



The Parish Messenger

June 2017

*The Newsletter of the People of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church, State College,
Pennsylvania.*

*With God's help, we the people of St. Andrew's
seek to know and accept God's love in Jesus
Christ for all people and to witness to God's
love in word and action.*

LETTER FROM THE WARDENS

Dear Parishioners,

These are exciting times for our parish. We are meeting finalists to become our next Rector; we celebrate our graduates as we reach the end of the school year; we await summer activities as we enjoy the somewhat slower pace. There are many reasons to continue our regular activities with our parish family. We look forward to sharing those activities and news with you during the next few weeks.

Linda Mace- Senior Warden
Sharon Rovansek- Junior Warden

LETTER FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE



The St. Andrew's Search Committee has completed its series of video interviews with priest candidates and has met to determine which candidates will move on to the next stage in the search process. Over the course of the coming month, three candidates will visit St. Andrew's for more in-depth interactions. At this stage, the search is still a confidential process that involves candidates engaging solely with the search committee and vestry members. Therefore, the candidates will not attend Sunday services or interact with others in the congregation. Please continue to keep the search committee and rector candidates in your prayers as we move through the discernment process.

Andrea deCarle, Co-Chair
Ford McNutt, Co-Chair

PARISH-WIDE MISSION TRIP
Sunday, July 16 – Saturday, July 22
Register by Monday, June 19



The annual all-parish mission trip to West Virginia is set to go again this summer! Be the hands and feet of Christ working in the world. You are needed, regardless of your building abilities and experience. There is always something for everyone to do! Our St. Andrew's volunteers will be offering their time and talent for The Fuller Center for Housing, a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. The Fuller Center was started in spring, 2005, by Millard and Linda Fuller, who together founded Habitat for Humanity in 1976. A Fuller Center home is not a handout, but a hand up.

For more information, [click here](#) to access The Fuller Center website. Contact Kelley Paulsen at 574-1989 to let her know you plan to join the St. Andrew's volunteer team this summer! You can also leave a message at the church office for Kelley at 237-7659. Submit your [registration forms](#), and to help with expenses, a \$150 check made to St. *Andrew's Episcopal Church* with the notation "Mission Trip." (Add \$100 more for each additional family member. See Fr. Doug about financial assistance). Accommodation and meals provided.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE



The Property Committee wants you! They will meet Wednesday, June 7 at 7 PM in Room 131, and are looking for a few good people to head several projects. The tasks are varied: large to small, hands-on to just making a few phone calls, painting to gardening, indoors or out....it's up to you. So far, we've replaced the St. Andrew's banner out front along with its holder, purchased and installed new parking signs, painted Room 131 thanks to the workhorse efforts of Paul Hochreiter, and have undertaken several gardening projects.

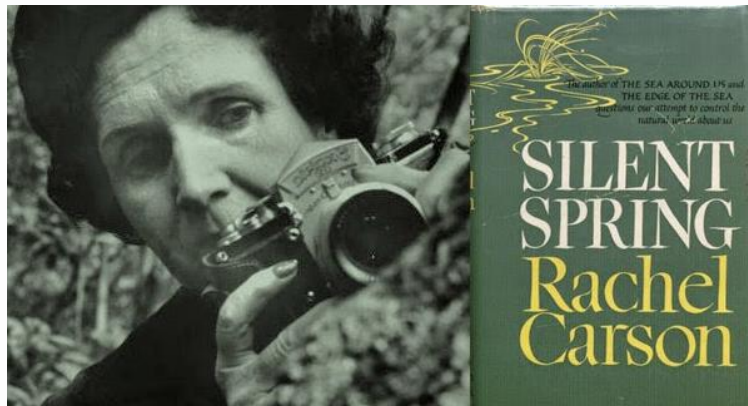
So, if you are in any way interested, or just want to learn more, please come to the meeting, or contact Ron Rovanssek at (714) 514-8875. All opinions and ideas are welcome. See you there!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



The Daughters of the King will be meeting for a potluck dinner and movie (*The Shack*) on Wednesday, June 7 at 6:00 PM at the Nittany Glen Clubhouse. If you are interested in attending, please contact Chapter President Kitty Mussett at kam13@psu.edu.

ST. ANDREW'S BOOK GROUP



The St. Andrew's Book Group has selected *Silent Spring* by Rachael Carson as its book for June. The Book Group will meet in the church library on Tuesday, June 27, at 7 PM to discuss the book. All are welcome to read the book and join the conversation.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ



If it is not quite summer in Central Pennsylvania, it is certainly time to garden. The home kitchen garden can be as diverse or quirky as the gardener, the only limit is the growing season itself, so it's time to pick up trowel or shovel and get going. Our garden currently hosts pumpkins, tomatoes, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, corn and cabbage, and if the chipmunk doesn't win, we'll be up to our armpits in vegetables in a month or two. If you find yourself in the same boat, the Café would be very happy to take your donations. What doesn't get used in the kitchen, can be put to good use on the take-home table, where people can use whatever they select to help supplement their meals during the week. It's amazing how fast the vegetables go! Also, please consider donating cut flowers on Thursdays as well. We not only use them to decorate the tables, but patrons can take flowers to loved ones and that makes everyone feel good.

The Café is open every Thursday from 5PM- 7PM, and everyone is welcome regardless of means or circumstances. Donations are accepted, but they are never expected. Thank you as always for supporting the Café, and if you would like to volunteer, please contact Ron Rovanseck at (714) 514-8875.

COMPASSIONATE LIFE



On Thursday, May 4, the women of Compassionate Life listened to a presentation given by Sheri Neale, a former member of St. Andrew's; Sheri spoke about the importance of her Christian faith as she serves as a foster mom and hospice worker. Everyone who attended was touched by Sheri's commitment to seek and follow God's will for her life; to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world; and to be compassionate, professional and respectful. Thank you, Sheri, for your inspirational and informative talk.

On Thursday, May 18, the women finished their discussion about the book An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith by Barbara Brown Taylor. For the final Compassionate Life gathering for this academic year, all who could attend enjoyed a lovely walk around the Penn State Arboretum, where the weather was perfect and God's glory was in abundance! Thank you to Madeline Johnson who hosted and provided a nourishing lunch at her home on her deck after the walk. Compassionate Life will begin anew on Thursday, September 7, at 9:30 AM, in room 325. If you are interested in helping to plan for the fall, please contact Darlene Nordoff.

PENNSYLVANIA INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT COMMUNITIES OF FAITH RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE PA-TO-DC BIKE TRIP

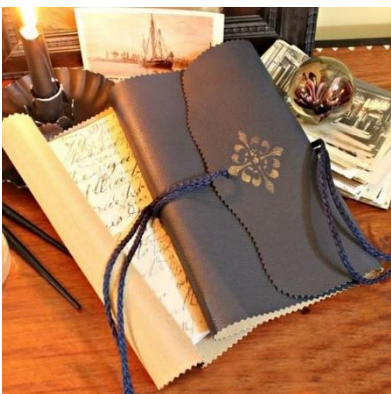


St. Andrew's parishioners Ted Jaenicke and daughter high school senior Maggie Jaenicke were two of 18 bike riders that were given a blessing and a sendoff from Foxdale Retirement Home on May 19 as they rode off to participate in the sixth annual PA-IPL bike trip from PA to DC! Six riders were in their teens! Even though I wasn't riding, it was exciting to participate in the sendoff, and then see them ride off guided by a police escort. The trip concluded with Hill Visits on Wednesday, May 24.

The group's main job was to build and maintain relationships with our elected representatives. Even though Congress was in session, the riders had lengthy discussions, often lasting 30 minutes or longer! Interfaith Power & Light is unique in that it regards climate change as a moral issue. For more information about PA-IPL, please go to the [website](#) and access the [blog](#) about this year's bike trip.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Nordoff

ST. ANDREW'S VESTRY UPDATE: MAY 2017



Vestry met on Monday evening, May 23, instead of the normal third Monday, May 16. Good news from the Finance Committee indicated that finances are still running in the black and are well positioned for the summer. The treasurer, Sue Stephenson, noted the receipt of the annual distribution from special funds held and managed by the Centre Foundation. These funds have been established in memory of or in thanksgiving for individuals or families, and the proceeds from the investments are used in support of various ministries in the parish.

Traditionally, summer is a time of a financial lull in contributions and meeting of pledge commitments due to travel and vacations. However, St. Andrew's does not close for the summer, and operating expenses continue throughout the summer season. The vestry urges everyone to maintain regular contributions while on vacation. The chairs of the Search Committee, Ford McNutt and Andrea deCarle, joined the vestry meeting to provide a lengthy and detailed update on the progress of the rector search. The committee and the vestry are very encouraged with the progress so far.

As the Sunday service schedule shifts to the summer times of 8 AM and 10 AM, and everyone settles into a more relaxed vacation mode, the vestry urges each member of the parish to continue support of St. Andrew's during the summer vacation season.

Respectfully submitted, Rick Hoover Clerk of the Vestry

ST. ANDREW'S FINANCIAL REPORT



	Month of APRIL	Month of MAY	Total for 2017	% of Budget	2017 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$40,875	\$23,493	\$209,413	45%	\$462,596
Total Monthly Income	\$46,149	\$25,568	\$227,520	45%	\$500,500
Monthly Expense	\$44,358	\$39,741	\$206,026	2%	\$492,331
Surplus (Deficit)	\$1,791	\$(14,173)	\$21,494		\$8,169

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

This is a summary of the church finances for April and May 2017. April income included special offerings for Easter and Holy Week of \$2,397. Notice how drastically the parishioner contributions have dropped off during May. Our monthly expenses stay fairly constant, although we are done with the hefty utility bills for a while. However, we depend on regular contributions to cover these expenses. We have a healthy surplus for now, but we should be careful not to let donations fall short at the same rate as we see now. Our surplus could be gone in a month or two over the summer. In fact, a monthly income of \$38,000 is what we need on average to stay at break-even.

The complete financial report is available in the office.
Sue Stephenson

PARISH PICNIC: A LOOK BACK

Parishioners gathered after church on Sunday, May 21 for our annual picnic and picnic related contests. A great deal of thanks goes to Dale and Betsy Gericke for getting the grill going early with hotdogs and hamburgers so we were all set to eat as soon as we arrived. The Christopher family had their new puppy, we ate hardily of potato salad, homemade beans and cupcakes, Scott Thomas judged both the youth and adult bubble blowing contests. Abbey Humphreys won the youth division. In the adult division, Carolyn Holt took first place with a bubble so big that she had to remove her eye glasses, Tony Kwasnica was a distant second, and Sharon Rovansek was third. Julie Kwasnica did not place. Thanks to all who came out for fun on this blustery day!



Children's Communion Connection
Saturday, June 10
11 AM - 2 PM
Lunch will be provided.



Children in grades 2-5 are welcome to participate in Communion Connection: a special program for those receiving their first communion, for those who are receiving communion but never attended a communion class, and for those who would like a refresher! Please let Darlene know if your child will be attending, and if he/she has any food allergies.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel will meet for a special session on June 11 (**Trinity Sunday**). Children, ages three to second grade, will meet with Darlene and an assistant at 10 AM in Room 119 for song, story, craft (if time) and snack. Children will return to church at The Peace. Thank you to chapel leaders: Susan Dawson, Kendall Mainzer, Andrea McCloskey, Meira Minard; and helpers/substitutes Katie Gaines, Abbie Lovisky, Jason McCloskey, and Patrick Osborne.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHOOL

Children in Godly Play and Grades 4 & 5 benefitted greatly from the faith, dedication, preparation, knowledge and creativity of their church school teachers, story tellers, and helpers/greeters this past year. If you see them, please thank: Melissa and Pete Arnett, Robin Bastress, Pam Couch, Marisa Ferger, Kathy Hickner, Paul Humphreys, Greg Lovisky, Paul Markowski, Meira Minard, Tiffany Muller, Patrick Osborne, Jenna and Tina Ruberto, and Julie Wunz. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these awesome teams in September – Darlene Nordoff will be very happy to receive your call. Children's Church School programs will return in September!

JOURNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL



Our Journey Middle School group has had an amazing year! This group is full of energy, ideas and “can do” spirit! From class lessons from units entitled “Loved by God,” “The God Connection,” “Compassion and Acts of Mercy,” and “The Church,” the youth have prayed, considered, discussed, shared, and laughed. Lessons were from the Rite-13 Journey to Adulthood curriculum, God Talks and Episcopal resources from the Internet. They chose a group name “Chameau,” which means “camel” in French and symbolizes their journey together – a journey of faith, hard work, humor and fun, heavy and light loads, unpredictability; and wrote a group covenant. They’ve participated in church lock-ins, diocesan and provincial retreats, the CROP Walk, game and movie nights; and served as acolytes, choir members, crucifers and ushers. Thank you to parents for bringing these youth to class and activities. Thank you to leaders Kevin Barron, Mary Beth Hoffman, Marion Schwartz and Kathryn Yahner. The program begins again in September! Stay tuned!



JOURNEY HIGH SCHOOL: YOUTH SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017



Not pictured: Amelia Kasdorf and leader Anne Thomas.

On Sunday, May 21, the Journey High School led the 10:30 AM worship service. The youth decided upon the music; played instrumental selections; wrote The Collect, Creed and Sermon; served as ushers and oblation bearers; and proclaimed together The Dismissal usually announced by the Deacon, “Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!” For those of you who missed the service or would like another opportunity to read Ryan’s sermon, the Creed and Sermon are below. Thank you to leaders Ted Christopher, Christina Ford, Paul Humphreys and Anne Thomas for their leadership, teaching, and guidance of our Journey High School group this past academic year. Thank you to the following youth who participated in Youth Sunday:

Prelude	Katie Mussett - After Gwen Catchen played the organ, Katie played “The Swan” by Camille Saint-Saens on violin.
Ushers/Greeter	Leah Patzkowsky and Cassandra Wade
Oblation Bearers	Amelia Kasdorf and Leah Patzkowsky (for Gillian Dash)
First Reading	Patrick Osborne
Second Reading	Connor Shea
Prayers of the People	Anne Kwasnica, Abbie Lovisky and Cassandra Wade
Sermon	Ryan Couch – Ryan wrote and delivered the sermon.
Creed	As part of their Confirm not Conform lessons, the class wrote the creed they led.
Communion Music	Anna Kwasnica played “Hallelujah” on the piano; Zach Paulsen played guitar and led the youth in singing “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”.
Dismissal	The Journey High School class and their leaders followed the choir, Deacon Joe and Fr. Doug to the back of the Nave, where they proclaimed with enthusiasm, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Anthem	Thank you to Walter Wells and Gwen Catchen, who worked with the requests the youth made regarding the anthem and hymns.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Nordoff.

Confirm not Conform (CnC) Creed
Written by the Journey High School Class 2016-17

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We believe God is the creator of the universe. We believe that even though there is suffering and pain in the world; that God loves us and God is complicated.

We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, our teacher, savior, and prophet. He is God made flesh, who walked among us. He shows us the way to happiness and a fulfilling life. He lived to teach us and died and still lives to give us hope.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God in spirit form, one and the same with God and the Son. We believe that the Spirit is divine glue, always there, holding everyone and everything together, inspiring us and giving us the courage to take action.

We believe that we are called to spread the teachings and knowledge of God, but that this cannot be done with force. We believe that it is important to make time to understand instead of blindly following. We believe that everyone and everything is connected, and that we must maintain respect because any action we take affects other people. We believe that it is our responsibility to reach out to God, while understanding that He can respond in a way that is different than what we expect, but we will always be led to the greater good. We believe that humans are not the dominant force in the universe – God is; there is always another higher, level to strive for, and it leads to communion with God.

Youth Sunday Sermon
Written and delivered by: Ryan Couch

Hello everyone, and welcome to Youth Sunday! It has been an amazing experience preparing this worship service for you, and we hope you are enjoying it. Let me introduce myself -- my name is Ryan Couch. I am sixteen years old, I'm in tenth grade, I have three older sisters, Alex, Hayley, and Caitlin, and I'm sure many of you know my mom Pam. My classmates with me today are Leah Patzkowsky, Anna Kwasnica, Zach Paulsen, Connor Shea, Cas Wade, Amelia Kasdorf, Patrick Osborne, Abbie Loviscky, Katie Mussett, Gillian Dash and Nat Dawson, who sadly could not be here, as he is attending his brother's graduation. And, of course, today could not have been possible without the guidance of our leaders Ted Christopher, Anne Thomas, Paul Humphreys, and Christina Ford. Each of us in the Journey High School class chose tasks to contribute to the service today, and as you can see, I chose the sermon.

Many of you are probably wondering, "what does a sixteen year old have to say?" Well, I can soundly assure you, **a lot**. Getting this sermon together took a lot of thought and time, and there were so many things I wanted to talk about, but ultimately cut out. I struggled with whether to write about more serious topics or keep it light for the occasion. I eventually came to a balance, but not without a tremendous amount of help. I truly think it is a miracle how Fr. Doug creates these sermons in such a narrow time frame, and how they flow so easily from him.

But that is besides the point. I am here to talk about stories, but not the kind like Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax* or *Oh the Places You'll Go*. I mean our stories; the ones each of us have, but don't share with each other. Our stories are our histories, our emotions, our sensations. And just like our fingerprints --- they are all unique.

Everyone you know, every person they know, and all of the people those people know have stories that can fill pages in a novel. They keep adding stories to the point where those novels then become a series. When we listen to each other tell those stories, we listen to the part of each other that is God. That is what I find so beautiful about every person I see. Beneath the skin of every stranger on the sidewalk are experiences screaming to be shared, and I would gladly listen. But the sad truth is that I won't be able to listen to their stories.

In reality, life moves too fast, and we spend most of our time writing our own stories rather than listening. I am not able to stop every person I meet, and ask them to share their lives with me. We don't work like that. Life does not work like that. I can't approach strangers on the sidewalk and ask them, "What is your favorite memory from when you were a child?" without receiving a blank stare in return. Stories are wonderful to hear, but there is more to them than the words that create them. As I mentioned before, stories are our histories, emotions and sensations. When you tell your stories, you are sharing your history, emotions, and sensations. Sharing them requires trust.

All of our friends, all of our family, all of our pets, we trust them. Trust is what they all have in common. Trust that they love us. And they trust that we love them. Trust is the key to loving someone, and letting someone love you. For some, trust is easy to learn, for others it takes time. And for few, trust eludes them.

Trust is an unpredictable and sacred thing. So you may be willing to talk to that stranger, but they might not be willing to talk to you. So, we walk, or we drive away from the possibility of what could have been. It is an echoing feeling of regret.

Here, today, I am trusting you with one of my own stories. All of our stories actually. During pilgrimage last June, I had many new experiences; my first plane ride, my first visit to the west coast, and my first **real** trip without my family. I shared these experiences with my fellow J2A pilgrims, and these experiences helped me personally connect with each of them. We hold a history together that you simply could not make from fiction, and they are some of my fondest memories.

But stories aren't always happy things; they aren't always giggles and smiles. They can be painful, they can hurt you. Those stories can cause us to grow, allow us to love even more, and hopefully give us the courage to tell them. It is just as much our job to tell our stories as it is to listen; one cannot be truly accomplished without the other.

When we come to Church, we participate in the service, we listen to the sermons, and most importantly, we listen to God. Through the Bible and our readings, we tell the stories of our faith, and they bring a meaning to us that transcends speech. We seek the Bible to lead us to a life of spiritual fulfillment, and bring light into our hearts.

In front all of you, I have bared my mind for you to see. So, as a favor, I ask of you, the next time you see someone on the sidewalk, do not make your quick assumptions about their lives. Do not take a look at their skin and brush them to the side. Do not judge someone for what they wear, or how they act. Do not shun someone for who they love or who they want to be. Let us honor, and let us pray for each other, even if we are just strangers on the sidewalk.

So next time you see someone you don't know, you don't have to approach them. You do not have to stop and talk to them to be the Good Samaritan. You just have to trust that they have a story, and that it is a story that deserves to be told.

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES & SELF-DEDICATION



Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.* (BCP, pgs. 832-833)

High School Graduates:

Ian Hoaglund

Maggie Jaenicke
Jenna Ruberto

Helen Karp
Jack Sheehan

Jack Rovanseck

College Graduates:

Braden Allison

Nathan Arnett Sarah Bevilacqua
Stephen Zimmerer

Sophie Randall

Post-Graduate Studies:

Christina Ford

Frederick Michael Dawson ("Fritz")

Stephen Mainzer

PRAYER FOR TRAVELERS



As the academic year winds down and some of us take some time to travel, to refresh, to renew, let us pray for safe travels and safe returns. Remember, St. Andrew's is here for you all summer at 8 AM, 10 AM and 5 PM.

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular the St. Andrew's parish family; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER



IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and give praise. Psalm 56:7

ROBERT YALE MURRAY
May 24, 1934 to May 5, 2017

CATHERINE JANE RAWSON MacMILLAN
May 1, 1927 to May 10, 2017

PRAYERS AS WE SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR



For the Parish

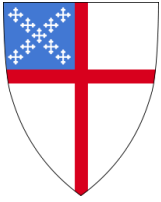
Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Selection of a Rector

Loving God, walk with us as we journey through our search for a new rector for St. Andrew's. May we be led by your Holy Spirit every step of the way. Grant us wisdom to discern your will and courage that we may with diligence carry out your purpose for your people. Let only your will be done as we seek you with all our hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Search Committee: Andrea deCarle (co-chair), Ford McNutt (co-chair), Kevin Barron, Maggie Crispell, Tom Dauler, Marisa Ferger, David Gaines, Carolyn Holt, Alison Jaenicke, Michele Marini, Caitlin Osborne, Sandy Schwartz.

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Steven Smith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist (Children's Chapel & Nursery)

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Seasonal and special services as scheduled;
consult this newsletter and the weekly parish email for information.