

# *The Parish Messenger*

*January 2016*

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

## **VESTRY ELECTIONS**

We are excited to share with you that nine members of our church family have stepped forward for consideration for the four open positions on the vestry. The individuals, in alphabetical order, are:

**Ted Christopher  
Bruce Cramer  
Tom Dauler  
Marisa Ferger  
Kate Freeman  
Anthony Grillo  
Michele Hamilton  
Beth Jones  
Steven Smith**

We will follow the guidelines for vestry election as noted in the church by-laws. Voting will take place on the morning of January 17, 2016, before and after the 8 AM and 10 AM services, from 7:30 AM to 12 PM. Ballots will note the names of all nominees and electors will be asked to indicate their four top selections. Electors are all adult members of the parish. Adult members of the parish must be over 16 year old, have been baptized, confirmed and/or received by a Bishop of the Episcopal Church, and have had their membership officially transferred to St. Andrew's (if previously a member of another parish). If you are uncertain you are an eligible elector, please contact the St. Andrew's office. They can then verify your eligibility. If you cannot be present to vote when the polls are open on January 17, you may obtain an absentee ballot by contacting the Clerk of the Vestry, Rick Hoover, at 814-238-4888 or [rickhoover@aol.com](mailto:rickhoover@aol.com). He is empowered to issue and collect absentee ballots. All completed absentee ballots must be returned to him at the following address no later than 5:00 PM, Friday, January 15, 2016.

Rick Hoover  
Clerk of the Vestry  
2358 Corinna Court  
State College, Pennsylvania 16803

Votes will be tallied on January 17, immediately after polls close at noon. Candidates will be individually notified of the results. The four new members of the vestry will be announced publicly, and ratified, that evening at the annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held in Canterbury Hall with a potluck dinner beginning at 6 PM.

Please keep the candidates in your prayers during the next few weeks as we all come together to discern new directions for our parish.

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING & POTLUCK DINNER**

Sunday, January 17, 2016

Canterbury Hall

Potluck 6 PM

Opening prayers at 6:45 PM



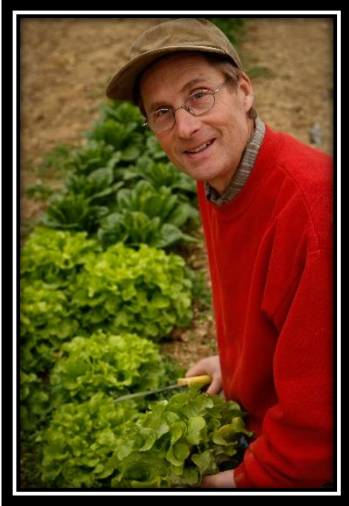
The parish meeting is a time for all to gather together to recognize outgoing and incoming vestry members, to present and discuss the budget for the new year, and to receive reports from committees, ministries and commissions. For the potluck, if your last name begins with A through G, please bring a salad; those persons with last names beginning H through M, please bring a casserole; if your last name begins with N through Z, please bring a dessert. Childcare will be provided in the nursery after dinner.

### **CANDIDATES FOR VESTRY**



**Ted Christopher:** My family and I joined St. Andrew's State College in the fall of 2008 when I began work as Director of Opera Theatre at Penn State University. Our youngest, Anna, was born right after we arrived here and was baptized at St. Andrew's. Our children (Madeleine, 10; Bryson, 9; and Anna, 7) sing in the Youth Choir, acolyte, attend Sunday school, participate in various outreach events at St. Andrew's, including the Crop Walk, and occasionally volunteer at Community Café. Betha re-invigorated and led the Cherub Choir from 2008-2011, volunteers in the nursery, and frequently signs up to host Coffee Hour. I have been a Rite-13 leader, a student in the EfM program, and recently I served as a voting delegate to the convention that elected Audrey Scanlan bishop in our diocese. Our family is grateful for this community where we receive so much more than we give.

I am a cradle Episcopalian. I was baptized at St. Peter's Kansas City and confirmed at St. Paul's Cleveland Heights. During my professional singing career, I got to know some of the major Episcopal churches throughout the country, including St. Mark's Philadelphia, Trinity Church Wall Street, Calvary Church Memphis, and the great Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. All of those places gave me a deep respect for our liturgical tradition and a profound gratitude for the community that the church can be. It is an honor to be nominated to serve on the Vestry of St. Andrew's during what is an important time for our community.



**Bruce Cramer:** I live with my wife Diane and daughter Lucy on a small produce farm in Nittany Valley. My first career as a commercial photographer, great fun for over 30 years, is winding down as we work to build up the vegetable patch. We've attended St. Andrew's about three years, settled in as regulars at the 5:00 PM Sunday evening service. The informality and easy fellowship has helped us transition from a smaller parish to this larger one.

My parents raised their three boys as Methodists. My college age rejection of the faith lasted about twenty-five years. Anyway, I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in September 1999 at Christ Church Williamsport, where the Rector had a penchant for high-church ceremony. My training to serve at the altar was in that tradition. Perhaps with the zeal typical of the convert, my family and I became involved in the life of that parish. By 2005 I was asked to chair the discernment committee that called the next Rector. Later I served two years as Senior Warden.

My family has made two trips to Uganda and Sudan to support the children of St. Bartholomew's and Amazing Grace orphanages. I can never adequately express what that experience has meant to us. There Jesus' love is literally saving lives.

I can't claim to have special insight into the future of St. Andrew's, but it is an honor to be considered for a vestry position.



**Tom Dauler:** I moved with my wife Cathy from Boston to State College in 1982, just before our daughter Alexandra was born, and have been a member here ever since. I joined the choir a few years later, and have enjoyed singing with them for over 30 years.

I was raised a Presbyterian but began attending Trinity Episcopal Church, near my apartment in downtown Boston, where I met and eventually married Cathy. We grew to love the church, its theology, and its beautiful liturgy.

After ten years or so of city life, we were ready to move to a town like State College which promised to be a wonderful place to raise our child.

I've worked as a psychiatrist here and Cathy has become involved in local government and in teaching. Alexandra, baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew's, has gone on to become an editor with Oxford University Press in New York City where she attends a nearby Episcopal church.

The choir has been my principle activity here, though Cathy and I worked together on the Easter Vigil celebration for many years until recently when her mother's illness and death in 2014 made it difficult to commit to some of our activities here.

I find I have a greater interest, now, in the workings of the church and in joining with others on vestry to help St. Andrew's continue to be the wonderful spiritual resource it has been for me.



**Marisa Ferger:** A trip to the post office on a Saturday in 2003 is how I discovered St. Andrew's. My husband, Paul Markowski, and I were members at a local Catholic church and decided it was time for a change. After seeing the service schedule on the sign outside of St. Andrew's that Saturday, we decided to attend the 10 AM service the following day. We have been members ever since and were received in the church the following year. I was a leader in the inaugural Rite-13 class, and was also a J2A leader from 2010–2012. I spent time as a nursery volunteer and have worked with the Young Children and Worship class since 2012. I also enjoy attending the monthly women's group.

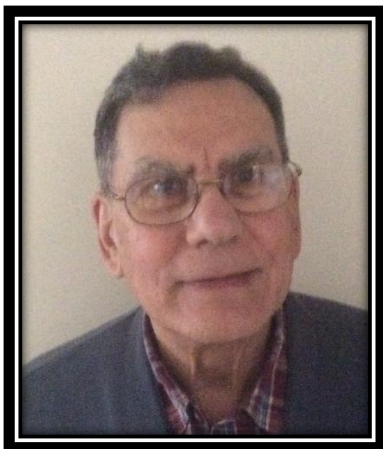
I was born in New York, then spent six years in Texas before moving back to Long Island, where I lived through high school. I went to college at the University of Oklahoma, where I met my husband during my senior year. I then spent time in Phoenix, AZ; Traverse City, MI; and Oklahoma City, OK; before moving to State College in December of 2000. It is a community that has grown on me and I am proud to be raising my family here.

Paul and I have two sons, Nolan (5th grade) and Shane (1st grade). I am a meteorologist and television producer for the Weather Communications Group at Penn State. In my spare time I enjoy being outside, cooking, and reading.



**Kate Freeman:** I joined the St. Andrew's community in 2002. I grew up attending St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Bethesda, Maryland, where I taught Sunday school, served on the vestry as a youth representative, and was a member of a search committee for a new rector. Here at St. Andrew's, I have been active with fundraising and youth activities in the J2A program. In the past, I have participated in an environmental concerns group, and in discussions about our ministry to Penn State students. More recently, I have helped the Holy Rollers and members of the property committee in support of my son's Eagle Scout project to upgrade the Canterbury Hall kitchen. I am

active with my daughter's Girl Scout troop, and I have helped with their many community service projects. Employed at Penn State for nearly 25 years, I am a Distinguished Professor of Geosciences. I have worked to foster opportunities for underrepresented minorities and women in science, and I currently serve as Faculty Ombudsman for my college. I oversee an active research laboratory, for which I manage budgets and staff, and have trained and mentored over 30 graduate students and postdoctoral scholars. I am married to Mark Patzkowsky; we are the proud parents of Sam (age 18) and Leah (14), and have lived in State College since 1991.



**Anthony Grillo:** St. Andrew's has been our church home since 2011, when we moved to State College from Wilmington, DE. From 2006 until our move, Carolee and I were part-timers, attending when we were in town.

Our parish faces important decisions in the near future, none more important than the call of our next rector. Based on my experience, I believe I may be able to contribute to that discussion. In our previous parish, I served on vestry as junior warden and senior warden. I have also served on four search teams, twice for rector (once as chairman), and chaired two searches for interim rectors. I serve at the altar and sing in the choir, as I have for 40 years. I have particular interest in Liturgy and served on the Liturgy Ministry in our previous parish, learning much from the priests and others.

St. Andrew's contributes much to the State College community, opening its doors to many self-help groups and serving a weekly meal to those in need. I would like us to see how we can further expand our involvement.

Serving on St. Andrew's vestry would be an honor and a privilege.



**Michele Hamilton:** I came to Centre County as a cradle Roman Catholic but unchurched. As part of my work at the CC Women's Resource Centre, I would go to the Food Bank at St. Andrew's for clients. When I met Father Hofer, I asked what I could do for the church. He said, "Please come to morning prayers and worship with us." Finally I did and was so moved that I went to Sunday services. Here I really found a church home but more importantly, a spiritual grounding.

In 2010, I was received and joined the nursery, altar guild, the social justice committee and Daughters of the King. During this time Marge Fleming was a spiritual mentor. She encouraged me to join Education for Ministry. She saw a strength and persistence that I did not see in myself and I hope to live up to that and pass it on.

In my non-St. Andrew's world, I am assistant director of shelter services. I have developed skills that may be helpful on vestry. I work with other agencies to accomplish mutual goals, can supervise but also accept feedback, work with outside vendors on the physical condition of the shelter and most importantly, can passionately but respectfully work with others even when we have different views on how a project should move forward.

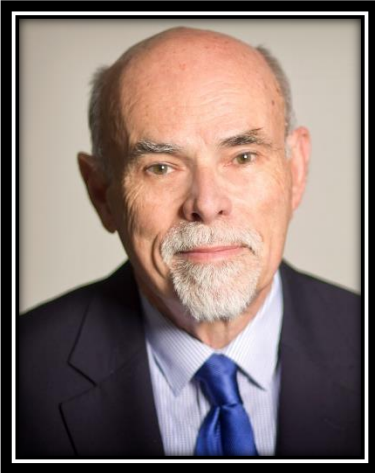
I love my family, my cats and doing community things. It sometimes is a lot but I am carried along by the Holy Spirit.



**Beth Jones:** I have been a member of St. Andrew's since 1993. The sense of community here was the immediate attraction. It was just before Lent when my husband and I joined, and Madeline Johnson welcomed us and then volunteered me to help at a fundraiser on Shrove Tuesday. It turned out to be a great way to meet other parishioners and become part of the family. Over the years at St. Andrew's, I have been part of many of the service programs: teacher with pre-school and elementary age Sunday school, planner and instructor for the senior-high school program before J2A, and then J2A volunteer. Currently, many of you see me on Sundays as I usher you into the sanctuary and I also help out at Community Café and Out of the Cold.

I am so proud to be a member of this church that still strives to make newcomers feel like family and long-time members stay involved in all the major decisions of the parish. I am pleased to tell others that I belong to a church that has such a strong outreach program for those in need in our community. I definitely feel the presence of the Word as we welcome people from all walks of life and situations.

I would be happy to serve on the vestry with St. Andrew's.



**Steven Smith:** I am a pianist and retired piano professor (1972-2014) at Penn State. My wife, Teri, and I joined Saint Andrew's in 1978. Our children Andrew and Louisa were born and baptized soon after that. I became a lay Eucharistic minister (at that time, called lay reader and chalice bearer) about 1984, and have served continuously as LEM since that time. I served on the Vestry about 1996-99, during the rectorate of Father Larry Hofer. I served at that time on the social ministry committee, and recently was pleased to take part in the 2015 Out of the Cold Centre County program. I hope to serve in that capacity again this winter.

## **LECTIO DIVINA**

Sunday, January 31

9:00 AM

Library, Room 324



Welcome to a new year! God is life giving and prepares us to engage in our lives with love and grace. Lectio Divina is a spiritual practice that invites us to slow down, dialogue with God through the Scriptures, and manifest this relationship in our lives. Whether you are a committed practitioner or are interested in exploring a new prayer practice, all are invited to participate in this ancient monastic practice. Also, mark your calendar for the

Lectio Divina dates for the winter and spring: February 28, March 20 and April 24.

## **COMPASSIONATE LIFE**

During the holiday season, the women of Compassionate Life showed compassion for others by coloring Christmas cards that were given to inmates incarcerated in Pennsylvania prisons over Christmas. The women also made pillows for the upcoming Out of the Cold program for residents to use while St. Andrew's hosts the homeless for two weeks in February. They also crafted 3D snowflakes that were gifted, while caroling, to nursing home residents. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 21, at 9:30 AM in room 325.

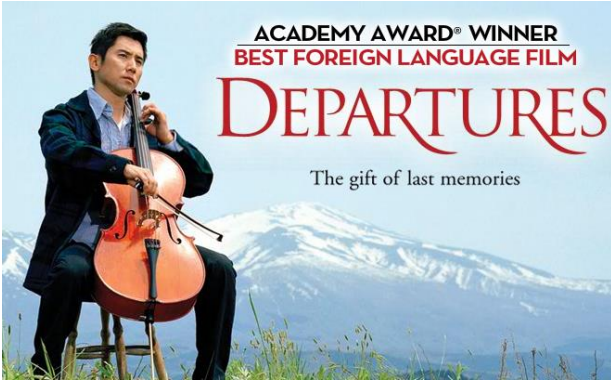


## **ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S GROUP**



The Women's Group will get together on the third Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 PM. All women in the parish are invited to Gigi's, 2080 Cato Ave., for an evening of fellowship. Our book group selection this month is *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown. If you have time, read the book and come ready to discuss. If you don't, come anyway! There will be plenty of conversation not related to the book.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS**



### ***Departures* (2008)**

Friday, January 22

Room 325

6:30 PM: Snacks and Tidbits

7:30 PM: Film (Rated PG-13 for thematic material)

***Departures*** (Japanese: おくりびと "one who sends off") is a Japanese film that follows a young man who returns home after a failed career as a cellist and stumbles across work as a *nōkanshi*—a traditional Japanese ritual mortician. Subjected to prejudice from those around him, including his wife, because of strong social taboos against people who deal with death, this is his journey to not only earn respect, but to show others the beauty and dignity in his work. In 2009, *Departures* became the first Japanese production to win the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film.

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

### **KNITTING MINISTRY**



The January meeting of the St. Andrew's Knitting Ministry will be on Sunday, January 31 in room 325 after the 10 AM service until 1 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 31st. 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](mailto:vponish1@comcast.net) for any other information/questions.



## COMMUNITY CAFÉ



Great things have been happening at the Community Café and we are very grateful for the generous support, both financial and logistical, that have made so much possible. First, the kitchen in Canterbury Hall has been blessed with the addition of a new pot rack which we absolutely love. Now gone are the days when we try to remove one pot from the stack and five more follow suit with a very discordant clatter.

We have also hosted our first Christmas Eve dinner. This meal was made even more festive by the appearance of a jolly old soul who was willing to suit up as Santa for several hours on a day where the temperature was well into the 50's. We must also mention and thank with all our hearts, people from around the parish who donated and wrapped gifts for children. This made the night even more special for them, and there were lots of smiles.



At this time, we would also like to thank our regular donors of food items who give so much every week. So, with our deepest appreciation, thank you to Wegman's, Trader Joe's, Weis, Honeybaked Ham, and Irving's.

Remember, the Café is open for service every Thursday from 5 PM- 7 PM. The meal is free, donations are accepted but they are never expected. All are welcome! If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact Ron Rovanseck at (714) 514-8875.

## OUT OF THE COLD



Out of the Cold Centre County is a congregation led nonprofit program that provides nightly shelter to adults during the fall, winter and early spring. St. Andrew's is participating for the second year, one of 13 congregations that are part of this volunteer run organization. We will be providing shelter and two meals per day from February 14-21, 2016.

Many of our guests are some of our most vulnerable; people with disabilities, young students without family support and couples who are working but cannot afford ever increasing rent in the State College area. While we cannot solve all the issues around homelessness, we can certainly use our talents to give people basic shelter, compassion and Episcopal hospitality.

There will be two trainings available in January for those interested in volunteering with Out of the Cold. The first training will be held January 16 at 1:00 PM, and the second training on January 20 at 6:30 PM. We invite all volunteers to come to a training, which will address how the program works as well as how to deal with people in trauma and de-escalation. If you cannot attend one of these sessions, please contact Michele Hamilton at [marshako@hotmail.com](mailto:marshako@hotmail.com) or Deacon Charlie Cruikshank at [charliecruikshank@gmail.com](mailto:charliecruikshank@gmail.com).

Please pray for our guests and volunteers during this time of preparation and during the time we do the program.



“I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.”  
~ Charles Dickens

**TRINITY INSTITUTE “LISTEN FOR A CHANGE”:**  
**WEBINAR AT ST. ANDREW’S**



Random shootings, police violence, mass incarceration—these are reminders that racism is still deadly in America. How are we to overcome the attitudes that lead to fear, division, and disregard for human life? The Trinity Institute has brought together a group of distinguished community leaders, artists, and scholars to address contemporary racism and point towards positive responses. Through web-sharing, people in State College can listen to the experts and then to each other in local dialogue groups right here in State College.

The conference will be streamed to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church starting Thursday night, January 21 at 6:30 PM and will run through Friday 9:00 AM-5:15 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM. For a detailed schedule see <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2016/schedule>.

To register go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e44ada629a6f58-trinity>. Sign up for all the sessions you want to attend. Meals are on your own. You will have time to go to a local restaurant, or you are welcome to bring a box lunch and eat at the church.

We will also need facilitators for the local discussion groups. Trinity Institute will offer a training video in January to provide background and helpful tips for effective dialog leaders. Contact Marion Schwartz if you are interested.

There are no fees for this conference. It is being offered through a collaboration between the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

For more information about facilitating or about the conference in general contact Marion Schwartz at [kmarsch09@gmail.com](mailto:kmarsch09@gmail.com) or (814) 867-3031.

**ST. ANDREW'S AND THE TORCH CLUB PRESENTS:**  
***Middle Eastern Terrorism: An Historian's Perspective***

March 9, 2016

The Ramada Inn, State College



The Torch Club of Central Pennsylvania is delighted to invite St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to co-host the Torch Club's monthly meeting on the evening of Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

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. In March, 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.

St. Andrew's has focused a series of talks this fall on the Middle East. Dr. Goldschmidt attended one of these sessions earlier this fall, and because this is an issue of current interest within the parish, St. Andrew's is invited to co-host this session.

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 will begin around 6:40 PM. Meetings typically end between 7:45 PM and 8:00 PM.

Dinner is \$20 per person. You may also choose to join the meeting after dinner, in which case there will be no charge. Please confirm your plans to attend by February 27, 2016 so that space and dinner arrangements can be made. Please contact the church office to make a dinner reservation and to get a name tag if you plan to attend the talk and discussion.

## **REFLECTIONS: ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

### **CAROLING**

Members of St. Andrew's parish, choir and Journey to Adulthood leaders and youth enjoyed lunch together before caroling at four local nursing homes – Hearthside, Juniper Village at Brookline, Elmcroft and the Atrium at Penn State Village. Thank you to all who helped with the lunch and sang joyfully!



## A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

Who was that man behind the beard? Paul Humphreys! Paul visited the children on December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra. Paul told stories acting as the bishop, which showed the bishop's generous heart. Children and youth presented the Toys for Tots and Teen gifts at the altar as an offering before God. The parish was charitable in supplying enough toys to fill three large trash bags. Greg Johnson, a parishioner and member of the Nittany Leatherneck Marine Corps, picked up the toys to deliver them to the Penn Stater. There they were wrapped and delivered to disadvantaged children and teens in Centre County! As Toys for Tots Coordinator Ret. Major Eugene L. Weller would say, "It is not about the toys, it is about a message of HOPE!"



## ANGEL TREE



### **Stormbreak**

The six teenage girls living at Stormbreak received gifts from St. Andrew's parishioners. Each of the girls provided us with a wish-list of four gift items. These items were purchased and given to the girls. We delivered the gifts just before Christmas with prayers for the girl's improvement in their moral reasoning, self-control and independent skills. Each girl is working on her ability to move back with her family, or into foster care or another permanent living situation. A positive change for the girl and for her family is the goal of Stormbreak and our prayer.

### **Burrowes Street Youth Haven**

The gifts for Burrowes Street Youth haven are gifts that help keep the shelter housing for homeless, runaways or at-risk youth running smoothly. Items like paper goods, soaps, hair brushes, slippers, bus tokens, McDonald's gift cards, winter hats and scarves and blankets are needed as youth come and go. With our gifts we send our prayers for all who live and work there as counselors assist the youth and their family while in crisis.

## ADVENT BINGO WINNER



Abbey Humphreys played all the way to a blackout! She completed every activity on the Bingo card. When you see Abbey, ask her what she enjoyed most!



## JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

### 2016 Rite-13 and J2A Activities – Save the Dates!



<b>Rite-13</b>	Sunday, Jan. 10	6:00-8:00 PM	World Awareness Dinner!
	Sunday, Jan. 24	6:00-8:00 PM	Dinner and BUNCO Night
	Sunday, Feb. 7	12:00-1:30 PM	Chili lunch and games
	Sunday, Feb. 21	12:00-2:00 PM	Bowling with J2A
	Sunday, Mar. 20	12:00-2:00 PM	Lunch & Service to the Church
	Friday, Apr. 1-3	4:00 PM	Diocesan Jr. High Retreat (grades 6-9)
	Sunday, Apr. 10	8:45 AM	Celebratory Breakfast
		10:00 AM	Church: Celebration of Men & Women
	Friday, Apr. 22-23	7:00 PM	Rite-13 Lock-in!
	Sunday, May 15	TBD	Activity TBD by group
	Sunday, June 5	12:00-2:00 PM	End-of-Cycle Celebration

Parents: There is a diocesan ‘fantastical’ retreat in April; however, if our Rite-13 wants to have its own St. Andrew’s ‘fantastical’ retreat as well, let’s work out a date!

<b>J2A</b>	Saturday, Jan. 9	6:00-8:30 PM	Dinner at J2A leader Sharon Rovansek’s home
	Sunday, Jan. 24	6:00-8:00 PM	Dinner and BUNCO Night
	Saturday, Feb. 6	6:00-8:00 PM	Dinner at J2A leader Ted Jaenicke’s home
	Friday, Feb. 12-Feb. 14		HAPPENING!
	Sunday, Feb. 21	12:00-2:00 PM	Bowling with Rite-13
	Sunday, Mar. 20	12:00-2:00 PM	Lunch & Service to the Church
	Saturday, Apr. 9	6:00-8:30 PM	Dinner at J2A leader Amy Allison’s home
	Sunday, May 1	12:00-2:00 PM	TBD by J2A group
	Saturday, May 14	6:00-8:30 PM	Dinner at J2A leader Paul Humphrey’s home
	Sunday, June 5	12:00-2:00 PM	End-of-Cycle Celebration TBD
	Sunday, June 19	10:00 AM	In Church – Prayers for Pilgrims
	Sunday, June 26 to Saturday, July 2		<b>PILGRIMAGE TO OREGON!</b>

**YAC** Activities, classes and dates to be determined by YAC and their leaders.  
Senior High Province Retreat – Friday, April 4 to Sunday, April 6



## **CHURCH SCHOOL**



### **Young Children and Worship**

The children were extremely excited during the Advent Season. Their weekly lessons concentrated on being shown the way to Bethlehem. The children were introduced to The Prophets, Mary and Joseph, The Shepherds, and The Magi. The children enjoyed watching the Advent candles being lit, and were thrilled when they were allowed to blow them out! They also had fun playing Advent Bingo, which not only taught them about the journey to Jesus' birth, but also about kindness and love that the Christmas season is all about.



### **Godly Play**

Children in grades 1-4 will be hearing the story of the Epiphany, our story of Holy Baptism, and parables of Jesus during the month of January. Parables include: the Sower, the Good Samaritan, the Parable of the Great Pearl and the Good Shepherd. After hearing stories and parables, the children wonder and reflect upon what they have heard, and through art, express what they take from the story.



### **Grades 5 & 6**

In the church season of Epiphany the class will follow and explore the gospel readings from the lectionary: Jesus is the Light of our World, the Baptism of Jesus, The First Miracle - The Wedding in Cana, The Beginning of Jesus's Preaching and Life, Jesus the Teacher, and The Call of the Disciples Following Jesus. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to share and compare the sermon message and church school focus of the day.

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**BAPTISM:**



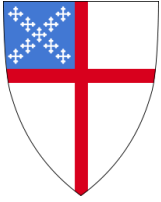
JAMES DAVID BEIERLEIN

Son of James Gregory and Jillian Beth Beierlein  
Baptism December 25, 2015  
Grandson of David & Judy Meder, and James & Jean Beierlain,  
and great-grandson of Gloria Meder.

Born October 5, 2015  
Hagerstown, Maryland



Christ beside me  
Christ before me  
Christ behind me  
Christ within me  
Christ beneath me  
Christ above me  
~St. Patrick, Prayer for the New Year



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### **MINISTRY AT ST. ANDREW'S**

The Rt Rev'd Audrey Scanlan  
Rev. Douglas Dailey  
Joe DeLauter  
Charles Cruiksank

Bishop of Central Pennsylvania  
Interim Rector of St. Andrew's  
Deacon  
Deacon

### **ADMINISTRATION AND PROPERTY**

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Jill Ascah	Financial Secretary
Gloria Meder	Membership Secretary

### **EDUCATION**

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### **MUSIC**

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### **VESTRY**

Kevin Barron	Senior Warden
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Barb Downs	Medora Ebersole
David Gaines	Dennis Houseman
Julia Kasdorf	Wendi Keeler
Linda Mace	Sharon Rovanseck
David Spencer	Sandy Schwartz
David Rovanseck, youth position	Rick Hoover, clerk

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist (church school, childcare)
	5:00 PM	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	12:15 PM	Healing Service & Holy Eucharist