



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

November 2022

From All Saints to Saint Andrew

The first day of November is of course All Saints Day, the day when we commemorate all the Saints, those heroes of our faith who have provided us with such wonderful examples of holy living, and even holy dying. The second day of November is All Souls Day. All Souls Day is like the original ending of the theme song that introduced Gilligan's Island. Remember, after introducing almost all the characters—Gilligan, the Skipper too, and so on—it concluded simply, "...and the rest!" (Later they changed that to, "...the Professor and Marianne," presumably because their agents raised a ruckus.) So, if All Saints Day is about the capital "S" Saints, All Souls Day is about... the rest, as in all the rest of us, or All the Faithful Departed. The New Testament refers to every follower of Christ as *hagios*, or holy one, usually translated as saint. We are all saints, or at least we mean, God helping, to be one too.

The beauty of All Souls Day is that we may not be named in a song or in any list that anyone is reading that day, but we are all the beloved people of God, and we are all inheritors of God's heavenly kingdom. We are holy ones, not because of our own inherent holiness, but because of God's holiness and presence in our lives. We will live on not because we are remembered by people on earth but because God's memory is perfect and eternal. In remembering the Saints and the saints, we remind ourselves of those great ones who have come before us and who have taught us what it means to be a follower of Christ. We remember how the martyrs stood strong and brave in the face of torture and death. We remember those who served selflessly under challenging conditions. We remember leaders, priests and bishops, kings, and queens. We also remember those who had an impact on our own lives and faith, our Sunday school teachers, our grandmothers, our friends, or neighbors. We even remember those whom we will never be able to name, but who are written in the Book of Life and who did their part in their own day.

The last day of November happens to be the Feast of St. Andrew, our patron saint. Andrew and his brother Peter were fishermen until Jesus came along and called them to follow him and promised to make them fish for people. They left their boats, their nets, and their old lives behind to follow him. Both Andrew and Peter, by tradition, died on crosses for their faith. Peter insisted on being crucified upside down because he felt he did not deserve to die exactly like his Lord and Andrew was crucified on an "X" shaped cross for the same reason. Before their deaths they both made their mark on the history of Christianity. We will mark our patronal feast day this year with a special service on Wednesday, November 30 at 5:30 p.m. Following the service, dinner will be provided as well as some Scottish Highland dancing for entertainment. Plan on joining us for the celebration of the Saint who is commemorated in the name of our parish.

TED Talk

There are exciting happenings on campus for Episcopal at Penn State. Our cohort of students continue to meet at St. Andrew's on Sunday nights for dinner, fellowship, and (occasionally) worship. Added to that is a regular Wednesday service of Morning Prayer and Noonday Prayer in the beautiful Meditation Chapel in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center. The group has also attended worship at St. John's Bellefonte – notably their 'Let Us Keep the Feast' service for Michaelmas in September and St. Luke the Evangelist in October. An abundance of riches! We are hitting the 'red zone' of the semester, regarding projects, exams, dissertations... prayers are appreciated.

I have been asked to consider joining the national church's Young Adult and Campus Ministry Council as Province Three representative. This invitation has allowed me to connect with our Provincial coordinator and begin a discussion about ways to connect with other campus ministry programs in our region. I look forward to seeing how this might unfold – teamwork, shared projects, and connecting beyond the walls of our church or our school are all wonderful opportunities.

Finally, I am honored to report that the Commission on Ministry and Standing Committee of our Diocese both endorsed my ordination to the priesthood. This is a significant milestone in my life. I am grateful to Bishop Audrey, the councils of our church, and of course to you, my parish family, for the countless ways you have supported and nurtured me along the way. So, save the date! The ordination is set for Saturday December 10, 2022, at 11 a.m., in the Pasquerilla Worship Hall on Penn State's campus. I am doubly gratified that the bishop and Jeff both agree that an ordination on campus would be a wonderful way to affirm our outreach to the University. The Church is coming to Penn State University on December 10! Thanks be to God.

Congratulations, Ted!

Ordination to the Priesthood of Edward Barse Christopher
Saturday, December 10, 2022
Eleven o'clock in the morning
Pasquerilla Worship Hall on Penn State's campus

We plan to present Ted with a gift from the parish and are currently accepting donations. You can send your cash or check donation in any amount to the church office. We will also make a giving link.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



September 2022

	September	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2022 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 30,853	\$ 370,060	82%	\$ 453,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 32,915	\$ 393,519	82%	\$ 481,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 36,964	\$ 372,284	73%	\$ 506,519
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (4,049)	\$ 21,235		

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



October 2022

The vestry met on Tuesday, October 11, in the Parish Life Center. Vestry heard updates on the budget planning process from Finance Committee, as well as updates on the physical plant from Property Committee. The ongoing water leak issue in the Parish Life Center involves the bathrooms and there are necessary repairs to the toilets and plumbing. In addition, Pam Ferguson was appointed to the Board of the Community Cafe; the annual parish meeting was officially scheduled for January 29, 2023; and the vestry scheduled an upcoming retreat in February. After engaging in initial discussion about the budget at the main meeting, the vestry decided to hold an additional budget meeting on Tuesday, October 25. At this meeting, the vestry examined the proposed budget in greater detail, with assistance from Linda Mace of Finance Committee, and discussed priorities and strategies for this year's stewardship campaign.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, November 8, at 7pm in room 325. Approved vestry minutes are always available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

Kevin M. Lowe
Clerk of the Vestry

Vestry and Convention Delegate Nominations

Once again it is time to nominate candidates to serve on St. Andrews Vestry and as delegates to our 2023 Diocesan Convention. This year's committee, chaired by Tom Hall, has initiated the process and will be contacting members to seek eight nominees for the 2023 election. Please consider serving in this capacity with thought and prayer.

To be eligible to serve on vestry **or** as a convention delegate, you must be baptized, at least 16 years old, and a confirmed or received member of St. Andrew's in good standing who supports the parish through regular financial contributions. Nominations for vestry members **and** convention delegates are due by Friday, December 16, 2022. You may self-nominate or nominate someone else. Please make sure your nominee is willing to serve and, for convention delegates, will be available on October 20-21 before submitting his/her name.

You may submit nominations in writing to the church office or by email to Tom Hall at thos_hall@yahoo.com



VOTE November 8!

During this mid-term election year, all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 35 of the 100 seats in the Senate will be contested. Thirty-nine state and territorial gubernatorial elections, as well as numerous other state and local elections, will be contested. The results will determine the 118th United States Congress and make real differences in public policy. Research the candidates and issues, make informed choices, and then VOTE on November 8! Remind others to vote, too.

It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls.

-Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Election Day Prayers

Tuesday, November 8
8 p.m. - midnight

facebook.com/theepnn/
facebook.com/episcopalian/



As polls begin to close on Nov. 8 for the U.S. midterm elections, all are invited to join an Election Day Prayers gathering online hosted by The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations.

Tune in from 8 p.m. to midnight EST via [The Episcopal Public Policy Network Facebook page](#) or [The Episcopal Church Facebook page](#). Viewers do not need a Facebook profile to participate.

At the top of each hour, special guests from around the church will offer 10-15 minutes of reflection and prayer. Participants are encouraged to engage in prayerful conversation in the comments. The gathering will also feature simple video feeds from parishes throughout the U.S.

Scheduled guests include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris; the Rev. Charles Graves IV, missioner for Houston Canterbury; the Rev. Donna Gleaves, an Episcopal Public Policy Network ambassador; and Willis H.A. Moore, an Episcopal Election Activator.

All Saints and All the Faithful Departed



Our celebration of All Saints and All the Faithful Departed take place on Sunday, November 6, at both the 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. The names of St. Andrew's members and those you may wish to add who have died since last All Saints Day will be read at both services. There will also be an opportunity during the service for you to speak the names of any additional departed you wish to remember, either silently or aloud.

You may add names to our list of Faithful Departed by contacting the office by phone (814-237-7659) or email (office@standrewsc.org) or online at bit.ly/FaithfulDeparted2022 until the end of day Thursday, November 3.

In the past, we have displayed photographs or artwork to honor and remember our loved ones who have passed away, and holy people from all places and times who have shaped our faith with their example. This year we will display our framed photographs around the sanctuary on the radiators below the stained-glass windows - as we do for creches during Advent and Christmas. We will be surrounded on All Saints Day by saints from our lives as a congregation!

We invite you to bring your framed photographs or artworks to the church office by Friday November 4th (with your name attached to the back). You may pick them up the following week in the church office. Email Kathy Hickner with questions (youth@standrewsc.org).

Let's assemble a mighty cloud of witnesses for this holy day!

Evensong

Sunday, November 6

5 p.m., Church

Reception following, Room 325



On Sunday, November 6, at 5 p.m., the choir of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will present the service of choral evensong. Music will include the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Michael Praetorius, Preces and Responses by Thomas Tallis, and anthems by Havergal Brian and Noel Rawsthorne. Organist Gwen Catchen will play music by Pachelbel and David Lasky. The Rev. Jeffrey Packard will be the officiant.

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! A reception will follow in Room 325. There will be no evensong in December. On the 11th of that month, we will have our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols at 5 p.m. The next evensong will be 5 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, 2023.

EDUCATION

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kathy Hickner, Dir. Of Youth
Robin Bastress, Dir. Of Children

Children's Programs

Thank you!

Our Children and Youth Programs want to thank everyone who donated a Gift Card to families in need so that they can shop for their family. Some will celebrate Thanksgiving, and some will just be thankful. Your generosity is a blessing.

For anyone who still wants to donate, November 6 is the deadline for this year. Thank you!



Advent Begins on November 27

How will you prepare for the birth of our Lord?

Advent brings light to darkness. This is a season of **Hope, Joy, Peace, and Love**. Sometimes this season is difficult, because we may have people we love who are absent from our lives. Is there a way that you can share your light? OR that you can find some light?

Here are some thoughts about sharing with others:

- [Out of the Cold Wish Lists](#) - Amazon List & Shelter Needs
- **Toys for Tots** - December 4 - A visit from St. Nicholas at St. Andrew's and collecting Toys for Tots. Please bring a **new unwrapped** gift to Church on 12/4. Gifts for all ages of children and teens are appreciated.
- Food for the **State College Food Bank** - [List of Needs](#)
- [Clothing Drive](#) - at Mt. Nittany Middle School on November 5 & 6 - Donations accepted from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, November 4. **Come Shop at NO COST** - for everyone.
- Donate to **The Community Cafe** - Read More [here](#) and see article in this newsletter about contributing to the Café's Thanksgiving dinner.

Toys for Tots and St. Nicholas
Sunday, December 4



Looking ahead: Family Service and Christmas
Pageant

Christmas Eve, 5 p.m.



All families are invited. Our Children and Youth will dress to tell the Christmas Story.

Details will be shared in the December Newsletter.

Pillows Needed For Learning Together and Floor Work: Our church school class is doing a lot of work while sitting on the floor. (The kids really like working on the floor.) If you have any gently used floor pillows, throw pillows or bean bag chairs, we would appreciate using them to get cozy while we meet and work. Any donations of these items may be left at the Church, but please email to let us know!

Children@standrewsc.org Thank you!

Youth

Rite 13

Our Rite13 class has been exploring the big topics of prayer and loving God recently. And they are looking forward to Fr. Jeff leading a flashlight tour of the sanctuary, undercroft, and bell tower for their next session! This is another Rite13 St. Andrew's tradition (as is discovering a bat somewhere in the undercroft - but don't tell them this part!).

J2A (Journey to Adulthood) - Grades 9 - 11

Plans are coming together for our J2A pilgrimage to the Adirondacks of Upstate New York in June 2023! Thank you so much for your support of our youth as they raise funds for this trip. It is a very special time connecting with God and one another away from home for our youth. They will hike, explore, reflect, play, worship, and serve together with their youth group leaders.

J2A enjoyed a guest appearance by parishioner Melanie Foster recently to talk about global food issues before CROP walk! The group has also been discussing deep questions about the role of doubt in our journey of belief.

OUTREACH

State College CROP Hunger Walk

Thank you to the 17 parishioners who walked in the State College CROP Hunger Walk on a beautiful Sunday afternoon in October. Also, thank you to all those who donated to the walk and helped our Purple People Feeders raise **\$3,475** to help fight hunger in Centre County and around the world!



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 24, Noon until 2 p.m.
Dine in



The Community Café will host an in-person Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, November 24 from noon - 2 p.m. The meal will consist of all the traditional favorites: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, veggies, rolls, and cranberry sauce. There will also be beverages and pies of all kinds.

If you are interested, please contact Ron Rovansek at rrovansek@pacewater.com

CALL FOR TURKEYS: . Frozen turkeys can be left in the **freezer** in Canterbury Hall starting today. If you are dropping off a turkey the week of Thanksgiving, put it in the **refrigerator** in Canterbury Hall. If there is not space, message us and we will figure it out. Thank you in advance!

CALL FOR PIES: And of course, the meal is not complete until you've had a slice of pie. The Café will be making pumpkin pies, but your donations of fruit pies or other varieties that do not require refrigeration * will allow us to offer a variety to our guests. You can drop off your pies beginning Monday, November 21, through the morning of Thanksgiving.





If you have any questions, please email Ron Rovansek at (714) 514-8875.

* Food safety regulations only permit us to accept pie donations that do not require refrigeration. We will not be able to serve any refrigerated pies we receive.

IHS Wishing Well at Meyer Dairy

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7

Every year around Christmas Interfaith Human Services sends volunteers to several retail businesses, inviting the customers to drop some change—or bills—into their wishing wells to support local families with financial emergencies.

This year St. Andrew’s is responsible for staffing the wishing well at Meyer Dairy on Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7. As always, we’ll be outside in the healthy fresh air. So, grab your mask and your gloves, recruit your teenager or your friend, and sign up for a one-hour shift (or more!). There’s room for two people in each time slot—we know it’s more fun with company. Recruit a partner or sign up as someone else’s partner and make a new friend!

The signup sheet is

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E44ADA629A6F58-ringin1>

If you have questions, contact Marion Schwartz at kmarsch09@gmail.com.



UBBC Alternative Christmas Fair

Sunday, December 4

10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

University Baptist and Brethren Church

411 S. Burrowes Street, State College

<https://ubbcwelcome.org/acf/>



UBBC’s centennial year of 2022 is also the 40th anniversary of The Alternative Christmas

Fair. Once again, 30 of your favorite local, national, and international charities will take part in the Fair in our Church’s Fellowship Hall. Enjoy cookies, coffee, and cider as you check out their booths. You

designate the charities you want to support and the amount you want to give to each on a form provided and all of your year-end giving is accomplished with just one check or credit card swipe! Cards and envelopes are available to designate gifts in the names of loved ones or friends.

If you can’t be there on December 4, here is also an online giving option: <https://ubbcwelcome.org/acf/>

Since 1982 a total of \$827,859 has been raised by this event. Make the season merrier by supporting the good work of these charities! Join your friends and neighbors at The Alternative Christmas

UPCOMING

FRIDAY FILMS

Friday, November 11, 7 p.m.
Room 325
Pizza and refreshments 6:30 p.m.
Film starts 7 p.m.

Back to the Future
Rated: PG
1 hr, 56 min



Friday Films is back with a new lineup for the fall of 2023.

On Friday, November 11, we will screen *Back to the Future*, a fun time-traveling comedy, starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd as the zany Dr. Brown. The film co-stars a DeLorean.

Then, get ready to sing along as the next film will be the holiday classic, *White Christmas*, shown on Friday, December 9. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye will transport you to a time when all troubles of the heart could be solved by a little snow.

For both films, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. for pizza and other refreshments. The films will start at 7 p.m.

Friday Films are free and all are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Rovansek at srovansek@comcast.

St. Andrew's Day Celebration

Wednesday, November 30
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Church
6:30 p.m. Dinner, Canterbury Hall



November 30 is the feast day Saint Andrew, our patron saint, and the patron saint of Scotland. We will celebrate this year with a service of Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Scottish dinner in Canterbury Hall at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend the dinner, please r.s.v.p. at <https://bit.ly/SaintAndrewsDay> to help us determine how many meals to prepare.

And did we mention there will be Highland dancing?

LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

Advent Taizé Services

Wednesdays, December 7, 14, 21
5:45 p.m. in the Church



On three Wednesday evenings during Advent, we will have a Taizé service in the church. Take a break from the busyness of the holiday and join us in 45 minutes of quiet reflection. Taizé is a quiet, meditative service of music, silence, brief readings, and prayer, which calms body, mind, and spirit.

St. Nicholas Visits and Toys For Tots Collection

Sunday, December 4, 10 a.m. service

Advent 2

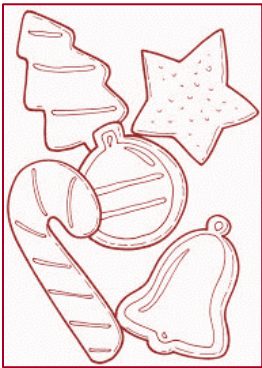
Church on December 4 will feature a guest appearance from a very special visitor. Everyone is encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots. Children will bring the toys to the altar during the Offertory. As you start your holiday shopping this month, add an extra toy to your list.

Holiday Cookie Sale

Friday, December 9 – donations due in Canterbury Hall

Sunday, December 11 – Cookies for sale

Advent 3



It's Christmas Cookie Time!

Calling all parish bakers! It's time again to crack open your cookbooks and get inspired to add something brilliant to our parish cookie sale. Please complete and return this form to help us know how many cookies to expect. You can drop contributions off in Canterbury Hall kitchen on Friday, December 9. Mixed boxes of cookies will be sold Sunday, December 11 after all services (or as long as they last!) for \$8 to benefit our J2A pilgrimage to Upstate New York in June 2023!

Name: _____ Phone: _____ home

Email: _____ Phone: _____ cell

Kind(s) of Cookies: _____

_____ dozen cookies

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, November 13
11 a.m., Room 324 – In Person
AND Via Zoom

The mission of the Knitting Ministry is fellowship and prayerful/mindful making with our hands for others. We will continue to knit cozy, useful items for Knitting4Peace (News and patterns at <https://www.knitting4peace.org/>).

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

The final 2022 date is December 11. All are welcome!



Current display in the Narthex of items made by members of the Knitting Ministry

BOOK CLUB

Monday, December 5
7 p.m., Room 119

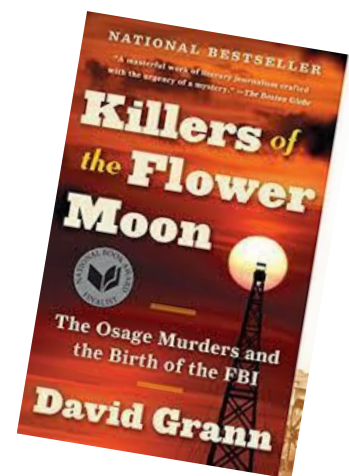
There are changes to our meeting time and location again this month, so please take note.

The Book Group selection for December is *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*, by David Grann.

From a description by the publisher: “*In Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann revisits a shocking series of crimes in which dozens of people were murdered in cold blood. The book is a masterpiece of narrative nonfiction, as each step in the investigation reveals a series of sinister secrets and reversals.

But more than that, it is a searing indictment of the callousness and prejudice toward Native Americans that allowed the murderers to operate with impunity for so long. *Killers of the Flower Moon* is utterly riveting, but also emotionally devastating.

Newcomers and guests are always welcome!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a November 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 Katie Gaines
1 Debra Noyes
1 Deborah Morton
1 Tyler Farris
4 Linda Hoover
6 Gwen Catchen
6 Marsha Rinetti
7 Andrew Gaines
8 Anne Hoag

8 Michelle Mason
9 Theo Newton
12 Ru Sabre
13 James Tybout
15 Tom Yuhas
16 Brucie Serene
18 Christina Ford
19 Betty Parry
20 Lauren Krasnansky
20 Christine Mihalenko
20 Carolyn Hatley



20 Mary Valentine
20 Jim Serene
21 Diane Cramer
23 Tony Kwasnica
23 Ted Christopher
23 Bob Downs
23 Larry Murphy
29 Sian Packard

Those For Whom We Pray

Sandy, Mavis, John, Mena, Betty, Janet, Jane, Joan, Don, Stu, Beth, Joe, Laura, Jordan, Ty, Isa, Lee, Marya, Madeline, Molly, Erica, Curtis, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Robbie, Sara, Emily, Vicki, David, Fran, Daniel, Ann, Bob, Donna, Bill, Michael, Joanne, Robert, Meghan, Cora, Maegan, Terry, Steven, Teri, Stephen, Edward, Ryan, Cynthia, Donald, David, John, Edward, Ty, Jordan, Isa, Zachary

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Andrew, Amy

Please call or email the office with your prayer requests.

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or post them on our Prayer Wall

<https://bit.ly/StAPrayerWall>

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