

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 2019

## The Community Café Starts a New Phase

The Community Café is in its eleventh year of operations. It serves on average 120 people every Thursday of the year (including Thanksgiving). It has five teams of volunteers who rotate through to serve the meals. And it provides a happy place for people who may have nowhere else to go to have a delicious meal in the company of other people. I see in the Community Café a model for the Kingdom of God, where all kinds of people come together, are fed, and find community and acceptance.

Last year the vestry recognized that the Community Café is such a vital ministry in our parish and that there are so many people who depend on it that we needed to add some more structure and oversight to ensure it continues for a long time to come. From that thought was born a plan to create a board of directors to oversee the operations of the Community Café, supervise and support the executive director, and provide structure to make its continued existence a more formal reality. Ron Rovanseck, who has been the executive director of the Café for many years and has made it what it is today, was already thinking that this level of structure was needed. He worked with me and five others, under the vestry's authority, to create the brand-new board of directors we now have. The first task was to create a set of bylaws to govern the operation of the Café and the function of the board. Those bylaws were approved by the vestry in December.

The board has already met with all volunteers to celebrate their work and to receive their feedback on how things are going in the Café. Then, on January 6 the board had its first official annual meeting at which officers were elected. The board consists of Dennis Shea as the chair, Daniel Foster as the secretary, Amy Allison, Melanie Foster (serving along with Daniel, the two of them occupying one seat on the board with one vote, based on their availability), Ted Jaenecke, and Julie

Kwasnica, with *ex officio* members Ron Rovanseck as the executive director, and me as the rector.

The board is already working on developing a mission statement, some written policies, and an operation manual. They are also working to ensure that there is sufficient supervision by personnel who are trained in ServSafe qualifications. They are supporting Ron as he implements a new team structure that will empower captains on each team of volunteers. This should help with volunteer management and solve some scheduling issues. And for the first time, the Community Café will have a financial plan - budget, annual fund-raising plan, and a plan to develop a reserve to replace major appliances and equipment.

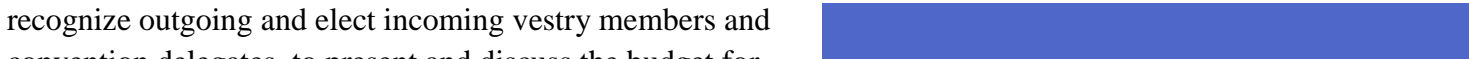
I celebrate the creation of the board of directors for the Community Café because it involved the hard work and time of several very dedicated and talented people and it is already bearing fruit. I celebrate the creation of the board also because I think it will regularize operations in the Café and keep it operating beyond the involvement of the individuals currently involved with it. But more importantly, I celebrate the fact that this "soup kitchen," that is so much more than a soup kitchen, has grown to the point that it made sense to create a more institutional structure. There are several key volunteers, whom I will not attempt to name, who have put so much of themselves into this ministry. In addition, there are countless volunteers, from within and without the parish, who continue to keep this vital ministry fulfilling its mission week after week. There are those who pick up the food, those who sort the food, those who prepare the food, those who serve the food, and those who clean up at the end of the evening. So many people have worked to bring this ministry from its humble beginnings to the point it is now. I thank God that this ministry is here at St. Andrew's and for all those who have made it possible.

# ANNUAL MEETING, POTLUCK DINNER, AND ELECTIONS

Sunday, January 27 6:00 p.m. in Canterbury Hall

The parish meeting is a time for all to gather together to recognize outgoing and elect incoming vestry members and convention delegates, to present and discuss the budget for the new year, and to receive reports from committees, ministries and commissions. As usual, we will begin the evening at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner and then proceed to the business portion of the evening.

Childcare will be provided in the nursery after dinner.



For the potluck, if your last name begins with

**A through G**, please bring a dessert;  
**H through M**, please bring a salad; and  
**N through Z**, please bring a casserole.

## Vestry and Convention Delegate Elections

Most years, four vestry members complete their term and we elect four new vestry members to serve a three-year term. This year, in addition, there is a one-year, unexpired term that needs to be filled due to the resignation of vestry member Rose Bohn. Regarding the convention delegates, based on the size of our parish we have six delegates to the annual diocesan convention. We can designate two alternate delegates as well, in case any of the delegates is unable to fulfill his/her duties.

You will notice that there are exactly the number of candidates, both for vestry and for convention delegates and alternates, as the number of openings. This is true despite the best efforts of our nominating committee to get enough candidates to run so we can have an election. However, there was a mistake made, for which our rector takes full responsibility. That is that we should have opened the nominations process to the whole congregation. We failed to do that and apologize. We promise that next fall we will follow the procedure of opening nominations to the congregation in addition to having a nominating committee tasked with recruitment of appropriate candidates.

This slate of candidates is presented for your consideration. Election will take place on Sunday, January 27, the day of our annual parish meeting. More information will follow about the election process.

## 2019 Convention Delegates

Michelle Marini  
Rich Marini  
Sharon Rovansek  
Marion Schwartz  
Sandy Schwartz  
Ann Thomas  
Molly Wells  
Walter Wells

## Candidates for full 3-year Vestry terms

### Andrea deCarle



I have called St. Andrew's home since my family arrived in State College in 1997. I am a second-grade school teacher at Easterly Parkway Elementary School. I live with my husband and our golden retriever, Lizzy. We have two boys, Mackenzie (24) who

is a Civil Engineer in Boston, MA and Alex (22) who is studying Video Game Design and Development at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario. Growing up, I moved every 2 years because of my father's career. The church was a place that my family gravitated towards to help us in our transition to our new home: whether we were in a large metropolis like Montreal or a tiny rural village in northern Manitoba. The fellowship and community that we found at each of these churches helped stabilize and provide continuity in our lives. When I moved to State College with my young family in 1997, I too was looking for a community where I could provide a similar experience for my two boys and a community where I could grow and learn spiritually. Through the years, I have been fed spiritually at St. Andrew's through the Simpler Living group, the Lenten Suppers, the adult education, and most recently Lectio Divina. I have served as a Sunday School teacher, a Youth leader, and J2A leader. I have gone on a Pilgrimage, helped with Habitat for Humanity, and gone on youth trips and retreats. I served on the education committee and the recent search committee, which I co-chaired with Ford McNutt. St. Andrew's is a rich community that I value and appreciate.

### Jason McCloskey



Jason McCloskey has been attending St. Andrews for ten years with his wife, Andrea. Their daughter, PJ, was baptized at the church in 2012. Growing up, the Methodist Church shaped his early spiritual and religious outlook, but he feels grateful to have found

the Episcopal Church, whose theology, liturgy and outreach have resonated deeply with him. At St. Andrew's he has found the traditional ritual, prayers and music to fulfill his natural inclination toward the spiritual and sacred, and at St. Andrew's he has come to believe that welcoming the outsider and caring for those in need are at the core of what it means to be Christian. He has served as a teacher in the youth program and volunteered in other church projects, where he has met many wonderful members of the St. Andrew's community. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends, running, camping, translating and reading poetry. He is Associate Prof. of Spanish at Bucknell University.

## Connie Puckett



My name is Connie Puckett and I have been a member of St. Andrews for approximately 5 years attending the 10:00 service, and an active Episcopalian for 40 years. I am originally from North Carolina but have been living in the area for about 18 years. I am a

retired elementary school principal from the Bellefonte Area School District. I am a member of the altar guild, social justice committee, the community café laundry team and am currently in my 3rd year of the EfM program.

## Scott Strouse



I am currently the corporate controller for GM McCrossin, Inc. which is a general contractor working throughout the state of Pennsylvania. I manage the daily business office functions and provide all financial and accounting reporting for GM

McCrossin and its subsidiaries in this capacity.

I am a graduate of Saint Francis University and most recently completed the MBA program at SFU in 2010.

Previously, I was a member of the United Church of Christ for many years. I served as a deacon and elder in this congregation for several terms.

## Candidate to serve unexpired one-year term vacated by resignation of Rose Bohn

### 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 six 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. 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. Our family became very 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. Bruce Cramer

## VESTRY UPDATE, Rick Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry

December 2018



The December vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, December 11. The net operating income for the month of November was positive, but the net operating income for the year remains in the red. The vestry thanks everyone who made contributions in November and urges everyone to meet pledge commitments for the year. Receipt of regular pledge commitments allows St. Andrew's to continue the many ministries of the parish. Should you not be able to participate in worship services in person, your contributions may be sent to the church office care of Mary Andrew or made directly online through the church website at [www.standrewsc.org](http://www.standrewsc.org). Regularly meeting your pledge commitment greatly helps the church's financial picture and allows St. Andrew's to continue doing God's work through regular worship, education, and outreach to the community.

The Finance Committee has been working very hard on the 2019 budget, and vestry approved a provisional budget. However, the stewardship committee reports that pledge commitments for 2019 are running behind expectations, so each and every pledge for 2019 will be extremely important in supporting the ministry of St. Andrew's. If you have not yet made your pledge to support St. Andrew's in 2019, please prayerfully consider making a pledge commitment. Contributions made without a pledge commitment are, of course, greatly appreciated, but pledge commitments allow the vestry and finance committee to plan for the upcoming year. Please reserve Sunday evening, January 27, 2019, on your calendars as the date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Rick Hoover

Clerk of the Vestry

### Fabulous Fondue Fiesta

Saturday, January 26, 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Room 325

The women of St. Andrew's are invited to the Fabulous Fondue Fiesta on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have a fondue pot you would like to loan for the event, please contact Kitty Mussett at [kam13@psu.edu](mailto:kam13@psu.edu) or Kathy Hickner ([youth@standrewsc.org](mailto:youth@standrewsc.org)). Please let us know if you can come by calling Allison in the office by Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.



This social get-together is sponsored by Compassionate Life and the Daughters of the King.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### Save the date!

Pilgrimage Dinner & Dance  
Saturday, February 24  
4 - 7 p.m. in Canterbury Hall

Get ready to shake up your mid-winter slump at the Pilgrim Youth **Contra Dance, Spaghetti Dinner, and Dessert Bake Off!**

Contra dancing is a tradition of social folk dance in which couples face each other in two lines or a square. Bruce Young, local musician and dance-caller will be calling the dance at a beginner level. This event will be advertised to the community and is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the door (price TBD). Go ahead and circle the 24th on your calendar even if you're not a dancer – most people who try it have a fabulous time, and it's also fun to watch!

# CONTRA DANCE



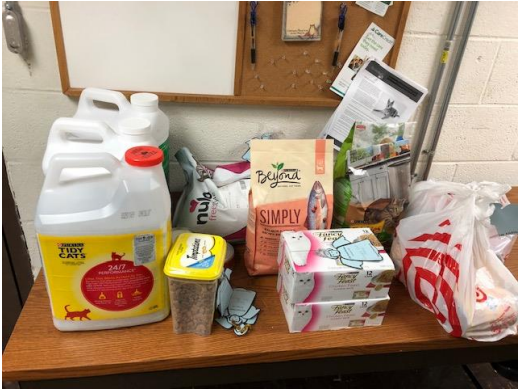
### Nativity Pageant, December 24, 2018



## Angel Tree

Thanks to everyone who took a tag from the angel tree, we were able to deliver a significant Christmas to the youth in our neighborhood shelters and to the State College winter homeless shelter program Out of the Cold, as well as our own Pet Food Bank.

Resounding thanks to Caitlin Osborne, our Angel Tree coordinator this year - who went above and beyond in many ways - and to the Kwasnica family, maker of the angel tags!



## Cookie Sale

Many thanks to all who took home a box of Christmas cookies last month! And big thanks of course to the wonderful parish bakers who filled them up!



## ADULT FORMATION

### Adult Ed in January

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



**January 13:** Dr. Sylvia Neely

*Carbon Pricing and Solutions for the Climate Crisis*

Dr. Sylvia Neely is the Chair of the Board of Directors at Pennsylvania Interfaith Human Services (PA IPL). PA-IPL is part of a national movement that is a religious response to climate change. This state-wide network of congregations, individuals, and faith-based organizations helps congregations become more energy efficient. Dr. Neely also works with Citizens Climate Lobby, a non-partisan organization working to create the political will to solve the climate change crisis ([CitizensClimateLobby.org](http://CitizensClimateLobby.org)). Dr. Neely is retired from Penn State where she was an Associate Professor of History at Penn State and scholar of Lafayette and French revolutionary history. She received her B.A. from Duke University, her M.S. from NYU, and her Ph.D. From the University of Notre Dame.

**January 20:** Dr. Julia Kasdorf

*Shale Play*

Poet and Professor of English at Penn State, Dr. Julia Spicher Kasdorf will share her 2018 book, *Shale Play*, a collaboration with award-winning documentary photographer Steven Rubin. Their words and images explore the small towns, farms, and forests of Appalachian Pennsylvania to highlight the stories of these places and the working people who inhabit them. Dr. Kasdorf grew up in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, and she is a Professor of English and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Penn State University. Dr. Kasdorf received her B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from New York University.

**January 27:** TBD



## COMMUNITY CAFÉ

### Trivia Night

Friday, February 8

6:30 p.m., Canterbury Hall



The Community Café will hold its much-anticipated annual Trivia Night Fundraiser on Friday, February 8, in Canterbury Hall. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the trivia will start at 7:00 p.m. The trivia will be general knowledge questions; you don't have to be an expert to know the answers. Come with a team or we can put you on one - no one will play alone unless they want to! The evening includes the game and food and beverages, a magnificent trophy will be awarded to the first-place team along with other fabulous prizes for the second and third place teams.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and will be available in the office or at Coffee Hours/Breakfasts in January.

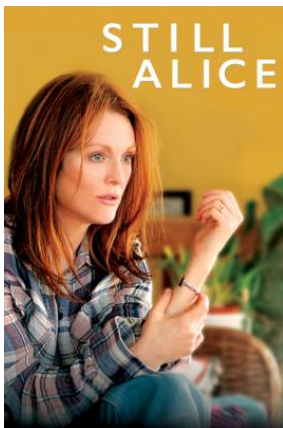
**Sample Question:** What is the name of the dance that these song lyrics refer to? They had style, they had grace; Rita Hayworth gave good face; Lauren, Katherine, Lana too; Bette Davis, we love you; Ladies with an attitude; Fellows that were in the mood; Don't just stand there, let's get to it; Strike a pose, there's nothing to it...

**For more practice questions, check out the**  
[Random Trivia Generator](#)

## BOOK GROUP AND FRIDAY FILMS

**Book Group:** Tuesday, January 22, Room 324

**Friday Films:** Friday, January 25, Room 325



For the month of January, the Book Group and Friday Films will focus on the same title, *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova

The Academy award winning film and book chronicle the journey of Dr. Alice Howland who is a renowned linguistics professor. When words begin to escape her and she starts becoming lost on her daily jogs, Alice must come face-to-face with a devastating diagnosis: early-onset Alzheimer's disease. As the once-vibrant woman struggles to hang on to her sense of self for as long as possible, Alice's husband and three grown children must watch helplessly as their mother disappears more and more with each passing day.

Please join us for this special joint discussion on both nights!

## GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

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

### NEWCOMERS COMMITTEE

Saturday, January 12, 9:00 a.m.  
Panera Bread, Allen Street

This is a ministry for all those who want to help visitors feel welcome at St. Andrews. All are welcome, and we are looking for additional help with this ministry.

On Saturday morning, January 12, we will meet at the Panera Bread in downtown State College (Corner of Allen St. and Beaver Ave) at 9:00 a.m. for some coffee and conversation.

Several of us went to a program called Invite. Welcome. Connect., sponsored by the Episcopal Church. We will share some lessons learned from this workshop and discuss activities to kick off 2019. Shall we prepare welcome bags for our visitors? Shall we hold newcomers socials or wine and cheese? We would also like to welcome individuals who are interested in being greeters on Sunday morning and will discuss this important role at the meeting.

### KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, January 13, 11:15 a.m.  
Room 325

The Knitting Ministry meets January 13 in Room 325 following the 10:00 service (roughly 11:15). If you knit, crochet or would like to learn, you are welcome! We work on preparing hats, scarves, baby blankets and those adorable Peace Pals from [www.knitting4peace.org](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). Future meetings: February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12.

### PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Saturday, February 9, 11:15 a.m.  
Room 325

The Prayer Quilt Group will meet next on the second Saturday in February. We will meet in the Trost Wing and, as always, a light lunch will be served promptly at noon followed by quilting at 12:15 p.m.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Beti Bell	13 Alison Jaenicke	23 Daniel Foster
1 Anne Ayer	15 Jim Frego-Bliek	24 Gretchen Schrock-Jacobson
2 Richard Porter	16 Abe Rovansek	24 Susan Dawson
2 Anya Hoaglund	17 Dale Gericke	26 Darla Lindberg
3 Esther Wall	18 Teri Smith	26 David Spencer
4 Jack Selzer	19 MaryBeth Hoffman	27 Shirley Leopold
5 Jean Laughlin	20 Ron Cook	28 Ruth Packard
9 Melanie Foster	21 Diane Dillon	29 Elaine Meder-Wilgus
12 Melody Chisholm	21 Nat Hickner	30 Laurel Zydney
13 Frank Pugliese	23 Sue Stephenson	

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** If you have a January 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.

**Altar Flowers.** The 2019 Altar flower chart has been posted in the Narthex. If you would like to give flowers on a specific Sunday to celebrate a birthday or anniversary or to remember a loved one, please sign your name in any open slot (more than one family may give flowers on the same Sunday.) Your dedication will be printed in the bulletin and your donation of \$60 will help defray costs for our lovely arrangements each week. You may pay online or by check or cash at any time with the memo “Altar Flowers.”

**THOSE FOR WHOM WE PRAY**

Robbie, Vicki, David, Kevin, Diane, Sara, Emily, Frank, Mary, Katherine, Gary, Jackie, Anne, Amanda, Dick, Doug, Joyce, Joan, Jane, Don, JudithAnn, Etienne, Bob, Chuck, Doreen, Joe, Roberta, Linda, Lisa, Pam, Leon, Debbie, Conni, Robb, Peter, Kathryn, Karen, Tim, Carter, Sandy, Jocey

***Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders***

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

***Those About to be Baptized***

AnnaRose Dawson Rigas

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer***

Church of the Resurrection Episcopal Mission, Mount Carmel

***Anglican Cycle of Prayer***

The Anglican Church of Australia

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***A Visit from St. Nicholas and a parish-wide gathering for the First Sunday of Advent.***

