

*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

**August 2022**

## Say It Again

My family and I recently re-watched the 1999 film *Galaxy Quest*. This sci fi sendup stands up pretty well after more than twenty years. As is often the case, in watching it again there were things I noticed in the movie that I never picked up on before, jokes or little details that stood out for me. I'm sure you've had that experience. You watch something, or read something, because you enjoy it, something you have watched or read several times before, and suddenly there is some new thing, obviously not something new but new to you, that you didn't notice before. It could be a line you didn't hear before, or something that you reinterpret in a new way. Any time we experience something over and over again we have the opportunity to catch something we missed before.

Much of our religious life is like that. We repeat things. We say the same prayers over and over. We go through the same liturgies again and again. Episcopalians especially are prone to this kind of repetition. Having a set liturgy and a lectionary that repeats the same Scripture readings on a three-year cycle, we seem to act like we just couldn't possibly get something the first time around. There is great comfort in repetition and the familiarity it brings. It can open up the words we repeat for us to notice something new or hear something in a new way. In general, I would argue for the value of repeating prayers and liturgies while holding those traditions lightly and allowing the Holy Spirit to move afresh.

One year, after the Good Friday service, a parishioner said to me, "You know, the older I get the more important it is to me to say and do these things that so many others have done before us." I got it. She felt connected to the Christians who came before. She felt like she was part of something bigger than herself, or her lifetime. She felt like carrying on the traditions was part of being faithful. It is a powerful experience to swim in the stream of tradition. One feels as though in our time we pick up the chorus that was begun so long ago and will continue long after we are gone.

This is certainly true about the Lord's prayer. Jesus taught his disciples this prayer. We have been praying it and teaching it ever since. When you are a child, you learn the prayer almost by the sounds rather than the meaning of the words. (Did he say, "Howard be thy name?") As we grow, we know the meaning of the prayer, but how often do we reflect on it? At different times on our spiritual journey different words or phrases may shine for us. Eventually, the prayer can carry meaning far beyond the individual words. Our memories and associations pile up around the prayer. It calls to mind people long gone—a beloved grandmother who taught us the prayer or who would pray with us at bedtime. The prayer, so often repeated, takes on multiple dimensions of meaning. Like an inside joke between close friends, it can carry the weight of a lifetime's relationship with God, representing our whole faith and everything we wish to say in a single prayer.

I'll say it again, there is value in repetition. As long as it is done with faith and a commitment to hear God speak anew in those familiar words, a repeated prayer, Bible verse, or liturgy can be the firm foundation for a lifetime of walking with God.

## TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



### June 2022

	June	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2022 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 22,885	\$ 276,034	61%	\$ 453,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 25,276	\$ 292,309	61%	\$ 481,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 36,526	\$ 246,509	49%	\$ 506,519
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (11,250)	\$ 45,800		

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

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



### July 2022

The vestry met on Tuesday, July 12, remotely, using Zoom. Vestry discussed some financial matters, including how to pay for some additional plaster and roof repairs in the Parish Life Center, which should conclude the water damage project. The leak appears to be fixed!

In other business, vestry adopted a proposal from Walter Wells to hire and pay four section leaders to sing in the choir and bolster the volunteers. After much discussion and consultation with current choir members, the vestry decided to fund the proposal for two years. Vestry also discussed potential responses the church could make to the issue of gun violence in the community and nation. There was considerable interest in reaching out to other community and diocesan groups and making space to study and discuss gun violence as a congregation.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. The vestry will not be meeting in August, so the next meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 7pm. At that meeting, the vestry intends to return to meeting in person at the church, rather than on Zoom. Approved vestry minutes are always available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

# TED Talk

Earlier this summer, I attended a three-day workshop at the cathedral in Minneapolis given by the Young Adult and Campus Ministry leadership of the Episcopal Church. It was attended by many college and university chaplains as well as diocesan leaders in Young Adult ministry.

It was immersive – it felt at times as though I was drinking from a firehose! It was also rich and provocative – I was challenged to imagine campus ministry for the un-churched, the seekers and skeptics, even (and especially) for those deeply hurt by the church. It has been five years since there was any Episcopal presence on Penn State’s main campus, and even longer since there has been a dedicated minister for that purpose. I am deeply aware that this is, in effect, starting from scratch. But that, according to the more established chaplains I met at the conference, is an extremely enviable place to be – because it will provide space for Spirit-filled and student-led work to emerge. Aim low, I was told – see who shows up, and follow their lead. Our rich liturgical tradition offers something that many campus ministries do not, as does our deep commitment to equity, inclusion, and justice. There is a deep hunger on campus – I was told again and again – for a place where students (and staff and faculty) can seek the God whose love is expansive and generous. I am eager to start – of course, nervous too, and full of apprehension – but confident in God who is gracious and in you all, too – who hold me in prayer.

The call to serve as Episcopal chaplain to Penn State as well as Assistant Rector at St. Andrew’s will present many wonderful opportunities and many challenges. I want to thank Father Jeff and the Vestry of St. Andrew’s for their trust and confidence in my ministry. I look forward to walking along side you all as we seek to discern what new thing is emerging among us – even now.

With affection

Deacon Ted

## SAFEGUARDING GOD’S CHILDREN

**SGC CLASS**

**AUGUST 2022 UPDATE**

Sunday, August 25

11:15 a.m., Room 325

There has been a change in the Diocesan requirement for Safeguarding God’s Children renewals; **ON LINE. RENEWALS ARE NOW REQUIRED EVERY 5 YEARS (and not 3)!!!**

In-class training is still required for the initial training. We will continue to notify those required to take SGC when a renewal needs to be completed or when a class is required. All other church members are welcome to attend whenever a class is scheduled.

**September 25, 2022 we will offer a SGC class in ROOM 325 after church.** Safeguarding is always taught in teams of two, and Kitty Mussett has graciously agreed to pair with Rich as Barb will be stepping down at the end of this class.

With thanks to all who honor this requirement, Barb Downs and Rich Marini and Kitty Musset

### Lift Your Voice, Rejoicing!

You may have noticed that since we returned to in-person services, the choir stalls are not as full. Before the pandemic, membership totaled 24 singers. Due to a number of COVID-related and non-COVID factors, we now have 16. Of those 16, not all are able to sing each week. The Adult Choir particularly needs tenors and basses, but all voices are welcome.

Some of you may have thought about singing in the choir but are not sure if you want to make the commitment. During the summer we do not rehearse on Thursday evening and all the music is kept simpler. We have two suggestions:

1. The Adult Choir rehearses at 9 a.m. before the 10 a.m. service during the summer. Consider sitting in on one of these rehearsals, learning the music, and interacting with current members. If you feel comfortable, you could even sing with the choir for the service. We have plenty of robes!
2. On Thursday, August 18, we will host a short rehearsal in the church, 7-7:30 p.m., with refreshments following. This could be a good way to "get your feet wet" without feeling any pressure.

Music is an important part of worship at St. Andrew's, and the choir has always been a vital part of the life of the church. We are, like other churches, entering a rebuilding phase. We hope there are some of you who would like to join the choir family and help us rebuild. We thank you in advance!



My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

## Acolyte Training: Youth & Adults are Invited!



**ALL church members**, ages 5th grade to adult, are invited to serve as acolytes. The service of our acolytes is an important part of our worship. 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](mailto:children@standrewsc.org)

## ADULT EDUCATION

### SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

*In Search of Belief*, by Joan Chittister

Aug 7, 14, and 21

9 a.m. Sunday mornings, Room 324 (Library)

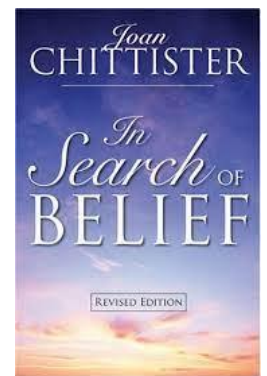
What do we believe as Episcopalians? What's up with reciting the stilted language of the Apostolic and Nicene Creeds anyways?

These Sunday morning discussions, led by Amy Pritchett, will continue in August as we step through Joan Chittister's book, *In Search of Belief*. In the book, the author discusses the myriad ways to interpret the creeds in our modern age. Her writing is flavored with her very strong concerns about social justice and a major emphasis is on not just rote recitation of the creed, but deep thought about what it does mean to each of us, and how we decide what we believe.

Feel free to come to any or all the discussions. A link to purchase the book can be found at:

<https://www.joanchittister.org/books-page/search-belief>. Thoughts and questions are welcome to Amy Pritchett, [amypilot@icloud.com](mailto:amypilot@icloud.com)

For everyone, from newcomers to cradle Episcopalians



### ADULT FORUM COORDINATOR(S) NEEDED



The Adult Formation Committee is seeking new ideas and leaders to re-start the Adult Forum program this fall. The Adult Forum meets at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Presenters offer lectures and discussions on a wide range of topics. Some ideas that have been generated include viewing and discussing videos of the Great Courses or other spiritual/religious content, engaging in theological reflection on the lectionary, and meeting every other week instead of weekly.

If you have ideas about topics you would like to see at the Adult Forum and/or are interested in coordinating, please contact Christina Ford ([tapsy@hotmail.com](mailto:tapsy@hotmail.com)).

### News from our **CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS**

#### New Church School Year begins September 11th

Godly Play, Church School grades 3 to 5, and our Youth Programs are getting ready to welcome everyone back in September. We will be contacting families with information about each class. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us:

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

Kathy [youth@standrewsc.org](mailto:youth@standrewsc.org)



#### The Nursery is OPEN all summer!

The Nursery is open for all children through August and throughout the school year for ages infant to three years old. Our Nursery Attendant, Maggie Bond, will be returning for the school year.



## UPCOMING

### **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS**

Sunday, August 21

Following the 10 a.m. service

In front of the church

Our traditional **Backpack Blessing** will be held before our school year begins this year! Everyone is invited to bring their backpacks, laptops, briefcases or school and work bags of any kind to receive a blessing from Father Jeff and Deacon Joe! This is a special reminder that God is with us as we go about the business of our days, and an important boost of courage as we enter new school and work routines.

The blessings will occur after the service in front of St. Andrew's. From 11:20 a.m. to 11:35, Father Jeff and Deacon Joe will be available at the foot of the stairs for those who attend the service and curbside for those who would prefer to have blessings by car.



***Extra, Extra!*** We are suggesting an idea for outreach. If your classroom shares a list of school supplies to bring for the new school year, please consider choosing a second set of supplies to donate to the classroom. These supplies may also be blessed on August 21.

If anyone needs help with school supplies this year, please reach out to Kathy [youth@standrewsc.org](mailto:youth@standrewsc.org) or Robin [children@standrewsc.org](mailto:children@standrewsc.org).

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 21

11:20 a.m. on the front lawn

### Here's the Scoop!

You're Invited to an Ice Cream Social on the Lawn!



Come celebrate the end of summer and the start of the new school year with a cold scoop or two of ice cream after the 10 am service and the Blessing of the Backpacks on August 21!

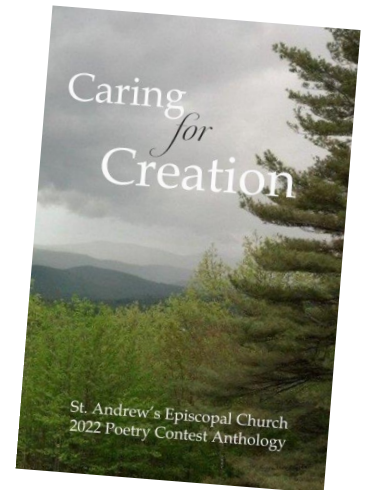
## CARING FOR CREATION

Poetry Anthology available NOW

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2022 poetry contest and attended the poetry reading and panel discussion during the Arts Festival.

We are happy to announce that we will have copies of the contest anthology, *Caring for Creation*, available for sale in the church office and on Sundays at coffee hour for \$12 beginning early next week. You will also be able to purchase the anthology on Amazon at about the same time for \$15.

The book contains poems submitted to our contest and selected by the judges and poetry committee. It includes poems by parishioners Kathy Hickner and Matthew Thompson, and photos by Alison Jaenicke and Bishop Scanlan.



## OUTREACH



**The 3rd Annual Community Care Auction presented by:**



Auction dates: September 6 to September 11

Donations needed: NOW

The Interfaith Human Services Community Care Auction is on the way and in need of great auction items. We are looking for new items, gift certificates, event tickets, timeshare accommodations, handmade items, etc. If you have an idea, call the office at 814-234-7731 and ask if it would fit.

This year's auction will be held from September 6 at 9 a.m. until September 11 at 9 p.m. Please bookmark the auction page and visit often to see the items being added. [AUCTION FRONT PAGE](#)

Sponsorship opportunities still exist as well. Call or email for more information.

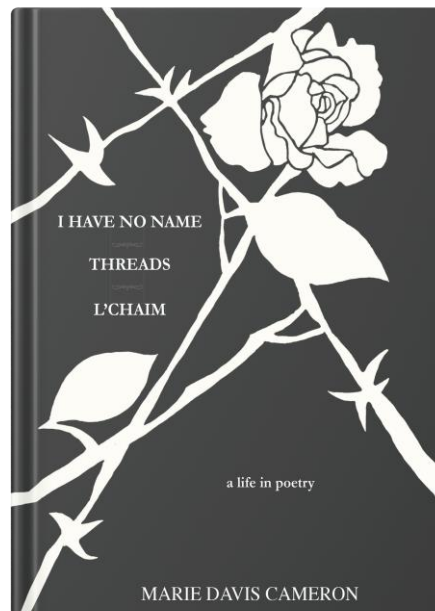
[info@interfaithhumanservices.org](mailto:info@interfaithhumanservices.org)

## Support Interfaith Human Services with Poetry!

Marie Cameron, a long-time volunteer, supporter, and former board member of IHS is, among other things, a Pulitzer Prize-nominated poet. She has just had another book of poetry published; *I HAVE NO NAME - THREADS - L'CHAIM. a life in poetry*. It is available for order **and all proceeds from the sales will go to Interfaith Human Services.**

Marie will be conducting a reading from the book on June 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Holmes-Foster Park, Pavilion 1. The park is located at 901 Westerly Parkway. Marie will also be available to sign your book.

Books can be ordered in hardback, paperback, and e-book here: <https://www.eifrigpublishing.com/products/i-have-no-name-threads-lchaim-a-life-in-poetry> Use promo code: Marie for free shipping.





## 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 / ST. ANDREW'S PEACE POD

Sunday, July 12, 11:15 a.m.  
Library (Room 324) and Zoom



Knitting Ministry will meet this month on August 14 following the 10 a.m. service in the library. Joining by Zoom is also an option. Please email Barb Downs at [downsbarb@hotmail.com](mailto:downsbarb@hotmail.com) to receive a Zoom invitation and link.

Future Dates for 2022 are September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11. Anne Hoag will email the mailing list a few days in advance if there are any changes. To be added to the email list, contact Anne at [anne.hoag@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hoag@gmail.com).

### BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 23  
7 p.m., Room 324

St. Andrew's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, August 23, to discuss *Atomic Habits* by James Clear, a New York Times bestseller about breaking bad habits (not that we have any) and starting good ones. Members of the group plan to try some of the techniques described in the book and report on the results at our next meeting.

Newcomers and guests are always welcome.

Members of the Book Club met in July at the home of Jamie and Julie Breuninger to discuss Charles Wheelan's memoir *We Came, We Saw, We Left: A Family Gap Year*.



*Members from left to right: Jamie Breuninger, Julie Lemon, Julie Breuninger, Pam Ferguson, Paul Hochreiter, Joan DiMarcello, and Sian Packard*

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** If you have an August 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.

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|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Duncan Lovisky   | 7 Kendall Mainzer     | 17 Walter Wells     |
| 3 Betty Bechtel    | 13 Steve Hopkins      | 17 Sharon Rovansek  |
| 3 Garrett Mitchell | 13 Darla Houseman     | 17 Andrea de Carle  |
| 3 Rebecca Jackson  | 13 Joan Bouchard      | 20 Liz King         |
| 4 Paul Hochreiter  | 14 Zach Paulsen       | 26 Milly Hopkins    |
| 4 Bob Ayer         | 15 Wendi Keeler       | 27 Thomas Valentine |
| 5 Dick Meyer       | 15 Ellie Harper       | 29 Karen Marsala    |
| 6 Sally Marley     | 16 Joan Blasko        | 30 Melinda Pugliese |
| 6 Tyler King       | 16 Bryson Christopher | 30 Gregg Rogers     |

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Garrett “Mitch” Mitchell, August 3.**

You can send Mitch a birthday card to celebrate this milestone to:

300 Lions Hill Road, Apt W507,  
State College, PA 16803

## **Those For Whom We Pray**

Sandy, Dick, Penny, John, Mavis, Erica, Molly, Teri, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Sara, Emily, David, Vicki, Joan, Don, Jane, Beth, Zach, Ty, Jordan, Stu, Emily, Bob, Stephanie, Tom, Steve, Abbey Grace

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

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric

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