

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

May 2025

Powerlessness

As I write this, we have had power in our home restored for about 36 hours after it was out for more than 48 hours. Like so many, our electricity was knocked out by the recent storm, a *derecho* we learned after the fact. Since we live in the country and get our water from a well, not having power means that we have no water either, because we depend on electricity to run the well pump. Friday morning, I enjoyed my first real shower since Tuesday morning. It felt great! And all around me appreciated it too. In addition to the difficulty of personal hygiene, the experience was upsetting for other reasons.

No one likes to feel powerless, no pun intended. The utter disruption of normalcy has a profound emotional impact. We live our lives with the illusion of some level of control. We set our calendars. We make plans with every expectation that we will be able to see them through. We follow certain routines daily, weekly, and so on. All these things help us to believe that we have the power of self-determination. Anything that throws that off track, a single event, a series of events, whatever it may be, can send us into panic, spiraling anxiety, or worse: depression or despondency. I'm not saying that the storm and power outage drove me to this extreme, but I admit it caused an emotional upheaval. It brought back memories of the pandemic, when all our routines were disrupted, and everything seemed so tentative. I imagine others had a similar experience. These sorts of large-scale events disrupt many lives. I'm not sure if that makes it easier or harder, perhaps both. It seems easier when everyone is going through the same thing, but harder because scarce resources mean difficulty for some while others get what they need. But the event, or events, that cause disruption can be more personal too. A health scare, a sudden loss, a personal tragedy, can affect one person. Again, this could be seen as a positive or a negative. It is a positive if those around us who are not dealing with difficulty themselves are there for us providing support and resources. It is a negative if our personal situation leaves us feeling isolated from others who don't understand what we're going through.

One lesson for me that came from the pandemic and was reinforced by the recent experience of power loss is that our actual needs are quite modest. It is nice to have electricity, much nicer than not having it. I'd rather be able to flick on a light when needed or flush the toilet, but when these conveniences are taken away, I realize that they are not really necessary. Sitting at home in the dark with my family chatting by candlelight and, joking how this was what people did before the internet, I realized that we were safe, we were together, and we had the basics of what we needed. There was no reason to panic. There was no reason for alarm. It helped that I expected the situation to be temporary. Honestly, if our power was still out at this point, I may have a different perspective.

Other than a blown-over chicken coop which was undamaged and easily righted, and the loss of a refrigerator full of food, we have not suffered any serious consequences of the storm the other day. Well, I guess there were a bunch of shingles blown off our roof, too. I suppose the feeling I am left with in the end is gratitude. I am thankful that it wasn't worse. I am thankful for the reminder that modern life may be fragile but there is a resilience in the human spirit that gives hope. I am thankful for the work of many unnamed powerline workers who worked around the clock to restore our power. And I am humbled by my complete lack of control over the forces of nature, world events, and chance. It reminds me to put my faith where it belongs, in the God who created me, who redeemed me, and who blesses me daily, and not in any invention of humankind.

Fr. Jeff +

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer

March 2025



	March	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2025 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 26,883	\$ 151,946	34%	\$ 443,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 29,094	\$ 164,450	33%	\$ 496,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 42,812	\$ 142,807	25%	\$ 580,022
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (13,719)	\$ 21,643		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry

March 2025



The vestry met on April 8, 2025. Fr. Jeff put forth two candidates for the board of directors of Interfaith Human Services: Michele Hamilton and Connie Puckett. Both were approved unanimously by the vestry. St. Andrew's has three representatives on the IHS board; Marion Schwartz agreed to stay on as the third member. Julie and Jamie Breuninger are stepping down from the board of directors of Out of the Cold. Fr. Jeff is looking for volunteer(s) to fill that position.

Sarah Klinetob-Lowe was asked and accepted the offer to be chairperson of the Planning and Development Committee for St. Andrew's. The vestry voted unanimously to compensate her for her time, expertise, and expenses from an existing endowment fund.

The Stephen Ministry has been discontinued and the remaining balance in that fund was transferred to the Parishioners' Ministry fund. The motion to move the funds was approved unanimously by the vestry. The Parochial Report was approved and sent to the diocese.

The next vestry meeting is on May 13 in room 324 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited.

WORSHIP

EVENSONG

Sunday, May 5, 5 p.m.

Church

Reception, 6 p.m., Room 325



Choral
Evensong
at 5pm

On Sunday, May 5, the Adult Choir presented a service of choral evensong. Music included the evening canticles in A-flat by Sarah MacDonald, Preces and Responses by Robert J. Powell, and the anthems PEACE I LEAVE YOU by Amy Beach, and DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER by Harold Friedell. The Rev. Kevin Barron was the officiant. Organist Gwen Catchen played music by Johann Pachelbel and others. A reception was held in Room 325 following the service.

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, 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.

Our next evensong will be held October 6.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Forums in May

Adult Forums are held in Canterbury Hall *. The programs begin promptly at 9 a.m.

Sunday, May 11

Walter Wells and Gwen Catchen – Choosing and Using Hymns

Our choir director and organist will speak about the process of selecting hymns for each Sunday and how they are used as an essential part of the service to enrich our worship.

Sunday, May 18

Philip Jenkins – The New Pope

The death of Pope Francis on April 21 set in motion the process for convening a papal conclave to elect the next Pope. The conclave, which is underway now, should run roughly through May 11. There is much speculation about who will be elected, but by Sunday, May 18 we should know the answer. Philip Jenkins will share his response to the result and impressions of the new Pope and what his reign might look like.



Sunday, May 25

Cathy Dauler – **The Stained Glass of St. Andrew's ***

Cathy Dauler has led tours of our stained-glass windows during the Arts Festival for many years and has photographed all of our windows. You have probably seen these photos online, on our website and Facebook page, or on notecards that we used to sell in the church gift shop or send as thank-you cards for Stewardship pledges. This Sunday, Cathy will share some of her knowledge of the windows with us. **The forum will meet in the church, not Canterbury Hall, this Sunday.**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

**Thank you from
The Children's Program!**

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for our Easter Egg Hunt!
Thank you to our older class for the help filling and hiding the eggs!



It's time to recognize our 2025 Graduates!

If you or a family member (of any age) are graduating this spring, we want to feature you, your accomplishments, and your plans in our June newsletter and on our bulletin board. Please submit a photo with a brief write up about your degree or certification from your school and something about your summer or future plans.



We would appreciate receiving your submission to office@standrewsc.org by May 21.

Thank you and Congratulations!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew's 2025 Poetry Contest

Open for submissions

May 15 – August 25, 2025

Poetry Reading

Saturday, September 20
2 p.m. at St. Andrew's

Sanctuary

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4th Annual Poetry Contest

Coming this May



This year we are asking you to consider the idea of “Sanctuary” and share those thoughts with us in a poem. An official call for submissions including all relevant details will be released on May 15. As in the past, we will be awarding First and Second Prizes of \$250 and \$100 and a special \$50 prize. We will publish winning and other selected poems in a contest anthology and invite the poets to participate in a poetry reading this fall on Saturday, September 20, at St. Andrew's.

Previous contest anthologies can be purchased online at Amazon.com. Copies of *Caring for Creation* and *And Who Is My Neighbor* are also available in the church office.

St. Andrew's Gardeners

Volunteers needed.

If you are someone who enjoys spending time among the plants, please consider joining our gardeners. We need additional volunteers to weed and water the big flower bed in front of St. Andrew's for one or more weeks during the summer.

You can find the signup sheet at this link:

<https://bit.ly/StAndrewsGardeners2025>

If you have questions or need more detailed information, please contact Betsy Llewellyn at gericke41@aol.com.

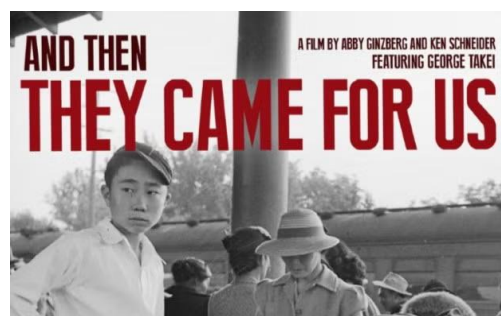


UPCOMING

FRIDAY FILMS

Friday, May 16
7 p.m. in Canterbury Hall
Snacks at 6:30 p.m.

And Then They Came for Us (2017) Documentary Short, 40 m



Seventy-eight years ago, Executive Order 9066 paved the way to the profound violation of constitutional rights that resulted in the forced incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans. Featuring George Takei and many others who were incarcerated, *And Then They Came for Us* brings history into the present, retelling this difficult story and following Japanese American activists as they speak out against the Muslim registry and travel ban. Knowing our history is the first step to ensuring we do not repeat it.

In addition to the film, we will have a guest speaker, Cecil Houseknecht. Cecil is a State College local and graduate of Penn State's East Asian Studies program. For the last few years, he has worked with LGBT+ and APIDA (Asian Pacific Islander Desi American) organizations to help raise awareness about the issues facing marginalized communities and fostering more equitable spaces in the local community. In 2022 he studied in Taiwan at National Cheng Kung University to continue his study of Mandarin and LGBT+ populations in East Asia. Currently a master's student at Penn State's School of International Affairs, Cecil continues to explore the intersection of issues facing API and LGBT+ populations from an international perspective.

We hope you can join us for the film and discussion about a dark episode in our history and the lessons and relevance it has for us today.

The film is free and all are welcome.



**Sunday, May 18 – 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 refreshments on the lawn and a lap around the church block for those who wish to participate.

Bring your bike and bring a friend!

PARISH BREAKFAST

Sunday, June 1
8:45 a.m. in Canterbury Hall

Mark your calendars now and watch for details – we will be sending Fr. Jeff off for his sabbatical with a parish-wide breakfast between the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock services on Sunday, June 1.



OUTREACH

YARN MINISTRY

Sunday, May 18
11:15 a.m., Room 324



Yarn Ministry will meet May 18 following the main service (around 11:15) in the Library. In honor of Mothers' Day, our May date diverges from our normal pattern of meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month. As usual, a Zoom option is available. Email anne.hoag@gmail.com for the zoom link. The final meeting of the season will be June 15; we resume monthly meetings in September.

In other news, on April 5, the St. Andrew's/Centre Knitters Guild "[Knit for Food](#)" event was a big success! Our stalwart team of 13, including members of the Centre Knitters Guild and parishioners Barb Downs, Esther Wall, Anne Thomas, Julie Breuninger, and Anne Hoag, raised more than \$2,600 toward the nationwide sum of more than \$530,000! We gathered in Room 325 for the 12-hour session, enjoying meals, music, and stitching up thousands of yards of yarn. We tuned into the live telecast featuring presentations on solutions to food challenges from leaders of the four receiving food security organizations, including at least one affiliated with Community Cafe. While 2025 marked the 5th year of the nationwide event, it was our first here at St. Andrews. We will do it again next April -- we hope you'll join the fun!



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Penn State Students Provide a Boost to Community Café

Over the past year, St. Andrew's Community Café has benefited greatly from the contributions of a dedicated group of Penn State students, especially efforts by members of a student club called the [Food Recovery Network](#). In fall 2023, under the leadership of Emmanuel Kraft, the club's current Community Relations Director, the club began coordinating leftover food recovery from Penn State dining halls, repackaging the food into individual meals, then offering the meals to Community Café patrons on the take-home table each week. This year, those efforts continued, with over 60 meals recovered and delivered each week to Café diners.

In addition, a core group of students have volunteered regularly with our serving teams on Thursday evenings, both Food Recovery Network members and other students fulfilling community engagement class requirements. Café Board Chair Ted Jaenicke coordinated and worked closely with these students as they recovered food and helped serve our patrons. In addition to regular weekly dining hall food recovery efforts, students recovered food from special events, including THON and sporting events. And in a special event in fall 2024, Penn State Student Farm club members spearheaded a "takeover" of the weekly Café meal by providing student farm produce and volunteers.

With graduation season upon us, we would like to recognize the invaluable contributions of these students, especially the seniors who served their last meals at Community Café on May 1. Happily, several students who are not yet graduating plan to rejoin our serving teams in the fall. Thanks to the following regular student volunteers, as well as the Food Recovery Network members who joined in their efforts at various times.

The St. Andrew's family extends our gratitude to these students for their energy, dedication, and good cheer!

Graduating:

- Aayod Kaul
- Jun Youngjun Ko
- Adeline Peat
- Chris Walcott

Returning:

- Chesney Dowds
- Emmanuel Kraft

The St. Andrew's family extends our gratitude to these students for their energy, dedication, and good cheer!



(Pictured, L to R: Aayod Kaul, Jun Youngjun Ko, and Ted Jaenicke)

For more information about The Penn State Food Recovery Network, see this 3/21/25 Onward State article: [“Battling Food Waste & Building Community: The Penn State Food Recovery Network Promotes Local Food Security”](#).

CENTRE GIVES 2025

Centre Gives

Wednesday, May 14, at 8 a.m. to

Thursday, May 15, at 8 p.m.

Online at centregives.org



May 14 & 15

Donate online at
[CentreGives.org](https://centregives.org)

and support your favorite nonprofits.

Community Café

<https://centregives.org/organizations/219-community-cafe-at-st-andrew-s>

For the 6th 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 can win. If you are completely new to our community's Centre Gives online fundraising event, you can learn more here... <https://centregives.org/>.

Once the campaign begins at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, the donation links will become active. You can go directly to the Community Café page or use the main Centre Gives page (see above) and search for "Community Café" or scroll through the list to see all of the participating organizations.

The Community Café at St Andrew's runs thanks to love – and money. The Café provides delicious well-balanced meals thanks to the parish's generous support of the facility and utilities, and on donations in food and funds. This year the federal government closed down Food Bank programs that sponsored farm-to-Café donations of milk, eggs, and meat. These quality ingredients were showcased in the Café's delicious frittatas.

Centre Gives, May 14 & 15, makes us realize how many worthy causes and program benefit our region. In the past year our Café filled 10,000 plates. Tougher times will bring more people to our tables. Please help us continue this hospitality by donating to the Café through Centre Gives.

Interfaith Human Services

<https://centregives.org/organizations/52-interfaith-human-services>

Every year the Centre Gives event provides an opportunity for non-profit organizations in Centre County to fundraise together, sharing the importance of their work and the chance to earn bonus money from the foundation.

INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES (IHS) is 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.

We look forward to your contribution to help stabilize needy households.

Once Centre Gives begins, use the link above for IHS or use the main Centre Gives page (see above) and search for "Interfaith Human Services" to donate.



NOTE: If you are planning to make a donation to IHS, set an alarm. On Wednesday, Interfaith is targeting the **Hotel State College Lunch Break Power Hour on Wednesday from 12-1 p.m.** If they receive the most individual gifts during that hour, they will receive a \$500 bonus!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Toot-in-Common Spring Concert

Sunday, May 18

7:30 p.m. in the Church

On Sunday evening, May 18, Toot-in-Common, founded by St. Andrew's Judy Moore, will present an hour-long program featuring classical, popular, and contemporary works written or arranged 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.



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

PARISH LIFE

Thank you to all members of the Parish Life Committee and others not on the committee for all the preparations done to help us create a truly hospitable and celebratory reception after the Easter Vigil. Thank you to Scott and Devin Luzier for all their work setting up Canterbury Hall before Scott Strouse and I decorated. Thank you to all those who donated food, money, and beverage items. Thank you to all those who came early to receive and plate food, work during the reception, serve punch, and stay to clean up. Hard and good work — thank you! Thank you to the children in church school who helped bedazzle some of the eggs that added to our Easter decor. Thank you to all who came and enjoyed and celebrated.



If you'd like to become part of a "stone soup" ministry, the Parish Life Committee may be for you. Contact Darlene Nordoff at dnordoff737@gmail.com for more information. If you'd like to help with Coffee Hour, please contact Scott Strouse at scottallen1750@aol.com; and if you'd like to help with funeral receptions, please contact Robin Bastress at bassandrobin@aol.com.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Nordoff



COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Thursday, May 1 and May 15

Room 324

All women of St. Andrew's are welcome to join Compassionate Life, a group of caring, fun and compassionate women who meet the first and third Thursday of every month, except for July and August.

On Thursday, April 17, Laurel Zydney and I toured the Contemporary Korean Art exhibit "A Letter from Korea" at the Bellefonte Museum. Several of our CL women attended at other times. Thank you to Sharon Rovansek, who scheduled the tour for us through Hyeseon Kim. Hyeseon's husband's sister Ryoo Jaebee and brother-in-law Jang Kyung-guk were the featured artists. Their work was shipped here especially for this exhibit. "The exhibition is a gateway to the unique artistic vision of Korean contemporary art and a journey through Korea's culture... The two artists... are actively shaping Korea's art scene... This exhibition, showcasing about 20 paintings, delves into the lives and works of Ryoo and Jang, unveiling their unique artistic vision that shapes their world of work and the profound influence of Korean culture in their works." Laurel and I asked lots of questions! Lori and Hyeseon were happy to answer! I saw God's use of vibrant and subtle colors, dark vs light, exploration of lines, creation, imagination, realism. All brought God to me! Speaking of God, there is a Christian icon display on the second floor of the museum, too!

We meet on Thursday, May 1 and 15. Our last meeting will be a brunch or lunch on Thursday, June 5; details to follow. On May 1, we will continue our discussion of Anne Lamott's book *Help Thanks Wow: The Three Essentials of Prayer* by discussing the last segment, Wow!

Any questions? Feel free to contact Darlene Nordoff dnordoff737@gmail.com or Laurel Zydney at laurelzemail@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Nordoff



Art by Ryoo Jaebee



Darlene with art by Jang Kyung-guk



Hyeseon Kim, Darlene Nordoff, and Laurel Zydney

MEN'S GROUP

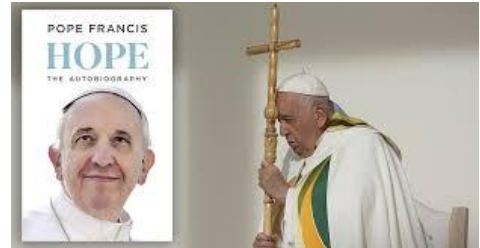
Tuesday, May 20
Room 324

The group's next meeting will be Tuesday, May 20, in Room 324. We gather at 5:30 p.m. for food and some fellowship, and the reflection on the Bible doesn't begin until about 6 p.m. Feel free to come join us when you can make it. All men of St. Andrew are welcome.

Questions or requests for more information can be sent to Dennis Shea (dennisgshea@yahoo.com or 814-777-8086).

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, May 20
7 p.m., Room 324 (Library)



Inspired by the recent death of Pope Francis, the St. Andrew's Book Group will read his new book, *Hope, The Autobiography*. They will meet on Tuesday, May 20 for discussion.

Hope is the first autobiography in history ever to be published by a Pope. It is a "thrilling and very human memoir, moving and sometimes funny, which represents the “story of a life” and, at the same time, a touching moral and spiritual testament that will fascinate readers throughout the world and will be Pope Francis’s legacy of hope for future generations."

Visitors and newcomers are always welcome.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Greg Paulsen	13 Molly Wells	21 Judy Mitchell
4 Greg Ruberto	13 Mavis Stapleford	21 David Packard
8 Kevin Lowe	13 Heather Gregory	22 Marcia Saiers
8 Caroline Shea	14 Jenna Ruberto	23 Fran Budris
8 Gianna Nese	14 Carol Eidsvoog-Spencer	24 Leah Patzkowsky
9 Mike Mussett	14 Janet Engeman	27 John deCarle
9 Elliot Johnson-Pritchett	14 Gretchen Heim	27 Rick Hoover
9 David Gericke	16 Carol McKeever	27 Michael Skvarla
10 Kevin McGarry	17 Genevieve Potts	29 Todd King
10 James LeBreton	18 Christie Orr	30 Barb Downs
11 George Chisholm	19 Dawn Ziegerer	31 Genevieve Rogers
11 Sarah Klinetob Lowe	19 John Bagby	
13 Greg Loviscky	20 JudithAnn Rule	

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

Joe, Erica, Molly, Walter, Marion, Teri, Janet, Mavis, Mena, Mickey, Milly, Bob, Ann, Pam, Joan, Jordan, Ty, Isa, Ivonne, Eileen, Eugene, Kevin, Vicki, Diane, Sara, Emily, David, Frank, Robbie, Earl, Andy, Terry, Ed, Mary Lou, Elisabeth, Alexandra, Isaac, Wilhelmina, Fran, Michael, Bryan, Robert, Anne, Brad, Greg, Nancy, Daniel, Molly, Steve, Carole, Jim, Ingrid, Amy, Celia, Suzanne, Debbie, Marcia, Carolee, Dunja, Jan, Tiffany, Emily, Aaron, Doug, Jean, Jeff, Judy, Leila, Janice, Jan, Ashley, Marcelo, Andrew, Daphne, Uncle Will, Annamaria, Amir, Denise, Monana, Margaret, Adelita, Emiliano, Patricia, Billy, Adam, Miles, Micaela, Matthew, David, Stephen, Bill, Patty, Hitham, Barbara, the linemen who restored our power

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

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

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