

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

February 2020

It's Not Just For Groundhogs



When Joseph and Mary went to the Temple to do what was required according to the Law, Simeon was led by the Spirit to meet them there. He had been told by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before seeing the Lord's Messiah. Upon taking Jesus into his arms, Simeon sings his song, known as the *Nunc dimittis*: (Lk. 2:29-32)

Lord, you now have set your servant free
 to go in peace as you have promised;
 For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
 whom you have prepared for all the world
 to see:
 A Light to enlighten the nations,
 and the glory of your people Israel.

Simeon ends by informing Mary, “And a sword will pierce your own soul too.” Then the aged prophet Anna, also in the Temple that day, “began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.” (Lk 2:38)

This event furthers Jesus' mission of fulfilling the Law, and in some liturgical churches it has been seen as the end of the season of Epiphany. In England, many keep their Christmas trees up until the second of February.

For us it is a reminder that Jesus' mission was complex. His parents did the things prescribed in the Law for him and raised him in a faithful Jewish home. Quickly, though, his ministry went beyond just the House of Israel, and he became a light to enlighten all nations. This savior was for all of God's people, all those who would accept his gift of salvation.

On Sunday, February 2, we will celebrate one of the feasts of our Lord's life. It is the last of the incidents in Luke's infancy narratives in chapter 2. In accordance with the Law, Jesus is presented in the Temple in Jerusalem on the fortieth day after his birth, and redeemed, since he was the firstborn son, with the sacrifice of two turtledoves or two young pigeons (Ex. 13:12-15). And Mary completes her time of purification after having given birth (Lev. 12). On our calendar this is known as The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple, but it is also called Candlemas, since there was a tradition of priests blessing beeswax candles on this day for use in the church or the home throughout the year. We will have a special procession with candles at the 10:00 service that day. Since it is a Feast of Jesus, it takes precedence over the Sunday which would have been the fourth Sunday after the Epiphany. And no, there is no mention in Scripture of whether the infant Jesus saw his shadow or not...

EVENSONG

Sunday, February 2, 5 p.m.

Church

Reception to follow in Room 325

On Sunday, February 2nd, the Adult Choir will sing the service of choral evensong. Music will include

- MAGNIFICAT & NUNC DIMITTIS IN A by Simon Lindley,
- MY SPIRIT LONGS FOR THEE by Barry Smith,
- THY PERFECT LOVE by John Rutter and
- PRECES AND RESPONSES by Richard Shephard.



Organist Gwen Catchen will play music by Johann Pachelbel and David Lasky. The officiant will be the Rev. Jeffrey A. Packard, rector of St. Andrew's.

Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the Office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy. After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world. This is the form used at St. Andrew's.

Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history, originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to touch us and to draw us closer to the presence of God.

Please join us for this service. Bring some friends! Come and be refreshed and renewed for the days ahead. A reception will follow in Room 325.

The next Evensong will be Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 5 p.m.



December 2019

			% of	2019
	December	Year-to-Date	Budget	BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 67,309	\$ 453,445	98%	\$ 462,261
Total Income	\$ 71,248	\$ 491,551	93%	\$ 530,384
Total Expense	\$ 43,728	\$ 524,041	99%	\$ 530,384
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 27,520	\$ (32,490)		

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

Many thanks to those parishioners who stepped up at the end of the year to help us decrease our deficit. This is the first month since I started working as Treasurer that we have been in the black for the month. It feels great to have plenty of money in the checking account, so keep those pledges and offerings coming!



January 2020

The January vestry meeting was held in conjunction with the vestry's retreat on Saturday, January 11. The vestry met at the Nature Inn at Bald Eagle State Park. The day was devoted to producing the outline of a process for spending 2020 developing a strategic plan for the parish's future. The vestry analyzed our positive resources as well as challenges that we expect to face. A three-phase process was designed: the first phase (educate/inform) will run from now through Lent; the second phase (dream/discern) will run from Easter into the early fall; and the third phase (finalize the plan) will take place in the middle of the fall, with the intention of presenting a detailed strategic plan to the parish at the 2021 annual meeting. Fr. Jeff introduced the strategic planning process in his rector's address at the annual meeting, held on Sunday, January 26.

In regular business, the vestry voted to allow our 2019 budget deficit to stand as is for accounting purposes. The retreat was also the final meeting for the outgoing vestry members: Steven Smith (senior warden), Bruce Cramer, Tom Dauler, and Michele Hamilton. Many thanks again to Steven, Bruce, Tom, and Michele for their dedicated service!

At the January 26 annual meeting, four new vestry members were elected by acclamation: Paul Humphreys, Michele Marini, Kitty Mussett, and JudithAnn Rule. Welcome to vestry!

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. .

Canterbury Society

The name “Canterbury Society” may evoke images of an exclusive or privileged group within our parish. However, it is nothing of the kind. The Canterbury Society is simply made up of those who have included St. Andrew’s in their estate plans. This could be a specific bequest in your will, a percentage of your estate, the transfer of a particular asset, or any number of other ways to ensure a legacy of support for your parish. The amount is going to be different for everyone, but the important thing is to consider how you might be a blessing for years beyond your lifetime.



Here’s a little history of the Canterbury Society. Back in 1996, Mason Walsh made a \$100,000 contribution to St. Andrew’s to establish the Breneman Fund, in memory of his mother and maternal grandparents. Mason Walsh, now deceased, was an attorney; he grew up in St. Andrew’s. When we conducted the Capital Campaign in 1996, Mr. Walsh offered another gift of \$100,000 if we could match that sum in deferred giving. The principal sum of the campaign was \$300,000 for current needs.

Many of us wrote our wills to include the church, sometimes simply adding a codicil to an existing will. We more than matched Mr. Walsh’s \$100,000 during the campaign: we added \$232,955 in deferred giving, in addition to the \$351,313 in actual funds received for the campaign.

After the very successful campaign, we decided to create The Canterbury Society, to recognize all those people who named our church in their wills. The hope is that we continue to add parishioners to the Society every year, for the long-term financial health of our parish.

We were thrilled when Mr. Walsh added another donation of \$200,000 to the Breneman Fund in December of 2011. There have been many others who have contributed to our endowments over the years, either through their estate or through a direct gift. As you know, the income from these funds has been helping us with our current budget deficit. The funds have proven to be even more important than we realized at the time.

In the past, we hosted dinners to thank people for including the church in their estate plans. We have not held a dinner in the recent past. This year we want to host another thank-you for all those people who have included

our church in their wills. On April 22, after the Wednesday noon worship, we will have a luncheon to honor everyone who has included the church in his/her estate plans. We plan to have the luncheon catered by Taproot Kitchen, a local non-profit that provides employment for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Later in the year, we plan to have a dinner for potential Canterbury Society members at which you can receive information about creating a legacy gift and get your questions answered. Please consider including St. Andrew’s in your estate plans if you have not already done so. On your annual pledge card, you can let us know that you have done so, or you could simply notify the church office.

Save the Dates

Wednesday, April 22, 1 p.m.
**“Thank-You” Luncheon for current
 Canterbury Society Members**

Fall 2020

**Dinner for potential
 Canterbury Society Members**

Pam Ferguson

CHILI AND CORNBREAD SALE

Saturday, February 2 after all three services
Canterbury Hall

Chili and cornbread will be sold after all services on Sunday, February 2nd. There will be many delicious varieties and your purchase of any one will benefit the Journey Youth program. Can't decide? Take home one container for the Super Bowl and put one in the freezer! Thank you for your support.



YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

In January, the confirmation class hosted Fr. Packard for a Q&A session and some instruction on Sacraments and the Eucharist. In early February, the class will meet with their mentors for a Sunday evening meal to talk about mentors' and leaders' experience of confirmation as well as having a chance to ask questions about faith. Please pray for these 11 youth in their last month of classes as they are making decisions about confirmation!

JOURNEY MIDDLE

Our seven youth and their leaders are gearing up for a full spring! Their Rite13 Celebration is scheduled for early May and they will be busy preparing for this meaningful event, as well as moving through their regular lessons on Sunday mornings.

GODLY PLAY

Our Godly Play children are working with stories on Jesus' parables until the beginning of Lent. I wish you all could experience the beauty of a Godly Play story in the circle of our children! It is one of the joys of being a teacher in this classroom. Teacher Paul Humphreys has shared clarinet music with the group recently as part of our opening singing time! Thank you, Paul!

3rd-6th CLASS

Our older children have had some thought-provoking lessons from the gospel lectionary readings recently as we make our way through Epiphany. They are praying, reading scripture, reflecting on their week and playing games together.



Strategic Planning

ADULT FORUMS

Sunday, February 2, 9 a.m.
Canterbury Hall

Strategic Planning at Saint Andrew's - Members of the Vestry

At the Annual Meeting, Fr. Jeff introduced the vestry's intention to engage the parish in a process of strategic planning for the future sustainability of our parish. This process is expected to culminate in the presentation of a detailed strategic plan at next year's annual meeting. In this open forum, members of the vestry will be available to answer questions and discuss the process that was announced at the meeting.

Next week: 2/9 – **Exploring Creation Care in Scripture and Worship** - Kevin Lowe

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

...BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK

Saturday, February 15
10 a.m. – Noon
Church

Why do different clergy wear different types of vestments?

Which side is the Gospel side and which is the Epistle side?

What is an aspergillum?

The Rev.
The Very Rev.
The Rt. Rev.
The Most Rev.
Which one is it?

If you have every had any questions about the Episcopal church or would just like to learn something new, you are invited to join the Adult Confirmation class for this informative session led by Fr. Jeff. The class will be held in the church with hands-on opportunities to visit the sacristy and altar. Topics will include vestments, vessels, symbolism, architecture – and of course plenty of time for your questions. No pre-registration required.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

This is not a complete listing. More details will follow in the March Net and weekly communications.

TICKETS ON SALE STARTING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 25, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Canterbury Hall

All-You-Can-Eat

Pancakes. Sausage. Eggs and Applesauce



Tickets \$4 Adults, \$3 Kids 3-12; after February 23, \$5 Adults, \$4 Kids 3-12

All proceeds from the Pancake Supper support Parish Life events.
Sign up to help (<http://bit.ly/LentPancakes>) or contact Darlene Nordoff.

QUIET MORNING AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sponsored by Daughters of the King
Saturday, February 29, 9 a.m. - Noon

All members of St. Andrew's (and guests) are welcome to begin their observance of Lent with a Quiet Morning to be held on the Church on Saturday, February 29. Planning is still ongoing, so please watch your weekly emails and bulletins for further information and save the date on your calendar to spend the morning in quiet reflection and prayer.



LENTEN PROGRAMS AND SUPPERS

Wednesday evenings March 4, 18, 25, and April 1

Dinner begins at 6 p.m., program starts at 6:45 p.m.

Children's Activities scheduled for March 4 and March 25

Childcare available upon request

Programs

The evening programs this Lent will focus on the Strategic Planning process recently launched at our Annual Meeting.

Dinner

We are recruiting volunteers from the parish to help with our dinners this year and have divided this into three different tasks: set up (including beverages), providing the meal (similar to Out of the Cold), and clean up. Our sexton, Scott Luzier, has already graciously offered to handle clean up for all four meals. Meals should be a simple and hearty with an entrée, one or two sides or salad and simple dessert if you wish – homemade, store bought, or a combination. – to feed approximately 35 people. Things like macaroni and cheese, lasagna, chili, soup, or a favorite casserole are always popular. A sign up will be available soon, but please consider if you individually, as a group, or with friends would like to contribute. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Allison Shea.

PALM CROSS MAKING

Saturday, April 4, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Room 325

This Lent we will be reviving an old tradition at St. Andrew's, gathering before Palm Sunday to make the crosses that are distributed at services on that day. Instruction and refreshments will be provided. The craft is fun and easy to learn for parishioners of any age, male or female, and the conversation is always lively. Please plan to join us – many hands make light work!



The Union of Black Episcopalians, The Bishop Nathan Baxter Chapter, in partnership with
The Episcopal Church of Central Pennsylvania and The St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral and School, presents

THE FEAST OF THE BLESSED ABSALOM JONES CELEBRATION AND ESSAY CONTEST



Join us in celebrating a man of
admirable faith and an unwavering
commitment to Jesus.
All are welcome.

WHEN: Saturday, February 29, 2020 at
11 am. Reception and Essay
Contest to Follow.

WHERE: St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral
221 N. Front St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Special Guests: The African Episcopal Church
of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, PA, Pennsylvania
Diocese Choir and Rector

Preacher: The Very Rev. Dr. Canon Martini
Shaw, 17th rector of the Historic African
Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Audrey C. Scanlan, XI
Bishop

Concelebrant: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan D.
Baxter, X, retired bishop, CPA; The Very Rev.
Dr. Amy D. Welin, Dean; The Very Rev. Dr.
Canon Martini Shaw

Honorary Chair: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Nathan D.
Baxter, Bishop Retired

Chair: Anthony Alexander

**Co- Chair and Essay Contest
Coordinator:** Karen Love

CONTACT: The Rev. Shayna J. Watson,
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The
EPISCOPAL CHURCH in
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week (except during Advent and Lent) Woodrings Floral delivers a pair of lovely arrangements to St. Andrew's to dress our altar on Sunday. That is not the end of the story, however. After morning services are over, members of the Altar Guild deliver the arrangements with a note from St. Andrew's to two individuals, either someone in the parish who may need to know that we are thinking of them and praying for them due to an illness or other adversity or to someone on our homebound list – a parishioner who is not physically able to attend services. We often receive notes of thanks in return expressing how much this means to the recipient and how it brightens their day.

The cost of our arrangements each week is \$60. 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.) We do not have someone who needs flowers every week, so you may choose to take your flowers home when you make a donation if you wish – please notify the office in advance. You may pay online or by check or cash at any time with the memo “Altar Flowers.”



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

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Saturday, February 1, Noon
Room 119

Following a light lunch at noon, we will work on our quilts. Please note: this is a change from our usual second Saturday meeting day.

GEN XY

Friday, February 7, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
222 E. Irvin Avenue

If you are a young adult or young family (all are welcome - no carding at the door!), please join us for a potluck dinner at Sarah, Kevin, & Julia Lowe's on **Friday, February 7 @ 6:30-8:30pm** – 222 E. Irvin Avenue, State College. Kids welcome! Sarah & Kevin will provide a main dish, so feel free to bring a side, a dessert, or just yourselves! RSVPs requested but not required to sek175@gmail.com.

KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, February 9 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. Hats, scarves, Peace Pals, baby blankets and more are made with our hands and hearts for Knitting4Peace (www.knitting4peace.org) who distribute them through mission health clinics in the developing world.. Don't know how to knit but want to learn? No worries, we will teach you. Mark your calendar and drop in:

February 9, 2020 April 12, 2020
March 8, 2020 May 17, 2020

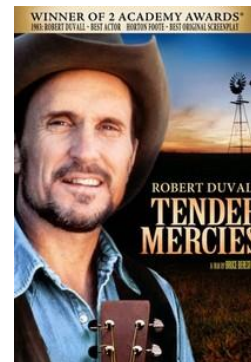
For more information contact Anne Hoag,
anne.hoag@gmail.com

FRIDAY FILMS

Friday, February 21, 7 p.m.
Canterbury Hall

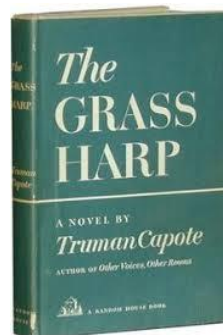
Tender Mercies (1983)
Rated: PG

A simple story simply told, *Tender Mercies* is a warm, persuasive tale of hope, with Academy Award winner Robert Duvall giving one of his finest performances as a broken man who travels the long, crooked road to redemption. Food will be available at 6:30 p.m and the film will begin at 7:00 p.m. A discussion will follow for those who wish to stay.



BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.
Room 324



About ten members of the St. Andrew's Book Club met to discuss Gretchen Rubin's "The Happiness Project" and what individual lessons in the book resonated with us as guidance to improve our overall well-being and balance our lifestyles.

For the month of February, the Book Club voted to read *The Grass Harp* by Truman Capote. This 1951 novel (since made into a motion picture and a Broadway play) chronicles three comical southern town misfits who take up residence in a treehouse as a way to escape societal pressures. It has been said that *The Grass Harp* was Truman Capote's favorite book that he wrote. Please join us on February 25th to discuss *The Grass Harp*.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 John Pomeroy	10 Jeffrey Packard	21 John Jones
2 Lou Barth	11 Rich Marini	23 Lucy Cramer
3 Mary McCubbin	11 Ford McNutt	23 Israel O'Brien
3 Marcia Pomeroy	13 Laura Mitchell	24 Marisa Ferger
4 Marie Doll	14 Gretchen Leathers	24 Eugene Shaw-Colyer
5 Danny Mussett	16 Diane Irwin	24 Amy Pritchett
5 Tom Saiers	18 Bobbie Strunk	26 Nolan Markowski
5 Dennis Shea	19 Robert Brant	26 Andrea McCloskey
7 Patrick McNutt	21 Risha Shea	27 Connie Puckett
7 Janie Brown	21 Barney Dillon	28 Karen Dabney
10 Carol Robie	21 Abbey Humphreys	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a February 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.

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

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

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