

“Follow me and I will make you
fish for people.” – Mark 1:17

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

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WE SAY THE CREED ON SUNDAY

Part of the genius of the Evangelical mega-church model is that its worship is easily culturally accessible. The vibe of a Sunday service is like attending a concert, but with a really cool coffee bar. The sermon feels like a motivational speaker, and the Scriptures are lightly sprinkled within, not read separately. This whole experience is engineered so that people identify easily, so they feel comfortable, so they know how to behave, how to dress, and how to participate. I have even been to churches where they say clearly that visitors are not asked to contribute to the offering, but that it is for their members who have tithed and committed to give. All this makes these churches excellent for the unchurched. There is no orientation required to fully participate in their worship.

The Episcopal Church, on the other hand, has a form of worship that is rooted in the earliest of Christian traditions, that is to say, connected to a culture of centuries ago. We use a bulletin, Book of Common Prayer, and Hymnal. We stand, sit, and kneel. We say, “The Lord be with you,” and respond, “And also with you.” We not only read several Scriptures every week—a very difficult text to comprehend without background or context—but we also ask people to stand and say the Nicene Creed. In addition to all this, we have been known to use words like, “beseech,” “bewail,” and “behold.” It’s all a bit bewildering to the uninitiated.

Have you ever thought about how it must feel for one who is visiting a Christian church for the first time ever to be asked to recite along with us, “We believe...” and to claim a faith in a trinitarian God whose second person possesses two natures? Not only is the Creed full of theologically dense language, but when one isn’t sure what one believes, it’s hard to affirm such a formal statement of faith.

So, what am I suggesting? Do away with our beautiful liturgy and music in favor of a rock band and

projection screens? By no means! Rather my approach has always been to give information to help people access our arcane traditions as easily as possible. Things like announcing page numbers at key points in the service, clear bulletins, and ushers ready to assist are the basics of welcoming unchurched newcomers. But we all need to be aware of the dynamic of how it feels to visit a strange church. Be on the lookout for people who are having trouble navigating the service, especially the different books we use. Be willing to exchange books with someone who hasn’t found the correct page yet. Be willing to move to sit next to someone who seems like she could use ongoing support. Just because we have greeters now, it doesn’t mean that it is someone else’s job. We only get that one shot to make a first impression, and someone who feels embarrassed, or worse stupid because he can’t follow along with what everyone else obviously knows is going on is not likely to return for a second visit.

Episcopal worship takes some work. That just means that we need to be willing to work a little harder to make people feel welcome. If we get them over the little obstacles to their participation in the worship service, we open a door for them to begin to explore what it means to believe and live a Christian life. In the old days it was appropriate to assume that a visitor had some church background, if not Episcopalian, then Lutheran, Catholic, or Baptist. Today, we can expect to see more and more of the truly unchurched, especially among young people. So, paying more attention to how we facilitate participation in our service will pay off. Giving people a well-marked pathway into the experience of worship will help them start down the road to figuring out what that Creed is all about and what it means to be one who stands and says along with the congregation, “We believe...”

- Fr. Jeff



March 2019

The March vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, March 12. The Stewardship Committee report noted the commitment of several additional pledges for the year and noted that about 10 people have embraced and committed to online pledging. Online pledging is available through the parish website at <http://standrewsc.org/>.

The net operating income for the month of February was negative due to several non-recurring expenses and the timing of payments. The year-to-date financial picture, however, remains strongly positive, and expectations are that income and expenses for the year will proceed according to plan. Pledge contributions may be sent directly to the church office care of the financial secretary, or as noted above, pledges may be made and paid online.

For those planning ahead for the year, the Adult Formation committee announced that the St. Andrew's Parish Fair is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, in Canterbury Hall. This event is an excellent opportunity to learn about all of the various ministries at St. Andrew's.

In other business, the vestry approved the appointment of Michelle Hamilton to serve the one year remaining in the vestry term for Peter Chamberlain, who resigned because he will be leaving the area. At the end of this one-year term, Michelle will be eligible for election to a full 3-year term should she so desire.

On a final note, this is my last Vestry Report as I have resigned as Clerk of the Vestry, because my wife, Linda, and I will soon be moving to the Lancaster area. Serving St. Andrew's as the vestry clerk since 2009 has been both a privilege and a pleasure. St. Andrew's is indeed fortunate to have dedicated and responsible people volunteering their time to serve the parish as members of vestry. Kevin Lowe has graciously volunteered to step into the role of Clerk of the Vestry.

EDITOR'S NOTE: I am confident I speak for everyone at St. Andrew's when I say how much we have valued and enjoyed having Rick and Linda as members of our St. Andrew's family. We are grateful for the many ways in which they have served the parish and the diocese. They will be greatly missed. We wish them every happiness in their new home and will keep them in our prayers.



TREASURER'S REPORT, Sue Stephenson, Treasurer

January 2019

		Total for	% of	2019
	January	2019	Budget	BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 67,189	\$ 67,189	15%	\$ 462,261
Total Monthly Income	\$ 72,754	\$ 75,754	14%	\$ 530,384
Monthly Expense	\$ 49,715	\$ 49,715	9%	\$ 530,384
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 23,039	\$ 23,039		(14,926)

*Includes pledges, plate offerings, and identified plate offering, plus special holiday offerings

January is typically a good financial month for the church. We receive many pledge contributions in December which are reserved for the current year and this amount is added to pledges and other contributions received in January. This explains why our parishioner contribution number above is higher than in any other month. The projected income/expense budget totals for 2019 are higher than last year by over \$12,000. But the projected income from contributions (primarily pledges) is lower than last year by \$6,000. We are likely to see a deficit by the end of the year and this shortfall will have to be made up by withdrawals from the General Endowment investment fund. Our January surplus is considerably lower than last year. This surplus is used to cover regular fixed expenses when contributions dwindle usually in the summer. We are grateful to those who are able to help keep the church financially stable with their gifts.

Sue Stephenson, Treasurer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Celebrating Holy Week and Easter with Children at Home

Holy Week is a unique time in the year, when the extraordinary breaks into our day-to-day in a powerful way! Here are some recommendations for those of you with children of ways to use imagination, drama and food to enter more fully into the larger reality of the events we will celebrate during Holy Week.

***RESURRECTION ROLLS** - These are an easy way to drop some Easter meaning into the week. Buy some crescent roll dough and marshmallows. On a cookie sheet, wrap a piece of dough around a marshmallow. As the dough bakes, the marshmallow "disappears" and you have a roll with an empty space in the middle - *voila*, empty tomb!

www.aroundmyfamilytable.com/empty-tomb-rolls-2/

Or don't forget Hot Cross Buns! A Good Friday tradition.

www.thepioneerwoman.com/cooking/hot-cross-buns



***FOOTWASHING** - Find a basin or bucket and a towel and gather your family together. Read out loud the account of the Footwashing at the Last Supper (John 13:1-17). Ask your kids if they've heard this story and answer any questions they have as best you can. You can talk about how dirty people's feet would get at that time and place, and how even though our *feet* might be clean, we still get dirty and messy in our hearts. Fill the basin with warm water and take turns rubbing each other's feet in the water (chaos may ensue, but that's ok). Afterwards, ask the kids how it felt to do the washing? And how did it feel to be the one with your foot in the bucket? Embarrassing? Nice? Interpret this gospel for them however seems right, but one thing you could say is that Jesus still "washes" our hearts as we follow his ways and spend time with him in prayer, but that he is also asking *us* to wash each other's feet. How? Maybe by being patient with people when we think they're wrong would be a good place to start (*ahem*, siblings!). If your kids aren't familiar with the Maundy Thursday service, you can explain how we do a Footwashing *in church*! They might want to go, if they haven't yet!

***GOOD FRIDAY** - Find some black fabric and drape it over some of the pictures or decorations in the main gathering space of your home to show that when Jesus died, all beauty and goodness seemed to die too. Without him, everything is darker. Then join us at church at 3 p.m. for family Stations of the Cross!

***HOLY SATURDAY** - On Holy Saturday (or earlier in Holy Week or Lent), tape some copy paper together end to end and write the word *Alleluia* on it. You can talk about that word a little (it means roughly "Praise the Lord"), trying to find all the reasons why what happens at Easter is something to be thank God for. If you're artistic, you can draw in some symbols of new life (however pagan the origins!) like eggs, butterflies, chicks, or lilies (or you can print them from the internet and color in). If not, just fill the page with bright colors. Then on Easter morning, replace the black with all your Easter decorations and hang your Alleluia banner in a central spot.



Lenten Program for Children & Youth

You have two more chances to join us Wednesday evenings - April 3rd and 10th! So far, we've had good conversations as we've colored some big beautiful Lenten posters (look for them in the upstairs hall) and made Lenten soft pretzels.

Hope Chests

You still have time to fill your Hope Chests for projects at Episcopal Relief and Development. If it's already getting heavy, empty it out and count what you've collected so far! We can't wait to see a pile of boxes on Easter morning!



My My Chicken Thank you

Big thanks go out to everyone who made it to My My Chicken on March 19th to eat and support the youth pilgrimage this summer. Our fundraisers are almost over, and we know there have been many this year, so thank you for persevering with us! We are still waiting for word on the total amount raised, but the restaurant looked full that evening so we are hopeful. Thanks again!



Easter Egg Candy Donations

If you happen to pass the Easter candy display at the grocery store and remember to grab a couple bags of (individually wrapped) candy for our Easter Egg Hunt, we would very much appreciate it! The youth will be stuffing the eggs on Palm Sunday. You're welcome to drop the bags off in the office during the week, or give them to Kathy Hickner on Sundays.



Palm Sunday 4/14 - All Youth Groups Lunch & Egg Stuffing & Church Spiffing

All youth (grades 6 and up) are invited to lunch after class on Palm Sunday to stuff Easter eggs for our St. Andrew's egg hunt and to spend a little time doing some cleaning projects in the sanctuary.

Good Friday Family Stations of the Cross

Join us in the sanctuary Friday April 19th at 3pm for a Stations of the Cross service that is accessible to families. This service has been put on by our youth for many years. They will use costumes, objects and a simple liturgy to enter into the events of Good Friday. Even though this event is friendly to families, *everyone* is welcome to take part!

ADULT FORMATION

ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
Canterbury Hall

Celebrating the Saints

We hope you were able to join us in March as we began our journey with the saints. In April, we will continue to learn about these monks, missionaries, prophets, doctors, evangelists – imperfect men and women who lived in different places and times but all made manifest the love of God and challenge us to live our own discipleship more fully and fearlessly.

Please note that some adjustments have been made to the Saintly Schedule. The schedule to the right is the final version as of this printing. When in doubt, refer to your bulletins and weekly email for the most up-to-date information. Kevin Lowe will guide our studies of the saints. He earned a master's in early Christian history from Drew University, and a doctorate in American religious history from Penn State in 2013.



The *Saintly* Schedule:

April 7: Mary Magdalene

April 14: Peter and Paul

No meeting April 21-- Easter Sunday

April 28: Perpetua and her Companions

May 5: Hildegard of Bingen

May 12: Francis and Clare of Assisi

May 19: guest lecture by Philip Jenkins on
the "Saints in Art and Iconography"

May 26: C. S. Lewis

June 2: Martin Luther King, Jr.

June 9: Conclusion: Celebrate the Saints

ARTS @ ST. ANDREW'S

<http://artsatstandrews.weebly.com>

NEW: This month we feature two new entries in the Worship & Liturgy section of the site: 1) the St. Andrew's choir singing the Jubilate Deo—a recording that will be part of an installation at the State College Presbyterian Church this Lent; and 2) a discussion of the significance of liturgy by Philip Jenkins, "The 9 Laws of Liturgy". Click the link above > then "Worship & Liturgy" at the top of the main page. Also, scroll further down the page to view the Kevin Lowe's recent account of the Great Litany (*Book of Common Prayer*, p.148), which we prayed at St. Andrew's on the First Sunday in Lent.



Recent: Available on the home page—click "articles" if you're not on the home page--is Julia Kasdorf's discussion of her new book, *Shale Play: Poems and Photographs from the Fracking Fields* (Penn State University Press, 2018), with a sample poem and photo from the book.



Also available in the Reviews section—click "Reviews" at the top of any page—is Sharon Rovansek's discussion of Paul Schrader's *First Reformed* (2017), the Oscar-nominated story of a minister (played by Ethan Hawke) of a small and dwindling congregation in upstate New York.

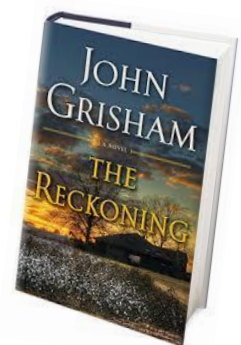


We welcome contributions—articles, reviews, announcements of current or future events--as well as comments. For inquiries about contributions, or if you wish to participate in the management and further development of the site, please contact Marion Schwartz kmarsch@gmail.com or Sanford Schwartz sanford.schwartz@gmail.com.

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.
Room 324

After a lively discussion regarding the plot outcome of *Where the Crawdads Sing*, the ten members present at this week's meeting chose John Grisham's 2018 legal thriller, *The Reckoning*, as their next book for April. This legal thriller tells the story of the murder of a small town's popular Methodist minister.



Please join us on Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the church library to discuss *The Reckoning*.

FRIDAY FILMS

Friday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.
Canterbury Hall

***Pope Francis: A Man of His Word* (2018)**

Rating- PG

6:30 p.m.- Food and gathering

7:00 p.m.- Film



This 2018 documentary, produced, co-written and directed by Wim Wenders, focuses on the life and goals of Pope Francis, the 266th and current Pope. The project originated when the Vatican wrote Wenders asking him to lead a project about Pope Francis. Wenders shot the interview sessions with Francis, as well as the re-enactments and everything around the city of Assisi, but much of the rest of the film was stock footage from TV stations and the Vatican archives.

Pope Francis - A Man of His Word is intended to be a personal journey with Pope Francis, rather than a biographical documentary about him. The pope's ideas and his message are central to this documentary, which sets out to present his work of reform and his answers to today's global questions.

We will gather at 6:30 pm for pizza and snacks, and the film will begin at 7:00 pm. A discussion will follow for those who wish to stay.

LIBRARY

Room 324

The Library at St. Andrew's, located in Room 324 in the Parish Life Center, has a new shelf dedicated to the books read by the St. Andrew's Book Group. The Book Group began in 2016, and over the last two and a half years, has met once a month to discuss and enjoy a wide variety of books. They would now like to share their selections with the entire parish.

As the library currently operates on very limited funding, we will gladly receive donations of the following books:

Zealot by Reza Aslan
The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
Silence by Endo
Sparrow by Jennifer Durant
Nobody's Fool by Richard Russo
Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Nightingale by Kristen Hannah
If the Oceans Were Ink by Carla Power
Tribe by Sebastian Junger
Anne Frank Remembered by Miep Gies
The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan
All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
Silent Spring by Rachael Carson
Player Piano by Kurt Vonnegut
The Winter of Our Discontent by John Steinbeck



One Hundred Names for Love by Diane Ackerman
Prussian Blue by Philip Kerr
Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters First 100 Years by Sarah and A. Elizabeth Delany
Small, Great Things by Jodi Picault
The Water is Wide by Pat Conroy
Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
A Man Called Ove by Frederick Backman
The Memory of Old Jack by Wendell Berry

Duplicates are very welcome so that more than one person can read a chosen book at a time. Also, if you would like a book donated in someone's memory or for any other reason, I can affix a bookplate to the inside cover. Please remember though that the library has an 'on your honor' checkout system, so any books donated are not guaranteed to permanently be housed in the collection. Books can be left in the office.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Rovanseck at srovansek@comcast.net or at 574-4708. Thank you in advance for your goodwill and for your support of the library.

MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S



Choral Evensong at 5pm

Sunday, April 7
5:00 p.m., Church

On Sunday, April 7, at 5 p.m., the Adult Choir will sing the service of choral evensong. Music will include:

The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F by George Dyson
YE THAT DO YOUR MASTER'S WILL, also by Dyson
HIDE ME UNDER THE SHADOW by John E. West and
PRECES AND RESPONSES by Richard Shephard

The Rev. Gene Tucker, rector of St. John's Huntingdon PA. will be the officiant.

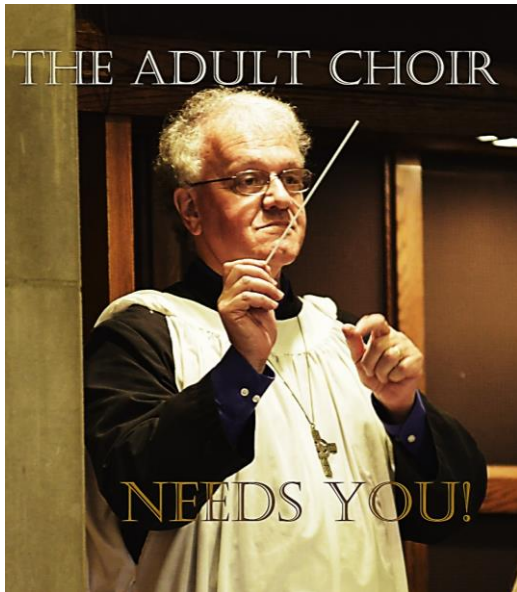
Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the Office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy.

After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world. This is the form used at St. Andrew's

Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history,

originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to touch us and to draw us closer to the presence of God.

Please join us for this service. Bring some friends! A reception will follow in Room 325. The next evensong will be Sunday, May 5, 2019



The Adult Choir of Saint Andrew's, an unauditioned volunteer group open to everyone from high school age on up, sings year-round. Members sing at the 10:00 a.m. service and for special services such as the Easter Vigil, Ash Wednesday, etc. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from late August through mid-June. The choir is a group of dedicated people who feel strongly about their desire to praise God and edify God's people through the music in the church. We are always interested in new members – especially tenors and sopranos!

There are many reasons to sing in the choir:

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and a reserved seat on all major holidays—including Christmas Eve and Easter!
3. Offering plate is never passed to the choir.
4. It's exactly like singing in the shower, except you're wearing a robe and people are actually listening.
5. Sitting with a group in the chancel every Sunday is excellent practice in case you're ever called for jury duty.
6. Serving others--the congregation really loves it when the choir leads the singing.
7. Singing in a choir is one of the few activities for men that does not require complex electronics equipment or expensive power tools. This could be good for the family budget.
8. Intellectual Stimulation - when you make music, you are using both sides of your brain simultaneously.
9. Singing in choir allows us to participate in something that is so much bigger than our selves.
10. Serving the Lord - considering all God does for us, it's a way to give something back in service.

Numbers 9 and 10 may be the most important from that list. Ponder what St. Andrew's means to you, all the joy it has given you and what you can give back. If you are interested, please contact:

Walter Wells waltermolly@gmail.com 814-404-6620
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COMMUNITY CAFÉ

The Pork Project

- Orders accepted now while supplies last
- Delivery will be made Palm Sunday (April 14)
Following each service

It's back! Time for the second annual Community Café Church Pork Project. Just in time for Easter!

A special porcine project has been undertaken these past months to generate emergency funds for the Community Café. Under the animal husbandry/care of our parishioners, the Cramers, a Berkshire Hog has been raised and fed in-part with the Community Cafe organic waste. The high-quality, local, and lovingly raised pork is now available for sale with 100% of your purchase going to advance the mission of Community Cafe. There are 15 one-pound packages each of four different flavors including: Sainly Savory Sage Sausage Patty, Miraculous Maple Sausage Patty, Heavenly Hot Links, and Sweet Seraph Italian Links available!

There are also 10 very special Pious Pork Packages that have 1 pound of each flavor AND a bonus of 1 pound of Blessed Bacon! Remember, you only get the bacon if you buy the pork package!

If pork is not your bag, you can also use the link/process below to make a financial contribution specifically to the St. Andrews Community Café.

Copy and paste this link: <https://tinyurl.com/Sp19ChurchPork> or click [HERE](#) for pricing and order forms



Sales are on a first-come, first-serve basis, so order now!

Questions? Please email Daniel Foster at daniel.foster0123@gmail.com or call 814.753.2102 (cell)



UPCOMING EVENTS

New Tax Laws Webinar

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.
Canterbury Hall

Have the recent changes in tax law confused and/or surprised you? Would you like to support your parish or favorite Episcopal charity more effectively? If so, please join us for a webinar from the Episcopal Church Foundation to learn how tax law changes and other factors can enable you to give more to charity while also benefiting yourself. We look forward to giving you some interesting insights. Tom Hall, a parishioner at St. Andrew's and a financial planning specialist at Morgan Stanley, and Mary Andrew, our parish financial secretary will host the evening and answer any questions from the audience. No need to register, just show up.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Sunday, May 5 – following 10 a.m. service
Front Lawn

Bring your bike to church—bicycle, tricycle, motorcycle—and we will have a blessing of the bikes following the 10:00 service on Sunday, May 5. Invite your friends who like to bike. After the blessing, we will once again have a ride around the block to celebrate. We hope to have representatives of those who will be riding in the Interfaith Power and Light ride to Washington this year.



RECOVERY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19 – during 10 a.m. service
Church

Did you realize that we host up to 16 12-Step meetings per week at St. Andrew's? There are countless people who come to our building to get support in their recovery from addiction or for the recovery of a loved one. This is a huge ministry of our parish, but a very quiet one. The folks who come for meetings count on the ability to remain anonymous. So, we welcome them and leave them to their work of recovery. But there's no reason we cannot claim this ministry and celebrate the blessing of recovery.

On Sunday, May 19, at our 10:00 a.m. service, we will acknowledge and celebrate the difficult work of recovery and pray for this special ministry in which we are engaged. Come celebrate with us. Bring a friend. We will not single out those who may come as a visitor that day.

IN THE DIOCESE

"THE WAYS OF LOVE" WOMEN'S RETREAT

Led by the Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan

Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.
St. John's Episcopal, 212 Penn Street, Huntingdon, PA

St. John's invites women of the diocese and guests to a half-day retreat led by Bishop Scanlan. The day will begin with coffee and light refreshments at 9:30 a.m. in the undercroft. The Bishop will speak on the "Ways of Love" from 10:00 until noon. Noon Day Devotions will then be followed by lunch (provided.) Following lunch, if anyone is interested, an optional 15 -20-minute drive to Raystown Dam may be organized for some beautiful views of nature and possible bald eagle sightings. The cost is \$15 with your rsvp by April 20 or \$20 at the door. Dress is casual. For questions, please contact Kari Tietjens: tietjens302@comcast.net or St. John's Episcopal Church (814) 643-4732. Registration forms are available in St. Andrew's office.



BISHOP'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 13

10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

Mountain View Country Club, Boalsburg, PA

This year's Bishop's Open Golf Tournament will be held right here in Boalsburg. Clergy and parishioners from around the diocese will gather for fellowship and light-hearted competition to address the serious issue of drug and opioid addiction in Central Pennsylvania. *Every penny* raised will be used to support programs that alleviate the pain and suffering caused by this epidemic.



Our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan, encourages us in this mission, writing: “We are called into the world to serve as Christ’s healing hands; those suffering at the hands of addiction need our prayers and our assistance. Addiction affects individuals, families and all of us. Thank you for your efforts as we join together to raise funds for important programs.”

There are many ways to participate: registering to play as a team or individual, joining the golfers for a post-game dinner, or being a sponsor. The tournament is open to anyone, so invite a friend. A few brochures are available in the church office, or click [HERE](#) to view one online for more details. If you still have questions or need more information, please contact the tournament Chair, Tim Mackey at 717-490-0042. Sponsorships are due by April 22 and registration by May 3.

“Let us support the work of the Diocese by caring for those who struggle with addiction. Our response sends a clear message to those who need healing, and those who care for them, that we stand with them.” – Tim Mackey



TUESDAY MORNINGS IN LENT

April 2, 9, and 16

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY in the Chapel

9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

Ted Christopher will lead a bible study on Paul's letter to the Romans.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN LENT

April 3 and 10

TAIZÉ in the Nave *

5:15 to 6:00 p.m.

SUPPER in Canterbury Hall

6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

A soup and salad meal catered by Elaine Meder and Webster's Books and Café

LENTEN PROGRAMS *

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

For Adults: Bishop Curry's "The Way of Love"
presented by the Rev. Jeffrey A. Packard

For Children and Youth (kindergarten and up)
Activities in Room 336

LENTEN CONCERT AT GRACE LUTHERAN

7:00 p.m.

(see details below)

FRIDAYS IN LENT

April 5 and 12

STATIONS OF THE CROSS in the Church

5:15 p.m.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY IN LENT

MORNING PRAYER in the Church

8:30 a.m.

Childcare is available for Taizé and the Speaker Series **upon request only*

Lenten Concert: Last(ing) Words of Faith.

Wednesday, April 3, 7 p.m.

Grace Lutheran, 205 S. Garner

Grace Lutheran presents their annual ecumenical choir concert featuring John Trotta's *Seven Last Words* with choir and orchestra. In addition to the choir and chamber orchestra, there will be music by harp, organ and bell choir. A fellowship meal is offered at 5 p.m. followed by a pre-concert talk at 6:15, a hand bell prelude at 6:50 and the one-hour concert beginning at 7 p.m. A freewill collection will be taken to defray costs.

PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday

April 14

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist,
- 3:00 p.m. **Palm Sunday Peace Walk, beginning at St. Paul's UMC**
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday in Holy Week

April 15

- 7:00 p.m. **Corporate Reading of the Gospel According to Luke**

Wednesday in Holy Week

April 16

- 12:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer

Maundy Thursday

April 18

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet, and Stripping of Altar *
Followed by Sacred Watch at Gethsemane Garden
Altar of Repose until midnight

Good Friday

April 19

- 12:00 p.m. **Ecumenical Good Friday Liturgy at Grace Lutheran**
- 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross for all ages, Church
- 7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday *
- 8:00 p.m. Movie: *The Gospel According to Matthew*, Canterbury Hall

Easter Eve

April 20

- 7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter *
Reception following in Canterbury Hall

Easter Day

April 21

- 8:00 a.m. Festive Eucharist for Easter with Adult Choir & Musicians
- 9:30 a.m. Family Eucharist for Easter with Youth Choir
Egg Hunt following
Nursery available
- 11:15 a.m. Festive Eucharist for Easter with Adult Choir & Musicians

** Childcare available upon request.*

PALM SUNDAY PEACE WALK

Sunday, April 14, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Starting at St. Paul's United Methodist Church
250 E. College Avenue



This annual 1-mile walk, stopping occasionally to celebrate peace, is a participatory and collaborative campus and community event bringing us together to notice and acknowledge the many ways people are working for peace in our area.

CORPORATE READING OF THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Monday, April 15, 7 p.m.
Church

For an amazing presentation of a gospel reading, please join us in the Sanctuary on Monday night in Holy Week for a continuous reading of the Gospel According to Luke. Father Jeff will make some brief remarks about Luke's Gospel, and then the Gospel according to Luke will be read, out loud, from beginning to end. The reading has been divided into 19 sections, so we need many readers to participate. The gospels were originally stories that were shared orally, and this is a very meaningful way to listen to the story of the Good News, in its entirety. To reserve a place as a reader, please sign up [here](#) or contact Allison in the church office to sign-up for a reading. For additional information please contact Michele Marini at 814-574-9639.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 19, Noon to 3 p.m.
Grace Lutheran Church
205 S. Garner Street



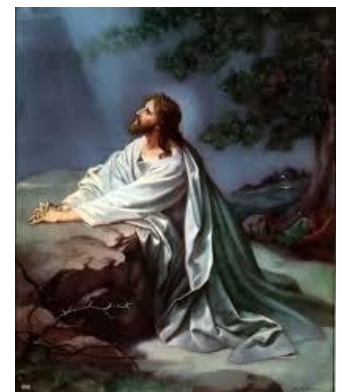
Grace Lutheran will host the annual ecumenical Good Friday service this year. The theme is “Words from the Cross,” as seven community pastors walk us through the last words of Jesus during this three-hour service. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit Centre Safe.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WATCH OF THE PASSION

Thursday, April 18, 8:30 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Church

In the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus found the disciples sleeping, he said to Peter, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour?"

In response, we will keep watch at the Altar of Repose (the Side Altar) from the end of the Maundy Thursday Liturgy until 12:00 a.m. This time is to be used in prayer and meditation in the sacramental presence of our Lord. The time is divided into thirty-minute segments. More than one person may keep watch at the same time. If you would like to participate, please sign up online [here](#); (<http://bit.ly/MaundyWatch19> if you prefer to type it into your browser), in person, on the signup sheet outside Narthex Sunday morning; or by phone, by calling the church office.



A BOUT THE GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Of the Episcopal Church

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

Jerusalem

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?' (Matthew 21:10)

Ancient maps often put Jerusalem at the center of the world. All roads lead to Rome you say?
Well, not always.

As is well known, Jerusalem is a holy city for the three Abrahamic faiths. For Christians, Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre is the traditional site of the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. For Jews, the holiest place in Judaism is in Jerusalem – the Western Wall, a foundation wall of Herod's Temple that was known to Jesus and destroyed by the Romans in AD 61. For Muslims, the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem is the third holiest place in Islam; it is where Muhammed is said to have ascended into heaven.

Jerusalem draws Christians together on Good Friday in the mystery of how it is that God "gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). This holy city also draws us into the sacred mystery of the first Eucharist; the healing pools of Bethsaida; Jesus' overturning of the money changers' tables at the Temple; Mary's devotion at the foot of the cross; and the empty tomb and the good news, which was slowly realized on the way to Emmaus.

As Jerusalem draws Christians together from around the world, the Good Friday Offering is an opportunity to bring The Episcopal Church together with a singular focus.

The Good Friday Offering brings The Episcopal Church together across all of our cultures, languages, and ethnic diversity – from domestic and overseas dioceses, North and South and



Stations of the Cross in Jerusalem: The Third Station, Jesus Falls for the First Time

Central America, the Caribbean, Taiwan, and our parishes in Europe – to focus our prayers and our tangible support to further the Jesus Movement through the parishes and institutions of healing and education throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' (Luke 24:18)

Easter Flower Sponsorship

Deadline for forms: Friday, April 12

EASTER FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Please use this form in making your donation for Palms and Easter flowers. All donations should be returned to the office no later than **Monday March 26**. Checks should be made payable to ***St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*** with ***EASTER FLOWERS*** on the memo line. You may also include this form with a check, drop it in the collection plate or send it to the office. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletins.

Your name: _____
(Please Print)

In memory of: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Dexter Cozad	11 Tiffany Muller	20 Alyson Ruberto
2 Melissa Arnett	13 Dee Vogelsong	20 Janet Dargitz
3 Philip Jenkins	15 Pam Ferguson	26 Judy Moore
5 Anna Kwasnica	17 Chloe Krasnansky	27 Vivian Lord
5 Eva Ellis	17 Elaine Brown	27 Kevin Barron
7 Scott Brown	19 Marion Schwartz	27 Dick Gibboney
10 Mildred Meder	19 Jill Ascah	29 Ken Leath
10 Koraly Perez-Edgar	20 Abbie Loviscky	30 Jean Turgeon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have an April 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

Franklin, Anne, Stu, Alexandra, Fritz, Mandy, Holly, Fred, Mary, Chuck, Joe, Lee, Chloe, Lauren, Bob, Nicole, Linda, Roberta, Leon, Steve, Sandy, Lisa, Pam, Rick, Jule, Stephen, Jon, Cheryl, Raquel, Heather, Helen, Richard, Ruth, Mary Jo, Betsy, Chris, Indy, Dave, Hope, Dick, Martin, Don, Jane, Joan

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Christie, Sean, Nathan, Ted, Blake, Chuck, Jordan, Matt, Ben, Katy, Fritz, and Jenna