

“Follow me and I will make you
fish for people.” – Mark 1:17

*The monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Connecting us in community and in Christ*

January 2020

Light in the Darkness

On January 6, we celebrate the Epiphany, the visitation of the Magi to the newborn Jesus. The main symbol of this holy day is light, represented by the star that the Wise Men followed to find the Lord and signifying divine revelation. On Epiphany Jesus shines forth. The Wise Men are foreigners. They travel a great distance to pay homage to the newborn king. They represent the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy that the nations of the world would bring their glory to Israel. It is also significant that Jesus' own people did not recognize him as the Messiah, but these foreigners did.

Epiphany comes around just after the twelve days of Christmas, always right after the New Year. The timing puts us in mind of new beginnings. Appropriately, the first Sunday after the Epiphany is always the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which marks the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry and when his divinity is revealed through the action of the Holy Spirit and the voice of God. The theme of light and revelation continues throughout the season after Epiphany. The Last Sunday after the Epiphany always includes the story from the gospels about Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain where he went with Peter, James, and John, and where he was met by Moses and Elijah. In this delightful story Jesus' heavenly glory is revealed to these select

disciples, his connection to and fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets is made manifest, and once again the voice from heaven, heard at his baptism, proclaims him God's son, “the beloved.”

In the midst of the season after Epiphany comes the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. This feast comes 40 days after Christmas, which is when the first-born son was to be redeemed according to Old Testament law. More on this in the next newsletter as this year the Presentation, also known as Candlemas, falls on a Sunday and we will celebrate it that day, February 2. This occasion is the source of the beautiful Song of Simeon, or *Nunc dimittis* (Luke 2:29-32) one of the canticles for Morning Prayer. When Simeon beholds the baby Jesus in the Temple, he proclaims him, “A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.”

About this time of year all the Christmas lights are coming down, however the season of light, revelation, and divine manifestation is just about to begin. Through these dark winter days let the divine light shine in you and through you. May we all burn with that light and carry it faithfully into the world. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” (John 1:5)



November 2019

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| | November | Year-to-Date | Budget | BUDGET |
| Parishioner Contributions * | \$ 27,073 | \$ 386,135 | 84% | \$ 462,261 |
| Total Income | \$ 38,927 | \$ 419,803 | 79% | \$ 530,384 |
| Total Expense | \$ 42,668 | \$ 480k314 | 91% | \$ 530,384 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ (13,741) | \$ (60,510) | | |

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

CHARITABLE GIVING STRATEGIES

Recent discussions and communications from the church have many of us wondering how we can increase our financial contributions to St. Andrew's in ways that we may not previously have considered. We share here two perspectives, one from the "Pros" and one from the "Pews," that may inspire your own giving strategy.

FROM THE PROS: Kevin McGarry, CPA

Do you receive a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA?

Do you have appreciated stocks or mutual funds and wish to avoid capital gains taxes?

The end of the year is fast approaching! Given the increased standard deduction (\$12,200 single, \$24,400 married-filing-jointly), many individuals are realizing the importance of planning their charitable giving in order to maximize the tax savings.

Below are some strategies to consider when making charitable contributions in 2019 and beyond. Both of these strategies can be employed to pay your church pledge.

- **A Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** from your IRA. Donors can gift a portion or all of their Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to St. Andrews, satisfying the requirement and reducing their taxable income. This may yield tax savings compared to receiving the RMD directly and making contributions of cash/checks. Note, this only qualifies for individuals over 70.5.
- **A Gift of Appreciated Assets** has become a popular giving technique. With this year's stock market gains, many taxpayers may have substantially appreciated investments that would be ideal for this purpose. St. Andrews can accept a contribution of an appreciated security (stock or mutual fund), which will save you from having to recognize a gain on the sale of the security and incur capital gains tax.

If you have any questions about giving and the strategies outlined above, please contact the office or your tax advisor.

FROM THE PEWS

Sitting at my desk, drinking my coffee, my thoughts turn to our budget deficit at St. Andrew's and what I can do to help. Maybe it's too early in the morning (for me), maybe it is the eye-catching logo on my paper coffee cup, maybe I have just listened to too many PBS pledge drives, but what comes to mind is the perennial WPSU sales pitch where the on-air personality starts with the amount they want you to give and cheerfully breaks it down: "If you donate \$365, that's only \$1 a day – less than your morning cup of coffee."

Well, what about my morning cup of coffee? I pay more than \$1 for it every day on my way to work. Doing the math backwards, a large non-fat latté is approximately \$4. If I buy one five mornings a week, that comes to \$20; fifty weeks a year adds up to \$1,000! Imagine if someone said to you, "Here is \$1,000 for you to donate. Would you like us to give it St. Andrew's or Dunkin' Donuts?" When you put it like that, it is a pretty clear choice.

And I have chosen. I set up an automatic \$20 a week donation to St. Andrew's through Realm. I don't have to remember to make my payment when I am away. I don't have to write out a check. Like most of us, I am fortunate enough that I will not even really notice the \$20 expenditure, and at the end of the year, St. Andrew's will have an extra \$1,000. My money will have gone intentionally to support something that is very important to me.

It is not about giving up the coffee. I will never say I don't need coffee, but we have a coffee pot in the office with fresh coffee every morning. I am not going to say I couldn't use \$1,000, but look how I was spending it without even thinking. It is about priorities and perspective and mindfulness. I am sure there will still be days when out of habit or lack of discipline I stop and pick up a latté, or even a cappuccino, but it will be a conscious decision and St. Andrew's will still receive their contribution.

Maybe it isn't coffee, but is there something on which you spend \$20 a week? Is it more important than the role St. Andrew's plays in your life? Few of us have stacks of money languishing in a bank vault somewhere, but I would bet most of us have more than we realize. Sometimes small change can have a big impact.

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



December 2019

The December vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, December 10. The meeting was primarily concerned with budgetary affairs. As parishioners are already aware, we expected to end 2019 with a significant budgetary deficit. Vestry discussed the proposed 2020 austerity budget and its potential additional tiers, as prepared for us by Finance Committee. With significant discussion over terminology and the best way to discuss the budget and its spending choices, vestry ultimately approved the 2020 budget. Following the meeting, Fr. Jeff, vestry members, and Finance Committee members discussed the budget in the December 15 adult forum space.

Vestry is also preparing for its January strategic planning retreat, which will also serve as its ministry project for the diocesan mutual ministry review process begun in November. In addition, vestry approved funding for Junior Warden Kathryn Yahner to attend the "Rooted in Jesus" conference in Atlanta in January, and we are looking forward to learning what experiences and connections she brings back!

As always, approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab), and parishioners are always welcome and invited to attend vestry meetings. Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in room 324.

VESTRY ELECTION UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that the following four parishioners have accepted nominations to serve on the vestry: Paul Humphreys, Michele Marini, Kitty Mussett, and JudithAnn Rule. Their photos and bios appear below. Because there are four nominees for four open positions, balloting will not take place; the nominees will be elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting on January 26.

PAUL HUMPHREYS

I deeply care about St. Andrew's. Service has been a central theme of my adult life. When asked about running for a position on the Vestry, those two factors combined to make the prospect of serving on the Vestry very exciting for me.

Along with my biography, I was asked to submit a photo. After some thought, I decided to use a photo representing my sense of service and devotion to duty. Just to explain, I don't think my military career makes me either more or less qualified for a position on the Vestry. Please don't get me wrong; in the Coast Guard, I learned skills and developed habits that would enable me to be a dedicated, capable, honorable member of the Vestry. On the other hand, a well-functioning vestry is one with people from diverse backgrounds. (I sincerely feel diversity makes any group stronger, more capable, and more empathetic). So, even though I selected a photo representing my Coast Guard career, I'm not running as Lieutenant Commander Paul Humphreys, USCG (retired); I'm running as "Paul" - a parishioner who cares about our parish, our faith tradition, the people we serve in the wider community, and the people of our parish community.



I'm fortunate my career gave me opportunities to work in administration, financial management, facilities management, and human services. All of those disciplines would likely constitute useful backgrounds for service on the Vestry. I'm also a former Coast Guard helicopter pilot and professional air ambulance helicopter pilot. I still have my license; however, I am no longer in a position to meet the stringent medical requirements of aviation.

My transition away from flying was not voluntary. That period of time was challenging for me, for a number of reasons. However, that period also opened a new life for me; one in which I was suddenly able to commit to doing things I was previously unable to do (due to being away from home frequently during my time as a pilot). Since leaving flying, I have served St. Andrew's as a middle school youth group leader, high school youth group leader, Godly Play teacher, teacher for 5th/6th grade children in our church school, member of two St. Andrew's Discernment Committees, and as a member of the music group for the 5:00 Sunday service. I was confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church here at St. Andrew's. Away from church, I became able to commit to regular rehearsals as a member of the State College Area Municipal Band.

Spiritual growth and development of my relationship with Christ is critically important to me. I look for opportunities for growth, and I try to live an intentional, ordered life of prayer.

I am genuinely optimistic about St. Andrew's, even at this time of financial challenges. I will enthusiastically serve to the utmost of my ability if called to be a member of the Vestry, with a spirit of devotion to duty, reverence of teamwork and collaboration, love for St. Andrew's, and dedication to the work we perform for our community.

MICHELE MARINI

I grew up in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America – a very liturgical, Ukrainian speaking church. Rich and I were married in that church, in a service that was mostly Ukrainian. Rich still isn't 100% sure that we are really married. He recognized some words but not many; he did, however, say "I do" in 1981, and has stuck by me ever since. Not being able to find a Ukrainian church was a convenient excuse for a young me to stray away from regular church attendance.

That all changed in 1988, when I was pregnant with our first son, Chris. I was confirmed as an Episcopalian at Christ Episcopal Church in Blacksburg, VA. The Episcopal church was a good compromise for me (an Orthodox Christian) and Rich (who was raised Roman Catholic). At Christ Church I taught Sunday school, led Children's Chapel, was in charge of altar guild and parish life. I joined the Daughters of the King (DOK) in 2000.



We moved to central PA in 2004, and we joined St. Andrew's, where I joined the altar guild and Education for Ministry, completing the 4-year curriculum in 2008, and I have served as a lay eucharistic minister and a lay eucharistic visitor. In 2006 I started a DOK chapter at St. Andrew's, where I served for 6 years as chapter president. I assembled 3 DOK chapters in our Diocese, and served as Diocesan president for our CPa Assembly for 6 years. During my presidency, my organizational skills were tested as our diocese hosted the Province III DOK retreat at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD. I currently serve on the DOK National council as the Province III Daughters-at-large chairperson, for Daughters who are in churches without a parish DOK chapter. I also started the Prayer Quilt Ministry group at St. Andrews with Marge Fleming and Lorna DonTigny and we continue to meet today to create baptismal quilts for newly baptized babies and prayer quilts for those facing personal challenges. I have volunteered at Community Café, have cooked meals for OOTC, and have faithfully served on Parish Life. Most recently I served on both the Parish Profile and the search committees for a new rector. I also serve as an usher, a lector and as a counter for our weekly offering. Along with Robin Bagby and Steve Hopkins, I have organized the Taize services during Lent and Advent.

Outside of St. Andrews I breed and show Bearded Collies (since 1984), am the treasurer for our local kennel club and I work as a statistical data analyst in the Center for Childhood Obesity Research. I am very hard-working and very organized, as I always have many things happening at the same time. That seems to be both my blessing and my curse. I start and end every day with prayer, and I try to include other spiritual devotions as the seasons and the spirits move me. As one of my vows as a Daughter is to serve my parish and our rector, serving on the vestry for St. Andrew's seems to be in keeping with that vow. I believe I have many gifts that I can contribute as a member of the vestry, and am willing to serve in whatever capacity I am called to.

KITTY MUSSETT

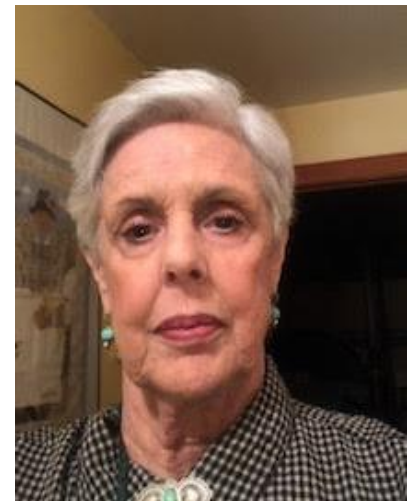
St. Andrew's has been my church home since 2004, when Katie was just 3 and Danny barely 1. To go from a church where I was in the nursery every other Sunday with my children to having Julie tell me I only needed to serve once per quarter because there were so many volunteers was just amazing! I have participated in other ministries at St. Andrew's including Sunday School teacher, Coffee Hour hostess and OOTC. I am currently the President of our Daughters of the King chapter at St. Andrew's and serve on the Diocesan Board as Recording Secretary. I grew up in the church, St. Mark's Episcopal in Erie, to be exact. The building and people were as familiar to me as my own home and family. I want St. Andrew's to feel like that to everyone who attends. Perhaps serving on the vestry will enable me to serve others so that we all feel more like a family. Outside of St. Andrew's, I have been a regular full-time faculty member at Penn State Altoona since 1997 and currently hold the title of Assistant Teaching Professor of Spanish. My husband Mike, daughter Katie and son Danny and I live in Benner Township with our English Springer Spaniel, Marley. In my free time, I like to go for walks with Marley, play cards and spend time with friends and family.



JUDITHANN RULE

To begin, I am a cradle Episcopalian. I have lived many places in the U.S. In each Episcopal church has included choir (do not ask me to sing!), Altar Guild, Vestry twice, Jr. Warden, President of a group that met each Thursday. There I provided interesting speakers for most gatherings. As a teenager in Miami, I was elected President of the Miami Deanery. In addition, I am a Sub-deacon and Eucharistic Visitor.

So, long story short, I have spent many hours at my church. In UT I planned many social gatherings. The Episcopal Church means so much to me. I would like to be part of the Vestry if elected.



CONVENTION DELEGATES

The following six parishioners have accepted nominations to serve as our six allotted delegates (and two alternates) at our annual diocesan convention.

They will be elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting on January 26:

Anthony Grillo
Carolee Grillo
Kevin Lowe
Linda Mace
Sandy Schwartz
Marion Schwartz
Walter Wells (alternate)
Molly Wells (alternate)

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK SUPPER

Sunday, January 26 * 6 p.m. * Canterbury Hall

Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the annual meeting including election of vestry members and convention delegates.

If your last name begins with A – L,
please bring a dessert or side dish.

If your last name begins with M – Z,
please bring a main dish to share.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTMAS ALBUM

ADVENT PARTY

It is wonderful to prepare for Christmas with some crafting and treats with our church family. Thanks to everyone who joined us way back on the first Sunday of Advent (so close to Thanksgiving!).



ST. NICHOLAS

Thank you to Paul Humphreys for bringing St. Nicholas to life this year! What a wonderful treat!



TOYS FOR TOTS

Jolly thanks to Greg Lovisky for carting off our haul of Toys for Tots (back in early December) to the receiving and wrapping center at the Penn Stater!



CHRISTMAS COOKIES



It wouldn't feel quite like Christmas at St. Andrew's without the great cookie drop-off, baking and boxing workshop on the second Sunday of December! Thank you so much for buying up our boxes. We raised a very nice amount for youth trips and retreats. Thank you also to Betha Christopher for organizing this effort!



COMPASSIONATE LIFE

The women of Compassionate Life celebrated the season by decorating gourds (grown by Sharon Rovansek) and wearing their Christmas tree skirts to their annual party.



NATIVITY PAGEANT CHRISTMAS EVE



CHILI AND CORNBREAD SALE

Saturday, February 2 after all three services
Canterbury Hall

Calling all chili & cornbread makers! Journey Youth are requesting donations of your specialties to sell for their annual Super Bowl Sunday fundraiser.

To contribute, email Lori McGarry (mcgarrylori@comcast.net) or sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4fabab2f4-chili1. Bring your pot(s) of prepared chili (labeled with your name and chili type) and cornbread to the kitchen on Saturday, February 1st, from 10am to 12pm. Chili and cornbread will be sold after all services on Sunday, February 2nd, and you can pick up your cleaned pots and pans then, too. Thanks for your help!



ADULT FORMATION

ADULT FORUMS

Sundays, 9 a.m., Beginning January 12
Canterbury Hall

Jan 12: **Deepening Our Spirituality: Interactions with Sacred Objects from Other Faiths** - Michele Hamilton and Shih-In Ma

The Christian faith path is unique, but still shares similarities with other faiths in terms of goals (respect for deity, righteous living, how to live with others and in the world) and how we enact our faith (communal and solitary worship, daily prayer, scholarship, mysticism, charitable works). Deeper understandings of our own faith and practices can emerge from speaking with people of different faiths and learning more about their customs and practices. Michele Hamilton and Shih-In Ma will lead us in an interfaith dialogue about faith, prayer, and sacred objects.



Jan 19: **Faith In Action: Composting and Creation Care at St. Andrew's** - Alison Jaenicke, Kevin Lowe, and the Creation Care Corps

One of the Episcopal Church's priorities is to "take up church-wide action in order to safeguard the integrity of Creation and to sustain and renew the life of the Earth." In that spirit, a new ministry at St. Andrew's, the Creation Care Corps, was kicked off last July. The group intends to work with other committees and ministries at St. Andrew's to support efforts to bring a creation care lens to our work as a church. The initial emphasis has been on creating a composting waste stream for the St. Andrew's kitchen, in cooperation with Community Cafe and the Property Committee. In this forum, Alison Jaenicke will share a photo slideshow of our new composting system in action at the Community Cafe, and members of the Creation Care Corps will lead a discussion on creation care goals and possibilities.

Jan 26: **Faith in Motion: Praying the Labyrinth** - Christina Ford

Many people have found walking the labyrinth to be an engaging spiritual prayer in motion. Christina Ford will lead us in learning about the Christian spiritual practice of the labyrinth, with a short introduction to the history and symbolism of the practice. Then we will experience walking a labyrinth (which will be taped down in Canterbury Hall) or using a finger labyrinth. Finally, we will close by sharing our experiences with the labyrinth prayer.

CREATION CARE CORPS

Thursday, January 16, 5:30 p.m.
Room 119

Formation and Future

In July 2019, a group of parishioners gathered to consider the question: what can we do as a congregation to multiply and amplify our individual, parochial efforts at environmental stewardship?

On its webpage devoted to the Episcopal Vision for Creation Care, the Episcopal Church proclaims: “As a whole church, we have promised to place the care of God’s Creation at the heart of our common life. Together, we have taken up church-wide action in order to safeguard the integrity of Creation and to sustain and renew the life of the Earth.”

Our group aims to fulfill this vision. At our first meeting, we dubbed ourselves the Creation Care Corps (CCC). We’ve met only a half-dozen times, but over the past six months we’ve managed to form relationships and bonds, set some priorities, act on some of them, raise awareness about creation care issues among parishioners, and form a philosophy about how we will function within the larger church body.

Our emerging philosophy is that we will work with other committees and groups to help and support them in carrying out their missions in ways that are in line with the Episcopal Church’s Vision for Creation Care.

To that end, in October we worked with the Friday Films group to show the film “Paris to Pittsburgh” (a documentary that “celebrates how Americans are demanding and developing real solutions in the face of climate change.”) Throughout the fall, we’ve worked with Community Café, Property Committee, and other church members to support and improve our communal kitchen’s composting program and divert more food waste from the landfill. (Have you seen the new composting facility behind Trinity House?)

In 2019, we’ve been in formation stage, but as we head into 2020, we have several goals and areas of focus:

- Continue to work on food waste and recycling, at Community Café, Coffee Hour, and other church events.
- Recruit and educate Green Ambassadors for a “Green Team” (see job ad below).
- Work with the Property Committee to follow up on a previous “energy audit” of St. Andrew’s facilities by looking for ways to reduce our energy consumption and purchase “greener” electricity.
- Explore issues of social justice and creation care by holding a community coffee education and tasting event.
- Work with Parish Life/Coffee Hour/Community Café members on general purchasing practices (e.g., compostable or reusable plates, cups, etc.)

We meet the third Thursday of each month; our next meeting will be **Thursday, 1/16 at 5:30 pm**. Join us! Questions? Contact: Kevin Lowe, kevinlowe33@gmail.com.



WANTED – GREEN AMBASSADORS: In January, the CCC will begin forming a team of “Green Ambassadors” to help support the food waste stream and recycling efforts at the Community Café. We would like to have a Green Team member come into the Café at end of the night each Thursday, (approximately at 6:45 pm) to oversee recycling, composting, and other end-of-night green tasks. Green Ambassadors will need to be knowledgeable about the system—what goes where? —and then make sure it happens. That person doesn’t have to do all the work—they would just need to get trained on the system and then oversee it. We will need at least one ambassador from the Green Team each week, and we will establish a rotation. Interested? Contact Alison Jaenicke, alisoncj@comcast.net, 814-883-9884.

UPCOMING

TRIVIA NIGHT: 2020
JANUARY 31st
Come for Food, Prizes, & Fun!

Presented by: The Community Café at St. Andrew’s
Doors open 6:15 PM, competition at 7:00 PM
In Canterbury Hall

\$20 gets you in the game, unlimited pub fare, & soft drinks
All proceeds will be donated to Community Café!
Tickets available in the office and after services starting 1/12



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PIEROGI & KIELBASA DINNER

DRINK & DESSERT INCLUDED
WITH MEALS
DINE IN OR OUT
\$10/PERSON

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18
4 PM TO 7 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL
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BELLEFONTE, PA 16823

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RACIAL JUSTICE ALLIES

Wednesday, January 22, 7 p.m.
Room 330

Racial Justice Allies is a local group started by the Rev. Pam Ford, previous pastor of Albright-Bethune UMC, to explore topics of racial justice and their applications in our community. The group is open to all and meets at area churches on a rotating basis. In January, they will meet at St. Andrew's to discuss the book and the film, *Just Mercy*.



Just Mercy tells the true story of Bryan Stevenson and his work as founder the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need. It focuses on one his first cases, client Walter McMillian, who was unjustly on death row in Alabama for killing a young white woman.

Racial Justice Allies would encourage everyone to read the book, see the film (in theaters now – here is the [movie trailer](#)), and join a discussion.

If you would like more information about the Racial Justice Allies, would like to attend their meeting on January 22, or would be interested in setting up a book discussion for St. Andrew's members, please contact Marion Schwartz kmarsch09@gmail.com.

11TH Annual ECUMENICAL LENTEN CONCERT

Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.

Grace Lutheran Church, 205 South Garner Street

Wanted: Singers for Ecumenical concert



Singers are invited to participate in the eleventh annual ecumenical Lenten concert on Wednesday, March 25 from 7-8 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in downtown State College. The 40-50 voice choir, directed by Laurel Sanders, features a Rachmaninoff *Kyrie*; settings of *Lord, Have Mercy* by Orlando Gibbons and William Byrd; the premiere of *The Window: A Kyrie for Notre Dame* by Laurel Sanders; *A Little Jazz Mass* by Bob Chilcott; and *Behold, How Good* by Michael John Trotta. Music will be provided to singers at no cost and there are no auditions. Music-reading skills are helpful, but all singers are welcome. For details or to sign up, contact Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org or call (814) 238-2478.

From the Financial Secretary Online Giving for 2020

Thank you to all our parishioners who use the online giving option for giving to St. Andrew's. If you have set up recurring payments through Realm for your pledge giving, please make sure you update your scheduled payments to the correct fund for 2020, **Operating Pledges – 2020**. Also make sure you update the amount of the payment to coincide with your 2020 pledge amount. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Andrew at financesc@standrewsc.org

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

KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, January 12, 11:15 a.m.
Room 324

You're invited to join us, your friends in Knitting Ministry! We are parishioners and friends of St. Andrews who knit and crochet together to make beautiful and useful things for others. Don't know how to knit but want to learn? No worries, we will teach you. Bring a project to work on and a snack or treat to share. Future meetings:

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| January 12, 2020 | April 12, 2020 |
| February 9, 2020 | May 10, 2020 |
| March 8, 2020 | |

For more information contact Anne Hoag,
anne.hoag@gmail.com

FRIDAY FILMS

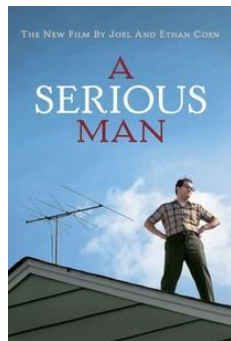
Friday, January 24, 7 p.m.
Canterbury Hall

A Serious Man, 2009

Rated: R

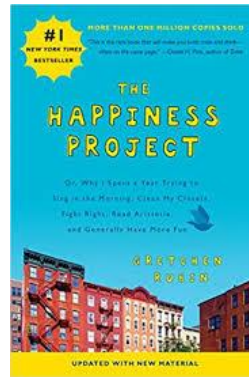
In this "hidden gem" (SandySchwartz) by writer/directors Joel and Ethan Coen, a mild-mannered

midwestern physics professor struggles to make sense of the tribulations besetting him and turns to three different rabbis for assistance. Snacks are served at 6:30, the film begins at 7 p.m.



BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 28, 7 p.m.
Room 324



Eight members of the St. Andrew's Book Club met on a frigid night at Barnes and Noble and had a wonderful time browsing the store, reading through new titles, and eating desserts and drinking coffee. Several titles have been added to our reading list for 2020. At the suggestion of one

of our book club members, and in the spirit of New Years with the theme of renewal, The St. Andrews Book Club decided to read Gretchen Rubin's *The Happiness Project* which chronicles the author's year long quest of reflection, research, evaluation, and practice in order to increase the amount of happiness in her life. The end result is not just a memoir, but has turned into a movement nationwide and seems especially appropriate to discuss now as many of us make resolutions to begin our new year. Please join us for what will be a lively discussion.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Michelle McNutt | 13 Madi Christopher | 23 Daniel Foster |
| 1 Beti Bell | 13 Erica Wells | 24 Gretchen Schrock-Jacobson |
| 1 Pam Couch | 14 Alison Jaenicke | 24 Susan Dawson |
| 1 Anne Ayer | 15 Charles Reich | 26 Darla Lindberg |
| 1 Theresa Johnson-Pritchett | 15 Jim Frego-Bliek | 26 David Spencer |
| 2 Richard Porter | 16 Abraham Rovanseck | 26 Molly Hoover |
| 3 Esther Wall | 17 Dale Gericke | 26 Navy Cozad |
| 4 Jack Selzer | 17 Sandy Barney | 27 Shirley Leopold |
| 6 Ainsley Paulsen | 18 Teri Smith | 28 Ruth Packard |
| 7 Dana Tilghman | 19 Marybeth Hoffman | 29 Elaine Meder-Wilgus |
| 7 Christie Alter | 21 Diane Dillon | 30 Laurel Zydny |
| 9 Melanie Foster | 21 Nat Hickner | 31 Beth Jones |
| 12 Melody Chisholm | 21 Mike Hickner | |
| 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.

The 2020 **Altar Flower** chart has been posted in the Narthex. Please consider celebrating a birthday or anniversary, remembering a loved one, or giving thanks for a blessing by sponsoring our weekly altar flowers. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletin and your donation of \$60 will help defray costs for our lovely arrangements each week. Claim your date by signing your name in any open slot (more than one family may give flowers on the same Sunday.) You may pay online or by check or cash at any time with the memo "Altar Flowers."

Those for Whom We Pray

Stu, Teri, Mary, Chuck, Sandy, Anne, Pat, Christian, John, Tim, Fritz, Chloe, Dick, Joyce, Charlene, Patrick, Darlene, Linda, Joanne, Annette, Joan, Don, Jane, Vicki, Kevin, Diane, David, Frank, Sara, Emily, Robbie

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

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