



*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

**June 2026**

## **Trinity House 2026...**

A lot has been happening with the church's property known as Trinity House, the house located directly behind the church across the alley. Trinity House's address is 313 S. Burrowes St.—I always thought it was brilliantly named because the Holy Trinity is three-in-one and one-in-three. Those who have been paying attention will remember that in 2021, after the house had stood empty for more than a year, the vestry decided to rent it as low-income housing. Then an opportunity arose to rent it to three college students, one of whom was a parishioner. We did that partly to recoup the money invested to make the house rentable and to upgrade the electrical wiring. We ended up renting it to students for four years ending in August of last year.

Still pursuing the goal of low-income housing, we went ahead with a plan to insulate the house to make its utility bills more affordable. That's when we realized the roof was in terrible need of replacing. The new roof went on in September of last year. In the meantime, we reconstituted the Planning and Development committee and began looking at capital projects around the church. Both that anticipated need for capital and the unexpected expense of a new roof caused the vestry to revisit the goal for Trinity House (TH). There was much discussion about what to do with the property. We considered all options including possibly selling it. In the end, debate centered on one question: how best to leverage the value of TH to support the ministries of the parish at this time. The decision was made to retain the property for now and to rent it at market rate. Additionally, the vestry recognized that the church staff is not best suited for real estate management, and so they decided to contract a professional management company.

That is where things stand now. As this newsletter goes to print, the necessary demolition has been done to insulate the roof, the insulation contractors are scheduled to do the work, and we are moving forward with Nittany Property Management as our managers for TH. We expect the property to be rented by August 1 this year. If you or someone you know is interested, be sure to let us know. For one year the property will be rented while the vestry continues to consider options. We are looking at TH as one of the many assets that St. Andrew's holds and working on a plan for how we will finance the work that needs to be done around the church. The fact that we are trying to maximize income from TH now does not mean that the idea of renting for low-income housing is gone completely. There continues to be real interest among vestry members to do this. For now, at least we will pursue the strategy of leveraging TH to support the other ministries of the parish. In the future, we may return to low-income housing, or we may do something else altogether, something we haven't thought of yet.

If you haven't been able to attend one of the workshops about parish capital needs yet, you will be able to watch the recording of final parish-wide meeting that was held online only on June 8. See info elsewhere in this newsletter about how to watch the recording and submit feedback online.

Fr. Jeff+

## TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



April 2026

	April	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2026 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 32,100	\$ 168,108	39%	\$ 433,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 45,220	\$ 199,384	40%	\$ 493,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 53,237	\$ 207,535	34%	\$ 602,531
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (8,017)	\$ (8,151)		

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

## From the FINANCIAL SECRETARY, Michele Marini, Financial Secretary

Summer 2026

Dear Parishioners of Saint Andrews,

This is just a reminder that although some things slow down in the summer – work, school, vacations away - the work of St. Andrew's continues. Please keep those pledge payments current so that our good works may continue.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

## VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry



May 2026

The vestry met on May 12. Fr. Jeff opened with a prayer.

Sarah Klinetob-Lowe presented the Interim Report from the Planning and Development Committee to the vestry and responded to questions and concerns. The presentation was recorded. This is, in essence, the same report that Sarah delivered to the congregation in Canterbury Hall on May 24.

A motion was made to recommend that the St. Andrew's enters into a one-year contract with Nittany Property Management to assist the Parish Office in leasing the Trinity House to qualified tenants for the coming academic year beginning in August 2026. The vestry unanimously approved.

The vestry also approved funds to repair some stone steps at the Trinity House and to do plaster repair in the Church.

The next vestry meeting is on June 9 at 7:00 p.m. in room 324 and is also on Zoom. All are invited.

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### Links to Recording of June 8 Planning & Development Workshop

If you were not able to attend any of the Planning and Development workshops held over the past two months, you can watch a recording of the June 8 workshop that was held on Zoom. You can also use the Zoom whiteboard feature to leave comments. (Please note, the whiteboard is a *separate* link. See both links below.)

**Link to Zoom workshop:** <https://bit.ly/PropertyandDevZoomWorkshop>

Passcode: a\$a\$5JIS

**Link to Whiteboard:** <https://zoom.us/wb/doc/0Llj6iDdQKaLWJzmIOIZ3g/p/265374434259668>

## Recognizing our Senior Acolyte

Congratulations, Camilla Pinto!

Thank you for your faithful service as an acolyte for St. Andrew's. Wishing you all the best in your next endeavors.

We will miss you!



Camilla with her family

## Welcoming New Acolytes



The Acolytes at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church have an important role in our services. Their duties include carrying the cross, lighting altar candles, and helping prepare the altar.

Open to all ages, the Acolyte Ministry offers a unique opportunity to grow in faith, serve the congregation, and deepen their connection to the church community.

Please email Jason McCloskey, [jam080@bucknell.edu](mailto:jam080@bucknell.edu), if you would like to train to be an acolyte!

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRY

Reed Dressler



I will be leaving St. Andrew's on July 19. I have been working toward becoming a hospital chaplain and will be moving to Danville to continue that journey as a chaplain resident at the Geisinger Hospital there. I have felt extremely blessed to get to know the St. Andrew's community. It is made up of so many loving people. You all have done a fantastic job welcoming me in and helping me get settled in this position, and I will always be grateful for that kindness and support during this time of transition. I will continue to pray for blessings upon this faith community and hold these memories close to my heart.

### NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS



#### **This Summer**

#### **Summer Reminders from the Children's Program**

We do not have summer church school classes, but our wiggle bags with books and stuffies are available for Sunday mornings all summer.

The nursery will be open and available, too. With the Nursery TV, parents and volunteers will have access to the livestream of our 10 a.m. service. We hope that adding a tv makes parents feel welcome and **still a part of our community** while they are with their children in the nursery.

#### **Save these dates for fall!**

- Blessing of the Backpacks and Devices! With Ice Cream on the Lawn! August 23.
- Kick off to the New Church School Year, September 13.

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Congratulations to our 2026 graduates!



### Owen Jacobson



Owen is graduating from State College Area High School. He will attend Gettysburg College in the fall with a major in history and minor in German, public history, and/or Civil War era studies.

He will be working at Lowe's this summer.

At St. Andrew's, Owen served as a youth member of the Vestry.

Owen's parents are Gretchen Schrock Jacobson and Justin Jacobson.

### Ella Summers

Ella Summers is graduating from the International Baccalaureate Program at Urbana High School in Frederick, Maryland.

In August, she will attend Ohio Wesleyan University to pursue a double major in Biology and Studio Art in hopes of becoming a Medical Illustrator.

Ella is the daughter of Tim and Laura Chisholm, the granddaughter of Andrew and Melody Chisholm, and the great-granddaughter of George Chisholm.

### Camilla Pinto



Camilla is graduating from State College Area High School. She plans to major in Business at Penn State University with the hopes of studying abroad in the Middle East or North Africa.

In the future, she hopes to travel as much as possible. She would like to live somewhere in the Mediterranean.

Camilla has been an acolyte for St. Andrew's throughout her high school career.

Her parents are Juliet Pinto and Claudio Pinto.



Ohio  
Wesleyan  
University

## State College Pride Parade



### Here's the plan:



**Date:** Saturday, June 13



**Where:** St. Andrew's front lawn (on Fraser Street)



**When:** 9:00 a.m.—we'll gather a little before the parade starts



**What to wear:** St. Andrew's Pride t-shirt (see below) if you have one, or anything colorful and fun!

St. Andrew's is proud to sponsor and participate in the State College Pride Parade on Saturday, June 13. We're getting ready to walk in the parade, too, and we'd love for you to join us!

This is a great chance for us, as a church, to show up with love, support, and celebration for our LGBTQ+ neighbors, friends, and family. Whether you're part of the community or an ally, let's show our community that faith and Pride absolutely go together.

You don't need to bring anything but your kind heart and your walking shoes. Signs, flags, good vibes, and friends are all welcome!

If you're in, just let us know by signing up here: <https://bit.ly/SCPride2026>

For complete information about all PRIDE 2026 events, go to <https://www.centrelgbtplus.org/pride>

### Pride T-Shirts

You can show your support at the parade and year-round in a St. Andrew's Pride t-shirt featuring the official Episcopal Pride Shield and a message from 1 Corinthians – "love never fails." We have a limited number in assorted sizes. Please contact Allison in the office if you are interested in purchasing one. The cost is \$20 per shirt payable by cash or check when you pick yours up. Any shirts that remain will be available at the Pride Parade on June 13.



### St. Andrew's "Welcome Statement"

We are a community of faith seeking to share the love of God we know through Jesus Christ; therefore, we welcome all people and invite persons of every race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance to participate fully in every aspect and at every level of our parish life.

## Be There to Support Inclusion in our Community!

For anyone who isn't walking in the parade, we encourage **YOU** to come to St. Andrew's to **view the Pride Parade and to Cheer on all of the participants!** Our lawn has lots of shade and smiling faces! Bring a chair or use one of ours!

Quoting Cat Cook, Centre LGBT+ executive director, "Support for the Pride Parade shows a visible commitment to inclusion, equity and respect for LGBT+ community members."



## UPCOMING

### St. Andrew's Poetry Contest 2026

# BEARING WITNESS

Submissions accepted

June 15 - August 15, 2026

Cash Prizes

First Prize **\$250**

Second Prize **\$100**

Bishop's Choice **\$50**



Submission details at [artsat.standrewsc.org](https://artsat.standrewsc.org)

**Our 2026 Poetry Contest** with the theme "Bearing Witness" will begin accepting entries on Monday, June 15. The contest is open to all residents of North America (including the United States, Canada, Mexico, and State College) and there is no entry fee. Winning poems and selected submissions will be

published in a contest anthology, and poets will be invited to participate in a poetry reading at St. Andrew's. Please consider entering and sharing your thoughts on our theme "Bearing Witness." And help us spread the word! More information and submission details can be found at [artsat.standrewsc.org](http://artsat.standrewsc.org) along with previous prize-winning entries.

In addition to poems, **we are also seeking photos or artwork on the same theme.** No prizes will be awarded for these submissions, but they may be included in the anthology. You can find submission details at the website above. If you have any questions, please contact Allison in the office at 814-237-7659 or [office@standrewsc.org](mailto:office@standrewsc.org)

## Poetry Reading

Saturday, October 24  
2 p.m. in the Church

The event will include readings by award-winning poets and poets chosen for inclusion in our contest anthology. We will have copies of the anthology for sale and participating poets may also have copies of their publications available to purchase. Light refreshments will be served. Save the date!

## Poetry Open Mic - NEW

Saturday, July 11  
2 p.m. in Room 325



### Poetry Open Mic

Saturday, July 11

2 p.m.

Celebrate the literary art of **POETRY** at St. Andrew's **during Arts Festival**. Bring poems to share or come to enjoy the poetry.\*

208 W. Foster Avenue  
[standrewsc.org](http://standrewsc.org)

\*and the air-conditioning!



On the Saturday afternoon of Arts Festival, St. Andrew's will host a Poetry Open Mic event. This is not part of our contest. There is no theme, no judges, and no prizes. It is an invitation to the community to gather and celebrate the literary art of poetry. Everyone is invited to share an original poem or two or to listen to the readings.

## Friday Films

Friday, June 19  
7 p.m., Canterbury Hall  
(snacks begin at 6:30 p.m.)



### ***To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything!*** ***Julie Newmar*** (1995)

Rated: PG-13  
1h 49m

In celebration of Pride Month, Friday Films' June selection is *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar*. In this road trip comedy, three drag queens travel cross-country until their car breaks down, leaving them stranded in a small town. The film stars Wesley Snipes, Patrick Swayze, John Leguizamo, Stockard Channing, Blythe Danner, and RuPaul, with a cameo appearance by Julie Newmar herself!

Admission is free, all are welcome.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

A blue poster for a film screening. At the top left, it says 'JUNE 20 2026'. At the top right, it says 'SAVE THE DATE'. In the center, there is a circular logo for 'CENTRE COUNTY Interfaith Coalition FOR GUN SAFETY'. Below the logo, the title 'ALL THE EMPTY ROOMS' is written in large, bold, black letters. Underneath the title are several award logos. At the bottom, it says 'FILM SCREENING &amp; ASK DAY DISCUSSION SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026 @ 7:00 PM'. Below that, it lists the location: 'Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County, 780 Waupelani Dr, State College, PA 16801'. At the very bottom, it provides the website: 'WWW.CCINTERFAITHFORGUNSAFETY.COM'.

The Centre County Interfaith Coalition for Gun Safety ([CCIC4GS](http://CCIC4GS)) invites you to a screening and discussion of *All the Empty Rooms* on Saturday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County. As part of our observance of Gun Safety Awareness Month and in recognition of the Centre County Commissioners' 2026 Proclamation for Secure Firearm Storage, the event will bring community members together to reflect on the lives affected by firearm-related loss and discuss ways to promote gun safety in our community.

Community conversations about firearm safety are particularly important now because Centre County experienced 17 suicide deaths in 2025, nine involving a firearm.

*All the Empty Rooms* won the 2026 Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Film and follows veteran CBS News correspondent Steve Hartman and photographer Lou Bopp during a seven-year project documenting the preserved bedrooms of children killed in school shootings. Producers from the film will join us via Zoom for the post-screening discussion at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Centre County.

## 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, June 14, 11:15 a.m.  
Room 324 and Zoom

This will be our final meeting before going on hiatus during July and August. We will resume our regular meeting schedule of the 2nd Sunday of each month following the 10 a.m. service on September , September 13.

On May 17, members of St. Andrews Yarn Ministry presented a collection of their comfort shawls and baby blankets for a blessing. during the May 17 Comfort shawls were sent to the Ronald McDonald



House in Brooklyn, NY, by way of former parishioner Hannah Boston. Knit and crocheted baby blankets were blessed and delivered to The Mommy Shoppe in Houserville for new parents.

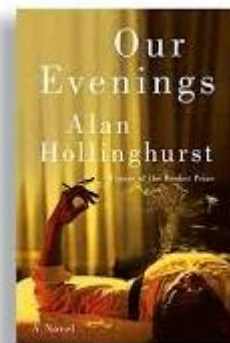
Yarn Ministry, established at St. Andrews more than 20 years ago, invites all knitters and crocheters to join us. Our mission is fellowship and prayerful/mindful making with our hands for others. Contact Anne Hoag (anne.hoag@gmail.com) for more information."



### BOOK CLUB

Monday, June 22, 7:00 p.m.  
Room 131

The Book Club's choice for Pride Month is *Our Evenings* by Alan Hollinghurst.



This is the story of Dave Win as he tells it himself, in late middle age, recreating with glowing intensity a sequence of formative or quietly significant episodes across six decades, as he navigates class, race, love, and identity in modern Britain from the 1960s to the pandemic.

Sir Alan James Hollinghurst is an English novelist, poet, short story writer and translator. He won the 1989 *Somerset Maugham Award* and the 1994 *James Tait Black Memorial Prize*. In 2004, he won the *Booker Prize* for his novel *The Line of Beauty*. Hollinghurst is credited with having helped gay-themed fiction to break into the literary mainstream through his seven novels since 1988

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

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1 Ann Gibboney	7 Mark Patzkowsky	20 Anthony Grillo
1 Andy Smye	9 Robin Bastress	20 Jane Wehr
2 Dannielle Kroczyński	10 Lori McGarry	21 Penelope McCloskey
2 Kate Freeman	13 Chris Marini	21 Stephen Mainzer
2 Ted Jaenicke	15 Julia Lowe	21 Violet Skvarla
3 Ralph Hemecker	15 Kathy Johnston	22 Rob Freeborn
5 Cathy Dauler	16 Mary Amato	24 Carolyn Donaldson
5 Nathaniel Felsmann	17 James Green	24 Ari Farris
7 Julie Kwasnica	18 Betsy Llewellyn	25 Cindy Law
7 Thomas Dauler	18 Geoff Rule	27 Kaleigh McGarry
7 Mary Evans	19 Ann Shepherd	27 Jack Rovanseck

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** If you have a June 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**

Erica, Molly, Walter, Marion, Sandy, Teri, Janet, Mavis, Mena, Milly, Bob, Ann, Pam, Walt, Joan, Kelley, Eugene, Isa, Zohra, Ivonne, Jordan, Ty, Sheralee, Kevin, Anne, Lisa, Sharree, Rob, Carrie, Ellen, Dixie, Julianne, Wayne, Lori, Robert, Emily, Michael, Katie, Heath, Joseph, Maria

### **Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders**

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

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