

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

May 2023

Cultivating Joy

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice; He has burst this three days' prison; Let the whole wide earth rejoice: Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

The great fifty days are here! It is the Easter season. We now celebrate a sustained season of joy for the resurrection. Joy is a spiritual discipline, at least as important as the disciplines we employed during Lent. It may be difficult to imagine fifty days of joy. After all, we can't be joyful all the time, can we? If we equate joy with happiness, that is true. We cannot be happy all the time. Happy is kind of mood related. Our moods change all the time. Joy, at least in this sense, is something that can abide and become foundational for our whole life. It can infuse everything we do no matter what mood we happen to be in. Even when we are sad, we can hold onto a profound joy that will sustain us through dark times. But how do we cultivate joy?

Here are three ways you can cultivate joy this Easter season. Pray. Give. Do.

Back during Lent, we talked about creating a regular prayer discipline. In that context, prayer sounds like a chore, something you *should* do, but something you don't really enjoy doing, like eating kale. However, regular prayer can help to cultivate joy by turning us outward toward others, and by forcing us to think about those things for which we are most thankful. Join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom Monday through Saturday at 8:30. You will find a small group of folks who readily share both joys and sorrows through prayer. We often talk about what a great way to start the day it is.

Jesus talked about how it is more blessed to give than to receive. That may sound like a marketing campaign, but there is deep truth in it. Sharing our abundance makes us more aware of the needs of others and it makes us more aware of the blessings we have in our lives. Our Parishioners' Ministry (PM) is running an "Easter Blessings" campaign. Any money given to PM will be given away, mostly to those outside our parish, to people in need. We partner with other local charities to vet the recipients and usually combine our gift with money from multiple sources to meet the need, whether it be rent, car repairs, utilities, or doctor bills. Giving, even a small amount, helps us to acknowledge the abundance of God's grace and the sheer joy of being able to share it.

There is no shortage of opportunities to do through volunteering. Our parish has many ministries that could use your help. All around our community there are organizations who need volunteers. Giving of yourself and your time makes you feel good. Seeing the results of your work is satisfying. Doing is a great way to both cultivate and share joy. So, volunteer today. Consider our Community Café or one of the Sunday worship related ministries, like altar guild or hosting fellowship hour.

Joy is a gift from God. It flows directly from God's presence in our lives and God's blessings. This season of resurrection let's cultivate joy in our lives by praying, giving, and doing in the name of Jesus, the crucified and resurrected one.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



March 2023

	March	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2023 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 25,824	\$ 160,106	35%	\$ 454,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 28,348	\$ 169,276	35%	\$ 485,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 40,465	\$ 133,199	25%	\$ 535,003
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (12,117)	\$ 36,078		

^{*}Includes pledges, plate offerings, and special holiday offerings.

VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry



March and April 2023

The Vestry met on March 14, 2023. Vestry approved a motion for Community Cafe to participate in the Centre Gives 2023 fundraiser, as it has in previous years. The vestry also approved a motion to accept the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendations to close the budget gap for this year with funds from the surplus budget.

There was no vestry meeting in April due to the Easter observance. Vestry, however, voted by email vote to approve emergency funding for the repair of the front steps, side steps and 2nd floor men's room ceiling. The work is proceeding.

The vestry meets on the second Tuesday of the month. The next vestry meeting will be on May 9 in Room 324. All parishioners are welcome.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



Year One and Looking Ahead

Our campus ministry, Episcopal at Penn State, celebrated the end of the semester with a cook-out at my house. The group conducted an election for new leadership, and I am pleased to report that Rick Yoder, a PhD student in history, was elected President and Alex Coberly, a graduate student in Art History, was elected treasurer. Their first official act was to 're-up' the student organization with OrgCentral on campus (ah, the bureaucracy, even on-line!). So, we survived the year as a campus ministry, and have a second one to come. That is no small achievement. I am grateful for all the students who showed up this year – so many gifted and interesting and curious people. What a blessing for the Church!



As an end-of-semester 'gift, I want to share what our new president, Rick, posted on Facebook upon learning he would be part of the leadership of Episcopal at Penn State next year. It is an exploration of ways to grow the episcopal branch of campus ministry. It is funny – satirical even – but it also expresses nicely his gifts and our group's vibe; funny, and irreverent, but also serious about our heritage and eager to continue to grow as the episcopal/Anglican branch of the Jesus movement at Penn State!

From Rick Yoder:

Ideas to grow the Episcopal student ministry:

- -Daily Office
- -Candle-light Compline
- -Walk-in Eucharistic adoration
- -Pilgrimage to Jerusalem
- -Tent Revival
- -Snake-Handling
- -Reviving the Cult of le S. Diacre Pâris
- -Total consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Our
- Lady of Llanthonye
- -Adoption of Puritan Names in Religion
- -Folded chasubles (on T-shirts)
- -Veneration of relics, but only from Protestants
- -Horoscopes

- -???
- -Hellfire preaching against transphobia and also college athletics
- -Wine
- -Public screenings of "Hinge & Bracket" episodes
- -The Blessing of the Seersucker (Use of K Street)
- -Fresh Expressions
- -Gregorian karaoke
- -Seek status as a Royal Peculiar
- -Lancelot Andrewes caps
- -Deuterocanonical Bible Studies
- -Penitential confraternities
- -Build a Cathedral



(Our 'sad' picture – because not everyone could come to the end of semester cook-out!)

WORSHIP

EVENSONG

Sunday, May 7, 5 p.m. Church Reception, 6 p.m., Room 325



On Sunday, May 7, the choir will sing the service of choral evensong. Music will include a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Preces and Responses by Richard Shephard, and anthems by Guillaume Bouzignac and Malcolm Archer. Organist Gwen Catchen will play music by Paul Bouman and Johann Pachelbel. The Rev. Gene Tucker, rector of St. John's in Huntingdon, 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. Old English speakers translated the Latin word vesperas as æfensang, which became 'evensong' in modern English.

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. The next evensong will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 1.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Adult Forum Coordinator Needed

This is a volunteer position. We need someone to take charge of planning, scheduling, and coordinating the Sunday Adult Forum, 9:00-9:50 a.m.



Are you interested in adult Christian formation? Would you like to be involved with others who are too? This could be for you. We have much talent within our congregation and often invite people from other organizations to make presentations.

Speak to Father Jeff if you are interested or have any questions.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Teacher Appreciation May 21 at the 10 a.m. service

Thank you to all of our caring and loving teachers.

"I am blessed to have so many great things in my life – family, friends, and God. All will be in my thoughts daily." –Kimberely Jones



Congratulations, Maggie!

Maggie Bond has been a part of our children's programs beginning her Freshman year at Penn State. This past year she accepted the position of Nursery Attendant.

Here is a note from Maggie about her time with us, her degrees, and fun plans for the near future! We wish you well, Maggie! You will be missed!

Thank you all so much for welcoming me into the St. Andrew's community!! I have really appreciated and enjoyed my time here working in the nursery, volunteering with Sunday school, and getting involved with Episcopal at Penn State. I'll be graduating this May with my bachelor's in sociology with minors in social justice in education, French and Francophone studies, and education. policy studies and my master's in educational theory and policy. I'm celebrating by going to Ireland for two weeks in May, which I'm super excited about! After that, I'll be moving home to Huntingdon Valley, PA, where I'm hoping to continue my work in education research. I am so grateful for all of the support from this community over the last few years!

And in related news...

Nursery Coordinator Needed

This is a paid position. The Nursery Coordinator recruits, trains, schedules, and oversees the volunteers in our Sunday morning nursery. The coordinator also works in the nursery every Sunday along with the volunteers. In the past we have modified the position to be nursery attendant—not including the scheduling and oversight functions. We would prefer to have one person do the whole coordinator job but might be willing to discuss splitting the position again.

If you are interested in the position or have any questions, please contact Fr. Jeff. (rector@standrewsc.org)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Honoring Graduates this Spring

We will be honoring high school, college, and graduate school graduates this spring at St. Andrew's with a bulletin board of pictures and short biographies. If you have a graduate in your family and would like to participate, please email (or drop off in the main office) a picture and short bio to Kathy Hickner (wouth@standrewsc.org) by Friday May 5. Bios should be about 3-4 sentences and can include information about future plans and a few accomplishments. The parish will really enjoy seeing and celebrating your graduate!

Our high school graduates will also be recognized in person at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, June 4.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

St. A's Night at the Spikes!

Friday, June 9

Medlar Field at Lubrano Park

Kick off your summer with a night at The Spikes! Group priced tickets, dinner on your own at the concession stands and being together!

Game Time: 6:35 p.m., on-field group photo 5:30 p.m.

Cost: \$9 per ticket

Nonrefundable payment for tickets is due: May 26th.

Please make checks payable to: St. Andrew's - "Spikes" in the memo.

Sign up here or use this link: https://bit.ly/NightatSpikes **by May 26** to secure your spot on the "team."



Additional notes:

- We will have a team photo taken on the field **before the game at 5:30 p.m.** Plan to come early!
- Ike the Spike will visit us during the game.
- Ice Cream and Concessions are close by
- Please sign up by May 26th.
- Our seats are easily accessible for all.

Email Children@standrewsc.org with questions.

St. Andrew's Spiritwear is Back!

Orders due by Friday, May 19

Web store address: https://bit.ly/StAsSpiritwear

Wondering what to wear to the Spikes game on June 9?

We have the perfect answer. You will be ready to take the field in your St. Andrew's baseball cap or shirt. In addition to these items, our Collegiate Pride web store has t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo shirts, and a tote bag in youth and adult sizes to show your St. Andrew's spirit in any situation.

Place your order online at the link above by May 19 for delivery prior to the Spikes Game. You can choose to have your merchandise delivered to St. Andrew's for pickup (free) or mailed directly to you (additional fee).

This is NOT a fundraiser; all items are priced at cost.



UPCOMING

Tides Dinner and Discussion

Wednesday, May 3 5:30 p.m., Room 325

On Wednesday, May 3, we will host a dinner and discussion with Tides' Program Director Evelyn Wald in Room 325.

We have all experienced loss this year. Coping, surviving, and living as we grieve does not need to be something that we do in isolation. To learn how we can help support one another and be supported through local resources,

NO ONE NEEDS TO GRIEVE ALONE.



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sign up at https://bit.ly/TidesDinnerRSVP by Monday, April 1 if you would like to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Bastress at 814-404-3812.

Spring Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 6 – NEW DATE 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., grounds of St. Andrew's

(Rain date: Sunday, May 7)



Due to inclement weather, the Spring Cleanup Day originally scheduled for April 29 has been moved to **Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**, with a rain date of Sunday afternoon, May 7, from 1-4 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Paige Andrew in person or at pga19@hotmail.com or 814-769-9400.

Paige Andrew
On behalf of the **Property Committee**

Friday Films

Friday, May 19 7 p.m., Room 325 (Snacks starting at 6:30 p.m.)

To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) 2h 9m

As its selection for May, Friday Films will screen *To Kill a Mockingbird* on Friday, May 19. Listed as one of the best films of all time, to Kill a Mockingbird, was nominated for eight Academy Awards and won three. It was adapted from Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name.



The film portrays childhood innocence threatened against a backdrop of small-town secrets and a father at once intent on maintaining that innocence while he fights in a courtroom to save a man's life in the Depression-Era south.

Snacks will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the film will begin at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow for those who wish to stay. The film is free, and all are welcome.

"Everything you Ever Wanted to Know About the Episcopal Church But Were Afraid to Ask"

Saturday, May 13

10:30 – noon in the church

On Saturday, May 13, we will meet in the church for a class which tries to cover all the stuff you've been curious about but never had the opportunity to ask someone. This class is part of the soon-to-be-concluded Adult Confirmation class Father Jeff has been teaching, but **all** are invited. We begin with architecture, cover the obscure titles in the church—what is a Right Reverend Most Honorable anyway?—cover the names for all the stuff we use during church, and give folks lots of chances to ask questions. No need to pre-register; just show up and bring your questions. Note: this class was offered in the past (pre-pandemic). So, if you attended it before, it's the same.

Blessing of the Bikes

Sunday, May 21 – following 10 a.m. service On the Front Lawn



Bikes (and bikers) of every kind are welcome – bicycles, tricycles, motorcycles – all will be blessed on the front lawn following our 10 a.m. service. The blessing will be followed by a lap around the church block for those who wish to participate and refreshments.

Bring your bike and bring a friend!

Toot-in-Common Spring Concert

Monday, May 22 7 p.m., Church

On Monday evening, May 22, St. Andrew's parishioner, Judy Moore, will lead Toot-in-Common, in an hour-long program featuring classical, popular, and contemporary works written or arranged for flute choir. and contemporary selections written just for flute choir. A reception will follow the performance. A goodwill offering will be accepted to help support the group.

For more information, please contact Judy at flautodolce@comcast.net.



CENTRE GIVES 2023

Community Café

Centre Gives

Wednesday, May 10, at 8 a.m. to Thursday, May 11, at 8 p.m. Online at <u>centregives.org</u>

Search for "The Community Café at St. Andrew's



For the 4th year in a row, the Community Café at St. Andrew's will participate in Centre Gives, a 36-hour online giving event where the money you donate to your favorite charities will go further because of their stretch pool and the prizes that each individual charity is eligible for.

It is important to note that this year Centre Gives will move from Tuesday-Wednesday to Wednesday-Thursday, so the event begins on May 10 at 8 a.m. and will end on May 11 at 8 p.m.

This change bodes well for the Café. We operate on Thursday, so we will be able to live stream videos of patrons and volunteers (if they choose to participate) who would like to tell what the Café means to them. It will also help folks actually see what the Café is all about.

Centre Gives Fest

Thursday, May 11 5:30 – 9 p.m., Talleyrand Park, Bellefonte



For the first time this year, the Café will participate in Centre Gives Fest. The Café will sponsor a cookie decorating table, so we need *two* volunteers who are willing to host and supervise the table.

If you are interested, please contact Sharon Rovansek at srovansek@comcast.Net.

In addition to decorating cookies, you can enjoy live music, food vendors such as Pizza Mia and Savory Station, and a variety of family-friendly activities from some of your other favorite nonprofits. Join your fellow community members to countdown the final hours of Centre Gives and celebrate with music, food, and fun!

Interfaith Human Services



There are many deserving organizations participating in Centre Gives. After you make your donation to the Community Café, please consider supporting Interfaith Human Services (IHS), a collaboration of 30 congregations in Centre County, PA, including St. Andrew's, who provide programs and services to low-income families in our neighborhoods.

Use the link above for Centre Gives and search for "Interfaith Human Services" to donate.

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 12

11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Canterbury Hall

Schedule online at redcrossblood.org or Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)



The need for blood is critical. Please sign up today.

Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

IN THE COMMUNITY



- The Voices of the Penns Valley Men's Chorus
- Tuesday Night Bluegrass Jam
- Pine Hall Church Choir
- · Some old hymns & favorite sing-alongs
- · Refreshments to Follow



IDEAS EVERYWHERE! INSPIRATIONS FOR POETRY

Poetry Retreat
SEPTEMBER 22 TO 24, 2023
BETHANY RETREAT CENTER

Facilitator: Marjorie Maddox Award Winning Author, Retreat Leader, & Poet

Offering: \$275.00 (includes 2 nights, meals, lodging, and deposit)

Deposit: \$75.00

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The everyday, the eternal, and everything in between—ideas for poems are everywhere! During this retreat, we'll focus on generating poems from both the mundane and the miraculous, using—as time permits—the arts (paintings, photographs, movies, music), sacred texts and rituals, nature, news, place, sports, and the medical as springboards. By drafting, revising, and discussing poems in a supportive community, we'll consider how one poetic choice leads to another, each contributing to the work's overall effect. Arrive ready to engage, experiment, write, laugh. Leave with new ideas and strategies for future poems.





Professor of English at Lock Haven University, **Marjorie Maddox** has published 13 collections of poetry—most recently *Transplant, Transport, Transubstantiation* (Yellowglen Prize); *Begin with a Question* (Paraclete Press, International Book Award Winner), and *Heart Speaks, Is Spoken For* (Shanti Arts), an ekphrastic collaboration with photographer Karen Elias. Her poems are featured in *Christian Poetry in America since 1940* (Paraclete Press), edited by Michael Mattix and Sally Thomas. In addition, she has published the short story collection *What She Was Saying* (Fomite); four children's and YA books—including *Inside Out: Poems on Writing and Reading Poems with Insider Exercises* (Finalist International Book Awards), *A Crossing of Zebras: Animal Packs in Poetry; I'm Feeling Blue, Too!* (a 2021 NCTE Notable Poetry Book), and *Rules of the Game: Baseball Poems*—plus

the anthology *Common Wealth: Contemporary Poets on Pennsylvania* (co-editor) and the literary journal *Presence: A Journal of Catholic Poetry* (assistant editor). *In the Museum of My Daughter's Mind*, based on her daughter's paintings (www.hafer.work) + works by other artists, is forthcoming in 2023 (Shanti Arts). Please see www.marjoriemaddox.com

Marjorie hosted St. Andrew's 2022 Poetry Contest during the Arts Festival last year. You can also find Marjorie's poems in St. Andrew's Poetry Contest anthologies, *Poetry in a Time of Pandemic* and *Caring for Creation* Available on Amazon.com

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, May 21, 11:15 a.m. Room 324 and *Zoom*

Knitting Ministry will meet on Sunday, May 21, following the 10 a.m. service. This will be our last regularly scheduled meeting until September. **Note**: we will diverge from our normal second Sunday of the month to sidestep Mothers' Day

Join us in Room 324 or 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/).



If you would like to come, please email <u>anne.hoag@gmail.com</u> and she will send you a Zoom invitation link.

For more information contact Anne Hoag,

anne.hoag@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 23 7 p.m., Room 324 (Library)

The Book Group will meet Tuesday, May 23, to discuss *Wrong Place, Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister. "An unputdownable tale of a mother trying to prevent the murder her son has [already] committed as she wakes up each morning to find herself further back in the past, *Wrong Place Wrong*



Time is a riveting, tense, genrebending novel that will stay with the reader long after the closing pages."

The Book Group is open to all and newcomers and guests are always welcome.

GAME CLUB

Sunday, May ?? Room 325



If you missed Game Club last month, you missed a lot of fun, good conversation, some exciting cribbage matches, and some impressive acting and dance moves from Daniel Foster and Dennis Shea.

Date and time for May to be determined.

Stay tuned...

MAY BIRTHDAYS

13 Molly Wells	21 Judy Mitchell
13 Mavis Stapleford	21 David Packard
13 Jack Bagby	22 Marcia Saiers
14 Jenna Ruberto	23 Fran Budris
14 Carol Eidsvoog-Spencer	24 Leah Patzkowsky
14 Janet Engeman	25 Lydia Lunnen
14 Gretchen Heim	25 Stephanie Bunt
16 Carol McKeever	26 Robin Tate
17 Caitlin Osborne	27 John deCarle
17 Marc Rigas	27 Rick Hoover
18 Christie Orr	27 Michael Skvarla
19 Dawn Ziegerer	29 Todd King
20 JudithAnn Rule	30 Barb Downs
	13 Mavis Stapleford 13 Jack Bagby 14 Jenna Ruberto 14 Carol Eidsvoog-Spencer 14 Janet Engeman 14 Gretchen Heim 16 Carol McKeever 17 Caitlin Osborne 17 Marc Rigas 18 Christie Orr 19 Dawn Ziegerer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a May 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, Mavis, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Sara, Emily, David, Vicki, Donna, Robbie, Joan, Don, Jane, Zach, Ty, Isa, Jordan, Yvonne, Claude, Bryan, Michael, Robert, Joann, Mary, Marie, Lou, Bev, Christian, Kia, Zachary, Jim, Linda, John, Mena, Lois, Glynn, Kyle, Grace, Stella, Janet, Matthew, Micki, Jessica, Holly, Marion, Stephen, Greg, Mary Elizabeth, Bob, Susan, Christina, Gordon, Alex, Chuck, Erin, Tom, Renée, Jan

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric, Andrew, Amy, Zachariah

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