

# THE PARISH JANUARY 2018

# MESSENGER

## Celebration of New Ministry

### JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

1/23

**Celebration of New  
Ministry and Reception**

1/26

**Community Café  
Team Trivia Night**

1/28

**Voting for Vestry and  
Convention Delegates**

**Annual Parish Meeting  
and Potluck Supper**



On the twenty-third we will celebrate our new ministry together. Part of the service will be the institution and induction of me as the sixth rector of St. Andrew's. However, the service, and the ministry we are celebrating, is not all about me. Quite the contrary, I am blessed to be the rector of a parish with a very vibrant ministry. There are amazing outreach ministries happening at St. Andrew's. There is wonderful fellowship. There is strong Christian education and formation. I have no illusions that you've been waiting around for your new rector before doing any ministry in Christ's name. My ministry as your rector is new, and our ministry together is new. So, what we are celebrating is our new shared ministry—priest and people.

This is indeed something to celebrate. For my part, I couldn't be happier to be serving among you. As you know by now, coming to St. Andrew's is coming home for me. But it's more than that. Being in an exciting parish in a college town comes with so many opportunities. Since I've been here, I have encountered folks of good faith with a desire to serve God. It has been a joy being here since mid-October. Now that my family is here with me, I am ready to move forward in ministry with you.

We are all ministers by virtue of our baptisms. The ministry of a parish works because of the partnership between priest and parishioners. We all bring our gifts for ministry together, gifts of stewardship, gifts of prayer, gifts of work, gifts of discernment, gifts of teaching, gifts of hospitality, just to name a few. With the guidance and encouragement of the Holy Spirit, we move together into this new phase of ministry at St. Andrew's bringing our personal gifts and offering them in community.

The service of Celebration of New Ministry includes several symbolic presentations that highlight the ministry of the rector in a new parish. The thing to remember is that these presentations have two sides: those who present and he who receives. Those who present are representatives of the congregation. The presentations are symbolic of our shared ministry, in some cases my ministry to you as a priest, in other cases ministry that is done cooperatively, and even ministry of the people supported by the priest.

If the service were all about the new rector, and if the ministry of the church was all dependent on the clergy, there would not be much ministry happening at all. We all employ our gifts in the contexts of our lives. My job is to help build you up, so you can do your ministry, whether that ministry is part of a church ministry or not. So, I pray that you will be able to be present as we celebrate our new shared ministry on January 23 at 7:00 p.m. And I look forward to being part of that ministry with you as it unfolds over the years to come.

Fr. Jeff

## FROM THE WARDENS



Thank you to Fr Jeff and the staff for leading us through Advent to Christmas. The Lessons and Carols service was spectacular; those who attended were treated to a range of musical performances including some fantastic solos from members of the Youth Choir. Our Christmas Eve services were again wonderful. The pageant at the Family Service was well done – special thanks to Darlene Nordoff and the Sunday School teachers for their efforts in making it such a success. Having 300 people attend the Family Service filled the church with people celebrating this joyous night. Thank you to Walter Wells and Gwen Catchen for leading the music for all our services.

As we now move into the (VERY) cold days of 2018 we have some important dates to note: the Celebration of New Ministry of Fr Jeff as our Rector on Tuesday, January 23; the annual election of new Vestry members and Delegates to Diocesan Convention on Sunday, January 28, followed by the Annual Meeting that evening. These are important dates in the governance of our parish and we encourage parish participation. Please watch for more information on these events.

We ended 2017 with pledge payments of more than \$407,000; thank you for these payments. We are still hoping for more 2018 pledges so that we can continue the programs of our parish at the current level. We have received 161 pledges for \$393,295, leaving us well short of our \$440,000 pledge goal. If you have not yet submitted your pledge for 2018, we hope you will provide it soon.

As January comes to an end, Sharon Rovansek and I will be ending our terms on Vestry and as Wardens. It has been our great pleasure to serve the parish in this way. Thank you to all for your help in meeting the needs of our parish.

### ST. ANDREW'S FINANCIAL REPORT

November 2017

	NOVEMBER	Total for 2017	% of Budget	2017 BUDGET	
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 33,312	\$ 394,884	85%	\$ 462,596	
Total Monthly Income	\$ 35,289	\$ 423,571	85%	\$ 500,500	
Monthly Expense	\$ 39,506	\$ 421,063	85.5%	\$ 492,331	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,127)	\$ 2,508		\$ 8,169	

Submitted by Sue Stephenson, Treasurer

## **VESTRY ELECTIONS**

We are excited to share with you that eight members of our church family have stepped forward for consideration for the four open positions on the vestry. The candidates for vestry, in alphabetical order, are:

**Bruce Cramer**  
**Christina Ford**  
**Greg Loviscky**  
**Kevin Lowe**

**Jason McCloskey**  
**Ford McNutt**  
**Kelley Paulsen**  
**Marc Rigas**

In addition to the election of vestry members, the six St. Andrew's delegates to the 2018 diocesan convention will be elected. The following nine members of the parish have offered to be candidates for election as convention delegates:

**Gwen Catchen**  
**Anthony Grillo**  
**Carolee Grillo**  
**Linda Hoover**  
**Rick Hoover**

**Rich Marini**  
**Kelley Paulsen**  
**Marion Schwartz**  
**Molly Wells**  
**Walter Wells**

Guidelines for vestry and delegate election are noted in the church by-laws. Voting will take place on the morning of January 28, 2017, before and after the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, from 7:30 a.m. to 12 a.m. Ballots will note the names of all nominees and electors will be asked to indicate their selections. Electors are all adult members of the parish. Adult members of the parish must be over 16 years old, have been baptized, confirmed and/or received by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and have had their membership officially transferred to St. Andrew's (if previously a member of another parish). If you have any questions about your eligibility to vote, please contact Allison Shea in the St. Andrew's office for verification.

### **Absentee Ballots**

If you cannot be present to vote when the polls are open on January 28, you may obtain an absentee ballot by contacting the Clerk of the Vestry, Rick Hoover, at 814-238-4888 or rickhoover@aol.com. He is empowered to issue and collect absentee ballots. All completed absentee ballots must be returned to him at the following address no later than 5:00 PM, Thursday, January 26, 2017.

**Rick Hoover**  
**Clerk of the Vestry**  
**2358 Corinna Court**  
**State College, Pennsylvania 16803**

Votes will be tallied on January 28, immediately after polls close at noon. Candidates will be individually notified of the results. The four new members of the vestry and the diocesan convention delegates will be announced publicly, and ratified, that evening at the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held in Canterbury Hall with a potluck dinner beginning at 6 PM.

Please keep the candidates in your prayers during the next few weeks as we all come together to discern new directions for our parish.

## NOMINEES FOR VESTRY CLASS OF 2018

### BRUCE CRAMER



I live with my wife Diane and daughter Lucy on a small produce farm in Nittany Valley. My first career as a commercial photographer, great fun for over 30 years, is winding down as we work to build up the vegetable patch.

We've attended St Andrews about five years, settled in as regulars at the 5:00 Sunday evening service. The informality and easy fellowship has helped us transition from a smaller parish to this larger one.

My parents raised their three boys as Methodists. After a typical college age rejection of my faith, I began to reexamine Christianity as a valid path for the spiritual seeker. For the past twenty years my nose has been stuck in one book or another trying to sort out the good from the bad in our Christian tradition. Of course, all theology is worthless if it doesn't impact the way we live our lives.

Anyway, I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in September 1999 at Christ Church Williamsport, where the Rector had a penchant for high-church ceremony. My training to serve at the altar was in that tradition. Perhaps with the zeal typical of the convert, my family and I became involved in the life of that parish. By 2005 I was asked to chair the discernment committee that called the next Rector. Later I served two years as Senior Warden. My family has made two trips to South Sudan to support the children of St. Bartholomew's and Amazing Grace orphanages. I can never adequately express what that experience has meant to us. There Jesus' love is literally saving lives.

I can't claim to have special insight into the future of St. Andrews, but it is an honor to be considered for a vestry position.

### CHRISTINA FORD



St. Andrew's is my spiritual home, where I have enjoyed worshipping at each of the Sunday services since 2013, when I moved to State College with my husband, Eric. I was raised Catholic and received into the Episcopal Church in 2005. My love of the Episcopal Church led me to study at the Episcopal

Divinity School. My faith is centered in the joy of God's presence, which I experience through study, worship and outreach. My education and formation ministries include serving as a J2A leader, leading Lectio Divina, and providing spiritual direction. I am also an EfM graduate and former co-mentor. My liturgical ministries have included acting as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor at St. Andrews, singing in various choirs, and developing an instructed Eucharist for our youth confirmation class. My outreach activities have included organizing mission trips, fundraising for and visiting a companion parish in Cuba, and providing services for the poor and homeless in a downtown ministry.

In my professional life I am a lecturer in Psychology as well as a mental health and career counselor at Penn State.

St. Andrews is entering a time of great potential for growth in ministry. I welcome the upcoming opportunities to serve God and our community. Having worshiped at Episcopal congregations in Los Angeles, Berkeley, Cambridge, Gainesville, and now State College, I have participated in a variety of ministries, transitions, and visioning exercises.

I recognize the importance of ensuring that each congregation member's voice is heard and valued. As a vestry member, I would be honored to engage with as many of those voices as possible as we move together into the future.



## GREG LOVISCKY



I began attending St. Andrew's in 2001 with my wife, Meira Minard, and newborn daughter, Abbie, who is now 16 years old. We tried St. Andrew's at the suggestion of

our terrific neighbors, the Packards, as well as Sandy Barney and Anne-Marie Turnage. My faith journey began in the Catholic church where I was raised at Our Lady of Victory, and continued in the State College Presbyterian church when I went to Camp Krislund, was a member of FISH (Fellowship In Senior High), and later a Krislund counselor and FISH leader. However, I feel most at home in the Episcopal church, especially with the community here at St. Andrew's. Over the years I have taught Sunday school and helped with Out of the Cold, but I'm looking to contribute in another way. My son, Duncan, is now 13 and a member of his middle school basketball team, so I am no longer needed to coach his basketball teams, which I have done since he was four years old. In my professional life, I earned a Ph.D. in Industrial-Organizational Psychology, have been a human resources consultant, and am now an Associate Professor of Teaching in the Penn State Department of Psychology, where I have taught full-time for the past 13 years. Meira and I often reflect on how fortunate and blessed we are to be part of St. Andrew's. I would be happy to do my part to help the St. Andrew's community by serving on the vestry.

## KEVIN LOWE



I have been attending St. Andrew's since October of 2014, when my wife Sarah and I felt we needed to find a new church home. We knew how happy our friend Chris Karmosky had been here when he lived in State College, so we decided to give St. Andrew's a try. We have been members ever since. I was received and Sarah confirmed into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Audrey in March of this year. Our daughter Julia was baptized here a few weeks later on Easter Sunday, with Chris as her godparent.

I am currently in my third year of the Education for Ministry program and am one of the leaders for the Journey to Adulthood Youth (junior high) group. Sarah and I have also helped kickstart a new St. Andrew's Generation X/Y group for younger adults. In November I presented a program on St. Andrew the Apostle during the adult education hour. I am a historian of religion by training (I did my PhD under the direction of our own Philip Jenkins) and am also a professional musician, playing drums and singing harmony vocals with numerous bands in town, but I get to spend my daytimes with Julia as a stay-at-home dad. I am beginning the discernment process toward priesthood with the diocese, and am excited for the chance to serve on vestry and learn more about how a congregation is run.

## JASON McCLOSKEY



Jason began attending St. Andrew's with his wife, Andrea, shortly after they moved to State College in 2008. Having attended a Methodist church growing up and Presbyterian churches throughout graduate school, it was the solemn

ritual and the thoughtful liturgy of the Episcopal Church that appealed most to him. He personally finds the Lenten season and its reflective mood to be the most meaningful and rewarding of the church year, and he enjoys learning about the traditions and theology of the Episcopal Church.

In 2012 his daughter, Penelope (PJ), was baptized at St. Andrew's, and his dog, Sluggo, participated in the blessing of the animals on several occasions. Jason has been a teacher in the Rite-13 program, assisted with property maintenance of Trinity House and participated in the Out of the Cold initiative. He is an Associate Professor of Spanish at Bucknell University.

## FORD McNUTT



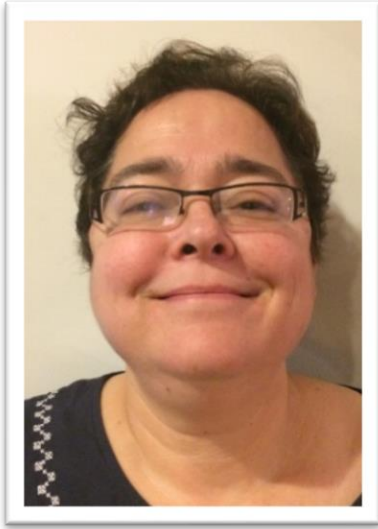
I am a cradle Episcopalian and grew up in several parishes in Jacksonville, FL, Tallahassee, FL and Martinsburg, WV. I graduated from Penn State in 1985 and while I was close to Father Ed Messersmith, I attended St. Francis on a very limited basis while I was a student here.

After graduation I moved to the Washington DC area where I worked in the banking and mortgage business. I met my wife Michele there in 1987 and we were married in 1992. It was there, I felt a sense to do more, which in turn drew me back to the church. I became an active member at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA, where I was both a parish youth leader and involved with the convocational youth program within the Diocese of Virginia. St. Mary's is ultimately how I became involved with The Arlington Community Temporary Shelter (TACTS now Doorways for Women and Families) which provides a safe house, a homeless shelter and support services women in crisis. I served on the TACTS Board as Treasurer for 2 years and President for 1 year.

Michele and I decided to relocate to State College in 1996 to raise our family and all three of our children Sarah 21, Patrick 17, and Nick 15 were born in State College and were baptized at St. Andrews. Throughout the years as a member of St. Andrews, I have served on a number of committees and commissions. I previously served on the vestry from 2006-2008, taught Sunday School for 16 years and most recently was on the Parish Search Committee. Similar to St. Mary's, St. Andrews led me to the State College Area Food Bank where I was on the board for 9 years and was President from 2006-2008.

I have been self-employed since 2005 as a mortgage broker. I am happy to be nominated for vestry and now that my children are older, I have a bit more time to serve if I am selected.

## KELLEY PAULSEN



I am a southern girl, born and raised in South Carolina. I majored in English at the College of Charleston, where I met my husband Greg. He was a Navy boy. We lived in Italy for several years, followed by a couple of years in California and

some more time in South Carolina. In 1999, we moved to State College when my husband took a job with Corning. Three jobs and 17 years later, we are still here!

I was born into the Episcopal Church. As a teenager, I was active with our parish and Diocesan youth program and served on the Diocesan Youth Council for two years. Happily, I still maintain many of my friendships from that time. After 9/11, I found myself in Saint Andrew's, terrified, carrying my one-year-old son. When I walked into the church, I felt such a calmness come over me and was so aware of God's healing presence. Fifteen years later, we still call Saint Andrew's home.

After attending Saint Andrew's for a couple of years, I asked Robin Bagby why I didn't ever see anything in the messenger about a youth group. She said there wasn't one at the time...but there was a committee. Since then, I served on that committee for several years, have been a J2A leader for Rite-13 and YAC, taught confirmation, served as the youth coordinator, run many fund raisers, and gone on 6 mission trips. I also have been involved with young people on the Diocesan, Provincial and National level. I was the Diocesan Youth Coordinator for several years and have remained involved ever since. I have also been also a proud member of Daughters of the King since the Saint Andrew's Chapter was started. I attended Simpler Living for several years, spent a year or so with Prayer Shawl

Ministry, was a delegate to convention several times, and am currently a nursery volunteer. My husband, Greg, travels with his job. A lot. At times, it feels like I am a single mom! We have 3 children. Emily: 21, who is living in Colorado and working for AmeriCorps; Zachary, who is 16, a student at State High, and a soccer and LAX player; and Ainsley, 12, also a soccer and LAX player, who keeps us all hopping and makes sure we are never bored.

The workings of the Church have always fascinated me and I try to keep fairly current with Diocesan and National Church news. I would be sincerely honored to serve as a member of the vestry.

## MARC RIGAS



Baptized in the Greek Orthodox Church, I was received into the Episcopal Church in 2008 in the Diocese of Virginia. I was a member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Reston, Virginia where I taught Godly Play (religious education curriculum) and was

broadly involved with youth ministry and music. Since coming to St. Andrews in 2016, I have been active in the choir and Community Café. While regularly attending the choral worship, I have also attended Taizé and the 5:00 worship services. I have participated in the book club, and enjoyed the all-parish mission trip last summer with my 11-year old son, Anthony.

I am honored to have been nominated to run for Vestry. St. Andrew's was one of the first stops I made when started making plans to return State College in 2016 for a position at Penn State. I received my Ph.D. from Penn State in 1997 in Engineering and now co-direct a research grant administration office at the University, and I teach in the College of Information Sciences and Technology. I have served on the boards of several non-profit organizations, where I have used my skills in operations and financial management to



enhance services of the organization while being a responsible steward of financial and other resources. St. Andrew's is blessed with thriving ministries and dedicated groups of volunteers who are committed to making an impact in our community and the world. I am particularly interested in working to maintain and enhance our impact. I would work to make stronger connections to Penn State University and to assure that all visitors to our church feel as welcome here as I did when I arrived.

My fiancée, Rebekah Dawson, serves on the altar guild, volunteers for Community Café, and participates in Education for Ministry (EfM). We enjoy visiting other Episcopal Churches when we travel. A strength of our denomination is that we can maintain a shared sense of tradition and ritual while embracing a diversity of worship styles to accommodate local communities. In my free time, I enjoy the outdoors and cooking.

#### **KATHRYN YAHNER**



I have attended St. Andrew's since 2013, when I felt a pull back to faith after nearly a decade and a half away from the church. A lifelong resident of State College, I was baptized Roman Catholic, but grew up in the Church of the Brethren, at UBBC, where I spent many of

my summers as a youth and young adult traveling to work camps across the U.S., which helped to instill a love and commitment to service and social justice that has remained a constant in my life. In college, I was an active member of the Juniata College

Habitat for Humanity chapter, serving both in the Huntingdon area throughout the year and across the country during spring break work trips. Though I was raised going to church, my relationship to faith was colored by my parents' poor experiences in the church they grew up in, and I remained cynical much of my life. In my early 30s, I felt a pull to explore the Christian faith as an adult, and cautiously stepped back into church. After some searching, I fell in love with St. Andrew's not only for its liturgical tradition, but also as a place that allowed me to explore my new faith with room to work things out and to grow. Over the last four years, I have done just that and have found it to be a wonderful church home. I was confirmed in the spring of 2017. I am a regular volunteer at the Community Café and for the past two years, have been a volunteer youth leader with the middle school aged Journey youth.

Outside of church, I work as an acquiring editor at the Penn State University Press, where I have worked for the past 10 years. I acquire scholarly books in religious studies and history, and regional books for general audiences. I love to spend time outdoors, garden, travel, cook, and keeping up with my favorite TV shows.



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

### CHURCH SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Godly Play (ages three to fourth grade) 9:15 a.m. – Room 336

Grade 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class – 9:15 a.m. – Room 131

Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m. – Room 338

### Resume January 7!

Godly Play and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class will resume on January 7 at 9:15 a.m., Children's Chapel at 10:30 a.m. Your teachers are excited to see you again!

### JOURNEY PROGRAM

Journey Jr. Adventurers (Grades 7, 8 & 9)

Journey High School

For January 7, Journey High School and Journey Jr High School will join together for a white elephant gift exchange! Choose something from home you think someone else will like, but you no longer need or use; wrap it; and bring it to room 119. We'll celebrate our love for God and each other by sharing snacks and a fun gift exchange. Great way to start 2018! Leaders, please participate, too! Questions? Contact Darlene Nordoff!



### Journey Jr. Christmas Cookie Fundraiser

Thank you to all who baked, decorated, boxed, sold and bought Christmas cookies! The Journey fundraiser was a great success with \$762.05 earned less the cost of boxes. Thank you to chairperson Betha Christopher! Thank you to Julie and Charlotte Wunz for staying to count and record.

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*The cookie selection was wonderful! There was one very special one though--a snowball with BLACK walnuts! It made my day! If you know who made those cookies please relay my compliments and assure them that, unless they have their own boundless supply of black walnuts I will be happy to have them harvest all they want at my place on the mountain--and I have a nut cracker that is designed for black walnuts and makes the job super easy--they can borrow that any time they like too.*

*- Dee Vogelsong*

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## Christmas Eve Family Liturgy and Nativity

Thank you to all of you who participated in the pageant as narrators (Marlee Kwasnica, Kaleigh McGarry, Katrina Wanner, and Jack Wunz); Scene Set (Ryan Couch and Ainsley Paulsen); Mary (Elisa Edgar), Joseph (Danny Mussett), and the Donkey (Cassie McMullen); Lead Shepherd (Patrick Osborne) and Lead Angels (Leah Patzkowsky and Tuna Safak); Angel carrying Jesus (Anna Christopher), Angel carrying the Star (Madi Christopher), and Angel leading the Camel (Isabelle Mace); and the Camel (Nolan and Shane Markowski).

Thank you to all the adults who helped dress and calm the children; and thank you to Augustina Okafor for cleaning up all the costumes! There were so many other angels, shepherds, and sheep that our Nativity Scene was a full tribute to the joy of the season and the birth of our Savior over 2,000 years ago! Thank you!





## Advent Wreath Lighting

Thank you to the following families who participated in Advent Wreath Lighting in December:

Advent One – The McCloskey Family; Advent Two – The Mainzer Family; Advent Three – The Ferger/Markowski Family; and Advent Four – The Kwasnica Family.



***Save the Dates in 2018!***

*January 14 and 28*

***Journey Activities!***

*Sunday, February 4*

***Journey Super Bowl Chili Sale***

*Check your Journey emails and Facebook -age for details.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMPASSIONATE LIFE

First and Third Thursdays

9:30 a.m. ~ Room 325

Thursday, January 18

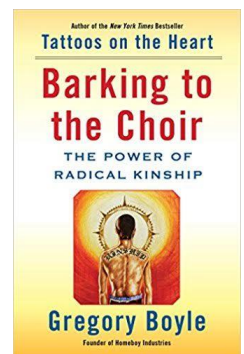
Note: **NO** meeting on January 4



All women of St. Andrew's and friends are invited to join a group of compassionate and caring, knowledgeable and curious women for connection, conversation, and... coffee!

In December, the women listened to *Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)* and read part of an excerpt about Mary from a book entitled Six New Gospels by Margaret Hebblethwaite. The ensuing conversation was enlightening and heartfelt. On December 21, the group participated in a fun White Elephant Gift Exchange!

For our meeting on January 18, please read the first two chapters in the book entitled Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship by Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries and Jesuit priest. If you read his book Tattoos on the Heart, you'll want to read this next book. From Amazon.com, "In a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, the Jesuit priest and bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, Gregory Boyle, shares what three decades of working with gang members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship..."



This book is guaranteed to shake up our ideas about God and about people with a glimpse at a world defined by more compassion and fewer barriers. Gently and humorously, Barking to the Choir invites us to find kinship with one another and re-convinces us all of our own goodness." Join us on Thursday, January 18. Contact Darlene Nordoff for more information.

### SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 2018

The Episcopal Church, as many of you know, is the only church to have voluntarily developed a program to inform parishioners and set standards of behavior to safeguard children of all ages from sexual abuse. This program has been taught at St. Andrew's since 2001. We pride ourselves on being a safe and informed church and are grateful to all who have taken the time to attend.

Rich and I will be offering SGC for all who are required to attend (you will be notified) and for anyone in the parish who would like to come. All are welcome! You do not need to be working with children. The information provided is valuable no matter who you are or what you do. We will offer a class on **Sunday January 21, 2018 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM**. There may be parishioners from several other churches attending so we have set this time to allow for travel. The class will be in Room #325 and light refreshments will be provided.

THANK YOU in advance from Barb Downs and Rich Marini for your interest in keeping St. Andrew's safe for our children!!!!





**THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ at  
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
is excited to host:**

# TRIVIA NIGHT

**Friday, January 26th  
7:00 PM**

**Canterbury Hall  
208 West Foster Avenue, State College**

**\*ALL proceeds go toward improving our kitchen facilities\***

**\$10.00 in advance: sold after services or in the office  
\$15.00 at the door**

Admission includes: the game & all-you-can-eat finger food and beverages.

Come as a team (up to 6 people), or we can put you on a team.



**Sample question: What was the first toy advertised on TV?**

**If you know the answer, or are able to make a wild guess that is based on  
no real knowledge, you have what it takes to play team trivia.**

As always, if you would like to learn more about the Café or to volunteer, please contact Ron Rovanseck at [rrovansek@pacewater.com](mailto:rrovansek@pacewater.com). The Café is open for business from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Thursday.

## 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.*

### MEN'S GROUP

Monday, January 8, 7:30 p.m.

Port Matilda Hotel and Tavern



We hope to see you. All are welcome, all matter of discussion is encouraged, and alcohol consumption is optional. If you have any questions or would like to be added to the email list for reminders, please contact Ron Rovansek at [rovansek@pacewater.com](mailto:rovansek@pacewater.com).

### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.,  
Room 119.

Please contact Kitty Mussett at [kam13@psu.edu](mailto:kam13@psu.edu) or Linda Hoover at [lsh4488@gmail.com](mailto:lsh4488@gmail.com) if you are interested in learning more about DOK.

### PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Saturday, January 13, 2018  
Noon, Room 119

Light refreshments will be available while we finish a couple baptismal quilts, and a couple prayer quilts (at least one quilt designated for breast cancer patients). If you have any questions about the PQM please contact Michele Marini at [michelemarini@comcast.net](mailto:michelemarini@comcast.net) or call 814-574-9639.

### KNITTING GROUP

Sunday, January 14, 11:45 a.m., Room 325

The Knitting Ministry will begin meeting in the new year. If you knit, crochet, or would like to learn, you are welcome! Mark your calendar for January 14,

February 11, March 11, April 8, and May 13 in Room 325 after the 10:30 service. We'll work on preparing hats, scarves, baby blankets and those adorable Peace Pals from [www.knitting4peace.org](http://www.knitting4peace.org),



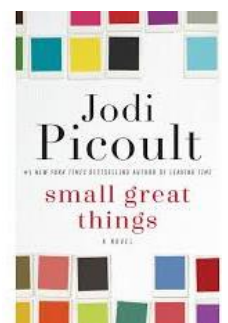
a wonderful organization that distributes useful handknits in the developing world. Bring a project to work on and a snack or treat

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](mailto:anne.hoag@gmail.com).

### BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m., Room 324

The St. Andrew's Book Group has selected Jodi Picoult's novel, *Small Great Things* as its book for January. *Small Great Things* is a New York Times #1 best seller that delves into issues of racism, choice, fear, and hope. It is based on a true story about a labor and delivery nurse who is prohibited from caring for a newborn because the father does not want African-American nurses to tend the baby. The Washington Post noted that "*Small Great Things* is the most important novel Jodi Picoult has ever written. It will challenge her readers...[and] expand our cultural conversation about race and prejudice." All are invited to read the book and join the conversation on Tuesday, January 16, at 7 p.m. (Please note change from 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday due to Celebration of a New Ministry for Fr. Packard scheduled that evening.)



## WOMEN'S GROUP

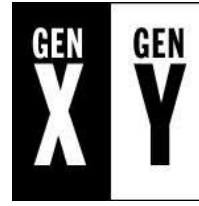
Tuesday, January 16, 7:30 p.m.  
Gigi's Restaurant



The Women's Group will return to Gigi's this month for our regular gathering. An RSVP to Julie Kwasnica is appreciated, but not required. You can reach Julie at [julie@kwasnica.com](mailto:julie@kwasnica.com).

## ST. ANDREW'S GENERATION X/Y GROUP

The St. Andrew's Gen X/Y Group (young adults



roughly ages 25-45, but all are welcome) had a successful pilot meeting in December. Our next meeting isn't determined yet, but we will be selecting a regular date

for events soon. Please keep an eye on the weekly bulletins for announcements, or email Kevin Lowe ([kevinlowe33@gmail.com](mailto:kevinlowe33@gmail.com)) for updates or to be placed on our email contact list.

## OUTREACH

### OUT OF THE COLD THANKS YOU!

A HUGE thank you to all those who contributed toward the gift cards that were given to the Out of the Cold guests on Christmas Eve at the Presbyterian Church! We will be hosting them from **March 26 until April 8**.

- Start thinking about how you would like to help. Some options will be:
- Making and serving breakfast (6:30 - 7:30 a.m.) or dinner (8 p.m. - 10 p.m.) - simple meals - you can make at home and bring to church.
- Being an overnight chaperon (8:30 p.m. - 7:15 a.m.)
- Checking guests in (8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)
- Hosting a "laundry party" - at the laundromat on Nittany Ave (near church) - quarters and soap provided by Out of the Cold. (Two consecutive hours that are convenient for you - afternoon or morning)

As we get closer to March 26, training dates will be announced. ANY of these opportunities will make you feel GOOD! If you have any questions, please call Michele Hamilton (470-0555) OR Madeline Johnson (234-6093).



## PARISHIONER'S MINISTRY

The stewards of the Parishioners' Ministry of St. Andrew's thank all those who made contributions to PM during 2017. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the people we were able to help because we had funds in addition to the money we receive monthly from our St. Andrew's budget. This past year was a challenge for everyone and 2018 will be no different.

All contributions to PM are most helpful. Please make your check out to St. Andrew's with Parishioners' Ministry on the memo line, if you are able to help with this ministry. Thank you.

The stewards of PM.

## IHS BELL RINGING

Thank you to all the St. Andrew's Volunteers who manned the IHS Wishing Well at Meyer Dairy this holiday season and to Marion Schwartz for organizing them. We received the following information in an email from IHS:

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*The Wishing Well raised a total of \$29,861,68. That is \$2,276.13 more than last year. Thank you for coordinating bell ringing days with your congregations! Thank you for ringing bells in the cold and for organizing donor groups.*

*Here is the breakdown of what was raised:*

*\$10,220 came from sponsors*

*\$13,364.27 came from Meyer Dairy*

*\$1,038.41 came from The Corner Room*

*\$1,473 came from Walmart on Benner Pike*

*\$2,930 came from individual donor groups*

*\$836.00 came from individual donors who were not part of a group.*

*We note that bell ringing at Meyer Dairy was the largest single source of all.*

*Thank you to all who helped out at that location!*

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## PARISH NEWS



Our West Foster Street entrance (by the office) has a new railing thanks to the work of the Property Committee, especially Barb Downs and Scott Luzier. As you can see, the new railing is attractive and provides a sturdy support to assist in going up and down the stairs and a barrier to accidentally stepping off the pavement into the stairwell.

In a property this age and size, there is always work to be done. This is just an example of the projects the Property Committee handles on an ongoing basis to maintain the beauty, function, and safety of our physical space. Also in December, the Property Committee oversaw many upgrades to Trinity House to make it a comfortable living space for Fr. Jeff, his family, and his pets.