

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

September 2021

## Trinity House: Journey From Vacant to Occupied

My family moved out of Trinity House just about two years ago to the day of when I am writing this article. The house sat empty for more than a year. Then, during our October vestry meeting last year someone asked a simple question: "What are we doing with Trinity House?" The question was born from noticing that we were paying about \$4,000 per year on utilities even as it sat empty. The next month we discussed goals for any potential use of the house. We came up with two goals. 1) We didn't necessarily need to make a bunch of money, but we didn't want it to cost us anything. 2) We wanted there to be some ministry aspect to its use. An *ad hoc* committee was convened with the commission to make a proposal that met these two goals.

Paul Humphreys chaired the committee, and the other members were vestry member Greg Lovisky, property chair Sarah Klinetob Lowe, and me. We met several times and explored possibilities. The possibilities were limited. Our best option was to rent the house to a single family, and to meet the ministry goal we thought we'd investigate ways to rent it as low-income housing. Then an opportunity presented itself. A parishioner approached us to see if we would consider renting to three students. We had earlier rejected the idea of renting to students, but in this case one of them was known to us and her friends had her endorsement. The proposal we made was to explore several improvements to the house, such as upgrading the nearly 100-year-old wiring and adding insulation, and rent to students for up to three years at a rate higher than low-income housing to try and recuperate some of that investment. The vestry accepted the proposal.

That is how we came to have three Penn State students living in Trinity House. Between the decision to rent the house and the day they moved in I learned more about local zoning laws and building codes than I ever wanted to know. We were obligated to make several improvements to be approved for a rental permit. Most of these were done by our sexton Scott Luzier, and everything was supervised by the property committee. We did decide to replace all the old wiring but are holding off on insulation for now. We also discovered that the sewer pipe from the house to the street had collapsed while the building was vacant. Those old pipes were made of terracotta. That was replaced. Finally, everything was cleaned, and the paint freshened up.

There is another article in this newsletter where everyone who helped to get Trinity House into rental shape is thanked. It was a team effort! It is quite satisfying to see a project as complex and challenging as this come to fruition. Now a property that the church owns is generating income rather than costing us and standing empty. In another year, or two or three, we will look to rent the house to a family who qualifies for low-income housing assistance. In that case, we should still see a modest income. Coupled with the avoidance of utility costs, our net income from Trinity House will help supplement other ministries. It should also be noted that nothing that has been done, or would be done, eliminates any potential uses for the house in the future. All in all, this feels like good stewardship of a house that will celebrate its centennial in 2025.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



July 2021

	July	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2021 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 24,620	\$ 292,816	64%	\$ 460,288
Total Operating Income	\$ 27,481	\$ 307,944	63%	\$ 487,488
Total Operating Expense	\$ 49,659	\$ 293,919	58%	\$ 506,242
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (22,178)	\$ 14,025		

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

## VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



September 2021

The vestry met on Tuesday, August 10, remotely, using Zoom. Although July expenses were high due to an extra staff pay period, and income was low as it always is in the summer, we remain in a good position financially for the year. The vestry, as always, is grateful for the continued financial stewardship of the parish by all members.

Vestry received a number of updates and proposals for property maintenance. Property Committee has selected a construction service to repair the crumbling brick pillars on the steps of Trinity House; parish donors have stepped forward to cover the full cost of the repair. Vestry would like to formally thank the donors for their generosity! Vestry approved a number of proposals from Finance Committee regarding accounting for various aspects of the property, including the Trinity House radon mitigation system, snow removal, and security deposits from our new Trinity House tenants.

In addition, the vestry approved the description for the Nursery Coordinator position currently being advertised, and received updates on various ministries of the church. The ministries of hospitality in particular—including ushering and coffee hour hosting—are in search of new volunteers, and vestry invites all parishioners to prayerfully discern if they might be called to these ministries.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. Please contact me ([kevinlowe33@gmail.com](mailto:kevinlowe33@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link prior to the meeting if you would like to attend. Approved vestry minutes are available on our website (“Clergy, Staff & Vestry” under the “About Us” tab).

## WORSHIP

### ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, September 19

11:15 a.m. (following 10 a.m. service)

### Youth and Adults are Invited!

Church members of all ages, 5th grade and up, are invited to serve as acolytes.

The service of our acolytes is an important part of every service.

Father Jeff and Deacon Joe will be offering a training session for those interested after the 10 am service on September 19. Acolytes serve at least once a month.

For more information, please contact Robin at

[children@standrewsc.org](mailto:children@standrewsc.org)



Acolyte training from this summer

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### CHILDREN

#### Welcome back to Godly Play and our Church School Programs!

We are looking forward to our fall kick-off for our Children's Ministry on **September 12, 2021**. Our classes begin at 10 am. We meet in Room 337/338 on the third floor for Godly Play and next door in Room 335/336 for our Church School classes. We are celebrating in our Pajamas on 9/12, so our children may bring a favorite stuffed animal to snuggle!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church follows the guidelines that are recommended by the Center for Disease Control. These guidelines help us to provide classes that are safe for our children, youth, leaders and all parishioners.

#### CDC guidelines for [Communities of Faith](#): *Updated Guidelines for St. Andrew's*:

- Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older).
- [Early Childhood Education](#): The CDC recommends that *schools* maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between children.
- *Students*, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness.

#### Additional precautions in our classrooms:

- Sanitizer
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Washing Hands
- Safe Distancing
- Disinfecting Surfaces

Please feel free to email Robin with your questions, suggestions or concerns. [children@standrewsc.org](mailto:children@standrewsc.org).

Blessings, Robin Bastress



## YOUTH

### J2A (grades 9 and 10)

The J2A group have had pilgrimage preparation and other activities deferred during the pandemic, but we are excited to build up some momentum together again! Parents, stay tuned for our fall schedule.

### YAC, Young Adults in the Church (grades 11 and 12)

Our older youth group at St. Andrew's is ready to stay connected this year through worship at the 5:00 service (the second Sunday of each month, except for September which will be 9/5!) followed by dinner and time together. Outdoor movies, hikes and service projects are also in the works!



## UPCOMING

### WELCOME BACK SUNDAY

Sunday, September 12

10 a.m service and following



On Sunday, September 12, we will celebrate the start of another year of worship, learning, and fellowship.

- Children and Youth formation classes will begin.
- Fr. Jeff will preach a Children's Sermon at the 10 a.m. service
- To ease the transition from watching livestreamed church Sunday morning from your couch back to in-person worship in the church, **we invite EVERYONE to come in their pajamas!** (or other comfy clothes or St. Andrew's Spirit Wear!) Bring a throw pillow for your pew, too.
- Following the 10 a.m. service, we will have a picnic lunch on the front lawn - all food, beverages, and seating will be provided. We will serve mini subs, sides, cookies, drinks, etc. dished out by folks wearing masks and gloves. So, just bring yourself and your family

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday, September 19

During the 10 a.m. service

On Sunday, September 19, we will have a special liturgy of remembrance at the 10:00 service.



We will dedicate a new votive candle stand for the church. Candles will be lit to remember all those who have died of COVID 19, our parishioners who have died during the pandemic (none from COVID), our parishioners who have moved away during the pandemic, and to offer thanksgivings for medical workers, vaccine developers, those who administer the vaccine, and more. This will be an opportunity for us to lament and mourn as a community of faith and to offer our thanks to God for protection and help during such dark times.

## TRINITY HOUSE UPDATE

WE DID IT! After eight months of inspections, repairs, wiring upgrades, lease reviews, cleaning, painting, and meetings, we are pleased to announce that we have successfully obtained a rental housing permit for Trinity House, and our new tenants & neighbors moved in in mid-August.

Please join me in thanking the following people for their invaluable work on this project:

- **Scott Luzier** for his tireless work meeting all rental permit inspection requirements by personally doing repair & construction work as needed, coordinating with the electrician for full house rewiring, working through & coordinating all code office inspections, and helping with the final clean up of Trinity House.
- **Paige Andrew** for taking the reins to get this project to the finish line, including painting prep, final clean up of Trinity House with the Cleaning Crew, coordinating repair of the brick front steps, and keeping on top of the numerous project details these past eight months.
- **Greg Loviscky** for coordinating and executing the final interior painting of Trinity House with the Painting Crew.
- **Fr. Jeff Packard** for coordinating the final lease review with the attorney, Vestry, & tenants, and for the administrative details to obtain the student housing rental permit.
- The Trinity House Sub-Committee (**Paige Andrew, Barb Downs, Paul Humphreys, Sarah Klinetob Lowe, Scott Luzier, Fr. Jeff Packard, and Connie Puckett**) for guiding this project through numerous coordination meetings and assembling & reviewing the draft lease document.
- The Trinity House Cleaning Crew (**Jill Ascah, Mary Andrew, Pam Couch, Kathy Dittmann, Jerry Dittmann, Suzanne Lamb, and Sue Stephenson**)
- The Trinity House Painting Crew (**Abbie Loviscky, Duncan Loviscky, and Greg Loviscky**)
- **Mary Andrew, Paige Andrew, and an anonymous donor** for sponsoring the full cost of the repair of the brick front steps.
- **Frank Barksdale** for landscaping work after the sewer lateral replacement.

*Respectfully submitted by Sarah Klinetob Lowe (Trinity House Sub-Committee Chair)*



## Life After Loss

Sundays, September 19 – October 24

12:05 – 2:30 p.m.

St. Paul's UMC, Asbury Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

St. Paul's United Methodist Church & Wesley Foundation is offering **Life After Loss (LAL)**, an educational support group designed for persons grieving the **loss of a loved one through death**, including loss from suicide. All persons who are **18 years of age and older** and **at least 3 months removed from the death** are welcome to attend. Leaders will include Pastor Becky McGee, Associate Pastor at St. Paul's UMC.



The six-week LAL group will run from September 19 – October 24. Each session will begin with a light lunch. The program is based on Hospice materials developed to assist those experiencing the grieving process due to a significant loss. Participants are encouraged to attend all six classes to receive the greatest benefit. Lunch and all materials are provided at no cost.

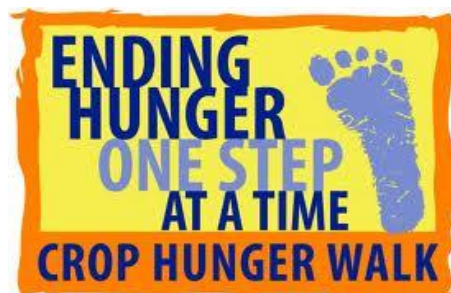
**RSVP before Monday, September 13, 2021.**

To register for LAL and/or to ask questions, please contact a LAL Co-Chair:  
**Karen Eklund (814) 883-8549 or Janet Mitchell (814) 861-3917.**

## 2021 STATE COLLEGE CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 17

2:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars for the 38<sup>th</sup> annual State College CROP Hunger Walk! We are very excited to be able to gather and walk with the community again this year! And even more excited to be hosting the Walk at St. Andrew's again for the first time in many years. But we also welcome virtual walkers who feel more comfortable walking alone or in a small group to register and walk any time they like.

To join our team of walkers or make a donation to support this important ministry that helps communities throughout the world, as well as our own State College Food Bank, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/st-andrews-purple-people-feeders>



## OUT OF THE COLD SLEEP-OUT WEEKEND

September 10, 11, and 12

Help Out of the Cold raise funds to expand into their new permanent shelter space! Their goal is \$100,000!

By sleeping outside for one night, you will raise vital awareness and funds to support our homeless neighbors and help end homelessness in Centre County.

### Learn more about participating at

<http://www.ootc3.org/sleep-out-weekend.html>

### Donate Now at

<https://ootc3.networkforgood.com/projects/135910-sleep-out-weekend-2021>



## INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES AUCTION

Auction Item Donations Needed

Auction Dates: September 27 – October 3



After last year's success, Interfaith Human Services will again hold an online auction to support our work in Centre County. The 2021 Community Cares Auction will be held September 27 through October 3. We are currently asking folks to donate items for our auction--things like gift cards, new merchandise, experiences (a weekend at your camp, a day on Lake Raystown with you, etc.), gift baskets, and antiques. You can preview items already donated at <https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/auction/>.

If you have an item you would like to donate, please complete the form below, attach to your item, and deliver it to Interfaith Human Services at 251 Easterly Pkwy, Suite 200, State College. If you have any questions or would like to arrange for pick-up of your item, please contact IHS at 814-234-7731. Thank you for your contributions...and save up your shekels for the end of the month, when you can bid on everyone else's wonderful offerings!



## **Auction Donation Form**

Hello! Thank you for your willingness to donate an item for the 2021 IHS On-Line Auction. Please fill out this donation form and attach it to the donated item. A separate form can be used for each item.

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: (a link to your website will be on the auction site with your description of the item donated.)

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Description of item donated: (To be used on the auction site. PLEASE make it appealing!)

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Expiration date of item donated: \_\_\_\_\_ (gift card)

DONATION: CIRCLE ONE -    ITEM            SERVICE    EXPERIENCE/RESERVATION    GIFT CARD

Photo of item

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide a picture of my donated item (s) and email it to [director@interfaithhumanservices.org](mailto:director@interfaithhumanservices.org)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like IHS to provide photo (s)

**Thank you for your support of Interfaith Human Services and the clients we serve!**

Office use:

Item Promised \_\_\_\_\_

Item Received \_\_\_\_\_



## 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, September 4, 12:30 p.m.  
Room 119

The St. Andrew's Prayer Quilt Ministry will meet on Saturday, Sept 4, 2021 at 12:30 in Room 119 in the Trost Wing.

If you have any questions, please call Michele at 814-574-9639.

### COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Tuesday, September 7, 9:30 a.m.  
Tudek Park

This group of thoughtful, faithful women meets the first and third Tuesday mornings each month for prayer, learning, fellowship and laughter from September through May, 9:30-11am. We will continue meeting outdoors as weather allows (indoors in Canterbury Hall with masks will be our rain plan). Our September 7 meeting will be at Tudek Park (in the clearing behind the main pavilion/restroom area - bring your own chair). We'll catch up and talk about the coming year. Bring ideas for books and projects!



If you'd like to be added to our email list, please drop a line to Kathy Hickner at [youth@standrewsc.org](mailto:youth@standrewsc.org) - newcomers always welcome!

### KNITTING MINISTRY

Room 324 – In Person  
AND Via Zoom  
Date for September TBD – please contact Anne Hoag

In September, Knitting Ministry will resume meeting in the church library, Room 324, for those who are comfortable doing so *and* continue over Zoom for those who do not wish or are not able to attend in

person. Join us! Settle down with your needles and yarn in front of your computer camera and log on! We knit cozy, useful items for Knitting4Peace (News and patterns at <https://www.knitting4peace.org/>).

The upcoming 2021 dates are October 10, November 14, and December 12.

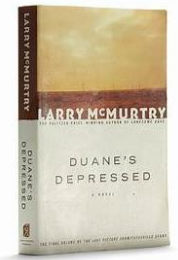
If you would like to attend via Zoom, please email [anne.hoag@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hoag@gmail.com) and she will send you a Zoom invitation link.



### BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 28, 7 p.m.  
Library (Room 324) at St. Andrew's

For the month of September, the Book Club has chosen to read Larry McMurtry's *Duane's Depressed*. (1999) This is the third book in a series of novels that explore the lives of the residents of Thalia Texas (following *The Last Picture Show* and *Texasville*), but can be enjoyed on its own.



Duane Moore is a successful 62-year old oilman with a wife, four children and nine grandchildren. One day he parks his pick-up truck and starts walking, becoming the subject of town gossip and baffling his wife, Karla. Duane's "mid-life crisis" and search for meaning is at the center of "funny and poignant" story.

Please join us for discussion.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** If you have a September birthday and do not 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.



1 Emory Orlick  
1 Bodhi Tennis  
2 Allison Shea  
2 Dana Plumley  
3 Peg Barksdale  
3 Simon Murphy  
4 Corinne Coplan  
6 Erin Petrarca  
9 Colleen Kennedy  
9 Scott Thomas  
9 Larry Hofer  
10 David Gaines  
12 Chris Gamrat



14 Bob Ascah  
15 Anna-Rose Rigas  
16 Bob Shepherd  
16 Ted Alter  
17 Justin Jacobson  
17 Anthony Marsala  
18 Ron Krasnansky  
18 Paige Andrew  
18 Thomas Hall  
19 Steve Allison  
19 Peter Luckie  
20 Lorna Don Tigny  
21 Frank Barksdale

21 Doug Mace  
21 Aaron Packard  
23 Jason McCloskey  
23 Eli Jacobson  
26 Anna Christopher  
26 Gabriel Perez-Edgar  
27 Richard Held  
28 Zach Humphreys  
29 Ian Bell  
29 Andrew Chisholm  
29 Grady Malik  
30 Gloria Meder  
30 Natalie Gahm

### **Those For Whom We Pray**

Teri, Dick, Molly, Sandy, Mavis, Don, Joan, Jane, Denise, Sara, Emily, Kevin, Diane, Vicki, David, Robbie, Frank, William, Zach, Huie, Laurene, Stephanie, Tom, Barbara, Jordan, Jimmy, Joe, John, Beth, Don, Bob, Jan, Jack, Dottie, Sam, Siri, Anna, Linda, Tim, Patrick, Sally, Nicholas, Mary Lou, Mary, Corey, Robert

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

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt

### **Our Companion Parish**

St. John's, Bellefonte

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