

THE MONTHLY MESSENGER



Student Ministry Takes Off

The students are beginning to return to State College. Pretty soon our streets will be filled with the energy we've been missing all summer. If you're like me, you appreciated the summer break from the craziness of college students everywhere. However, I find myself looking forward to their return. It does feel like there is something missing when they're gone.

With the impending start of the fall semester at Penn State comes the kick off of our new student ministry. Our approach is for the ministry to be an outreach of St. Andrew's with its main purpose to provide support to a student organization called the **Episcopal Student Fellowship**. At this point, the most vital thing is for us to get in touch with students. If you know a student at the University Park campus who may be interested, even just a little bit, in participating in this new ministry, please send me that person's contact information and I will invite him or her to our events. We are also on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram under the handle @ESFPSUP.

Here are our Mission Statement and Goals for this ministry:

Mission Statement: To support the Penn State Episcopal Student Fellowship Organization through worship, fellowship and service.

Goals:

- to provide religious and social activities on the University Park campus and at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- to foster relationships among Episcopal students and with the parish life.
- to promote opportunities that explore their gifts in service to God
- to develop and share faith in the Episcopal tradition providing opportunities for spiritual growth
- to promote social justice and current issues in an open, loving, and welcoming environment

Here are our upcoming events:

Thursday, August 9, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Dinner and Informational Meeting at Community Café

Wednesday, August 22, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Community Resource Fair on the HUB lawn

Friday, August 24, 2 p.m.-?

"Come Chill with Us" Ice Cream Social at Pasquerilla Courtyard

Sunday, August 26, 7p.m.

Worship & Fellowship at All Faiths Chapel

Sometime in September

Volunteer at Community Café

Other fun activities will be scheduled!

AUGUST

2018

**Picnic and
Prayer
in the Park**

Sunday, Aug. 5
5:00 p.m.
Circleville Park

**Photo Directory
is Coming!**

**Online Giving
to Launch in
September**

**Upcoming
Concerts at
St. Andrew's**



Your prayers are requested as we start this new ministry. Please let us know of any students we can invite, or just invite them to attend one of the above events. We have an amazing opportunity to be part of the lives of these young people and keep them connected to their faith through those important first years of adulthood. May God bless our ministry in Christ's Name!

Fr. Jeff +

VESTRY UPDATE, Rick Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry July, 2018



The July vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, July 10. Income for June was light, and again expenses exceeded income. However, the overall financial picture for the year is still positive. In general, contributions are down over the summer due to vacation travel, and vestry continues to urge everyone to meet pledge commitments even if not able to attend regular services. St. Andrew's continues to operate during the summer, and your regular financial support is needed 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. Vestry learned that in the near future, you will be able to make contributions online through the website. Watch *The Messenger* and the weekly email updates for more information!

Vestry continued the discussion about Sunday service times, and based on input from parish meetings and data from surveys, vestry agreed with Fr. Jeff and supported his decision to return to the "old" schedule of Sunday services as 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. The vestry thanks everyone who participated in the discussions and surveys, and it especially thanks the committee that organized and shepherded the decision process.

Special thanks to Kevin Lowe for serving as acting clerk at the July meeting.

Rick Hoover
Clerk of the Vestry



ST. ANDREW'S FINANCIAL REPORT

June 2018

| | | Total for | % of | 2018 |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | June | 2018 | Budget | BUDGET |
| Parishioner Contributions | \$ 23,789 | \$ 255,335 | 55% | 468,295 |
| Total Monthly Income | \$ 26,180 | \$ 279,156 | 54% | 517,626 |
| Monthly Expense | \$ 34,902 | \$ 268,219 | 52% | 517,626 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ (8,722) | \$ 10,937 | | (14,926) |

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

We saw a big drop in donations for the month of June which is all too predictable for this time of year. Although some expense drops off in the summer, we do continue to pay salaries, insurance, and our assessment to the diocese (Fair Share is \$6,302/month) at the same rate.

I'd like to draw your attention to the sign-up sheet for flower contributions on the bulletin board in the narthex. There are still quite a few slots open for the year and you may wish to dedicate the floral arrangements on the altar to commemorate some special occasion or person. Our cost for the arrangements is \$60 per week, and we would appreciate any contributions toward this amount that you may wish to make.

Enjoy your summer and pay your pledge!

The complete financial report is available in the office.

Sue Stephenson
Treasurer



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

FALL KICK-OFF



We will gather in Canterbury Hall **after the 10:00 service on September 9th** to celebrate the beginning of our year of learning together! Please plan to join us for special food, games, and a (easy) collaborative art project to express our faith and bring beauty to St. Andrew's.

YOUTH

From the Director's Desk



Pilgrimage 2019!

It's coming! Our fabulous group of rising 8th, 9th and 10th graders are about to embark on a year's worth of preparation to make their pilgrimage.

St. Andrew's youth groups have gone on five trips since 2008, and the tradition continues. As someone who has been on two St. Andrew's pilgrimages, I can confirm that these are not fancy vacations, but times of intense Christian community. With the help of our guides from Wonder Voyage, young people spend their time actively seeking God while praying, being out in nature, preparing meals together, learning about the past, and serving. You leave your ordinary life with all its preoccupations way behind you, which helps open up space in your heart and mind for something *new*.

When I was in high school, I took several trips with my youth group into the mountains of Colorado. These trips marked the beginning of my awareness that everything said and done in church was connected to a *larger reality* than the church building, and that it all had something very profound to offer *me*. It is really wonderful that we can offer a similar experience to our young people.

So many thanks, as ever, for all you do to support our pilgrims! We will be making an effort to reach a broader audience with our fundraisers this coming year, but – fear not! – Thanksgiving pies, Christmas cookies, and Super Bowl chili will be on offer once again!



Pilgrimage 2016 - Oregon

*To see you God is the end and the beginning;
You carry us and You go before us.
You are the journey, and the journey's end.*

-from Boethius (470 – 524)

It is NOT TOO LATE for young people to join the group! We don't want anyone to miss out on this incredible opportunity. Leaders and kids will do everything they can to quickly make anybody new coming in the doors feel comfortable. Please get in touch with me if you have any questions.

Onward!

New Journey Middle School Group!

A new Journey group is now being formed for 6th and 7th graders! This is a small but mighty group of high-energy, funny, kind, interesting, deep-thinkers. Let me know if you would consider being with these kids as a leader! It will be a great ride, I can guarantee it. We will use lessons from the Journey to Adulthood Rite13 curriculum, as well as other resources.

Rummage Sale

Are you in need of a stuff-purge? The Journey Pilgrims will be putting on a rummage sale **Saturday September 22**, so **save your stuff** for us! We will begin accepting donations a couple weeks ahead of the date. Stay tuned for more details!

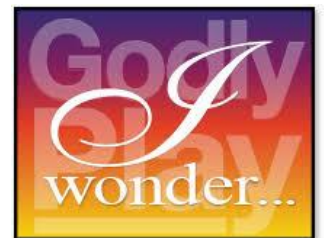


CHURCH SCHOOL

We are thinking ahead to the fall when our classrooms will be open again. We will be so happy to see all our kids and have the halls humming with action Sunday mornings! We have some openings for teachers and helpers, so let me know if you'd like to return to this ministry or give it a try for the first time.

Ages 4 – 2nd Grade

Godly Play – Teachers use simple wooden figures and felt backdrops to tell most of the major stories in our Christian tradition – from the Hebrew Bible to the New Testament, including the parables of Jesus. Children have time to wonder about what they've seen and heard and respond with their own creative work.

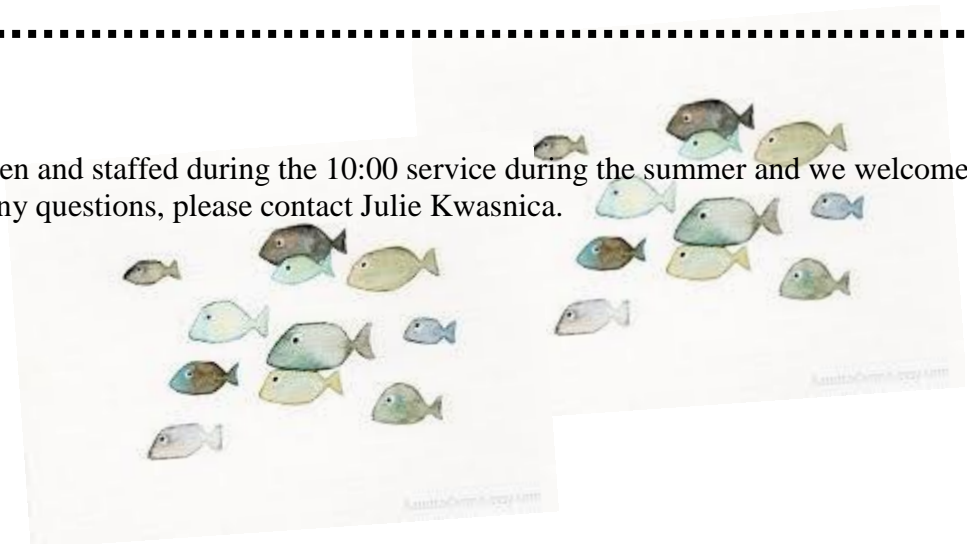


3rd-5th Grade

Episcopal Digital Network – Lessons based on the same readings parents are hearing in worship, so families will have a way to connect after church!

Nursery


Just a reminder: the Nursery is open and staffed during the 10:00 service during the summer and we welcome children of all ages. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kwasnica.



Dine to Donate

GO GREEK!

Present this flyer or mention
St. Andrew's Journey Pilgrims
when ordering at The Greek Restaurant
to donate 20% of your bill
to the youth program.



Wednesday, August 29
5-8 p.m.
102 E. Clinton Avenue

Dine in and take out only. No delivery.

Thank you for supporting
St. Andrew's Journey Pilgrims!

Mark your calendars for the next Journey fundraiser. In the dog days of summer, take a break from the kitchen and treat yourself to a delicious meal – dine in or carry out. 20% of your bill will be donated to our Journey Youth.



MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S

YOUTH CHOIR AT ST. ANDREWS

Wednesday, August 22

7:00 p.m.

Room 324, Choir Room

The Youth Choir at St. Andrew's is a long-standing organization in the church. As September nears we are ready to resume its work in the church. The choir is open to children ages 7-14. In addition to musical and singing skills, the group is an arm of our educational ministry for children. They will learn about the worship services and their place in them, about the texts they sing, and many more things related to their growth in the church.

Helen Kemp, a nationally famous children's choir director, had this as her mantra: "Body, mind, spirit, voice. It takes a whole person to rejoice."

In the Youth Choir we take her statement very seriously, but we know that singing is fun too, so we attempt to install a sense of the joy and wonder of singing in every child.



What are the benefits of the youth choir? First, it gives children an opportunity to serve their church. Sunday school, Vacation Bible school, and other activities minister to children, but joining a choir gives children a chance to minister to others through music. Second, participation in a choir gives children an opportunity to take a leadership role in the service. It gives them a sense of responsibility for the ministry of the church and helps them identify with the traditional form of worship as they grow to adulthood. Third, children's choirs provide opportunities to build Christian character. A choir is a team with a common goal; the qualities of promptness, cooperation, and commitment are to be developed in choir members if the group is to accomplish its purpose of praising the Lord. Fourth, children's choirs are part of the education process. When children sing Scripture, they remember it for a lifetime. Reflecting on the message of the song as they sing instills understanding of spiritual truths and knowledge of God. Children learn a skill that will last them a lifetime.

If you and your children are interested, please join us in the choir room, Room 334, at St. Andrew's at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22nd. We can give you more information, answer your questions, and even decide a good time for the children to rehearse. If you have questions before then, please contact us:



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Come join the Adult Choir!

Are you looking for opportunities to share your time and talents with St. Andrew's?
Would you like to develop relationships with fellow parishioners in a small-group setting?
Would you like to enjoy the fulfillment of offering your music to God?

**If your answer is 'yes', please consider joining the Adult Choir of St. Andrew's.
Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 6 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

The Adult Choir of Saint Andrew's, an un auditioned volunteer group open to everyone from high school age on up, sings year-round. Members sing at the 10:00 a.m. service and for special services such as the Easter Vigil, Ash Wednesday, etc. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from late August through mid-June. There is a group of dedicated people who feel strongly about their desire to praise God and edify God's people through the music in the church. We are always interested in new members. If you are interested, please contact:

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Need more reasons to sing in the choir? Well....:

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and a reserved seat on all major holidays—including Christmas Eve and Easter!
3. Offering plate is never passed to the choir.
4. It's exactly like singing in the shower, except you're wearing a robe people are actually listening.
5. Sitting with a group in the chancel every Sunday is excellent practice in case you're ever called for jury duty.
6. Serving others--the congregation really loves it when the choir leads the singing.
7. Singing in a choir is one of the few activities for men that does not require complex electronics equipment or expensive power tools. This could be good for the family budget.
8. Intellectual Stimulation—when you make music, you are using both sides of your brain simultaneously.
9. Singing in choir allows us to participate in something that is so much bigger than our selves.
10. Serving the Lord—considering all God does for us, it's a way to give something back in service.

Numbers 9 and 10 may be the most important from that list. Ponder what St. Andrew's means to you, all the joy it has given you and what you can give back.

**Sing for joy, O heavens! Rejoice, O earth!
Burst into song, O mountains!**

LYRA: A Concert of Russian Orthodox Church Music

Friday, September 28

7:00 p.m.

On Friday, September 28, LYRA, an acappella group of six professional vocalists from St. Petersburg, Russia, will present a concert of Russian choral music at St. Andrew's. The first part of the concert - sacred music of Russian Orthodox church, includes ancient songs to works of famous masters and little-known but remarkable Russian composers of three centuries. The second part of their program is made up of Russian folk songs: comic, lyric, dancing, love songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the enormous Russian musical heritage and enjoy the sounds of Russia as interpreted by real Russians. All the singers are professionals singing in different professional choirs and opera houses of St. Petersburg.

The concert will last about an hour and is free to the public. A free will offering will be taken. This will be the third time we have hosted this group at our church and you are in for a special treat. For a preview of their music, click the picture on the left.



Bach's Goldberg Variations

Pianist, Nathan Carterette

Friday, September 14

7:00 p.m.

On Friday, September 14, pianist Nathan Carterette from Pittsburgh will present a concert of the GOLDBERG VARIATIONS by Johann Sebastian Bach, at St. Andrew's. Nathan Carterette has distinguished himself in the concert world by performing a huge range of works from Elizabethan keyboard music to music written today. His innovative programming has inspired audiences to approach unfamiliar music with open ears, and familiar music with new appreciation. Mr Carterette has performed in such venues as Weill Recital Hall and the Yamaha Piano Salon of New York City, the Gasteig in Munich, the Museum für Kunst und Gewerbe of Hamburg, and Cleveland's Trinity Cathedral. He has been presented in several universities such as the Berklee School of Music, Cleveland Institute of Music, Radford University, Kent State University, Baldwin Wallace Conservatory, and Carnegie Mellon.

The concert is free to the public. A free will offering will be taken. Please join us for a rare opportunity to hear this stunning work. For a preview, click on the picture on the left.



UPCOMING

PRAYER AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday, August 5

Circleville Park, Pavilion #4

(Enter from Valley Vista on to Little Lion Road)

5:00 p.m.

TOP TEN REASONS TO COME TO 5:00 EUCHARIST IN THE PARK

10. You can work on your tan while you worship.
9. The park at 5:00 will be cooler than the church at 10:00 and you can sleep in on Sunday morning.
8. Dogs have been known to attend.
7. Hamburgers and lemonade provided in addition to bread and wine.
6. Picnic tables as comfortable as pews.
5. More autoharps and guitars than at any other service. (Clarinet, violin, and percussion, too.)
4. Shorts and a tee shirt for church? Why not?!
3. Same liturgy you know and love, but in a beautiful, natural setting.
2. Playground equipment close by in case the sermon lasts too long.
- ... and the number one reason you should attend,

1. You will enjoy it!

We hope to see you there! If you come, please bring a dish of your choice to share. We will have hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, paper products and utensils, beverages and cups. Please bring your own folding chair if you would prefer - picnic tables are available.

For directions to Circleville Park, click [here](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Church Photo Directory

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| Photo Sessions | Thursday, September 6 | 2 – 8:30 p.m. |
| | Friday, September 7 | 2 – 8:30 p.m. |
| | Saturday, September 8 | 10:30 – 4 p.m. |



TIME FOR AN UPDATE!

Exciting news! We will be updating our church directory with a new PHOTO DIRECTORY this September. Photographers from Universal Church Directories will be here on the dates shown above to take family and individual photographs of all parish members. There is no charge for the session and you will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait. You will have the opportunity, but NO obligation, to purchase additional photos.

You can schedule your portrait session now online.

Go to www.ucdir.com
When prompted, enter
Church Code **PA 817**
Password **andrews**

Select a time slot and sign up!



Online scheduling is **not available** on Saturdays and Sundays. We will post a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the narthex and plan to have a sign up table on Sundays later in August for those needing assistance. We encourage you to sign up now if you are able, however, to secure your preferred time slot.

We will also need volunteers to help during the photo shoots. If you can spare an hour or two, please see the [Signup Genius](#) and select a time slot.

If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kwasnica or Allison Shea in the church office.



Hot Weather Alert

Summer has arrived in Happy Valley and summer temperatures with it. On Sundays when the temperature is forecast to be 90° or above, the 5:00 p.m. service will be moved to Canterbury Hall. The 10:00 service may also be moved. This determination will be made by Saturday morning. When possible, we will notify you in advance by email.

Coming this September – Online Giving

We've heard you! Online giving is almost here.

In today's busy world, we understand the importance of having options in how you financially support our mission and ministry at St. Andrew's. Many of you have asked, and we're thrilled to announce that we'll be ready to launch our new online giving site in September. It is through your prayerful giving and pledge that we are able to sustain our beloved community and live out the call of the Jesus Movement through our worship and ministry. We are grateful that we will soon be better able to honor the diversity and flexibility in the needs of our community by providing several new giving options through the Realm church management system platform. We've been using this software for our general church operations for the last few years and are pleased with how it has been working for us. With the addition of online giving, we hope you will find among the newly expanded array of options, one that suits your lifestyle, schedule, and spiritual practices of generosity, whether that means dropping a check in the offering plate or giving online.



Watch this space for more information about this new option in next month's messenger. ACH, credit, and debit options, including recurring giving will be available as we kick off our fall season in September. We are excited to share more with you soon!

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.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Wednesday, August 8, 6:30 p.m.

The Escape Room, 278 W. Hamilton Ave.

Will their super powers of prayer, service, and evangelism be enough to help the Daughters complete their mission? Stay tuned. Psssst! Word of the day is ESCAPE.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Sunday, August 12

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Room 119

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will meet on a new day and time for August. Please mark your calendars. Fall dates and times tbd.



August Birthdays

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| Kayla Kroczyński 1 | Kendall Mainzer 7 | Walter Wells 17 | Cian Hildebrandt Nelson 27 |
| Duncan Loviscky 1 | Glenn Mitchell 13 | Sharon Rovansek 17 | Robert Heinsohn 28 |
| Betty Bechtel 3 | Stephen Hopkins 13 | Andrea deCarle 17 | Matthew Brant 29 |
| Paul Hochreiter 4 | Darla Houseman 13 | Liz King 20 | Melinda Pugliese 30 |
| Bob Ayer 4 | Zach Paulson 14 | Milly Hopkins 26 | Tina Okafor 31 |
| Richard Meyer 5 | Wendi Keeler 15 | Thomas Valentine 27 | |
| Sally Marley 6 | Joan Blasko 16 | | |



Happy Birthday! If you have an August 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.

PRAYER LIST

Those for Whom We Pray

Jean, Carla, Joan, Jane, Don, Susan, Brett, Caroline, Terry, Ty, Teri, Mike, Elaine, Sally, Bob, Gayleen, Anne, Janice, Claire

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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