



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



April 2022

God's Glory in Flesh and Blood

In the fifteenth chapter of his first letter to the Corinthians Paul writes, “What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. (1 Cor. 15:50) Paul talks about the resurrection of Christ and our participation in it. His overall point is that the body we are—that of flesh and blood, made from the dust of the earth—must somehow be transformed into our heavenly body, a spiritual body. He doesn't explain exactly how this occurs. In fact, he tells us that wondering what this new body will look like is asking the wrong question. The point is: “this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality.” (1Cor. 15:53) For Saint Paul this new body is the consequence of Jesus' resurrection, it is our participation in the new life of the new kingdom made possible by his sacrifice, and it is the hope of Christian faith and a life of following Christ.

That there will be a transformation is attested to by the gospel accounts of Jesus' resurrection. When he appears, Jesus is often not recognized at first. There seems to be something different about him. The difference, however, is not so great, for at some point each witness realizes who it is they are meeting. Mary Magdalene knows it is Jesus when he speaks her name in the garden outside his tomb (John 20:16); Peter recognizes him when the beloved disciple proclaims, “It is the Lord!” (John 21:7); Cleopas and his companion have their eyes opened when Jesus breaks the bread (Luke 24:31). So, Jesus is still recognizable, if not at first glance. Furthermore, Jesus' resurrected body still bears the marks of the wounds he received in his passion and crucifixion. He displays them as a means of proving it is indeed him. Something is different, yet there is continuity between the Jesus whom the disciples knew in life and the resurrected Lord.

Transformation is a theme in the Christian life. We present the elements for Communion each week and perceive their transformation only by faith. Bread becomes body and wine becomes blood. As the hymn puts it, “Word made flesh, the bread he taketh, by his word his Flesh to be; wine his sacred Blood he maketh, though the senses fail to see; faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.” (Hymnal 1986 #329) These humble gifts humbly offered on the altar become for us the very presence of God with us and a blessing. What else may be so transformed by God's power and grace?

If the sacrament of Holy Communion is about the transformation of bread and wine into the manifestation of divine presence, the sacrament of Holy Baptism is about the transformation of a human life into the potential for God's love to be demonstrated to the world. We offer ourselves to God's service (or the one we present for baptism) and God's grace not only forgives our sins putting a new and pure heart within us, but also blesses our hands to do ministry in God's holy name. We become the incarnation of God's love in as much as we follow the call to ministry. Not that we are in any way perfect or worthy of God's love and mercy. Through the cross of Christ our humble and imperfect offerings are accepted and perfected. His faith picks up where ours fails. His love fills in where ours is lacking. His righteousness covers our sinfulness.

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, but God is able to take our bodies—made of dust and destined for a dusty future—and transform them into something beautiful, good and holy that is capable of showing the world the depth of God's love. We may not look any different as baptized people, but the grace of God shines through our lives lived in faith and service.



February 2022

	February	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2022 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 35,723	\$ 145,571	32%	\$ 453,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 37,854	\$ 150,847	31%	\$ 481,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 46,362	\$ 87,770	17%	\$ 506,519
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (8,508)	\$ 63,078		

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



March 2022

The vestry met on Tuesday, March 8, remotely, using Zoom. The annual vestry retreat was also held on February 26 using Zoom as well.

After extensive examination of the process by which Parishioners' Ministry issues checks to people in need, the vestry voted to require only one signature of a duly appointed steward on the ministry's checks. A countersignature had previously been required, and the vestry decided this was unnecessary. In addition, changes to the bylaws concerning Parishioners' Ministry were proposed, to allow stewards to name their own chief steward, while reserving the appointment of a treasurer to the vestry. These proposed bylaw amendments have been publicized in the weekly parish email and will be voted on at the next vestry meeting.

Vestry also approved the parish's sponsorship of the 2022 State College Pride event, to be held this June, and efforts to organize our participation in the parade and the gathering in Sidney Friedman Park will begin soon. The vestry also voted unanimously to endorse Ted Christopher for ordination to the transitional diaconate, as well as to endorse me for candidacy to Holy Orders. I know Ted and I are both deeply grateful for the support of the St. Andrew's community!

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. Please contact me (kevinlowe33@gmail.com) for the Zoom link prior to the meeting if you would like to attend. Please note there will be **no vestry meeting in April due to Holy Week**. The next vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10. Approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

St. Andrew's Poetry Contest 2022

Submissions accepted

March 28 - May 22, 2022

in Youth (up to 18) and
Adult (19 and over) categories

CARING FOR CREATION

PSALM 24

1 The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world and all who
dwell therein.

If the earth and all that is in it are God's, how do we honor
and care for the world, its resources, and all who live here?

Prizes

- \$250 First Prize
- \$100 Second Prize
- \$ 50 Judge's Choice



Submission details at
artsat.standrewsc.org

WORSHIP



Choral Evensong at 5pm

Sunday, April 3, 5 p.m.
Church

Reception, 6 p.m., Room 325

On Sunday, April 3, the Adult Choir will present a service of choral evensong. Music will include the *Evening Canticles in D* by Herbert Brewer, *Preces and Responses* by Richard Shephard, and the anthems *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* by William Fox, and *Peace I Leave You* by Amy Beach. Gwen Catchen will play works by Johann Pachelbel and John Eggert.

As part of our continuing safeguards during the pandemic, the choir will sing wearing masks. Masks are now optional at St. Andrew's. A reception will be held in Room 325 after the service.

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.

The next evensong will be May 1 at 5 p.m.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Youth and adults are invited!

Have you considered serving as an acolyte at St, Andrews?



ALL church members, 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 offer training sessions for those interested in acolyting after the 10 am service. Acolytes serve at least once a month.

For more information, please contact Robin at children@standrewsc.org

ALTAR GUILD

Calling all introverts! *

If you are looking for a way to support our church that doesn't require money, a lot of time and effort, evangelizing, greeting strangers, or even talking, have we got a group for you! We don't ask you to do any of those things.

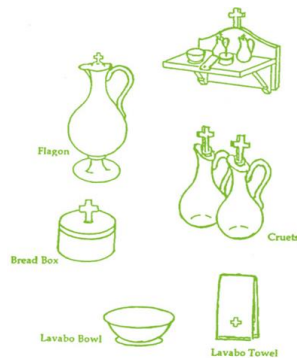
The Altar Guild is always looking for more members! If you have a yen to serve God and his Church, but not a lot of time to devote, Altar Guild could be a perfect way to add a ministry to your life. We have four small teams, so each team works only once a month for an hour on a Saturday and the services on Sunday plus an occasional wedding or funeral. We dust, swat stray cobwebs, vacuum, straighten the things in the pews, clean and polish silver, vest the chalice, set up and clean up the altar, wash communion glasses, and launder linens.

Learn to handle beautiful sacred items and where they fit in our worship.

Anyone interested in being added to a team can call or email Teri Smith, 814-238-5964, ssmith2124@aol.com.

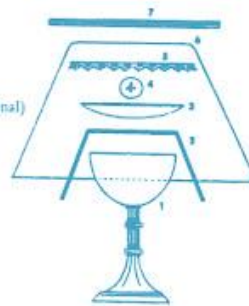
“As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You.”

* Extroverts also welcome!



A Vested Chalice

- 1 The Chalice
- 2 Purificator
- 3 The Paten
- 4 The Priest's Wafer (optional)
- 5 Linen Pall
- 6 Silk Veil
- 7 Burse



LENT AT ST. ANDREW'S

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays in Lent

April 1, 8

In person, in the Nave

On Facebook (recorded)

On YouTube (recorded)

<https://youtu.be/6p1HoQ95Q6U>

(ctrl + click on link or photo)

5:15 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Anytime



TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wednesday, April 6

5:15 in the church

Taizé is a candle-lit, meditative service of music, silence, brief readings, and prayer lasting approximately 40 minutes. It is coordinated by the Daughters of the King and the music is led by Steve and Lisa Hopkins. Taizé is usually offered at St. Andrew's during Advent and Lent.



Altoona Convocation LENTEN STUDY: Witness at the Cross

Wednesdays, April 6 & 13

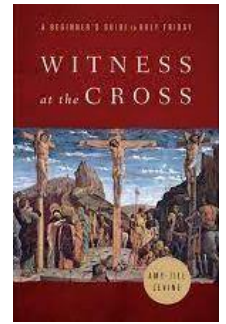
7 p.m. on Zoom **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81095037129>

Led by clergy in our convocation, we have been examining the events of Holy Friday in the context of *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. Two sessions remain:

Wednesday, April 6 Chapter 5, The Women Discussion led by Fr. Jeff

Wednesday, April 13, Chapter 6, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

You are encouraged to read the assigned chapter before each meeting.

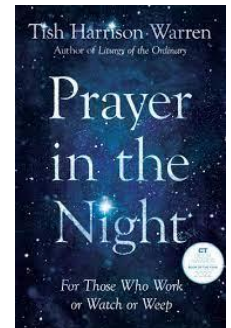


Daughters of the King BROWN BAG BOOK STUDY

Wednesday, April 13

4:30 p.m., Room 119

The Daughters of the King book study has been discussing a prayer from Compline, this Lent with the book *Prayer in The Night* by Tish Warren. The group will NOT meet on Wednesday, April 6. The final session will be held on Wednesday in Holy Week from 4:30 until 6 p.m. and will conclude with a service of Compline.



LENT MADNESS 2022

March 3 – April 13 www.lentmadness.org

While some of you may have been distracted by March Madness, Lent Madness has also been underway. At press time, there are two more competitions left in the Saintly Sixteen round. It has been an especially great year for Villanova. Competing in two tournaments at the same time, they have advanced to the Elate Eight (the saint) after eliminating rival Gonzaga in the opening round of Lent Madness and bested Gonzaga a second time on their way to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament (the university.)

St. Peter was not in the Lent Madness bracket this year and we do not have any Cinderella (or Peacock) entries among our contestants. For the second year in a row, Gregg Rogers has been at the top of our leader board from the beginning. But points double each round and Jason McCloskey came from behind to take the Tarnished Halo last year. Anything can happen.

Follow the tournament and vote at the Lent Madness website. Make a donation to Parishioners' Ministry to support your favorite saint or competitor. See updated tournament standings on the poster in the upper hallway. Watch for fun facts about the saints, and strange, mostly accurate statistics and updates on our bracket standings (link to [Update #1](#) if you missed it) until, on April 13 we find out which saint wins the Golden Halo. But more importantly, which competitor will win the St. Andrew's Tarnished Halo.

Current Top Four

1	Gregg Rogers	25
2	Kitty Mussett	15
	Darlene Nordoff	15
3	Joan DiMarcello	14
	Lucy Rogers	14
4	Kevin Lowe	11
	Andrea McCloskey	11
	Compassionate Life	11



NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Rising Youth

The Rising Youth class and all St. Andrew's youth are invited to join Robin Bastress and Kathy Hickner to make palm crosses on Saturday April 9th at 10 a.m. in Room 325. Palm crosses will be distributed to the parish on Palm Sunday, the next day. We will also enjoy some Hot Cross buns after our labors!



Easter for Families



To families who are returning to Church School and for new families, our Family Service is at 9:30 am on Easter. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for our Nursery and Godly Play Program and any children who are joining us for Easter after the Service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email!
children@standrewsc.org.



How many Easter eggs can you find in this newsletter?

Volunteers need for our Children's Program

Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers - just once a month or just once in a while. We are in need of volunteers for our children's program, Nursery and Godly Play. The lessons are planned by our teachers, but we need to have a second adult in the classroom to comply with Safeguarding God's Children guidelines. Please write an email or call, if you would like to be a volunteer.

Gratefully, Robin Bastress
814-404-3812
children@standrewsc.org.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

J2A and YAC (Young Adults in the Church)

With the waning of the latest covid wave, we are happy to return to our group dinners every other week - a good time to relax and catch up! Following dinner, J2A (grades 8-10) continues to explore Christian faith and ministry through the Journey to Adulthood curriculum and YAC (Young Adults in the Church - grades 11&12) meets for various activities, prayer and worship.



Please Donate Easter Candy!



We are already thrilled imagining the return of children to our front lawn after the 9:30 a.m. Easter service scrambling after Easter eggs. Eggs are a symbol of new life that reminds us of Jesus's Resurrection, after all! If you are moved to contribute to this event, please bring bags of individually wrapped candy to the church office by Friday April 8. Youth will fill the eggs the evening of April 10. Thank you for the sweetness!

OUTREACH

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) aid for Ukraine



By making an online donation at [Ukraine Crisis Response Fund](https://www.ukrainecrisisresponsefund.org/) as your Lenten almsgiving, you will help ERD, working with Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, to provide humanitarian assistance including food, shelter, water and basic supplies, to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine.

For more info: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER

Palm Sunday Procession

Sunday, April 10

10 a.m., Corner of Foster and Fraser

At the 10 a.m. service next week, we invite those who are willing and able to begin our worship with a procession from the corner of Fraser Street and Foster Avenue into the church. Please gather at the corner when you arrive before 10 a.m. or proceed directly to the church if you prefer.



Corporate Reading of the Gospel

Monday, April 11

7 p.m., Church

Join us in the Sanctuary on Monday night in Holy Week for a continuous reading of the Gospel According to John. Father Jeff will make some brief remarks and then the entire Gospel will be read, out loud as the gospels were originally shared. We need many readers to participate. To reserve a place as a reader, please sign up at bit.ly/JohnGospel22 or contact Allison in the church office. For additional information please contact Michele Marini at [814-574-9639](tel:814-574-9639).

Maundy Thursday Watch of the Passion

Thursday, April 14

8:30 p.m. to midnight (in person, in the church)

Midnight to 8 a.m. (on Zoom)

In response to Jesus' question to Peter, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?" we will keep watch in prayer and meditation at the Altar of Repose (the Side Altar) from the end of the Maundy Thursday Liturgy until 12 a.m. in the church and continuing until 8 a.m. on Zoom. If you would like to participate, sign up online at bit.ly/SacredWatch2022 or by calling the church office, 814-237-7659.



Stations of the Cross for all Ages

Friday, April 15

3 p.m., Church

Please join the Rising Youth and Youth of St. Andrew's as we offer a liturgy for contemplating the events of the cross and the mystery of Jesus's death.

Good Friday Film: *The Miracle Maker*

Friday, April 15

8 p.m., Room 325



In this retelling of the life of Christ, his experiences are recreated using claymation. Starting with his birth in Nazareth, Jesus (Ralph Fiennes) goes on to meet and inspire his apostles, perform various miracles and reveal his teachings. His baptism by John the Baptist (Richard E. Grant) is shown, as well as his meeting with Mary Magdalene (Miranda Richardson). Christ must eventually face the betrayal of Judas (David Thewlis) and succumb to Herod's (Anton Lesser) vendetta against him.

We will gather at 8pm in Room 325 and the film will begin at 8:15pm. The film is free and all are welcome.

Holy Week and Easter services – Please Note

All services during Holy Week will be in person, in the church, AND livestreamed on Facebook. (with the exception of the Stations of the Cross for All Ages on Good Friday.)

Childcare will be provided during the 7 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday and the 9:30 a.m. service on Easter Sunday. It is available by request *only* for the Maundy Thursday service and the Easter Vigil on Saturday at 7 p.m.

To request childcare at these services, please contact Kathy Hickner (youth@standrewsc.org) or Robin Bastress (children@standrewsc.org)

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday

April 10

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (process from corner of Fraser and Foster)
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week

April 11

- 7:00 p.m. ✠ Corporate Reading of the Gospel According to John

Maundy Thursday

April 14

- 7:00 p.m. * Holy Eucharist, Ted Christopher preaching
Washing of Feet, and Stripping of Altar
✠ Followed by Sacred Watch at Gethsemane Garden Altar of Repose -
until midnight (in person), 8:00 a.m. (on *Zoom*)

Good Friday

April 15

- 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross for all ages, Church
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday, the Rev. Eileen Weglarz preaching
8:00 p.m. Movie: *The Miracle Maker*, Room 325

Easter Eve

April 16

- 7:00 p.m. * The Great Vigil of Easter – bring a bell to ring!

Easter Day

April 17

- 8:00 a.m. Festive Eucharist for Easter (no music)
9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist for Easter with Choir
Egg Hunt following
Nursery available
11:15 a.m. Festive Eucharist for Easter with Adult Choir

* *Childcare available upon request.*

✠ *Online signup*

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.

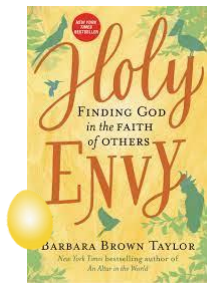
COMPASSIONATE LIFE

April 5 and April 19
9:30 – 11 a.m., Room 325

We will be wrapping up our time with Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Holy Envy* this month on April 5th.

Nobody wants to see this book go!

We have been stretched and challenged, but also confirmed on our path as Christians and inspired by Taylor's expansive view of God.



On April 19th, Sue Stephenson will lead us in gentle chair (or floor) yoga. Please join us! Meetings are from 9:30-11 a.m. in Room 325. Email Kathy Hickner youth@standrewsc.org to be added to our mailing list.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Saturday, April 9, 12:30 p.m.
Room 119

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will meet this coming Saturday at 12:30 in Room 119.

KNITTING MINISTRY / ST. ANDREW'S PEACE POD

Sunday, April 10, 11:15 a.m.
Via Zoom ONLY



Join us for fellowship and prayerful/mindful making with our hands for others.

1. The mission of Knitting Ministry is fellowship and prayerful/mindful making with our hands for others. All are welcome. We are knitters, crocheters and weavers with a connection to the Centre Region and/or to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of State College, PA.

2. Our established meeting schedule will continue. This means

- Following the 10 a.m. service (or about 11:15), the 2nd Sunday of each month unless a holiday presents a conflict (dates below).
- When appropriate, we'll have a choice of attending via Zoom or in person in the St. Andrews parish library. Anne's monthly emails will indicate whether we're meeting in person as well as zoom, but we'll always be on Zoom.
- The Zoom info will continue to be: <https://psu.zoom.us/j/2897917610>.
- Future Dates for 2022: May 15, Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11.
- It is not necessary to attend meetings. Many members make items on their own, dropping off finished pieces at the Parish Office or at Anne's home.

3. We'll continue to knit/crochet/weave for Knitting4Peace (<https://www.knitting4peace.org/>). If you don't already, you may wish to subscribe to the free Knitting4Peace newsletter at <https://www.knitting4peace.org/who-we-are/newsletters>. The newsletter updates us on what items are most needed. The K4P site provides patterns and inspiration.

4. It's ABSOLUTELY OK to make for K4P, for other organizations, for ourselves, friends and family. The wish is only to make with intention -- mindfully or prayerfully.

5. Invite others to join us, if you like. Please let Anne know at anne.hoag@gmail.com so he/she/they can be added to our mailing list.

6. Any questions, ideas, concerns? Never hesitate to contact Anne Hoag at this address.

Let's join together with our intentions, hands, tools and yarns to make for others.

anne.hoag@gmail.com

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 26

7 p.m., Room 324 (Library)

For the month of April, The St. Andrew's Book Club decided to read Roland Merullo's *Breakfast with Buddha*.

Otto Ringling, a New York City skeptic, sets out on a cross country adventure to North Dakota to settle his parents' estate accompanied by a Buddhist monk who only answers questions in riddles. Stuck in a car together for almost 2000 miles, the unlikely duo experience a spiritual journey as well as they learn about each other's cultures, backgrounds, and views on life.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 26 to discuss *Breakfast with Buddha*. Newcomers always welcome.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Dexter Cozad
2 Melissa Arnett
3 Philip Jenkins
4 Susan Evans
5 Anna Kwasnica
5 Eva Ellis
5 Jamie Breuninger
7 Scott Brown

10 Koraly Perez-Edgar
13 Dee Vogelsong
15 Pam Ferguson
17 Chloe Krasnansky
17 Elaine Brown
17 Lily Jackson
19 Marion Schwartz
19 Jill Ascah

20 Abbie Loviscky
20 Alyson Ruberto
20 Janet Dargitz
26 Judy Moore
26 Matt Petrarca
27 Vivian Lord
27 Kevin Barron
27 Dick Gibboney

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have an April 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

Sandy, Dick, Erica, Teri, Molly, Mavis, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Robbie, Vicki, Sara, David, Emily, Donna, Joan, Don, Jane, Zach, Ty, Jordan, Beth

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric

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