

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

## Bleak mid-January 2026

### New Beginnings

A new year is a time for new beginnings. This year we are part of a brand-new diocese, and we welcome a new member of our staff.

We are now a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna, the result of the reunification of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (our old diocese) and the Diocese of Bethlehem. This change became effective on January first, and it was the result of years of work between the two dioceses. We now have two bishops. The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan is our bishop diocesan, meaning she is the chief bishop. The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols is our bishop suffragan, meaning he is like an assistant bishop. When Bishop Scanlan retires the plan is for Bishop Nichols to be our provisional bishop, which is like an interim bishop, until we elect a new diocesan. Then we will be a diocese with only one bishop. For now, we realize that this is still a time of transition. So, we expect that there will be growing pains, that we will get some things wrong until we work out all the details. In the short term, we beg your patience during this year as we figure out how life will be as the reunified diocese of the Susquehanna.

We have a new person on the church staff. Reed Dressler is the Director of Family Ministry. Look for an article in this newsletter in which Reed introduces himself. Formerly we had a Director of Children's Ministry and a Director of Youth Ministry. We've decided to go in a slightly new direction. Family Ministry encompasses the traditional children's and youth ministries such as Sunday School and Youth Group, but it broadens the focus to include families and intergenerational activities. We define Family Ministry as follows: strengthening and supporting families, empowering families in their Christian faith formation, connecting all generations within St. Andrew's as they journey with Christ and one another. Look for Reed and be sure to welcome him to our parish family.

With the addition of Reed as our Director of Family Ministry, we say farewell to Sarah Skvarla who served as our interim Director of Children's Ministry. Sarah did a great job! She's not going anywhere, but the job she held down temporarily has been subsumed into Family Ministry. Thank you so much, Sarah, for your faithful service to our parish. We appreciate all that you did to keep us going through the interim. Sarah also served on the search committee that worked with me as we defined the new position and interviewed potential candidates. I want to thank all of them: Marisa Ferger, Jason McCloskey, Darlene Nordoff, Laura Potts, and Sarah Skvarla, with Katie Gaines who served as the committee's vestry liaison. We were a good team, and we all look forward to the great things Reed will be doing with us.

Twenty-twenty-six promises to be a great year. We start it off with some exciting new possibilities!

Fr. Jeff+

# TED Talk

## Gearing Up for Spring

Episcopal at Penn State is gearing up for a wonderful spring semester!

Two announcements to bring to your attention:

1. Our on-campus service and fellowship time will move to Thursdays this semester, beginning on Thursday, January 15. We will meet each Thursday at 6:15 p.m. in the Meditation Chapel for Holy Eucharist, followed by dinner and fellowship in Pasquerilla Spiritual Center. Check our website ([www.episcopalatpennstate.com](http://www.episcopalatpennstate.com)) for weekly updates.
2. Choral Scholars will be offering services of Sung Compline at St. Andrew's this spring! Please join us for this beautiful and contemplative service at St. Andrew's on the following dates:

Jan. 25th - 7:30pm service of Compline

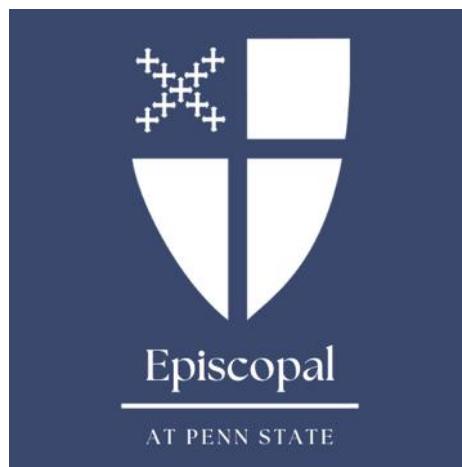
Feb. 8th - 7:30pm service of Compline

Feb. 22nd - 7:30pm service of Compline

March 22nd - 7:30pm service of Compline

We look forward to an exciting and rewarding semester! Please reach out to Fr. Ted ([euc11@psu.edu](mailto:euc11@psu.edu)) to explore our offerings and to get involved with our Campus ministry.

Ted+





November 2025

	November	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2025 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 64,454	\$ 422,110	95%	\$ 443,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 68,773	\$ 475,159	96%	\$ 496,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 41,103	\$ 512,013	88%	\$ 580,022
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 27,669	\$ (36,854)		

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

## CHURCH BUSINESS

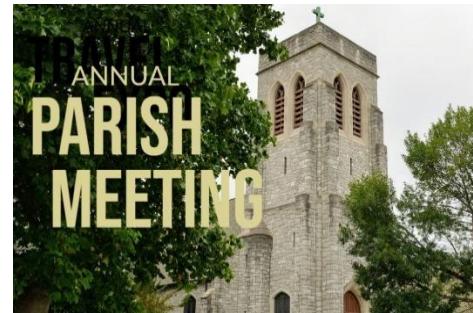
### Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 25

Approximately 11:15 (following the 10 a.m. service)

In the church

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25. We will gather in the church after a short break following the 10:00 a.m. service. If you cannot attend in person, the meeting will be live streamed on Facebook. If those viewing at home have a question or a comment, they can type it into the comments.



To vote on any issues presented during the Annual Meeting, such as Vestry elections, you must be a qualified elector. Below is a brief review of these qualifications:

- Electors in the parish are adult communicants in good standing. (Parish Bylaws: Article II, Section 1)
- Adult = 16 years old or older
- Communicant in good standing = All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have “been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God,” are to be considered communicants in good standing.

## VESTRY NOMINEES

We are pleased to announce that the following four parishioners have accepted nominations to run for the four vestry positions that will be open in January 2026: Melanie Miller Foster, Adolph Hoehling, Elizabeth Jenkins, and David Potts. They will be elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29.

Their photos and bios appear below.

### MELANIE MILLER FOSTER



I have been a member of St. Andrew's since 2013 who finds deep meaning in our church's commitment to service. I am especially inspired by the mission of the Community Café. In my professional life I study global food insecurity, so seeing our parish actively support food access and fellowship in the local community resonates deeply with both my values and my work.

I attend the 5:00 p.m. service where I appreciate the wonderful sense of community and the chance it gives me to recenter as I prepare for the week ahead. I am grateful for the opportunity to run for vestry and hope to contribute to the welcoming and service-oriented spirit that makes St. Andrew's such a special place.

### ADOLPH HOEHLING



I hope to bring my lifetime of professional and personal experience to service as a St. Andrew's Vestry member. I was confirmed as an Episcopalian when a teenager at St. Alban's Episcopal in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Following undergraduate and graduate training at American University (Washington, DC), Yale University (New Haven, CT), and Thunderbird Graduate School of International Business (Glendale, AZ), I served as an officer with Citibank of New York and then the Bank of Boston in several posts in Asia, Latin America, and the USA. I then served as a commercial bank examiner and regulatory supervisor with the FDIC in Florida, California, and Georgia, retiring in North Carolina in 2010.

During most of my career, I actively attended and supported several Episcopal parishes in the USA and abroad, including Manila, Philippines, So. Brunswick, NJ, and Providence, RI. I served in parish finance and vestry roles during that time. Following retirement, my spiritual journey turned to the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) for about 10 years, worshipping at Friends' Meetings in North Carolina and in State College, PA, until early 2023, when I began worshipping at St. Andrew's Episcopal. Following study at an adult confirmation class led by Father Jeff, I participated in a service of Reaffirmation officiated by Bishop Audrey Scanlan in April 2024. During 2024 I served on the Church Finance Committee.

My retirement has been richly filled with volunteer work with, among others, the Mid-State Literacy Council and the PA Prison Society, as well as with priceless hours in play with my three grandchildren residing here in State College. Thankful for the spiritual community I have found here, I pray that I may share a few of the lessons from my eight-decades journey with my fellow parishioners of this Church and Diocese.

## ELIZABETH JENKINS



I grew up as Anglican in England and moved to the US in 1980 when my husband Philip took a job at Penn State. We have two adult daughters.

I have been a member of St Andrew's since the late 1980s when a kind mother (still a member of the congregation) took my daughter off to Sunday School so that I could participate in the service. I served on the vestry at two earlier points and that gave me the chance to observe many changes in the church's practice, and how it has defined the experience of being church.

I am very interested in how our church has been changing in the decades since that first Sunday and I am eager to be involved again with the challenge of planning the future. St Andrew's is very different from the stereotype of too many Episcopal congregations, which seem locked in a cycle of decline. By comparison we are doing very well: I have been excited to see the stream of new people joining the church in recent years and to hear their questions and ideas about our congregation.

On the wider stage, our diocese is beginning a new chapter, and I think we are ready to figure out where St Andrew's fits in that bigger puzzle. On a personal level I retired from my job with the English Department at Penn State a couple of years ago. I worked closely with undergraduate and graduate students, so I am still very interested in their lives in a changing town.

## DAVID POTTS



I joined the Episcopal Church in 2011 while living in South Carolina. My wife Laura and I then moved back to our home state of Pennsylvania, where we joined St. John's Episcopal Church in Carlisle. There, I served on the Vestry for three years, including one year in the Junior Warden role, and helped to manage several physical improvements to the church building. Since moving to State College in 2022, we have been members of St. Andrew's. Our daughters, Madeleine and Genevieve, were baptized in the Episcopal church in 2019 and 2024, respectively.

I wish to serve on the Vestry to help St. Andrew's remain a place where families grow in faith. As a parent, I care about teaching my children the importance of compassion and service, and I believe the church plays a vital role in shaping these values while supporting the wider community. St. Andrew's has been a source of grace and generosity for my family, and I am eager to give back through serving on the Vestry.

Professionally, I serve as Head of School Service Delivery at Pearson, leading teams that support K-12 students, families, and staff across virtual schools nationwide. Outside of work, I enjoy cycling, camping, and hiking in central Pennsylvania.

## DIOCESAN DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

The candidates to serve as delegates and alternates to our Diocesan Convention will be elected by acclamation at our annual meeting. They are:

### Delegate Nominees

Anthony Grillo  
Carolee Grillo  
Kelley Paulsen  
Paul Hochreiter  
Amy Pritchett

### Alternate Nominees

Jason McCloskey  
Allison Shea

## ANNUAL REPORTS

If you are a committee chair or any kind of ministry leader, you should have received an email requesting a submission for the annual report. These reports are due in the office **no later than Monday, January 19**. If you did not receive an email or if you have any questions, please contact Allison Shea at [office@standrewsc.org](mailto:office@standrewsc.org).

## EDUCATION

### ADULT FORMATION

#### Adult Confirmation Class

Thursdays beginning January 8  
7 p.m. Room 325 or on Zoom

If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's, this class is for you. It doesn't matter if you want to get confirmed, or received, or if you don't even know what either of those means, this class is for you. You are encouraged to come and learn, and get your questions answered.

Classes will be from 7:00 to 8:30 on Thursday evenings, with a Zoom option, starting on January 8. If you have any interest, speak to Father Jeff.

### Welcome to our new Director of Family Ministry

#### Reed Dressler



I have served as a Director of Youth Ministry at State College Presbyterian Church, Brentwood Christian Church, and Trinity Presbyterian Church, and as a Children's Minister and Outreach Coordinator at Community of Grace Presbyterian Church. My education includes a BA in Theology from Southwest Baptist University and a Master of Theological Studies from Phillips Theological Seminary. My long-term plan is to become a hospital chaplain. I am married to Ashleigh, and in our free time, we like playing board games, reading, and playing with our three cats.

I look forward to getting to know everyone at St. Andrew's and helping our family ministry thrive and grow ever deeper in fellowship and love.

**NOTE:** Reed joined the staff at St. Andrew's as of the beginning of 2026. The duties of the new position of Director of Family Ministry combine the traditional children's and youth ministries such as Sunday School and Youth Group and also include family and intergenerational activities. (See Fr. Jeff's cover article for more information about this change.)

## From the CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### The Feast of St. Nicholas

Thank you to everyone who helped with Toys for Tots from donations to delivery! Thank you to St. Nicholas for your visit!

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### Christmas Eve Family Service and Pageant

Thank you to all of those who were part of telling the Christmas Story.



We were blessed with a wonderfully full church for the family service.

Chairs were needed to make room for angels and a lady bug!

Special thanks to Michael Marini for playing the piano for our service. His playing was absolutely beautiful! 



**Happy New Year 2026!**

**Our classes meet during the 10 a.m. service  
All children are welcome!**

**Story Makers**, ages 5 to 8, meet in room 338

**Story Tellers**, ages 9 to 14, meet in room 330 at the end of the hallway!

Teachers greet our children in the hallway to make sure that they can find their room! Please email us with any questions: [family@standrewsc.org](mailto:family@standrewsc.org)



### **Volunteers Needed in our Classrooms:**



We are looking for volunteers to help once a month in either of our two classes: Story Makers or Story Tellers. Children and teachers return to the service after class for communion. No experience is needed to help. Two adults are required in our classrooms.

If you are willing to help, here is what you need to know:

The diocese requires that church volunteers who work with children get background clearances every five years. This is in addition to Safe Church training.

You can read the diocesan policies here: <https://diocesecpa.org/diocpapolicyandbackgroundchecks/>

1. **Rich Marini**, [rpm12@psu.edu](mailto:rpm12@psu.edu), is our **Safe Church administrator**. Safe Church is an online curriculum that you complete at your convenience. Contact Rich when you are ready to complete Safe Church. He will let you know what you need to do.
2. **Julie Kwasnica**, [treasurer@standrewsc.org](mailto:treasurer@standrewsc.org), keeps all of the **records of our clearances**. Please contact Julie to find out about the three clearances you will need to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact: Robin Bastress.

**A huge Thank You to all of our volunteers. We couldn't have our programs without you!**

## UPCOMING

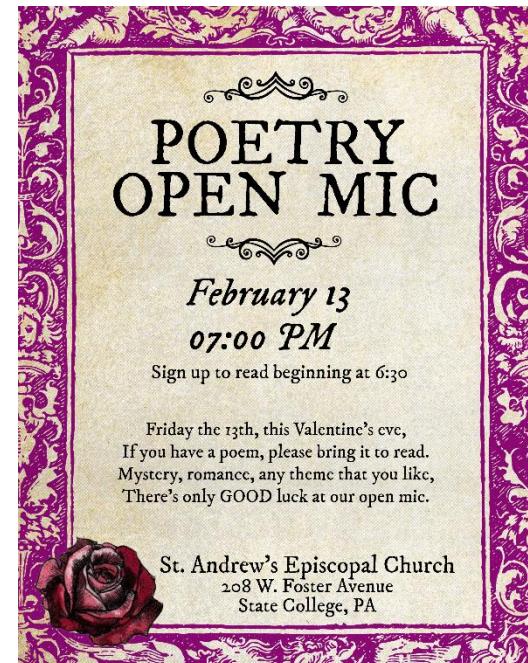
### Poetry Open Mic

Friday, February 13

7 p.m. in Room 325

Friday, February 13, from 7:00 p.m. to 9, we will gather in Room 325 for an open mic poetry reading. Bring your own work and share it! This is an event that is separate from our annual poetry contest. It is open to anyone and everyone. Time will be limited for each poet to read, based on the number who shows up. Light refreshments will be provided.

Share this with anyone you know who likes to write and join us for a relaxed, informal evening of poetry.

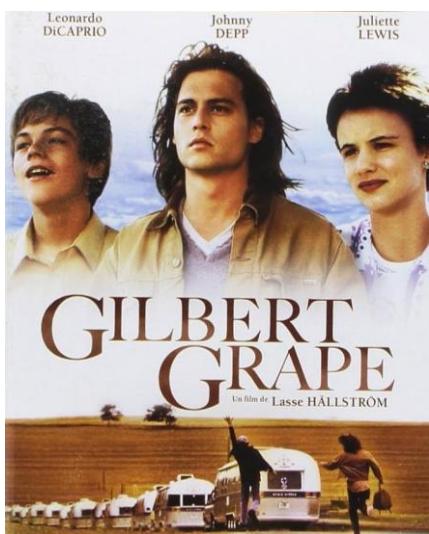


### Friday Films

Friday, January 23

7 p.m. in Canterbury Hall

Snacks at 6:30 p.m.



### What's Eating Gilbert Grape

Rated PG-13

1h 58m

On Friday, January 23, Friday Films will present the 1993 film, *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*, starring Johnny Depp, Leonardo DiCaprio, Juliette Lewis, Mary Steenbergen, John C. Reilly, and Crispin Glover

"There isn't much for Gilbert to look forward to in the small, dying town of Endora. The only thing keeping him sane is his mentally challenged brother, and his physically challenged mother. Despite the challenges that are posed in this small town, Gilbert had forgotten that he has become challenged himself and, with the help of a marooned world traveler, begins to see the bigger picture." (IMDB)

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.

COMING IN FEBRUARY: *When Harry Met Sally*, February 20

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Calling All Veterans

There is a new diocesan ministry for military service members and veterans seeking support and spiritual community.

The Rev. Ginger Bennett, Associate Rector of St. Andrew's, Shippensburg, has worked with military veterans for many years, serving in a variety of chaplaincy roles including at the Lebanon VA Medical Center; Civil Air Patrol's Gettysburg Squadron; and as an Air Force Reserve Chaplain stationed at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey. She served in the United States Air Force active duty from 1997 to 2003 and then joined the Air Force Reserves in 2023. Now she is reaching out to other service members and veterans in the new Episcopal Diocese of the Susquehanna to offer networking and support.

If you are current military, a veteran, or in the process of enlisting, please use the link below to obtain more information or contact the Rev. Ginger Bennett at 717-601-9749 with any questions.

<https://diosusquehanna.org/news/military-veterans-support-community/>



### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Welcome to Planet Green Recycle

#### Buying Your Ink:

The prices for buying your Ink Cartridges from Planet Green are almost half of what you pay in local stores! We get money when you buy ink, too!

This is St. A's Fundraising Program ID code: 32766.

Thank you to those of you who have donated used AND new cartridges.

Recycle your ink cartridges HERE at St. Andrew's!

Look for the box in the Narthex. All YOU need to do is drop your used cartridges in the box and we will do the rest.

Planet Green will send us \$1 per cartridge to put back in our budget for our printing use. You will also save on YOUR order of ink cartridges!

**Important!** This is St. A's Fundraising Program ID code: 32766.

<https://www.planetgreenrecycle.com/>

877-995-9062

info@planetgreenrecycle.com



**Inkjet Cartridges**

We **Only** accept inkjet cartridges for recycling.

### CAFÉ TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, February 7

Doors open 6 p.m., Contest begins 7 p.m.

Canterbury Hall

### TICKETS ON SALE BEGINNING JANUARY 12

It's time for the 2026 edition of the Community Café's trivia contest fundraiser! Come with a team (of any size) or we can put you on one. Teams will compete for bragging rights and an impressive trophy.



Tickets are **\$30 per person at the door or \$25 if you purchase in advance** at the church office or online. Your ticket includes the contest, pub food, and soft drinks. Complementary adult beverages will be provided for anyone with ID. Donations will gladly be accepted.

**Start practicing now with the Random Trivia Generator!**

All proceeds benefit the Community Café.

### Target Gift Registry

**Thank you** for the generous gift cards you donated to help families in need this holiday season.

We are also able to donate to those in need throughout the year by donating to the "Helping Hands Pantry". This is really easy.

- Add things that you would like to donate from the list to the cart.
- Choose **\*Morgan's Helping Hands Pantry Wish List** as the Shipping address - it will appear as a choice.
- Check out.

Your donation goes directly to the social work office at the State College Area School District.. They will deliver the products to the families who need them.

Donate to the Helping Hands [Pantry](#) through the [Target Registry](#).

 **Shipping address**

 Morgan's Helping Hands Pantry Wish List  
Address not displayed for guest privacy



Monday, January 26

Grace Lutheran Church, the  
Miller Center

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; film begins at 6 p.m.



**Join Us! Documentary Screening – 1946: A Mistranslation That Shifted a Culture** Monday, Jan. 26. in the Miller Center. Appetizers and desserts provided. We hope you will join us for this meaningful community screening.

Please sign up using the link below.

Trailer: [Click Here to View](#) | Registration Form: [Click Here](#)

## 2026 Lenten Ecumenical Choir

Grace Lutheran Church, 205 S. Garner Street

**Performance** Wednesday, March 25, 7 p.m.

**Rehearsals:** Sundays 2-4 p.m. beginning February 8

### Wanted: Singers for 2026 Lenten Ecumenical Choir

Grace Lutheran Church invites all who love to sing to take part in the 2026 Lenten ecumenical choir preparation of "I Believe: Songs of Faith, Hope, and Joy." The program features Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass*; Vivaldi's *Credo* (with strings); and Onovwerosuoke's *Credo (Afro-Caribbean Mass)*.

Music is provided; singers of all backgrounds are welcome (no auditions). Contact Laurel Sanders at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org) for details.



**Wanted: Singers  
for 2026 Lenten Ecumenical Choir**  
Laurel Sanders, Director

featuring *A Little Jazz Mass* (Chilcott) with jazz trio  
*Credo RSV 591* (Vivaldi) with strings and organ  
*Credo* from *Afro-Caribbean Mass* (Onovwerosuoke)

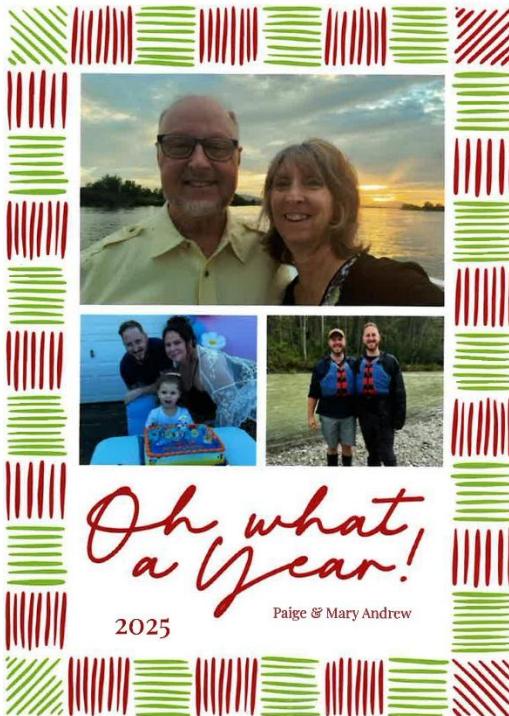
**Rehearsals: Sundays, 2-4 PM from Feb. 8**  
Grace Lutheran Church, 205 S. Garner St., State College  
**Musical Meditation: Wed., Mar. 25 @ 7:00 PM**

Singers of all levels and worship traditions are welcome.

**Explore. Discover. Share the joy.**  
Join us for a faith journey expressed through great music!



### Merry Christmas from Paige and Mary Andrew...



December 2025

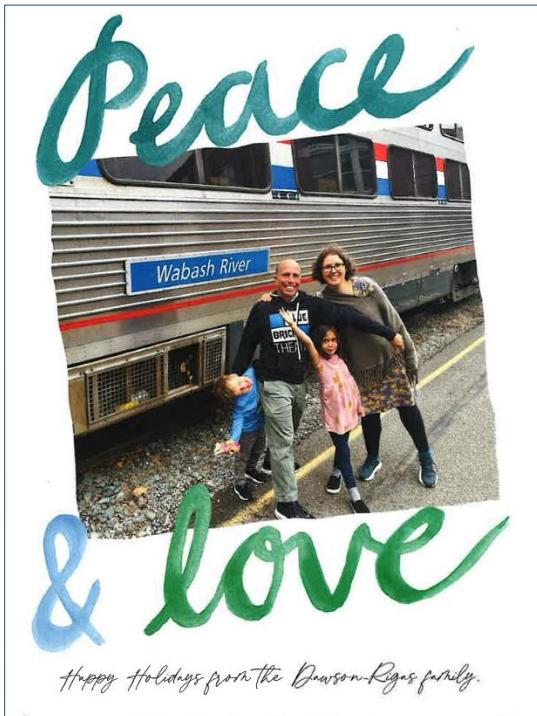
Dear family and friends:

It is so hard for us to believe we have been in our new home for 18 months now! And in that time a lot has been accomplished in getting settled in Richland. The first half or so of 2025 was spent working with contractors to do more renovations/upgrades to the house. Notably, we have all-new baseboards, window trim and interior doors, a new pergola to shade the back patio and Paige's new, larger shed. We also began 2025 by purchasing a new car, a Toyota RAV4 that we enjoy and know will last us a long time. In addition, we started attending services at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Richland a year ago and became active members this year. It is good to have a church family again!

It's been a stressful year with various health issues for both of us too. Thankfully, broken bones have healed, and Paige's heart ablation procedure has cleared his Afib symptoms. We pray for a very healthy 2026.

To read more of the Andrew's holiday letter and see more pictures, click [HERE](#)

### ...and from the Rigas family.



Anthony is in his second undergraduate year at University of Pittsburgh where he is studying Environmental Engineering. Zoe began medical school at Penn State University College of Medicine.

Anna Rose is in 2nd grade and Zachariah is in pre-K here at our neighborhood elementary school in Washington DC. And Wilbur.. is being Wilbur and accompanying us on various dog-friendly adventures.

Please say hi to everyone.  
Walter, Fr. Jeff, Alison, everyone else.  
Yours truly, Shutterfly  
exclusively for shutterfly.com  
Love,  
Marc + Becki

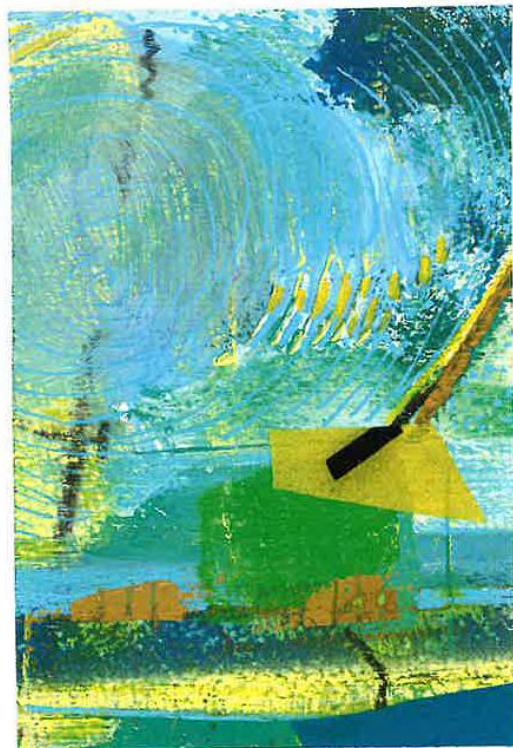
Dear Father Jeff and to  
all those who helped  
on the soup + bread  
project,

The Community Café at  
Saint Andrews would  
like to extend a sincere  
thank you to all who helped  
in making our soup and  
bread donations successful.  
The people who received  
the food were very  
grateful to have it  
in this time of need.

It is people like you  
that make this community  
a better place to live  
We are so fortunate  
to have your support  
and caring.

Sincerely  
Grace

**A note from Community Café Volunteer Grace  
Pilato thanking the congregation for their  
support of the soup and bread distribution last  
fall.**



## 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.*

### YARN MINISTRY

Sunday, January 12  
11:15 a.m., Room 324

Yarn Ministry will meet January 11 following the main service (around 11:15) in the Library. Bring your knitting and crochet, whether it's working on a ministry project or not and, if you like, a snack to share. As usual, a Zoom option is usually available. Email [anne.hoag@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hoag@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Future meetings: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, and June 14.

**Next meeting: Sunday, February 8**

### COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Thursday, January 8  
9:30 a.m., Room 325

The women of Compassionate Life had a busy December! At our first meeting, we made purple and pink paper chains to add to the decorations for the reception after the Service of Lessons and Carols. We decorated a Christmas tree for Room 325 using church history decorations made by our youth several years ago. We wrote cards of encouragement and support to military members as part of the non-profit "A Soldier's Hands." We also signed up to ring the bells for IHS and helped with stuffing, addressing, and sealing envelopes for IHS. At our last December meeting, we enjoyed a lovely brunch, carol sing, and white elephant gift exchange!



Compassionate Life is open to all women of the parish. We meet every first and third Thursday of the month with some exceptions. Contact Darlene Nordoff at [dnordoff737@gmail.com](mailto:dnordoff737@gmail.com) if you have questions or are interested.



### PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Thursday, January 8  
1:30 p.m. in Room 119

The prayer quilt members will meet on January 8 at 1:30 in room 119, downstairs in the Trost wing. We will continue working on adult aprons for residents of the memory care unit at Centre Crest.

Faithfully,  
Michele Marini

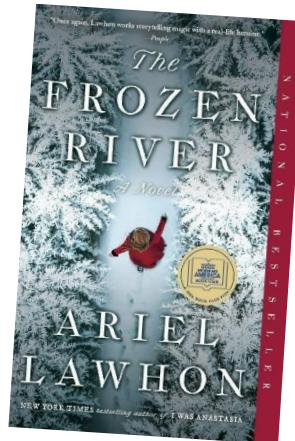
## BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 27  
7 p.m., Room 324

The Book Club will meet on Tuesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. in Room 324 to discuss Ariel Lawhon's *The Frozen River*.

The book is historical fiction based on the true story of Martha Ballard, a midwife in 1789 Maine who investigates a murder and scandal using her diary. The mystery provides a depiction of early American Life and the era's injustices against women.

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.



## PARISH LIFE

Thank you to all who set up and decorated; donated food and other items; helped in the kitchen with cooking and cleaning up; served beverages; did the laundry; and helped gather and pack up after the reception. So many to thank, but special mention to Scott and Susan Strouse, Betsy Llewellyn and Dale Gericke; and Scott Luzier. Decorations on the Advent Tree were made by youth several years ago!

If you'd like to be part of a "stone soup" type of ministry, consider joining the Parish Life Committee. Contact Darlene Nordoff if you are interested or have questions at [dnordoff737@gmail.com](mailto:dnordoff737@gmail.com).

If you'd like to help with funeral receptions, contact Robin Bastress; or with Coffee Hour, contact Scott Strouse.

Thank you, Darlene Nordoff.

Scenes from  
**ADVENT and CHRISTMAS at ST. ANDREW'S**  
**2026**

**Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant**

Thank you to all of those who were part of telling the Christmas Story. Special thanks to Michael Marini for playing the piano for our service.





## 10:00 Christmas Eve service





## Lessons and Carols Reception

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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** If you have a January 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 Michelle McNutt	13 Frank Pugliese	22 Rachel Buzzell
1 Anne Ayer	13 Madi Christopher	23 Sue Stephenson
1 Theresa Johnson-Pritchett	13 Madeline Johnson	23 Daniel Foster
1 Nico Diaz	13 Erica Wells	23 Nevaeh Farris
2 Richard Porter	13 Marsha Haack	24 Gretchen Schrock-Jacobson
3 Esther Wall	14 Alison Jaenicke	24 Susan Dawson
4 Jack Selzer	16 Abraham Rovansek	26 Darla Lindberg
6 Ainsley Paulsen	16 Lochlan Hoover	26 David Spencer
7 Dana Tilghman	17 Dale Gericke	26 Navy Cozad
7 Christie Alter	18 Teri Smith	28 Mike Hickner
8 Elisa Edgar	19 B.K. Bastress	28 Ruth Packard
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