



The Parish Messenger

February 2016

*The Newsletter of the People of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
State College, Pennsylvania*

A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Friends,

Since this is the first time I have written to you since the New Year began (I was on my way back from a quick post-Christmas visit to Atlanta when the January Messenger was sent out), let me begin by offering again best wishes to all of you for the year recently begun. There's a verse in Ephesians that reminds us that God is able to do "far more than we can ask or imagine." So may 2016 be such a year for you and your family and, indeed, for the entire St. Andrew's family - a year of blessings that exceeds both our desires and expectations!

It was good to gather for the Annual Meeting of the parish on January 17 and gratifying to have nine people stand for election to the vestry the morning of the meeting. The slate of candidates was wonderfully diverse and talented, and I'm sincerely thankful for the willingness of each to serve. As there were only four open positions, five did not get a vestry term at this time. But I hope those who didn't get elected this year will run again next year. We need the gifts and talents you would bring to the vestry, just as we're glad for what those elected bring to it. Well-done, each and every one, those elected and those not! For the names of the nine persons who stood for election, and those elected, see the "Vestry Election Results" article in this newsletter.

At the Annual Meeting, I mentioned one conversation that has been initiated concerning the addition of an education and formation hour for all ages between our two Sunday morning services. Providing such an opportunity on Sundays would not only facilitate the bringing together of our current education and formation programs for children and youth, which are held at different times on Sunday mornings, but it also would allow for a weekly class or classes for adults, something notably absent at this time from St. Andrew's Sunday morning schedule. Educating and forming people in the Christian faith and life is one of the three principle tasks and responsibilities of every church and its rector, and I feel this would

strengthen our work in this key area. At present, the idea being explored is to hold the education hour from 9:15 to 10:15 AM on Sundays, which would necessitate moving the 10 AM service to 10:30 AM. Please join the conversation about this proposal and share your opinions about it! Meetings for the families of our children and youth to do this, as well as to review the other particulars of those programs, will be set and advertised soon, along with a meeting for adults. Watch for the dates and, again, please join this conversation!

Finally, here are three other things of importance - and interest, I pray! First, an organizational meeting for the adult offering often known as "Episcopalian 101" or an "Adult Inquirer's Class" will take place on Sunday, February 14 at 9:15 AM in the Library (room 324). The participants in this class will decide what day and time to meet going forward, but my plan for the class is for it to meet weekly for most of the academic year remaining. The class will provide an overview of Christianity and the Anglican/Episcopal tradition and is the preparatory experience for adult Baptism, Confirmation and Reception. All are welcome to participate, even those already baptized, confirmed and received. Second, Easter Eve and Easter Day (March 26 and 27) is the next baptismal feast in the church calendar. Adults or parents of children interested in Baptism are asked to contact the church, so arrangements can be made. Third, dates for the listening process to facilitate the compilation of a new Parish Profile will be set and shared this month. Completion of the process and the profile, as shared at the Annual Meeting, is envisioned to take until June 30. If you have questions about any of these things, please feel free to contact me through the church office ([814-237-7659](tel:814-237-7659)) or by email (intrector@standrewsc.org).

Perhaps you'll agree: There is a lot going on! Please remember, then, our church family in your prayers, and be assured of my prayers for you. May peace and blessings be yours!

Fr. Doug+

A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, February 7
5:00 PM in the church
Reception in Room 325



The Adult Choir of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will sing a service of choral evensong on Sunday, February 7, at **5:00 PM**. The service will feature *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis in C* and the anthem *O For A Closer Walk With God* by Charles Stanford, Psalm 114 to a chant by Hubert Parry and *Phos Hilaron* by John Stainer. Organ music by Robert Hobby, Sam Batt Owens and Johann Pachelbel will also be part of the service. A reception will follow in Room 325. Please join us for this gentle service, a perfect way to end the Lord's Day and prepare for the week ahead.

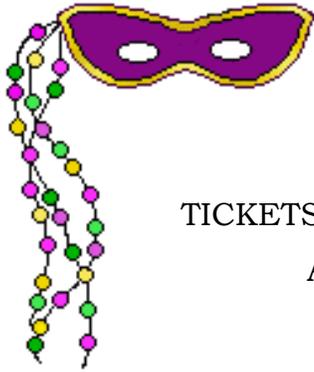
Please note that the time of Evensong has been changed from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 9

5:00 –7:00 PM

Canterbury Hall



All-You-Can-Eat

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs and Applesauce

TICKETS ON SALE NOW: \$6 (Adults), \$4 (ages 2-12)

After February 7: \$7 (Adults), \$5 (ages 2-12)

All proceeds from the Pancake Supper support the 2016 J2A Pilgrimage to Oregon.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S



- 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
Childcare in the nursery.
- 7:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes and Choir
Childcare in the nursery.

LENT AT ST. ANDREW'S: 2016



FOUR WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

February 17 & 24 and March 2 & 16

5:15 PM to 6:00 PM

Taizè in the Nave- Taizè is a quiet meditative service of music, silence, brief readings and prayer, which calms body, mind and spirit. Childcare available upon request.

6:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Supper in Canterbury Hall- A soup, salad, bread and cheese supper will be served. Please make reservations for dinner by signing up on the preceding Sunday or by calling the church office by noon on the preceding Monday.

6:45 PM to 8:00 PM

Speaker Series for Adults in Canterbury Hall - Speakers will include Rabbi David Ostrich and Dr. Chris Brady.
Children and Teen's Program: "Building Faith Brick by Brick"
Childcare available upon request.

FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 12- March 18

5:15 PM in the Nave

ERD LENTEN ALMS:

Episcopal Relief and Development meditation booklets and mite boxes will be available in the narthex and church school classrooms for use during Lent; a mite box ingathering will take place on Easter Sunday.

ERD LENTEN ALMS



For over 75 years, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has served as the compassionate response of The Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. ERD works closely with Anglican Communion and ecumenical partners helping communities in need of assistance after disasters and creating long-term development strategies. ERD serves more than 3 million people in some 40 countries every year, through programs that fight poverty, hunger and disease. Mite boxes are available in the narthex and church school classrooms, and will be collected on Easter Sunday.

LENTEN WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS:

CALLING ALL BUILDERS!

February 17 & 24 and March 2 & 16

From 6:45 - 8:00 PM

Room 119



"Building Faith Brick by Brick" is an imaginative way to explore the Bible. We will read stories of Jesus that include adventure, wonder, drama, and mystery; and then brick by brick, we will individually or in small groups build with LEGO bricks, a scripture creation. There will also be a bucket of DUPLO bricks for the younger set to build. We encourage all teens to be an active part of this and may pair up with the children to help build scripture creations. Our scripture creations will be on display each Sunday, with new creations each week. Be watching for scripture to come alive with creations on: The Temptation of Jesus; Jesus Enters Jerusalem; Dinner in the Upper Room; and the Crucifixion. For nursery care please contact Julie Kwasnica (julie@kwasnica.com) by Sunday to arrange child care for the following Wednesday.

LECTIO AND LENT

February 28 and March 20

9:00 AM

Library



As we enter the season of Lent, some of us may be thinking about what we want to give up during this season. For many years, I focused almost exclusively on the "giving up," and I was greatly surprised when a spiritual director suggested that I change my focus. Giving things up is a type of fasting, and one understanding of fasting is to abstain from something good in order to make room for something better -- a strengthened relationship with God.

So, this Lenten season, as we become more intentional about making space for God, all are invited to come and experience the spiritual practice of Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina is an ancient monastic method of reading the Bible that invites us in to a deeper relationship with God.

May we all experience the blessings of the season,
-Christina Ford

FRIDAY FILMS



Episcopal Jedi

Friday Films is pleased to present an exciting new series:
Faith in Science-Fiction.

For as long as humans have gazed upon the stars, we've conjured faraway worlds, envisioned our cosmos as full of powerful beings who come from the sky, and have imagined living among them. We have also wondered, 'what is our place among the heavens?'

Science-fiction helps us explore this question that religions throughout history have attempted to answer. In creating fantasy worlds and future (sometimes ancient) civilizations, science-fiction considers the manner in which the people of

those places have dealt with the question of existence. We will try to, as well.

All films will be shown in Canterbury Hall, and for those who wish to stay, a discussion will follow each film.



February 19

Star Wars: A New Hope (1977)

Rated: PG

6:30 PM: Snacks and Drinks

7:00 PM: Film

The Imperial Forces, under orders from Darth Vader, hold Princess Leia hostage, in their efforts to squash the rebellion against the Galactic Empire. Luke Skywalker, a young dreamer, and Han Solo, rogue smuggler and captain of the Millennium Falcon, embark on the adventure of a lifetime to rescue the beautiful princess, help the Rebel Alliance, and restore freedom and justice to the Galaxy. They don't know it, but their story is destined to become legend.



March 18

Double Feature:

Atomic Café (1982) & Godzilla/Gojira (1954)

Both Rated: NR

6:00 PM: Pizza Dinner

6:30 PM: Film (*Atomic Café*)

8:00 PM: Intermission

8:15 PM: Film (*Godzilla/Gojira*)

Atomic Café: This darkly humorous documentary consists of archival footage about nuclear warfare. Drawing on government propaganda and training films for American soldiers, the

movie, presented in collage form, features clips from early in the Cold War era that are filled with alarming misinformation. Some segments address the alleged safety of nuclear radiation, "duck and cover" drills and instructions for living in a fallout shelter.



Godzilla/Gojira: Not released on DVD until 2004, this original Japanese film gave us the legend of a fire-breathing behemoth that terrorizes Japan after an atomic bomb awakens it from its centuries-old sleep. Scientists race to discover the reason behind Godzilla's origins before the creature destroys not only Japan, but the world.



April 15
***The Matrix* (1999)**
Rated: PG-13

6:30 PM: Snacks and Drinks
7:00 PM: Film

Neo, a computer genius, has always felt the world is not what it seems. Only Morpheus, an elusive figure considered to be the most dangerous man alive, can answer his question: what is the Matrix? Neo enters an underworld where a truth is revealed too enormous to comprehend. It is a truth that could cost Neo something more precious than his life.



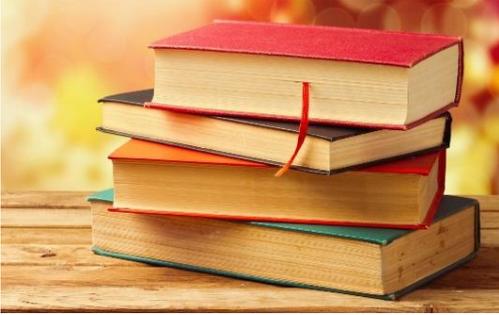
May 13
***Blade Runner* (1982)**
Rated: R

6:30 PM: Snacks and Drinks
7:00 PM: Film

In 2019 Los Angeles, Rick Deckard is forced to be a Blade Runner by the oppressive and totalitarian government. His latest assignment: eliminate four escaped Replicants from the colonies who have returned to Earth to find their creator. As Deckard closes in on the renegade group, his true hatred toward artificial intelligence makes him question his own identity in this future world, including what's human and what's not.

If you would like to be on the Film Committee that selects the films, provides the hospitality, and are willing to try and hook up a laptop to the projector, please contact Sanford Schwartz at: sanford.schwartz@gmail.com

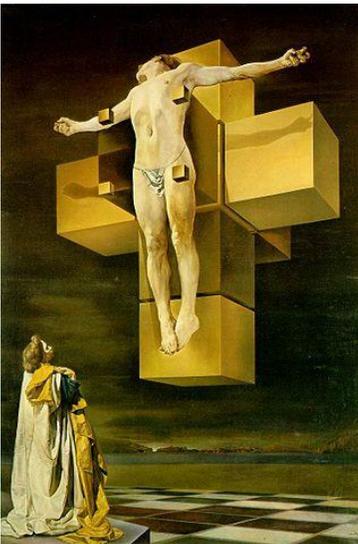
PROPOSED BOOK CLUB



St. Andrew's is exploring the idea of creating a book club among parishioners. Members will mutually select books to read and then gather monthly to discuss the book. If you are interested in getting together with other interested parishioners to discuss the idea further and agree on a first book to read, please contact Kevin Barron at kwbl@psu.edu (441-5442) or Gary Miller at gemsc1@comcast.net (237-9302).

ARTS COLUMN:

Coming soon to the Monthly Messenger



In the months ahead, the Monthly Messenger will include a new feature, the Arts Column, with contributions by members of St. Andrew's involved in the creation, interpretation, and teaching of the arts. Areas include, but are not limited to: Architecture, crafts, dance, film, literature, music, painting, sculpture, theater, photography, and art education.

Parishioners will discuss individual works of art, in some cases their own, in the context of Christian faith and concerns. The aim of this new feature is to stimulate interest in the capacity of imagination to express, explore, and enrich our spiritual journey.

For those interested in contributing to the Arts Column, or simply curious to find out more about it, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd, 7:30 p.m., in Canterbury Hall.

For inquiries and further information, contact Marion Schwartz at kmarsch09@gmail.com or Sanford Schwartz at sanford.schwartz@gmail.com

ST. ANDREW'S MEN'S GROUP



The Men's Group, The Holy Spirits, will meet on **Monday, February 8 at 7:30 PM** at Westside Stadium Bar & Grill, 1301 West College Avenue, for an evening of fellowship, drinks and food. An online review of the food at Westside Stadium Grill says, 'anything smoked pork is ridiculously tasty,' and we can vouch for the fellowship. No subject is off the table, so come prepared to have a jolly good time. The consumption of alcohol is not required for participation.

ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S GROUP



The Women's Group enjoyed a cozy evening by the fire at Gigi's in January on one of coldest evenings of the year. We enjoyed the warm atmosphere so much that we decided to repeat this month, on the third **Tuesday, February 16 at 7:30 PM**. All women in the parish are invited to Gigi's, 2080 Cato Avenue, for an evening of fellowship.

OUTREACH NEWS

COMMUNITY CAFÉ



The Community Café would like to thank Marion Schwartz who acted as the liaison between the Café and Penn State students who gave their time on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day to clean the kitchen in Canterbury Hall. Laura was the leader of the group and spent the whole morning on the convection oven. It looks like a brand new oven. Volunteers also completely emptied the cabinets with the dish trolleys, wiped them down and put all the dishes through the sanitizing wash. One of the volunteers, Jessica, has also worked at Cafe and so was familiar with the dishwasher which obviously came in handy. In addition, they washed all the large aluminum trays and wiped down the rails and plastic cover of the cart they were on. Two students emptied the cabinets under the serving window, wiped out the shelves, washed all the trays and assorted crockery and put them back in neatly. Both fridges were also cleaned out. This was truly a wonderful way to spend a special day, and we thank them.



If you would like to learn more about the Café or to volunteer, please contact Ron Rovanseck at rrovansek@pacewater.com. The Café is open for business from 5 PM to 7 PM. every Thursday. The meal is free, everyone is welcome, and donations are accepted, but they are not expected.

KNITTING MINISTRY



The February meeting of the St. Andrew's Knitting Ministry will be on Sunday February 21 in Room 325 after the 10:00 AM service until 1:00 PM. If you knit or crochet and are interested in sharing your gifts by creating items for others, please join us. This winter, we are knitting for the Mother & Baby "Love House" in Rwanda located at the Urukundo Children's Home and Learning Center. If you are interested in knitting infant hats, booties, light weight baby blankets and sweaters, stop in on the 21st. A light lunch will be served before we start our meeting.

Our widespread community also includes thousands of women and children in local and global areas of conflict who receive our items of hope, healing, and peace. We are dedicated to making a difference in the world by "knitting together" the global Beloved Community, stitch by stitch by stitch, day after day after day. Please join us and spread the love of God through our handmade work.

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to become part of our "Peace Pod". Contact Vicky Ponish, vponish1@comcast.net for any other information/questions.

CHRISTIAN ADULT FORMATION

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



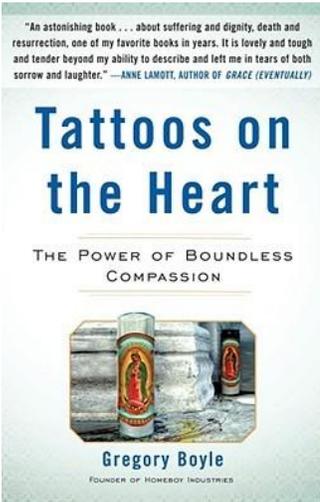
The Order of the Daughters of the King® (DOK) is a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service and Evangelism. The St. Andrew's Chapter, Dame Julian of Norwich, meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the evening. On Monday, February 8, Linda Hoover and Darlene Nordoff will be presenting a short workshop on prayers of oblation. All are invited! DOK is a wonderful way to get to know other women in the church, not only at St. Andrew's, but also throughout the Diocese and Province. If you would like more information about what it means to be a Daughter of the King, please contact chapter president Kitty Mussett at kam13@psu.edu or chapter vice-president Linda Hoover at lsh4488@gmail.com.

COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Thursdays, February 4 and 18

Room 325

9:30 to 11:00 AM



All women are invited to Compassionate Life. For lent we will be reading "*Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*", by Fr. Gregory Boyle, founder of the Homeboy Industries. Fr. Gregory Boyle, a Jesuit priest, runs a gang-intervention program in the Los Angeles ghetto. He has written a series of parables from his experience working in the ghetto. These parables are about kinship and redemption as examples of the power of unconditional love and the importance of fighting despair.

Copies of the book are available at Compassionate Life or in the church office for \$10 each.

TORCH CLUB

March 9

5:30 PM

Gallery Room, Ramada Inn



Over the past few months, St. Andrew's has sponsored several discussions about the recent history and current events in the Middle East. The Torch Club of Central Pennsylvania has invited St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to continue that series by co-hosting the Torch Club's monthly meeting on the evening of Wednesday, March 9, 2016, when Dr. Arthur Goldschmidt, professor emeritus of Middle East history at Penn State, will present a talk entitled "Middle Eastern Terrorism: An Historian's Perspective." The talk will explore how terrorism has manifested itself in Middle Eastern history, its principal manifestations today, and what methods can be used to combat it.

The Torch Club is a membership organization of local professionals who meet monthly to share knowledge, experience, and fellowship. Each month, one of its members presents a talk on a topic of interest.

Torch Club meetings are held at the Gallery Room, downstairs from the restaurant at the Ramada Inn on South Atherton Street. Members meet at 5:30 PM for social time and then sit down for dinner at 6 PM. The talk and discussion begins about 6:40 PM. Meetings typically end by 8:00 PM.

Parishioners interested in dinner will pay \$20 per person. Parishioners may also choose to join the meeting after dinner, in which case there will be no charge.

If you would like to attend this event, please confirm your plans to attend by contacting Robin Bagby by March 1 so that space and dinner arrangements can be made.

THRIVE

Workshop & Seminar Leadership Day

Building Empathy and Eliminating Oppression Workshops: A Deep Look at Racism & Religious Prejudice

Where: St. Stephen's Cathedral
221 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101
Parking at no cost in the Diocesan House parking lot, the open parking lot and the PHFA parking garage (both located next to the cathedral).

When: Saturday February 13, 2016
8:00 AM- 4:00 PM

Why: Because working to eliminate racism is a highly complex task that requires an understanding of what racism really is and how it impacts all of us.

All-day workshop selections:

#1 Moving From Concern to Action; Anti-Racist Organizational Development

- Understanding systemic inequality and oppression.

#2 Straight Talk on Race in the Church and in the Workplace

- Gain a basic framework for understanding prejudice, oppression and specifically racism.
- Understand the impact of racialized language in a work environment.
- Understand the appropriate racial language to use, avoid and why.
- Gain strategies for responding to racist "OUCH!" moments.

#3 best practices, Anti-Racism Related Programming

- Learn to utilize films and documentaries to generate conversations, e.g., *Traces of the Trade*; book discussions utilizing bestsellers such as *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (2010/2012) by Michelle Alexander; YouTube conversation-starters, such as "What Kind of Asian are You?" and "How to Tell Someone They Sound Racist"; and
- Gain facilitation and strategies to present an anti-racism mini program for participants to be able to return to their congregations and present an informational one-three- hour workshop for vestries, parish search committees, youth group and youth leaders, as well as social justice and jubilee committees.

Sign up at: <http://www.diocesepa.org/formation/ssfs/thrive>

\$20.00 registration to include breakfast items & lunch

Childcare will be provided upon request

Registration Questions Contact [Linda Arguedas](#)

VESTRY ELECTION RESULTS



Vestry Elections at St. Andrew's were held on January 17. A voter, to be eligible, had to be 16 years old, baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church and be a member of St. Andrew's. Out of 372 eligible voters, 153 ballots were cast.

There were 9 candidates: Ted Christopher, Bruce Cramer, Tom Dauler, Marisa Ferger, Kate Freeman, Anthony Grillo, Michelle Hamilton, Beth Jones, and Steven Smith.

Ted Christopher, Marisa Ferger, Kate Freeman and Beth Jones were elected to the Vestry of St. Andrew's. They join fellow vestry members Medora Ebersole, Dennis Houseman, Julia Kasdorf, Wendi Keeler, Linda Mace, Sharon Rovanssek, Sanford Schwartz and David Spencer. In addition, Wendi Keeler was appointed Senior Warden by Father Doug and David Spencer was elected the Junior Warden by the Vestry. Rick Hoover was re-elected as Clerk of the Vestry.

The Vestry is in place to serve St. Andrew's and its parishioners. If you ever have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Vestry. Also, know that Vestry meetings are open for any parishioner to attend, so long as the subject matter does not relate to matters of personnel or other matter deemed confidential. If you would ever like to address the Vestry during a meeting, please let the church office or a member of the Vestry know if possible so you can be placed on the agenda.

As always, the Vestry thanks you heartily for your support of St. Andrew's.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

We would like to thank Jill Ascah for her service as financial Secretary of St. Andrew's. Jill has retired from the position, and Mary Andrew has generously offered to step forward and serve in that position. Thank you, Jill and Mary.

LIFE AFTER LOSS



Life after Loss begins February 7 and is a six-week support group for anyone experiencing a significant loss more than three months ago. Loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a relationship are but a few examples of losses that deeply affect your life. Life after Loss provides a supportive, safe and confidential small-group setting where you can focus on your loss and set about to reintegrate your life. Open to anyone in the community over 18 years old, the group will meet from

12:00 PM until 2:30 PM on Sundays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 13, and 20. A light lunch is provided, and there is no charge for the program. To register, contact Linda Hoover at 238-4488 or at lsh4488@gmail.com.

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



Young Children and Worship class is for the pre-K and Kindergarten children. The children have been hearing the parables of Jesus. Soon we will be in Lent, the time the church gets ready to celebrate the mystery of Easter. During Lent they will hear stories of Jesus and the Children; Jesus and Bartimaeus; Jesus and Zacchaeus; Jesus the King; Jesus Last Passover; and Jesus Is Risen.

Godly Play class is for children in grades 1st through 4th. We welcome Tiffany Muller as new Godly Play greeter and storyteller. Tiffany grew up in the Episcopal Church and is a church school natural! During Lent the children will hear stories of the Mystery of Easter and the Faces of Easter, which are stories from Jesus birth, growth and ministry as teacher and healer. They will move toward the Mystery by hearing stories of Jesus' journey toward the cross and resurrection.



5th and 6th grade class

The class is learning about the Out of the Cold (OOTC) ministry. The class helped stuff with fiber fill some of the 20 small pillows made by the women of Compassionate Life. Michele Hamilton visited the class and shared her experience in the OOTC program training and leadership. Madeline Johnson, one of their teachers, made twenty hospitality bags for OOTC participants. The class placed the drawstring through the bags. Each bag will be filled with personal hygiene items such as a toothbrush, small toothpaste, comb, soap, lotion, etc. If you have small grooming items that can fill these bags, bring them to the church office before Sunday, February 14.



JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

**Classes for both Rite-13 and J2A are every Sunday until 12 PM.
YAC, check in with leaders.**

February Activities

Rite-13

- Sunday, February 7 Stay for a chili and mac-&-cheese lunch and games;
dismissal 1:30 PM.
- Sunday, February 21 Pizza and Bowling after class, Northland Bowl until 2 PM.

J2A

- Saturday, February 6 Youth and Leader dinner at Ted Jaenicke's home, 6-8:30 PM.
- Sunday, February 21 Pizza and Bowling after class, Northland Bowl until 2 PM.

YAC

Check in with leaders.

J2A and YAC – HAPPENING #9

Friday, February 12 (6:00 PM) to Sunday, February 14 (3:00 PM)



A Three-Day Weekend Retreat!
For High School Students! Led by High School Students!

“The Light of Christ”

Explore Biblical text along with fun activities and talks from our high school leaders. It's a spiritual journey and a time for finding, reconnecting, or growing closer to God. It's a fun-filled weekend that doesn't feel *churchy* with a few surprises along the way. Meet great new people and create lasting friendships with them and memories that will last a lifetime.

Cost \$150

Scholarships available.

Registration is open on the diocesan webpage.

[Click here](#) to register online.

Contact Darlene Nordoff for more information.

January Activities: A Look Back **White Elephant Gift Exchange – January 3**

On Sunday, January 3, Journey to Adulthood youth and their leaders participated in a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Participants selected something from home that they no longer needed or wanted, but thought someone else may like. The exchanges provided lots of fun! Also, we identified connections from the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* with our Christian heritage; for example, *a partridge in a pear tree* (Jesus); *two turtle doves* (Mary and Joseph or Old and New Testaments); *three French hens* (the three wise men or Father, Son and Holy Spirit).



J2A Youth and Leader Dinner – January 9



J2A youth and leaders met at J2A leader Sharon Rovanseck's home for dinner and fellowship as they prepare for their pilgrimage to Oregon this summer.

Rite-13 World Awareness Dinner – January 10

The Rite-13 leaders and youth (and some friends from outside the St. Andrew's community) participated in a World Awareness Dinner, where they experienced and hopefully understood some of the dynamics that help to create hunger in the world, through eating and sharing a meal designed to simulate world hunger. Participants were given invitations to a meal that seated them either at Table One, representing the First World; Table Two, Second World; or Table Three, Third World. See the pictures to note the differences. The leaders and youth discussed what happened during the dinner and what they believed is a Christian response to world hunger and poverty.



BUNCO! – January 24

Journey to Adulthood got together for a few friendly games of Bunco!
Lots of winners!
Lots of fun and fellowship!



Winners of the evening are:

Most Buncos- Amy Allison
Most Wins- Leah Patzkowsky
Most Losses- Erin Small
Even Card- Zach Paulsen
Fuzzy Dice- Jason McCloskey

THE RAINBOW FLAG



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I'm writing to you because I have an idea and your input is very much needed. No, I am not suggesting that we paint the front doors red (as I have done in the past), but rather that St. Andrew's display a rainbow flag or banner in line with the other banners that are currently flown on the Frasier Street side of the church.

The rainbow flag was popularized as a symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) pride and diversity by artist Gilbert Baker in 1978. The different colors were designed to not only symbolize diversity but also life (red), healing (orange), sunlight (yellow), nature (green), harmony (blue), and spirit (violet).

Our welcome statement reads: 'We believe everybody is welcome and belongs at God's table - regardless of race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability or circumstances of life.' Those words are very powerful, especially in this day and age where we see divisiveness at every corner. I am very proud of St. Andrew's in that we all come from different backgrounds, circumstances, political affiliations and means, but we all come together to worship, enjoy each other's company in good times, grieve at bad times and support each other even when we are apart.

St. Andrew's is also a Believe Out Loud parish meaning that we went through a six-step process to be recognized as an open and affirming congregation. Here is a link that explains more about what that means and the six-step process that we completed in order to earn that distinction: <http://www.integrityusa.org/resources>.

To me, hanging a rainbow banner is simply a visual reminder of what we as a church already print both in our weekly bulletin and on our website. Also, the banner would be a step toward fulfilling our designation as a Believe Out Loud parish. Most importantly though, if the banner helps one person feel welcomed, and does not hurt anyone else, then what are we waiting for?

If you would like to weigh in on this matter or have any questions, please email Wendi Keeler or David Spencer at wardens@standrewsc.org or Father Doug at intrector@standrewsc.org.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, and thank you in advance for your thoughts,

Sincerely,
Sharon Rovanseck

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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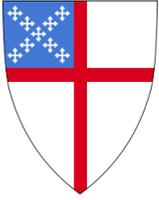


MARTHA TRAVERS

from St. John's Episcopal Church, Bellefonte, PA
January 11, 2016

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist (church school, childcare)

5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

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