

“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

July 2021

Anamnesis

While visiting Berlin in 2005, I looked out the window of the apartment where we were staying. Running down the middle of the street in front of the apartment building was a line demarcated by stones set into the pavement. It showed where the wall once stood. A silent memorial to that era of history. Cars and buses ran along the line, ran over it weaving in and out of traffic. What did they think as they experienced the slight bump in the road? Did they reflect on the 38 years that the wall defined east and west? Did they call to mind the people who risked their lives to escape or those who lost theirs trying?

We had been in the city for nearly a week, and we had seen that line over and over as we went around seeing the sites. It always surprised me when we encountered it, crossing a street here, running along a sidewalk there, disappearing under a building. It seemed ubiquitous. As a visitor, it always made me imagine what the city was like then, what it looked like, what it felt like to live there. It not only made me think of the years of the wall and *Checkpoint Charlie*, I couldn't help but think of the Hitler years before that and the war and the holocaust. How does a city recover from all that? How does a people heal? This line of stones, like a scar bisecting their city, was easy to miss, easy to let it fade into the background. Do people trip and stumble on it on occasion as they shuffle across the street? Even then, do they notice?

It makes me wonder what our COVID memorial will be. What will stand in the place of all those lives lost to this pandemic? What will call the suffering to mind? What will we occasionally stumble over to remind us of this time? It's too early of course. It's too early to think about such things. We need time to process. We need to have some distance, some perspective before we can properly encapsulate a global experience in a symbol. Where would we put it anyway?

It may be the work of a future generation to look back on this time, work out the significance of everything, and figure out how to memorialize it. But we still have work to do in our generation. We may look to our tradition for help. Our crucified and risen Lord is memorialized in a ritual meal of bread and wine, present with us as we keep his commandment to remember him. In that sacrament the whole story is told, from creation to redemption. If we ever took it for granted before, 15 months of fasting from the body and blood has brought us to a deeper appreciation of Communion. That ubiquitous presence stands out now in starker contrast, always catching us by surprise.

Remember Easter morning. The women went to the tomb expecting to see death. Instead, they saw nothing. The empty tomb stands as a symbol of our faith, like the empty cross. “He is not here,” the angel said. Were they tempted to kneel before that rolled away stone? Having suffered exile from our spiritual home, we now understand that the true stones that make up the church are living stones: Christ the corner, Peter the foundation, each of us stacked and interlaced with one another and all the saints. The barrier between life and death has been brought down. We remember the past and the future simultaneously.

We don't worship the tomb. We worship the risen one.

WORSHIP UPDATES

Two Out of Three Ain't Bad

We are back to in-person worship for two of our three services now, 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. On Sunday, July 18 we will open the 10:00 service for in-person attendance too. Don't worry couch potatoes. We will still live stream the 10:00 service on Facebook Live. It may not look the same, but you will still be able to access worship online if you are not ready to come back to church. Please note: there will be no ancillary things happening on Sunday mornings until the fall—no nursery, no Sunday School, no fellowship hour. We hope to see you in church soon!

If you are not fully vaccinated, you will be asked to wear a mask while inside the church. Masks will not be required for those who are fully vaccinated. We will continue to take some safety precautions including having ushers take the names of those who attend, maintaining social distance, no physical contact during the peace, using hand sanitizer before receiving communion, and receiving communion in one kind only. Singing is now permitted!

Altar Flowers

With the return of in-person worship at all three Sunday services, we will resume having altar flowers delivered weekly from Woodring's Floral. If you would like to sign up to donate flowers, please [CLICK HERE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944ABAE28AAF94-altar) (or use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0944ABAE28AAF94-altar>) People often donate flowers to celebrate a special anniversary or birthday or in memory of a loved one. When you sign up, please include your dedication (if applicable) and we will share it in the Sunday bulletin. If you cannot access the online signup, please feel free to contact the office.



Altar Guild

Altar Guild is always looking for new members. Now especially, COVID, age, infirmities, schedule changes, relocations...all have all reduced Altar Guild numbers. One weekend a month is all the time needed to keep things running smoothly.

If you are interested in learning how to handle sacred things in the proper manner, call or email Teri Smith. 814-238-5964 and ssmith2124@aol.com

Sanctuary

We received many poems as submissions to our poetry contest. Our rules stated that they had to be submitted as either a Word document or PDF file attached to an email. The following poem arrived hand-written inside a plastic grocery bag hung on the office door. And it missed the deadline. Although we could not consider it for the contest, we liked it and thought it captured a lot of what we have all felt being physically separated from the church and each other over the past year. We would like to share it with you, with thanks to our anonymous poet.

Sanctuary

Anonymous

Remember fingers pointing,
To bless my friends,
To cross our bodies
Clasped hands,
Organ-lifted voices,
Knees bent; mouths open to be fed.
But death stalked.
In fear we exchanged site for sight.
Returning, hungry,
I open the quiet door.
Starved for incarnation,
Warm hands – community.
I struggle to find comfort –
The virtue in the virtual.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



May 2021

	May	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2021 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 37,216	\$ 240,389	52%	\$ 460,288
Total Operating Income	\$ 38,827	\$ 251,090	52%	\$ 487,488
Total Operating Expense	\$ 38,080	\$ 208,678	41%	\$ 506,242
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 747	\$ 42,412		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



June 2021

The vestry met on Tuesday, June 8, remotely, using Zoom. St. Andrew's remains in a good position financially for the year and had a strong May. The vestry is very grateful for the continued stewardship of the parish by all parishioners.

Most of the meeting was devoted to matters concerning the Trinity House rental. Renovations and repairs are continuing in order to bring the house up to the rental code. Some electrical upgrades were required, including interconnected smoke/CO detectors and new surge protectors. The vestry voted to approve a contract with Miller Electric for this work, as well as to replace all the knob and tube wiring in the house—although not strictly required, the vestry felt this was an important project for the long-term safety of the house. In order to track Trinity House costs, the vestry followed Finance Committee recommendations by creating new accounting lines for Trinity House in our savings account. Finally, the vestry voted to approve the rental lease drafted by the ad-hoc committee, pending legal review.

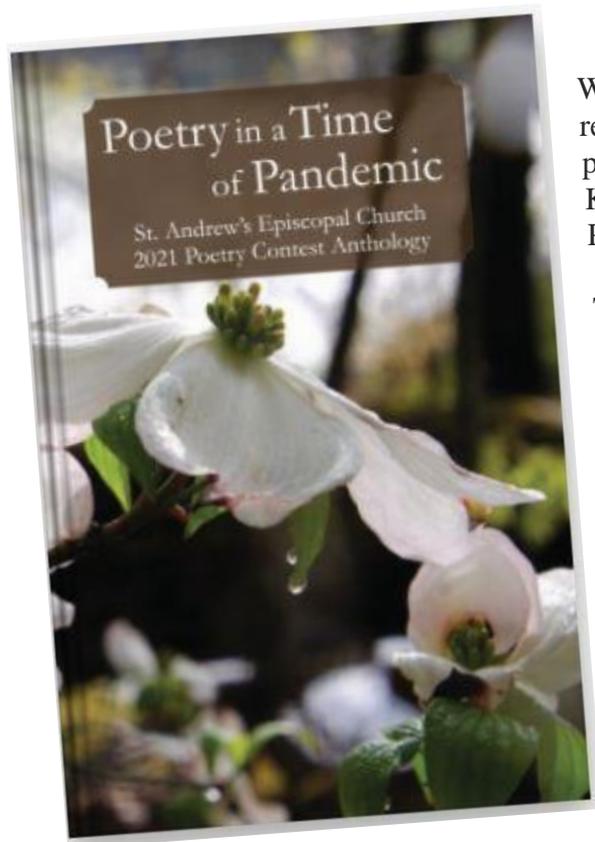
The wardens are interested in jump-starting the fellowship aspect of our gatherings, as we proceed back to full reopening of in-church worship services. More information about parish fellowship opportunities will be forthcoming.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. Please contact me (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).

You're Invited.

Back in January at our Annual Meeting, Fr. Jeff asked us to reflect on the events of the past year—a global pandemic, economic devastation, confronting our legacy of slavery and social injustice, political turmoil—and to consider what might God be bringing forth? He also announced our plans to expand that conversation through a poetry contest. We asked writers to share their thoughts about the impact of these events. Specifically, we wanted to know, "However you experience the divine, where do you see God working through the chaos?"

We received responses from writers of different faiths, denominations, ages, and locations. Some are poets, some are clergy, many are neither. Their poems are emotional, thought-provoking, and artistic. You can hear most of the prize-winning poets and others read their work at our poetry reading.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

POETRY in a time of
PANDEMIC

POETRY READING
Saturday, July 10
4 o'clock p.m.

PANEL DISCUSSION

ANTHOLOGY RELEASE

208 W. Foster Avenue
State College, PA





Guest Poet & Host
Julia Spicher Kasdorf
readings by

Contest Winners
Kathleen Morrow
Marjorie Maddox
Mary Shay McGuire
Myah Robbins
Akio Ohmoto *and*

Anthology Contributors

Panel Moderator
The Rev. Jeffrey A. Packard

Panelists
The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan
Cady Scanlan
Tierra Williams
Julia Spicher Kasdorf

We have also compiled these poems into an anthology which will be released on July 10 and available for sale at the event. It includes poems by Matthew Thompson, Jason McCloskey, and Julia Spicher Kasdorf as well as a Forward by Bishop Audrey Scanlan and a Preface by Fr. Jeff.

The second part of the event will be a panel discussion on the same topic and the role poetry has played in our public discourse surrounding these issues. Our panelists also represent diverse viewpoints: our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan; local poet and educator, Julia Spicher Kasdorf; and activist/poet/performer/political candidate, Tierra Williams. There will be an opportunity for audience participation.

If you can't make it in person, you can watch the event on livestream at www.facebook.com/standrewsc/

We hope to see you there!

artsat.StAndrewSC.org

The Sermon on the Mount

A Class on Zoom

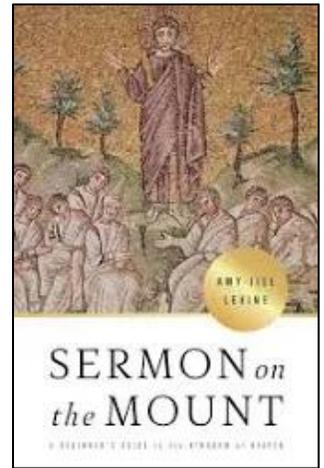
Wednesday evenings 7 - 8 p.m.

July 7-August 18

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81095037129>

Meeting ID: 810 9503 7129

Join us for a study of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. We will use the book by that title, *The Sermon on the Mount*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Father Jeff and other priests from the Altoona Convocation will take turns leading the class. Join us to learn about one of Jesus' most well-known teachings from the perspective of a Jewish scholar of the New Testament. Amy-Jill Levine also wrote *Short Stories by Jesus* which our Compassionate Life group recently studied.



IN THE COMMUNITY

Hate Crimes in Our Midst: A virtual event at Congregation Brit Shalom

Tuesday, July 20

7 - 8:30 p.m.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch on livestream.

Or use this link: <https://www.britshalomstatecollege.org/events/2021/7/20/hate-crimes-in-our-midst>

An invitation from Rabbi David Ostrich: "We have arranged a community panel on hate crimes in our local area; the participants are community leaders who will share their perspectives on this important issue and engage in an open discussion. Here is the event info and livestream."

Hate crimes are criminal acts motivated by prejudice towards a victim's race, color, religion, or national origin. Bias incidents refer to non-criminal actions that are motivated by prejudice. This live-streamed discussion of hate crime and bias incidents in State College and Pennsylvania will focus on four issues:

- 1) How much hate crime is there? How do we know? Can we trust the numbers? Can we improve our information about the extent of hate crime?
- 2) Who are the victims of hate crime? Are some groups more likely to be victims?
- 3) Should the definition of hate crime in Pennsylvania be expanded to include other groups? Which groups should be included?
- 4) How can we reduce hate crime?

Panelists

Seria Chatters, Director of Equity and Inclusivity
State College Area School District

John Gardner, Chief of Police
State College Police Department

Barry Ruback, Penn State Professor of Criminology and Sociology
Former President of Congregation Brit Shalom

Charima Young, Director of Local Government and Community Relations
Penn State University.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, July 23
11 - 4 p.m.
Canterbury Hall

The American Red Cross is currently facing a severe shortage of most blood types with an emergency need of type O! For many patients in hospitals awaiting surgeries and transplants, battling cancer, or recovering from traumatic accidents, help can't wait. More donors are needed now to ensure enough blood is on the shelves when every second matters.

Sign up to donate today at www.redcrossblood.org

UPCOMING

Mark your calendars and watch for more information about these upcoming events!

ST. ANDREW'S SPIRIT WEAR SALE

July 19 – August 9

The last time we offered these items from Collegiate Pride, we were hoping to strengthen our sense of community even though we were physically distant. This time, we can celebrate being back together in person and look great while we do! Watch your weekly email for details. (Pictured: a few of the items that will be available

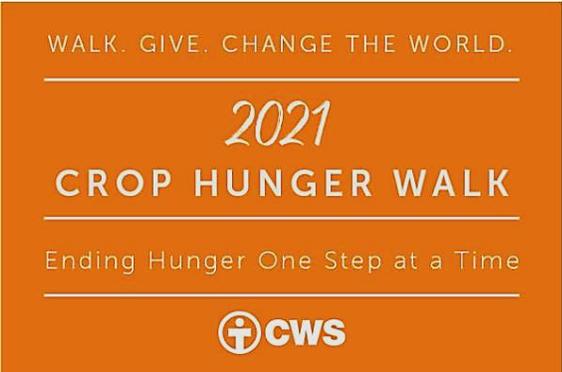


2021 State College CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 17
1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

It's not too early to start thinking about this year's CROP Walk. 25% of the total funds we raise go to the State College Food Bank, and the rest to Church World Service to be used in relief and hunger-fighting efforts wherever it's needed most. Join us for an easy 5K walk through downtown State College during the most beautiful time of the year!

Register to walk and/or make a donation here: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/> Any questions, please contact Julie Kwasnica.



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.

FRIDAY FILMS

Friday July 9, July 23, and August 9
7 p.m. in Canterbury Hall

Friday Films is pleased to return to St. Andrew's with a showcase of summer friendly summer films.

All films will start at 7 p.m. in Canterbury Hall. There will be pre-packaged snacks and drinks. We ask that if you are not fully vaccinated, please wear a mask.

July 9

E.T. the Extra Terrestrial (1982) Rated PG:

After a gentle alien becomes stranded on Earth, the being is discovered and befriended by a young boy. Bringing the extraterrestrial into his suburban California house, Elliott introduces E.T., as the alien is dubbed, to his brother and the children decide to keep its existence a secret. Soon, however, E.T. falls ill, resulting in government intervention and a dire situation for both Elliott and the alien.



July 23

Mulan (the 1998 cartoon version) Rated G

Fearful that her ailing father will be drafted into the Chinese military, Mulan takes his spot -- though, as a girl she is technically unqualified to serve. She cleverly impersonates a man and goes off to train. Accompanied by her dragon, Mushu, she uses her

smarts to help ward off a Hun invasion, falling in love with a dashing captain along the way.



August 6

The Wizard of Oz (1939) Not Rated

When a tornado rips through Kansas, Dorothy and her dog, Toto, are whisked away in their house to the magical land of Oz. They follow the Yellow Brick Road toward the Emerald City to meet the Wizard, and en route they meet a Scarecrow that needs a brain, a Tin Man missing a heart, and a Cowardly Lion who wants courage.



KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday July 11, 11:15 a.m.

Via Zoom



"Knitting Ministry will meet on Sunday, July 11, 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/>).

For the first time we have decided to meet during the summer months. Beginning in August, we will meet in the library at St. Andrew's AND over Zoom for those who do not wish or are not able to attend in person. The upcoming 2021 dates are August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.

If you would like to come, please email anne.hoag@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation link.

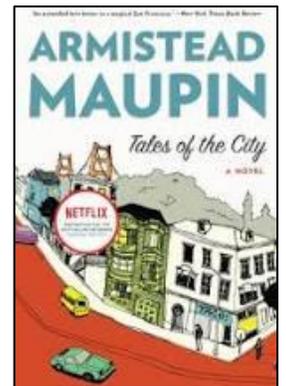
BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 27, 7 p.m.

Library (Room 324) at St. Andrew's

After discussing the complexities of Jack Kerouac's 1957 Beat Generation classic *On the Road* in June, the Book Club decided to read something humorous and light hearted for July—Armistead Maupin's 1978 novel *Tales of the City* which chronicles the hilarious intertwined lives of all of the quirky, non-conventional residents of a mythical apartment house located at 28 Barbary Lane in San Francisco during the early 1970s. *Tales of the City* has been listed on PBS's 100 Most Loved Books in America, and has since been made into a Netflix series starring the late Olympia Dukakis.

Please join us on July 27 to discuss *Tales of the City*.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a July birthday and do not 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.

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| 2 Linda Wallace | 14 Melissa Anderson | 21 Jeanette Sabre |
| 3 Linda Mace | 15 Kelley Paulsen | 21 Linda Selzer |
| 3 Michele Diaz | 16 Anna Jones | 24 Carolyn Bechtel |
| 4 Sheryl Stout | 17 Steven Smith | 24 Lisa Hopkins |
| 4 Davis Pagett | 17 Mary Andrew | 25 Denise Person |
| 4 Mackenzie Pagett | 17 Sebastian Mainzer | 26 Penny Blasko |
| 6 Robin Bagby | 17 Jordan Williams | 27 Dave DonTigney |
| 6 Julie Breuninger | 18 Nicholas McNutt | 27 Russell Vaught |
| 8 Charlotte Wunz | 18 Ryan Couch | 30 Michael Petrarca |
| 10 Patricia Jackson | 19 Meira Minard | 30 Sophia Marsala |

Those For Whom We Pray

Teri, Dick, Molly, Sandy, Mavis, Don, Joan, Jane, Denise, Kevin, Sara, Cathy, Diane, Emily, Vicki, Frank, Robbie, David, Gernilee, Mark, Stephanie, Tom, Barbara, Carolyn, Anthony, Bob, Bonnie, Dave, Beth, Jordan, Dee Ann, Zach, William, Renee, Ken, Deb, Richard, Blake, Joyce, Jimmy, Huie

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

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