

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

October 2024

Investing In Values

Earlier this year, we hired consultants to help us with strategic planning. The first step of that process was to discern our Core Values. Remember the survey you were invited to take? That was your input into this first step. The Core Values are not the end product of this process. The thing that our Core Values helped us develop is called a Strategic Filter. You will have more opportunity later to see what the Strategic Filter Is and how we are using it. This month our focus is on introducing the Core Values.

The Values themselves, along with some explanation, appear later in this edition of our newsletter. In order to underscore and highlight these Values, we will have a sermon series this month. Each of the four Sundays in October will feature a sermon that expands and explains one of the Core Values. The Values lend themselves to being contemplated, and these sermons will be an extended contemplation on the Core Values. My hope is that when you read or hear about the Core Values we have identified, your reaction will be, "Well... yeah. Of course." That has been the reaction of those with whom they have been shared so far. Remember, our task, along with our consultants, was not to create Core Values that we hoped to instill. Our task was discernment. We tried to distill from your responses to the survey, from the various ministries we've undertaken in the past and are currently engaged in, and from all the feedback and input we received, the Values that already exist at the Core of who we are as a parish. That is why I hope your reaction is something like, "Duh!"

I also hope you keep in mind that the Core Values are not an end in themselves. They are a big part of a tool to keep us focused on what is really important to the life and ministry of our parish. As we live them out together, they will help us set priorities, make decisions about resource allocation, and avoid getting sidetracked or distracted. After this month of focusing on the Core Values, you will have the opportunity to use the Strategic Filter, our tool for discussing and making decisions, at an adult forum on Sunday, November 10. I have found it impossible to talk about the Filter in the abstract. You have to experience it. That's when people say, "Oh, I see what you mean!" It is inadequate to tell you that the Filter is a set of questions, the first half of which focuses on our Core Values, the second half of which asks important practical questions. That is a good description of it, but until you engage with these questions with a group of people trying to make a decision, you won't understand the power and potential of the tool to impact our common life.

The vestry and I believe that our Core Values and the Strategic Filter will be so important to the future of St. Andrew's that the rolling out of these things for our congregation to know and understand forms the core of our stewardship campaign this year. Rather than spend this month talking about money and pledging, we will focus on the Values at the Core of our parish and its ministries. We hope and pray you will agree with us that these Values and our struggle together to live them out are indeed valuable and worth your continued commitment of time, talent, and treasure our Lord commands.

Fr. Jeff +

TED Talk

Making Connections

Episcopal at Penn State is having a robust and exciting fall! We participated in both the Religious and Spiritual Student Org Fair as well as the Queer Religious and Spiritual Student Org Fair. In addition, we hosted an Ice Cream Social at the Creamery and a Pizza Gathering in Pasquerilla. The big news is... our Choral Scholars program launched Sept. 29 in Eisenhower Chapel with a beautiful Choral Evensong service followed by a reception. We look forward to presenting a service of Sung Compline at 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, in the Worship Hall of the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center – by candlelight, with smells and bells, and perhaps an organ surprise! It will be exciting to see the ways in which this initiative of our campus ministry will help to grow the Episcopal presence on campus and present new possibilities for connection with other groups on campus.

The other big news is... we are excited to announce that Episcopal at Penn State is partnering with the Center for Spiritual and Ethical Development and St. Andrew's Friday Films and Daughters of the King to host a viewing of the film *The Philadelphia Eleven* on Friday October 25 at 7 p.m. This will take place in the Memorial Lounge of the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center. This film is the true story of the 'irregular' ordinations of the first eleven women priests in the Episcopal Church which took place 50 years ago (!) at the Church of the Advocate in North Philadelphia.



THE TRUE STORY OF THE FIRST FEMALE PRIESTS IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal at Penn State, The Center for Spiritual and Ethical Development, and St. Andrew's State College invite you to a free screening of "The Philadelphia Eleven" on Friday, October 25, at 7pm in the Memorial Lounge of the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center



The film is a profound, moving experience – you won't want to miss it.

Ted+

The Philadelphia Eleven

Friday, October 25

7 p.m.

The Memorial Lounge of the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center

The film is free and open to the public.

Be sure to check out our website

www.episcopalatpennstate.com

ST. ANDREW'S CORE VALUES

Core Values

Core values are the “Why” of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church. They are the foundation of both our congregation’s missional identity and vision. These core values center all missional, programmatic, organizational, and funding decisions.

Centered in Christ

The worship, work, and spiritual life of St. Andrew’s is centered in Christ’s teachings of compassion, peace, and justice, and his example of caring for those whom the world has turned away. As a community of Christ followers, we are called to examine culture and society through the lens of Jesus’ life and teachings.

Nurturing bodies, minds, and souls

Following Christ’s example, we seek to respond to both physical and spiritual needs. Jesus gathered people around tables to break barriers and build connections nourishing them body and soul. So, we too seek to care for the whole person. By anticipating ways in which each one who comes through our doors may experience a sense of belonging, we extend the love of Christ freely and openly to all in worship, in service, in faith formation, and around the table.

Providing sanctuary

In all that we do, we invite the Spirit to guide us, so that the protection of sanctuary experienced by God’s love may be felt by all who enter our space, reflected both in our beautiful worship space and in the kindness we extend. By opening our doors and our hearts in a spirit of hospitality, our spirits are filled as we go out into the world.

Planted to serve the community

We believe that God has planted us in this place to serve this community. The buildings we occupy are not ours, per se, but are to be shared with the community around us, for all to experience the boundless love of God.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



August 2024

	August	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2024 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 31,770	\$ 332,760	77%	\$ 432,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 34,353	\$ 356,101	77%	\$ 464,100
Total Operating Expense	\$ 39,358	\$ 365,519	66%	\$ 555,264
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (5,005)	\$ (9,418)		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry



September 2024

The vestry met on September 18 in room 324. A donor has come forward with a generous offering of \$20,000 to establish an endowment in Gloria Meder's name for the Parishioners' Ministry; the vestry approved the donation. The treasurer described the income/expense report for July/August as pretty good considering it is from summer months (when parishioners are sometimes not in the area).

Fr. Ted has accepted a call to be Priest-in-Charge at St. John's in Huntingdon for one-quarter of the time. This will not interfere with his time and duties at St. Andrew's.

On Oct. 15, the current chair of the Property Committee, Sarah Klinetob-Lowe, will address the vestry in a special meeting to outline the current and future needs of St. Andrew's property. Sarah will be stepping down as chair at the end of her term on the vestry.

The next vestry meeting will be on Tuesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. in room 324. All are invited.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

African Bible Study

October 20

11:15 a.m. in Room 325

The final session of African Bible Study hosted by the Daughters of the King is scheduled for Sunday, October 20.

In the African Bible Study method, rooted in Lectio Divina, a selected passage is read aloud from three different versions of the Bible by three different voices. Listeners are then invited to respond in a particular format. You do not need to register or have attended previous sessions.

For additional information, please contact Michele Marini at michelemarini@comcast.net.



Adult Forum

Sundays in October

9-9:45 a.m. in Canterbury Hall

(Presentations begin promptly at 9 a.m.)



Our Adult forums continue in October with the following presentations. Watch your weekly emails for more details.

Sunday, October 6 - **Parishioners' Ministry**

Our Adult Forum on October 5 featured a roundtable discussion with Steven Smith and members of Parishioners' Ministry who explained what PM does to help people in need, and how it depends on voluntary contributions outside the parish's regular budget.

Sunday, October 13 – **Diocesan Convention and Reunification**

Diocesan Convention Delegates will share information about the resolution on reunification between our diocese and the Diocese of Bethlehem that will be presented for a vote with a recommendation from the Reunification Committee to accept the proposal. In addition to resolutions for each diocese's convention, an Agreement of Union was developed that outlines what the work of the next year might look like as one diocese including regional organization, constitution and canons, finances, and Diocesan Bishop.

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Sunday, October 20 – **A History of Lessons and Carols**

Music Director, Canon Walter Wells, and organist, Gwen Catchen, will talk about the history of the service of Lessons and Carols which takes place annually during Advent.

Sunday, October 27 – **The Food Recovery Network**

Emmanuel Kraft is a student at Penn State and a co-founder of the university's Food Recovery Network chapter, which transports unserved, leftover food from the campus dining halls to distribution locations such as St. Andrew's. He looks forward to discussing how they simultaneously address food waste and food insecurity, and how you can do your own part!

MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S

MEET YOUR CHOIR

You see them every Sunday. It is time to learn more about the members of the choir at St. Andrew's

Andrew Chisholm

I have been a member St. Andrew's Choir since I was 10 years old. In my time with the choir, I have sung for four rectors. Walter Wells is the third choir director that I have sung under.

Singing is a joy but very hard work. Walter works us hard, and he gets the best out of us.

Melody Chisholm

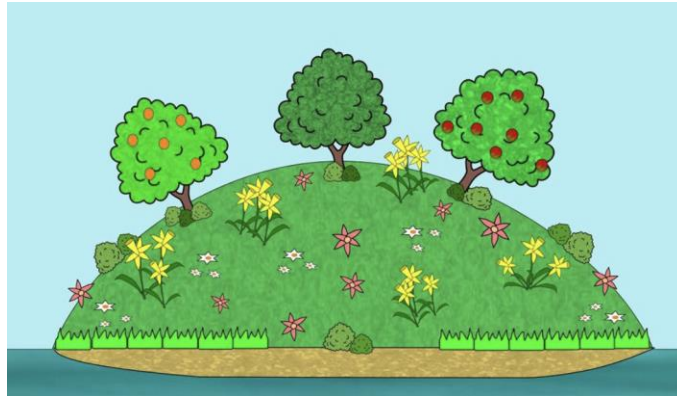
I am from the small town of Pleasantville in Northwestern Pennsylvania. I have been singing in church since I was 7 years old. I was trained as a church musician by my piano teacher, who was a church pianist and organist. I became the pianist at a small country Methodist Church when 14.



I met my husband, Andrew, when we were both students at Edinboro State College. We moved back to State College in 1983 with our , then very young, daughters. I joined the Choir at St. Andrew's in 1993. Singing in the Choir is a lot of work as well as a big-time commitment, but it brings a lot of joy. Many friendships have been forged over the years while making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

News from our CHILDREN and YOUTH PROGRAMS



Our Classes meet during the 10 a.m. service.

- **Godly Play**, ages 3 to 8, meet in Room 338
- **Church School**, ages 9 to 14, meet in Room 330 at the end of the hallway!

Teachers will be in the hallway to greet our children and to make sure that they can find their room!

If you have any questions or you would like to help, please contact Robin Children@standrewsc.org

UPCOMING

Fall Cleanup Day

Saturday, October 26
8 a.m. until Noon
Grounds of St. Andrew's



Join members of the Property Committee and fellow parishioners for a "Cleanup Day" at St. Andrew's.

This outdoor work will consist primarily of leaf raking, weeding and pruning, and other tasks as time allows. Our goal is to make sure our grounds are safe and attractive now and ready for the winter ahead.

Bring a leaf rake and similar yard-work tools (if you have any), your favorite gloves and kneepads, and dress appropriately for the weather. We need your help to complete our full list of projects. No experience necessary!

OUTREACH

Mt. Nittany Elementary & Middle School Annual Clothing Drive

Donations accepted: Friday, November 3, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and
Saturday, November 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop at No Cost: Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and
Sunday, November 5, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Drop off your donations at Mt. Nittany Middle School

- Accepting ALL gently used clothing, sizes Infant to All Adult Sizes.
- Winter Clothing is needed: Coats, Mittens/Gloves, Hats & Boots!
- Also Appreciated: Sports Gear, Toys & Household Items.

Shop at No Cost!

- Friday and Saturday at Mt. Nittany Middle School
- New items each day



Tradition of Giving: Gift Card Blessings for Thanksgiving

Gift card donations due by Sunday, November 3

This year we are requesting gift cards from Walmart, Target, Giant, or Weis for families in need in the State College Area School District. Gift cards make it possible for families to buy the foods and hygiene products that their family needs and enjoys.

We will need gift cards by Sunday, November 3, to allow time for distribution. On Weekdays, donations may be brought to the Church office. Please write the amount of the card on the card.

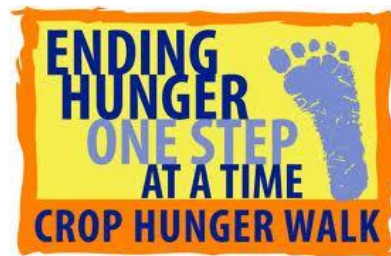
Many Thanks for All of the Support. If you have any questions, please write: Robin children@standrewsc.org



2024 STATE COLLEGE CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 27

State College Presbyterian Church, 132 W. Beaver Avenue
1:30 p.m. registration; 2 p.m. walk begins



October in State College means falling leaves, pumpkins, cooler temps, football, pets coming to church, and ...The CROP Hunger Walk!

This year's easy 5K CROP Walk will start and end at **State College Presbyterian Church, 132 W. Beaver Avenue**. Registration begins at 1:30; the walk begins at 2 p.m.

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. The money we raise will be used to help the 950 million people in the world who don't have enough to eat. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised in the State College CROP Hunger will stay in State College. The rest is used by Church World Service globally to provide food and water, seeds and tools, wells and water systems, technical training, micro-enterprise loans, disaster relief and more.

Register for your local CROP Hunger Walk, raise funds, and take us one step closer to ending hunger once and for all.

Parishioners of all ages, family members, friends, and pets are encouraged to put on some purple and join us!

To join the St. Andrew's team or donate, use the link or QR code TODAY! If you prefer to write a check, make it out to "CWS/CROP" and give it to one of the walkers, or put it in the offering plate.

<https://bit.ly/2024CROPHungerWalk>

Please contact our new CROP Walk chair, Andrea McCloskey, if you have questions or need more information

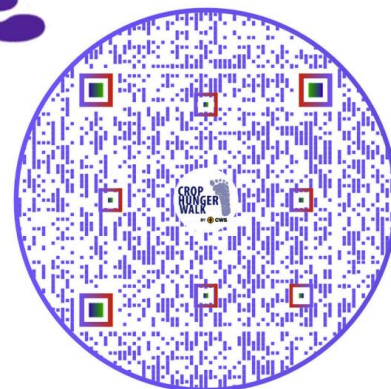


This year, for the first time, you will be able to purchase a St. Andrew's CROP Walk t-shirt to wear while you walk and throughout the year.

These shirts will be available in Adult and Youth sizes in limited quantities on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you miss out this year, we hope to make this the start of an annual tradition.

The shirts will be offered in what other color than PURPLE!

Watch your weekly emails and bulletins to find out the cost (approx. \$15) and date on sale



Episcopal Relief and Development Hurricane Relief Fund



Episcopal Relief & Development provides emergency relief in the wake of disasters like Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton through partnerships with local faith communities in affected areas.

You can help those who have been impacted by these latest events with your donation to ERD's Hurricane relief through Realm at <https://onrealm.org/StAndrewsC/-/form/give/ERD>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Opening At Interfaith Human Services

Full-time Case Manager needed



If you know or are someone who cares about serving those in need and is looking for a full-time position as a Case Manager, please share this information:

Interfaith Human Services seeks a community-minded individual with a passion for protecting the vulnerable and helping low-income residents of Centre County to fill a Case Manager position. This full-time position will work to coordinate and stabilize our client's basic needs and finances. Pay \$37-41,000 per year, generous PTO, 3% IRA match from day one, and monthly medical expenses reimbursement benefit.

For complete details, use the link below or contact Interfaith Human Services.

<https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/casemanager/>

National Voter Education Week

October 7 - 11, 2024

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5, 2024



“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

The 2024 Presidential Election is a month away. The Episcopal Public Policy Network and the Office of Government Relations have developed a number of resources to offer non-partisan information and encouragement aimed at increasing awareness and participation in the voting process. During this time, we will be sharing some of these with you. You can find more online at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/election-engagement/>

The week of October 6 is Voter Education Week.

EPPN offers this timeline to help you get the information you need to make decisions that represent your values and make sure that you are ready to vote on November 5.

Monday: Register to Vote or Check Your Registration Status

Registering to vote can take less than 10 minutes to complete. If you're already registered, make sure your information is as up to date as possible.

Tuesday: Request your Mail-In Ballot

If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place, request your absentee ballot. Understand local vote-by-mail procedures in your area.

Wednesday: Make a Plan to Vote

Whether you want to vote in-person early or on Election Day, or if you need to request a mail-in ballot, take the steps today to be prepared to vote when the time comes.

Thursday: Learn Your Ballot

Know where your candidates stand on issues that matter to you. Review your ballot for new laws and policies and educate yourself on ballot initiatives and constitutional amendments at all levels of government.

Friday: Mobilize Your Community

Volunteer as a poll worker or to help others register to vote.

Learn more about election engagement with the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Public Policy Network.

@TheEPPN

www.votereducationweek.org

Election Eve Prayer Service

Monday, November 4, 2024

5:30 p.m. in the church

The evening before the election, St. Andrew's will hold a worship service so that we may come together as a community to offer prayers and find comfort during this time of stress and uncertainty.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

All day in the church

The following day during the election, our church will be open all day for individual prayer and reflection.

Election Night Virtual Prayers

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

8 – 10 p.m. on Facebook and Zoom

Everyone is invited to join **Election Night Virtual Prayers** hosted by **The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations**. Bishop Sean Rowe, who will become presiding bishop on Nov. 1, will offer an opening reflection and prayer. Episcopalians from around the church will hold silence and lead participants in prayers together for peace, the nation, and all people and countries.

Join the event via Zoom by registering [HERE](#), or

watch a livestream on The Episcopal Public Policy Network's [Facebook page](#).

Vote Faithfully

Demonstrate to your friends, family, and community your church's commitment to our common life this election season. Tell them that you #VoteFaithfully with an "I Voted" sticker or sharing one of the following on your social media.



- When we vote, we publicly declare our commitment to love our neighbor and to seek the common good. Let's spread the word that we #VoteFaithfully!
- I #VoteFaithfully because voting is a commitment we make to our community.

Stickers are available in the church office in a limited quantity. Stop by and trade in your ballot stub, either from a main-in ballot or from the polls, for a sticker. Or if you won't be able to make it on election day, you can pick up one in advance.



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.

ALTAR GUILD

Young, old, short, tall...Altar Guild is always looking for more members!

Currently, there are no members under 50. Some of us have served for more than 40 years!



If you have a yen to serve God and his Church, but not a lot of time to devote to anything, 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.”

COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Thursday, October 3 and October 17

9:30 a.m., Room 325

The Women of Compassionate Life invite all women of the church and their friends to join us in prayer and study, conversation and connection, compassion in action... and coffee! We meet in Room 325 at 9:30 a.m. the first and third Thursday of each month.



Our first meeting for this season was Tuesday, September 3. Ten of us met and enjoyed a lovely breakfast together; shared stories about our summer; and contributed our ideas for the upcoming year. Note the change in day for our October meetings — we have returned to Thursday meetings — same time and same room! On September 17, we signed cards for some parishioners; the women of Compassionate Life often send cards of sympathy, prayer and healing, and celebration. We also talked about our plans for the upcoming year. Be ready to participate in a Compassion in Action on Thursday, October 3. We may be doing something for A Soldier's Hands.



In the past we have offered book studies to guide our discussions and reflections; many of those readings have inspired acts of compassion as a group or as individual acts of service to the church or community. Be sure to check our St. Andrew's library to pursue some of the books that have inspired some insightful conversations. Guest speakers have informed and offered ministries new to us. This year we hope to visit parishioners who for various reasons are unable to attend church in person.



Questions or need help with transportation? Contact Laurel Zydney or Darlene Nordoff. New members are always welcome.



KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, October 13
11:15 a.m., Room 324
No Zoom option this month



The Knitting Ministry will meet Sunday, October 13 following the 10 a.m. service upstairs in the Library (Room 324.) and (usually) on Zoom. The mission of Knitting Ministry is fellowship and prayerful/mindful making with our hands for others. All are welcome. Bring your knitting and a snack treat to share. We are knitters, crocheters and weavers -- all parishioners and local friends. For more information or a Zoom link, email Anne at anne.hoag@gmail.com."

Next meeting: Sunday, November 10

ST. ANDREW'S MEN'S GROUP

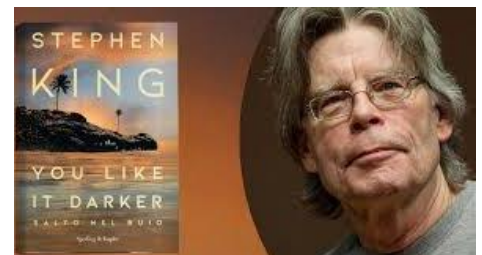
Tuesday, October 22
5:30 p.m., Room 324

St. Andrew's Men's Group gathers once a month at 5:30 p.m. for food and fellowship, usually followed by reflection on the Bible at about 6 p.m. All men of St. Andrew's are welcome. Questions or requests for more information can be sent to Dennis Shea. dennisgshea@yahoo.com

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, October 24
7 p.m., Room 324

The Book Group will meet Tuesday, October 29, at 7 p.m. in Room 324. We will celebrate Halloween with a discussion of Stephen King's spooky collection of short stories, "You Like it Darker." Newcomers are always welcome.



PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Would you like to be part of a type of "stone soup ministry," where just a little contribution by many can help create something beautiful, helpful, and much appreciated? The Parish Life Committee facilitates receptions such as the reception after the service of Lessons and Carols, and the one after Easter Vigil; coffee hour socials; and funeral receptions. Many thanks to Robin Bastress and her helpers for creating a welcoming and beautiful reception on Tuesday, September 24, to honor and celebrate the life of Gloria Meder.

- Contact Darlene Nordoff (814) 883-1231 or dnordoff737@gmail.com to let her know you'd love to be a member of the Parish Life committee.
- Contact Scott Strouse directly at scottallen1750@gmail.com if you'd like to be part of the Coffee Hour team.
- Contact Robin Bastress at bassandrobin@aol.com if you can help with funeral receptions. Thank you!

Photos from Gloria Meder's funeral reception



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have an October 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 Theodore Marini
3 Scott Strouse
3 Ron Rovanseck
4 Maggie Jaenicke
5 Chrissy Krasnansky
7 Pam Couch
8 Michele Marini
9 DrueAnne Schreyer

9 Lauren Cozad
10 Mona Jackson
17 Paul Markowski
17 Emily Grosholz
19 Sara Conkling
21 Maggie Crispell
21 Walter Zimmerman
22 Matthew Thompson

23 Scott Kroczyński
23 Jean Beierlein
24 Josh King
26 Bill Wallace
27 Sarah McNutt
27 Mickey Hwozdek
31 Bobbie Jo Leitzell
31 Brent Lunnen



Those for Whom We Pray

Sandy, Joe, Erica, Molly, Walter, Marion, Teri, Janet, Mavis, Mena, Mickey, Beti, Pam, Carolee, Joan, Don, Jordan, Ty, Isa, Ivonne, Zarah, Eugene, Diane, Sara, Emily, David, Fran, Robbie, Andy, Terry, Brian, Ed, Mary Lou, Sherilee, Elisabeth, Bryan, Michael, Anne, Robert, Bob, Barbara, Alexandra, Isaac, Wilhelmina, Leonara, Wanda, Ron, Mona, Jeremy, Earl, Alex

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric, Andrew, Zachariah, Cameron, Doug, Jack, Rob

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