each voter**. You should have already received an email from the office inviting you to confirm your email address as an eligible voter. According to our parish bylaws, all persons in our membership register who (a) are sixteen years of age and older, (b) have received Holy Communion at least three times in the last year, and (c) have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are eligible to vote in the election. **Please note that for this year, given the pandemic, the vestry has voted to waive the Communion requirement.** If you believe you are an eligible voter but did not receive the email inviting you to confirm your email address, please contact the office. \*

On the day of the election, you will receive an email from the election system (Election Buddy), with a secure link to the St. Andrew's ballot and a unique PIN number that can only be used once. Clicking the link and inputting your PIN will take you to the ballot where you will be able to easily view photos and bios of the candidates and vote for the candidates you prefer. This ballot will work on any device, including smartphones.

In order to ensure that the election goes smoothly, we plan to conduct a test of the system in early January, so be on the lookout. If you have any questions about the balloting or the election process, please contact me at [kevinlowe33@gmail.com](mailto:kevinlowe33@gmail.com).

Kevin Lowe  
Clerk of the Vestry

\* **From the Office:** You may not remember receiving an email; this request for email confirmation was in the weekly email for three weeks in October. We received very few responses. You can verify your email address *now* using this link: <https://forms.gle/hEUJGhRYAY1N2smJA> If you share an email address with a spouse or other, you will only receive ONE ballot. If you wish to vote individually, you **MUST** provide an individual email address.

## VESTRY NOMINEES

We are pleased to announce that the following eight parishioners have accepted nominations to run for the four vestry positions that will be open in January 2021: Barb Downs, Michele Hamilton, Tom Hall, Paul Hochreiter, Judy Moore, Amy Pritchett, Scott Thomas, and Karl Zimmerer. Their photos and bios appear below.

## BARB DOWNS

I have been a member of St. Andrew's since June 2000, but my family attended this church and our girls were part of this congregation in the two decades prior to that. We moved here in 1980 from Tucson, Arizona where daughters Christina and Susan had attended an Episcopal Day School for a year before our move. They were happy to continue with Sunday school in an Episcopal setting in State College. In the years since 2000 I have been involved in teaching Safeguarding God's Children for a number of years and have also been active in Community Café, Knitting Group, Safety Committee, and OOTC. I served one term on Vestry under Father Richard.

I have been blessed with careers in both nursing and music. I have worked at MNMC, Geisinger Clinic, and the Meadows Psychiatric Center. I also worked on a nursing research team in the PSU College of Nursing for four years before retiring in 2016. As a musician I spent 30 years as a violist in the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra and was an active member of the AFM. I represented HSO for six years at the national conference of the Regional Orchestra Players Association and with training there, was able to assist in several contract negotiations for HSO musicians. I treasure what I learned from the AFM and from my musician shared negotiating experiences.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve on Vestry in these trying times. Our church and its parishioners are a special part of my life. I want our church to be there for others in the years ahead.



## MICHELE HAMILTON



I have been at this church for over a decade and was received in this church.

Last year, I filled out 6 months of for Peter Chamberlain vestry term when he moved from State College.

I have served or am serving on Altar Guild, as a Nursery volunteer, and as a 4th-5th grade church school teacher.

I currently represent St. Andrew's on the Out of the Cold Board and in Daughters of the King.

Outside of church, I work at CentreSafe and volunteer with various local and state groups.

## TOM HALL

We (myself, Barbara, Maude, and Charlie) moved to State College from Hollidaysburg a few years ago and started attending St. Andrews, frequently at the 5 o'clock, quite often at the 10 o'clock and once in a while at the 8 o'clock. Since the pandemic, Morning Prayer.

I was born in Massachusetts, raised in Michigan and Spain, and back to Massachusetts. I earned an undergraduate degree from Hobart College and a graduate degree in San Francisco, where I worked in arts administration. I helped digitize the UNM printing plant in Albuquerque, migrated a newspaper to the Internet in Odessa, Texas, and 20 years ago settled in Pennsylvania, where I work in Wealth Management. I'm curious, adventurous, diligent, and have a little trouble sitting still. My church life, like my spiritual life, is habitual; meaning its been part of me since I can remember, sometimes strong, sometimes weak, but always there.



With respect to church governance, I served on vestry at St. Luke's Altoona and later at Holy Trinity in Hollidaysburg, helping with finances, buildings, and audits. At St. Andrew's, I helped Father Jeff launch Blessing of the Bikes and Recovery Sunday. I participated in a fellow parishioner's discernment process, which, incidentally, was very inspiring.

When I can, when I travel, I visit the local Episcopal church and I hope one day to have worshiped in every church in our diocese. What keeps me coming back is the cadence of the liturgy, the beauty of the music, the history of the buildings, and the generosity of spirit of the people and the priests. FUN FACT! I was confirmed in the Parish of the Epiphany where, two years later in 1977, the Rev. Jeanne Sproat was ordained as the first woman priest in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

It's an honor to be considered for vestry and I thank you for the opportunity.

### **PAUL HOCHREITER**



Paul Hochreiter has been a member of St. Andrews since around 2012. Originally from Pittsburgh, PA., Paul moved to State College in his senior year of high school when his father accepted a job at the University. Ironically, his parents bought the house of Wesley and Barbara Brown (former St. Andrew's Members!). After acquiring his undergraduate and Masters degrees, Paul worked at the Penn State Libraries and the State College Area School District's LifeLink PSU Program, helping students with disabilities find sustainable forms of employment in and around the State College area. Now, Paul is a Special Education Learning Support teacher at the State College Area High School, teaching 9th and 10th grades.

Paul was raised Episcopalian and while working at Penn State, became an active member of the Episcopal Campus Ministry at Penn State when Canon Selvage was officiating. Paul ended up becoming the Treasurer for ECM and assisted with merging ECM with St. Andrews. After the merger, Paul became a member of St. Andrews. What attracted Paul to St. Andrews was the people and the church's mission to help others. Paul is active in many groups within the walls of St. Andrews. He volunteers with the Community Café Fundraisers, runs the St. Andrews Book Club, volunteers with OOTC, is on the Friday Film Committee, and can regularly be seen in the kitchen of Canterbury Hall running the dishwasher and ovens for any kind of meal or fellowship hour.

### **JUDY MOORE**

My name is Judy Moore. I have been a resident of State College since September 2005. Before moving to State College, I attended St. Andrew's with my mother, Snookie Williams when I visited her. I loved the church, the music, and the warm people. In 2006 I joined St. Andrew's. That same year I joined the excellent choir. Frequently Walter Wells, choir director, invites me to join on flute with the choir. I love these times. Also in 2006, I formed a flute choir - a group of flutists playing together - in State College. We call ourselves Toot-in-Common. On First Night, St. Andrew's is one of our favorite performance venues. I am looking forward to becoming more involved in the life of St. Andrew's and its parishioners.



## AMY PRITCHETT



Having bounced around spiritual homes in my younger days – rebelling against the Church of England / Anglican Church of Canada in my youth, returning to personal faith like a feral cat in from the cold with the kind patience of dear friends at the Atlanta Friends Meeting (Quaker), and then bouncing back, infant in arms, to the family support and familiar liturgy of the Episcopal Church – I am glad to have found the welcoming community of St. Andrews. Our family recently moved here from Brookhaven GA, where I was baptized with my two children, Elliot and Theresa, at the dawn Easter vigil in 2007 at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church. We had strong ties there, the kids and I progressing together – them through Godly Play, me through Godly Play training and certification, them through RSCM ribbon training in the treble choir, and me as a choir mum chaperoning their missions, lock

ins and concerts. I was grateful, too, for the opportunity to go through adult confirmation, to complete the first two years of EFM, to become a lay minister assisting at the altar, and to serve on the vestry in various roles including Clerk and heading Children’s Formation, Administration, and Property and Grounds.

I formally transferred my membership to St. Andrews in Fall 2019. I have been especially grateful for weekday morning prayer and marveled at how it has grown from a couple regulars in person to a matrix of videos on Zoom! Fr. Jeff kindly tutored me through formal recognition as a lay worship leader just in time for the pandemic, and I have enjoyed exploring the options for recorded compline. Elliot and I joined Community Café in February 2020, also just in time for the pandemic, and fell into the role of being the servers handing out the take-away meals every Thursday – a great privilege to be the final distribution link in a chain of so many volunteers.

Outside of St. Andrews, we moved here to State College so that I could take the position of Professor and Head of Aerospace Engineering at Penn State. My work focuses on air transport aviation safety, particularly in cases where the aircraft is highly automated but the pilot is expected to take over in case of emergency, and I regularly consult on the follow up to aircraft accidents. I am a pilot from a family of pilots and married to a pilot – Eric and I have been using our pandemic time to purchase and fix up an airplane. I also enjoyed moving here from the city as a chance to buy a horse, an out-of-shape middle-aged mare like me, and we are training each other towards competing in dressage in the spring.

## SCOTT THOMAS

Scott Thomas lived in State College for much of his formative period. Subsequently, he has resided and traveled in many places, mostly while working for the United States government. Since moving back to State College in 2004, he has served the community as a volunteer with Corl Street Elementary School PTO, State College Area School District, State College Music Boosters, Boy Scout Troop 83, and The Community Café at Saint Andrews.



## KARL ZIMMERER



Since 2007 I have been an active Saint Andrew's member together with my partner of 35 years Medora Ebersole. My call to serve on Vestry owes to my desire to work together with other St. Andrew's parishioners in facing upcoming challenges and opportunities in this time of transition. I am deeply committed to the fostering of inclusion in advancing our mission in a new, post-peak Covid "normal." This includes important activities of strategic planning and implementation of various kinds. Stewarding our vital roles in supporting our environment and community is a major area of my interests and activities. I am currently in my third year in the Education for the Ministry (EfM) group and occasionally participate in the Adult Forum.

Previously I taught in Sunday School programs at St. Andrew's in State College and in St. Andrew's in Madison, Wisconsin where we lived for 17 years. We have three children (Eliza, Stephen, and Eric) who are young adults now living in Port Chester, NY, West Harlem in New York City, and Boston. When possible, Medora and I travel regularly to research and teach with collaborators and communities in the United States, Latin America, and elsewhere. My focus is on new dynamics of food systems and security in serving as the Ruby and Willard Miller professor of environment and society geography at Penn State. My hobbies include hiking, biking, playing tennis, gardening, cooking, reading and engaging with the arts

## CONVENTION DELEGATES

The following six parishioners have accepted nominations to serve as our six allotted delegates (and two alternates) at our annual diocesan convention. They will be elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting on January 31:

Anthony Grillo  
Carolee Grillo  
Kevin Lowe  
Linda Mace  
Walter Wells  
Molly Wells  
Allison Shea (alternate)  
Kathryn Yahner (alternate)

## ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Sunday, January 31

6 p.m.

Via Zoom

\* We love the potluck supper, too, but unfortunately, we won't be able to gather for a meal this year. On the bright side, you can make whatever you want for dinner, no matter what letter your last name begins with. Or for an "at home" version, you could reheat all the leftovers in your refrigerator, line them up on your countertop, and serve yourself on paper plates.

## COMMUNITY CAFÉ

### SUPER BOWL SOUP SALE

Tickets on sale beginning January 18 in church office  
Curbside Pickup, Sunday, February 7, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Fraser St. Entrance

**The Community Café** is partnering with the  
**State College Rotary Club** for a soup sale to be held on Super Bowl  
Sunday, February 7.



### **\$20 for four delicious soups and fresh bread**

Flight of soups includes:

Wyatt Earp's Tombstone Chili  
Moby Dick's Wayfaring Chowder  
Happy Farmer Vegetarian Soup, and  
Halftime Show Ham & Bean

Each soup will be in a 16-ounce container ready to heat.

To reserve your flight in advance, purchase tickets in the office beginning on January 18.  
You can also buy soup on the day of the sale, but without a reservation, types and quantities are subject to  
change. Curbside pickup the day of the sale from 11a.m.-2 p.m. outdoors on Fraser Street.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Rovansek at (814) 574-4708.

## FAITH IN ACTION

### IHS WISHING WELL

Thanks to all the volunteers who turned out to staff the Interfaith Human Services Wishing Well at Meyer Dairy. The 2020 campaign raised a total of \$40,151. Last year's total was \$23,200. This money goes directly to help our Centre County neighbors cope with financial emergencies during the pandemic."



## OUT OF THE COLD at St. Andrew's

January 18 - 31, 2021

Happy New Year to All!

Saint Andrews will be hosting Out of the Cold in our facilities from January 18<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> this year. A lot has changed with the program since last year. Mainly, OOTC has expanded to include several new paid staff members. This staff provides all overnight supervision; we will not need volunteers to sleep over as in the past. We would like to provide two or three volunteers to work as hosts each evening from 7:45 until 10:30 pm. We also need volunteers to provide evening meals for approximately 20 individuals each evening. If you would be interested in providing a meal, we can schedule a contact-free drop off at the back of Canterbury Hall for your continued health safety. There has been no issue with COVID 19 in the OOTC program to this point, however, we realize that this is an ongoing concern and will do everything possible to keep everyone safe and healthy.



Attached is a link to the Sign Up Genius we will be using to schedule our volunteers. It is very easy to access and will provide you with an email reminder of your sign up.

Michele Hamilton and I will be coordinating this event while at our parish and welcome any questions you may have. Please feel free to contact either of us. Thank you for your consideration of this worthy cause.

Scott Strouse, [scottallen1750@gmail.com](mailto:scottallen1750@gmail.com)

Michele Hamilton, [marshako@hotmail.com](mailto:marshako@hotmail.com)

Sign up to volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45a9ad2ba5fa7-outofthe20>

## ENVINITY SOLAR HOME TOUR

The Creation Care Corps of St. Andrew's, which was started about a year ago, is one of the sponsors of an online event put on by Envinity, a local company specializing in custom green design and construction, alternative energy installation, energy auditing, mechanical installation and service, air sealing and insulation, and professional engineering services. The annual event highlights local solar energy projects. This year it is an online webinar. If you want to view the event, please contact Joan Bouchard at [bouchardjm@aol.com](mailto:bouchardjm@aol.com) and she will send you a link.



## GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

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

### KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, January 10, 11:15 a.m.  
Via Zoom

Knitting Ministry will meet on Sunday, January 10, 11:15 - 12:15 via Zoom. Join us! Settle down with your needles and yarn in front of your computer camera and log on! We knit cozy, useful items for Knitting4Peace (News and patterns at <https://www.knitting4peace.org/>).

If you would like to come, please email [anne.hoag@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hoag@gmail.com) and she will send you a Zoom invitation link. Mark your calendars for the second Sunday of each month through June 2021.

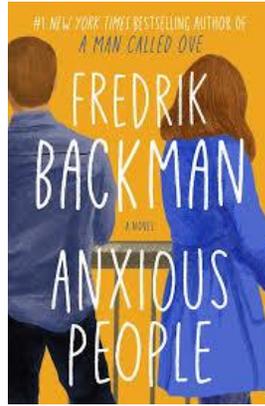
For more information contact Anne Hoag, [anne.hoag@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hoag@gmail.com)



Items made by the Knitting Ministry in 2020.

### BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 26, 7 p.m.  
Room 324



The book selected for January is *Anxious People* by Frederick Backman, the New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove*. The book is described as “a charming, poignant novel about a crime that never took place, a would-be bank robber who disappears into thin air, and eight

extremely anxious strangers who find they have more in common than they ever imagined” and “an ingeniously constructed story about the enduring power of friendship, forgiveness, and hope - the things that save us, even in the most anxious times.” Something we can all relate to. Group member, Paul Hochreiter says of the selection, “It's supposed to be super funny and silly -something we all need over the holidays.” All are welcome.

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREW'S

✳ 2020 🦋

Usually in January's newsletter, we would share pictures from all the special events and activities of the Advent and Christmas season. Even though we had to do things differently this year and mostly online, we managed to include many of our favorite traditions:

**The Youth Cookie Sale.** Many of us have come to depend on the delicious cookies provided by the annual cookie sale. This year, instead of baking together in Canterbury Hall, all the cookies were baked in people's homes and packed entirely by Kathy Hickner instead of an assembly line of volunteers. They were sold from a table in the Fraser Street lobby instead of at Coffee Hour. Some were purchased and donated to the Café to send home with their guests on Christmas Eve. The cookies were still delicious and very much appreciated.

**Visit from St. Nicholas** – We are used to receiving a visit and talk from St. Nicholas during our 10 a.m. service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent and chocolate coins at Coffee Hour. This Advent, we had a socially distanced Carol Sing at Sidney Friedman Parklet for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday with a barrel fire and hot cider. It was a different location, but St. Nicholas found us anyway and did not forget the chocolate. He also delivered a gift from the parish to Fr. Jeff to thank him for all he is doing for us during the pandemic.



**Lessons and Carols** – We were not all in the beautiful, candlelit church, and there was no festive reception afterwards, but this year's recorded service of Lessons and Carols included music recorded by Walter Wells, Gwen Catchen, and members of the Adult and Youth choirs, invited readers from our community chosen for their contributions to our communal life during the pandemic, and a meaningful opportunity for reflection and worship.

**Link to service:** <https://youtu.be/WS-NHMx18WA>

**Link to bulletin:** [https://drive.google.com/.../1ah\\_bnZPivg1c3Z6p8QwrlH4V7.../view...](https://drive.google.com/.../1ah_bnZPivg1c3Z6p8QwrlH4V7.../view...)

**Christmas Eve Carol Sing-along** – In the afternoon of Christmas Eve, we planned a Carol sing-along to take place in person on the church steps and live via Zoom at the same time. Due to the weather, it ended up being entirely on Zoom. Walter and Gwen from the church and several talented parishioners from their homes or other locations led us in familiar hymns ending with *Silent Night*.

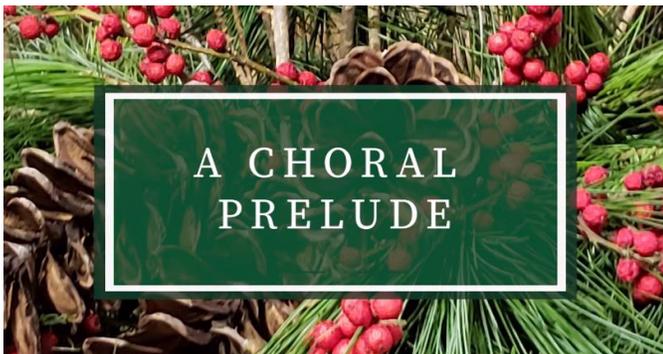


**Link to Video:** <https://youtu.be/GxPQ4BmPKMI>

**Link to Song Booklet:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zfPZv-iDasJbHpg\\_NxkGM8grB\\_fvKoSt/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zfPZv-iDasJbHpg_NxkGM8grB_fvKoSt/view?usp=sharing)

**Christmas Eve Worship** – We offered only one service on Christmas Eve this year. Because it was recorded, you could worship at the time of your choice. Great care was taken to make it as close to the experience of being in the church on Christmas Eve as possible. The service began, as usual, with a Choral Prelude by the choirs. Bishop Scanlan had approved the distribution of pre-consecrated communion to be consumed during the service and the distribution had taken place earlier in the afternoon.



**Choral Prelude Link:** <https://business.facebook.com/standrewsc/videos/741355459841446/>

**Christmas Eve Service Link:** <https://youtu.be/8pjl3-pN81o>

**Bulletin Link:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rFqEcqW3mgmtWjx1llWOPopUaRaLuoFC/view?usp=sharing>

**Christmas Pageant** – We even managed to include the Christmas Pageant. Kathy Hickner distributed scripts and costumes to church school members who rehearsed and recorded the pageant on Zoom.



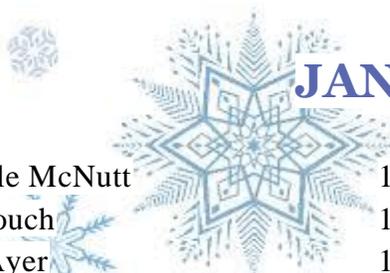
**Link to the pageant:** <https://youtu.be/Bw8UB0QI7Cw>

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**Advent Wreath Lighting**  
**Diocesan Advent Calendar**  
**Meditative Prayer Service**

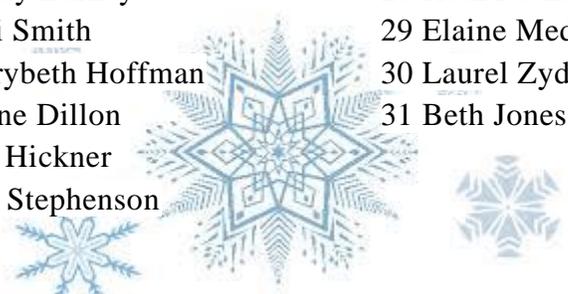
Throughout Advent we enjoyed watching families light the Advent wreath before our 10 a.m. services. They came into the church and recorded this with Fr. Jeff and Deacon Joe prior to the service. The Diocese created a video Advent Calendar with new video from clergy and lay people in the diocese sharing thoughts, memories and reflections about Advent. A Meditative Prayer Service was offered on Zoom Wednesdays during Advent taking the place of our usual Taizé services.





## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Michelle McNutt	13 Madi Christopher	23 Daniel Foster
1 Pam Couch	13 Madeline Johnson	24 Gretchen Schrock-Jacobson
1 Anne Ayer	13 Erica Wells	24 Susan Dawson
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2 Richard Porter	15 Charles Reich	26 David Spencer
3 Esther Wall	15 Jim Frego-Bliek	26 Navy Cozad
4 Jack Selzer	16 Abraham Rovanseck	28 Mike Hickner
6 Ainsley Paulsen	17 Dale Gericke	27 Shirley Leopold
7 Dana Tilghman	17 Sandy Barney	28 Ruth Packard
7 Christie Alter	18 Teri Smith	29 Elaine Meder-Wilgus
8 Elisa Edgar	19 Marybeth Hoffman	30 Laurel Zydney
9 Melanie Foster	21 Diane Dillon	31 Beth Jones
12 Melody Chisholm	21 Nat Hickner	
13 Frank Pugliese	23 Sue Stephenson	



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### **Those For Whom We Pray**

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