

"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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What Is a Strategic Plan?

I have recently begun to speak about the vestry's intention to create a long-range strategic plan. It occurred to me that people come from many different backgrounds and may have differing ideas about what a strategic plan for a church is and is not. So, I thought I would try to lay out in general terms what I mean when I talk about a strategic plan. {Note: We are in the very early stages and do not yet have a plan for how we will create this plan. Therefore, what follows is necessarily nonspecific.}

In my experience, there are three phases of a strategic plan. First, a time of dreaming and discerning. Second, creating the plan. And third, the implementation of the plan. All three phases are to be steeped in prayer and openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Dreaming/Discerning. During this first phase, in which we find ourselves now, we do a lot of information gathering and learning. The vestry is reading and discussing a book called *The Agile Church* by Dwight J. Zscheile. We sought parishioners' input by asking four open ended questions. You'll recall the boards on the walls of the hallway with all the post-it notes on them recently. We're doing a comprehensive evaluation of our facilities and finances. We also need to consider our ministry context, the surrounding community, and our parish's strengths and weaknesses. This initial phase is marked by broad input from parishioners, parish leaders, and other stakeholders. During this phase we will be generating ideas, evaluating needs, and looking for opportunities. We ask a lot of questions in phase one.

Creating the Plan. During this phase we will use an outside consultant. We will still be looking for broad input, but we will also begin to develop a vision that will be shared as we go along. This is when we will take all of the information from phase one and prioritize it, focus it, and begin to come up with goals that reflect our understanding of what God is calling us to at this time. The plan is *strategic* in that it will not only define goals but it will lay out practical steps for how we will accomplish those goals, include a plan for how it will be paid for, and who will be responsible for the implementation of the plan. At the end of this phase we will have a written plan that we will be able to put into action over the next several years.

Implementation. Since we haven't even begun the second phase, it is hard to talk about the third phase. However, the implementation of any plan we create will involve leadership, as different parish leaders manage the process. There should be constant feedback loops that allow for course corrections as needed. And almost certainly there will be some need to enact a funding plan to meet our goals.

What a Strategic Plan Is Not. A strategic plan is not the answer to all of our problems. Nor is it a final thing or an end in itself. It is rather a direction we will move in, a way to apply our resources in a thoughtful and coordinated manner. A strategic plan is not extraordinary. It should be an ongoing process, part of our standard operating procedure. Planning, implementing, and evaluating what we do should be the most normal thing, something in which we constantly engaged. I ask for your prayers and your participation as we go through this process of strategic planning.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



May 2019

			% of	2019
	May	Year-to-Date	Budget	BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 26,085	\$ 214,532	46%	\$ 462,261
Total Income	\$ 28,495	\$ 232,446	44%	\$ 530,384
Total Expense	\$ 48,060	\$ 229,038	43%	\$ 530,384
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (19,565)	\$ 3,408		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



May 2019

The June vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9. The parish's net operating income for May was significantly lower than our expenses, resulting in another monthly financial deficit, but the year-to-date picture is still positive due to advance payment of pledges. We are gratified to see more parishioners signing up for online giving through Realm.

At the June meeting the vestry dealt primarily with issues of property maintenance, including a proposal from the Community Café board to make some necessary upgrades and changes to the Canterbury Hall kitchen facilities that will not only bring us up to code compliance but also provide better dedicated space for coffee hour supplies and preparation. The vestry also approved a repair plan for the small stairway at the back entrance to the Parish Life Center. Sarah Klinetob Lowe, chair of the Property Committee, was a guest at the meeting and presented a detailed look at the Property Committee's five-year plan for maintenance and upgrades to our physical plant. Property Committee has been working hard to create a comprehensive list of projects that must or should be done with all three of our buildings (the church, the Parish Life Center, and Trinity House). Some are a matter of continuous maintenance, while others will require small or large capital investment. Vestry is very grateful to the Property Committee and will incorporate the committee's goals and recommendations into its strategic planning process.

As always, approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab), and parishioners are always welcome to attend vestry meetings. Meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Room 324.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4th of July Schedule

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in recognition of the national holiday.

There will be NO Morning Prayer on Thursday, July 4.

The Community Café WILL serve a meal at their usual time, 5 - 7 p.m.

Fellowship Hour Takes a Break

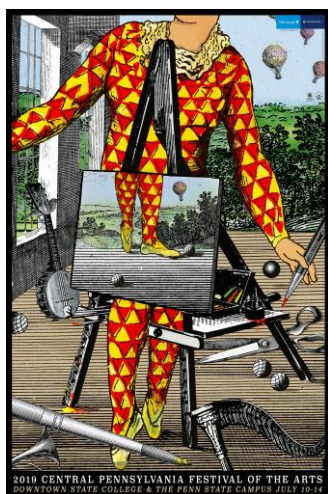
Please note that we do not plan to have Fellowship Hour on July 7 due to Independence Day or on July 14 * due to Arts Fest. Enjoy all the other festivities in town for the holiday.

* See information on page 4 regarding "Pie Hour."



ARTS FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Arts Festival



Change in Service Times

Sunday, July 14, 9 a.m. – one morning service only

We will have only ONE service, Rite II Eucharist, at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning, July 14, due to the Arts Festival.

The 5 p.m. Rite II Eucharist will be held as regularly scheduled.

Stained Glass Window Tours

Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Consecrated in 1928, St. Andrew's is well known for its stained-glass windows, designed, produced and installed by the famous Willet Studios of Philadelphia. Jason McCloskey will offer tours of our beautiful windows during the Arts Festival on

Friday and Saturday. If you are visiting the Festival with friends, bring them by – you can treat yourself to a piece of pie in Canterbury Hall afterwards and you will probably learn something new about our windows.

Community Café Needs Pies!



The annual Pie Sale is one of the Community Café top two per year. This year, the Café hopes to purchase new worktables, tray racks, and a refrigerator to bring the Canterbury Hall kitchen up to Code and make it more functional.

The Café will sell substantial slices of pie and ice cream on July 12, 13, and 14, and we need your help. We will have a large number of apple and strawberry pies, so we can always use the more 'unusual' pies such as peach, pecan, blueberry, key lime or anything else that you wish. If you would like to donate a pie, please drop off your pies on July 11 or anytime during Arts Fest. Please label your pie with type of pie so we don't have to conduct a taste test, and please use a disposable pan – we cannot guarantee to return pans - and we can sell your entire pie. If you would like to volunteer to work the pie sale (we sell inside and outside), please contact Sharon Rovanssek at srovanssek@comcast.net. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the Café.

St. Andrew's On Stage

Make plans to support fellow parishioners as they participate in the Arts Festival.

Gabe Hickner will be selling large and small origami creations at Kids' Day, Wednesday, July 10, including origami crane earrings.

Andrea McCloskey and Happy Valley Improv (see page 8) will be performing Saturday, July 13, 8:00 and 10:00, The State Theatre Attic

Kevin Lowe will be performing with the following groups:

Zeropoint Big Band – Thursday, July 11, 6:30 p.m., Sidney Friedman Park

Joy Vonada Jazz Quartet – Friday, July 12, 1:30 p.m., Allen Street Stage

Erin Condo and the Hoofties – Friday, July 12, 7:30 p.m. Allen Street Stage

Apologies to anyone we missed. If you would like to be included in our weekly emails prior to Arts Festival, please let us know.

The Community Café PIE SALE



July 12, 13

10 AM- 6 PM

Slice of pie- \$3.00

Pie ala mode- \$5.00

Complementary coffee and lemonade

July 14

Pie Hour after church- free slices!

Donations accepted.

11:30 AM- regular pricing resumes.

All proceeds benefit the Community Café.

208 West Foster Avenue
State College

Pentecost Party

On the last day of Church School for the year, June 9th, the classes gathered to have their own Pentecost celebration. We talked about why there is so much *red* on Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit is like fire, wind, and doves! And it was awesome to process behind the choir at the end of the church waving our red and white "spirit sticks." May we all see and feel the Spirit at work wherever we are this summer!

Summer Church for Children

Families, come join us this summer! There won't be classes, but children's bulletins with clipboards will be available in the narthex as you come into worship!



Pilgrimage

Our pilgrims returned home on Sunday June 30th, and will present their journey to the parish early this fall. Stay tuned for that event and come hear their stories! If you want a sneak preview, you can see more pictures and read their blog entries at www.standrewsc.wordpress.com

Again, an enormous thank you for all your prayers and support!



COMMUNITY CAFÉ

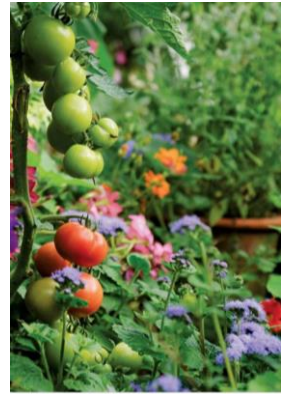
The Café is open every Thursday from 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.
Everyone is welcome regardless of means or circumstances.

Donations are accepted, but are never expected.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ron Rovansek at (714) 514-8875

Thank you as always for supporting the Café.

Planting an extra row The Café relies heavily on donations for fresh ingredients and we know St. Andrew's is full of avid gardeners. Please consider planting an extra row of vegetables or fruit in your home garden for donation. The chefs would love to have your eggplant, tomatoes, watermelon, peppers and anything else you can spare for use in their soups, salads and entrees. The Café also boasts a take-home table where patrons are welcome to items to help supplement their weekly meals. Items not used in the meals will go on that table and will be very much appreciated. Please label and drop off your donations during the week in the Canterbury Hall kitchen.



New volunteers The Café requires a large number of volunteers in order to function.

Aside from the weekly cooks, we have teams that serve and clean-up the meal, a laundry crew, and a donation pick-up crew. We are currently in need of new team members who serve on a team about once every 4 weeks; team members arrive about 5 p.m., serve the meal, bus tables, tidy the room, and stay to clean the kitchen. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Ron Rovansek at 714-514-8875 or Sharon Rovansek at 814-574-4708.

UPCOMING

FRIDAY FILMS presents its summer movie

Wednesday, July 10, 7 p.m.

Canterbury Hall



Lego Batman Movie (2017)

Rated PG

6:30 PM-gathering and food

7:00 PM- Film

Please join us for this family friendly film that demonstrates that you don't have to be related by blood to be family. We will serve summer fare like hot dogs, corn dogs and ice cream. The film is free and all are welcome.

Big changes are brewing in Gotham. If Batman wants to save the city from the Joker's hostile takeover, he may have to drop the lone vigilante thing and try to work with others. The Joker wants Batman to acknowledge that the two need each other - that they're the greatest of foes - but Batman won't even concede that. The stage is set for a battle royale, but the real fight is between Batman and his own armored ego. To get over it, he'll have to agree to form a team - a family - with his tough-love butler, Alfred (Ralph Fiennes); the eager-geek son, Dick Grayson (Michael Cera), he inadvertently adopted, who soon dons a Robin costume; and the new police

commissioner, Barbara Gordon. Your average Pixar comedy thumbs its nose at a great many things, but *The Lego Batman Movie* is a helter-skelter lampoon in the daftly exhilarating spirit of Mad magazine and the *Naked Gun* films. It's that quick and cutthroat clever and self-knowing.

FLORAL DESIGN CLASSES

Wednesday evenings, (time tbd)
Beginning July 31
Canterbury Hall

Instructor: The classes will be taught by the Internationally accredited Floral Designer, Jim Blik, AAS, AAF, BSA, MSA, CFD, AIFD.

Students: The class is open to ALL - regardless of age, gender or prior experience.

Cost: for the classes is free to members of St. Andrew's or volunteers at the Community Café; \$5 per class for all others (to help defray costs). Any profits will be donated to the Community Café.

Time and Duration: The first class will meet at 6:30 p.m. This could be adjusted for future classes based on feedback from the class but will remain in the evening. We will continue as long as there is interest. Could be two weeks or ten years.

Content: Beginning classes will focus on care and handling, processing, and basic design techniques. We will also discuss the use of flowers as part of the worship experience. Hands on training will make the class fast paced and allow for individual growth and creativity at all levels of experience.

To Register: Call Jim Blik at 210-412-8984. Please act quickly, as the class will be limited to the first 15 people who sign up. Any questions - please ask?



PRAYER AND PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday, August 4
Circleville Park, Pavilion #4
5:00 p.m.

Join us Sunday evening, August 4, as we celebrate our 5:00 Eucharist outdoors at Circleville Park, Pavilion #4. The service will be followed by a potluck supper. Picnic tables are provided, but please bring a chair if you would prefer and a dish of your choice to share. All are welcome.

For directions to Circleville Park, click [here](#).



ALONE IN A CHURCH

with Andrea McCloskey

If you have been in St. Andrew's any Thursday evening over the last few years, you may have heard loud voices, laughter, people and furniture moving around, and sometimes not-quite-appropriate-for-church language coming from behind a closed door. If the door was to Canterbury Hall, it was the Community Café serving their weekly meal. If it was some other room, chances are it was Happy Valley Improv and one of their founders, Andrea McCloskey, practicing their art. (They do apologize for the language, by the way.)

Andrea and her husband Jason moved to State College 11 years ago when they got their first faculty positions out of grad school – Andrea at Penn State and Jason at Bucknell. They are both from Pennsylvania and have family in the state and nearby and are happy to be in State College.

Andrea loves the downtown location of St. Andrew's where it is easy to walk to and from other places and adds to the vibrancy of the town. She loves the building, the liturgy, and the people. She also loves that church, and especially St. Andrew's, is a "space in my life where I get to interact with lots of different generations of people." It offers broader perspective than the colleagues and students with whom she interacts in her job and she "likes that [her] daughter is growing up seeing and knowing and feeling loved by a variety of people."

Although it might surprise you if you have seen Andrea perform, as a child she wanted to be a librarian when she grew up and is a self-described introvert. Instead of being contradictory, Andrea views these qualities are part of the reason she loves improv - "I get to be playful and embody different characters that I would otherwise feel inhibited to be."

Part of the humor in the name (and photos of) *Alone in a Church* is the dissonance between the idea of a defined, predictable ritual like our liturgy and the "yes, and..." spontaneity of an improv performance occupying the same space. After enthusiastically offering to take on the task of writing an "Improv Mass" if required, Andrea explained how she sees church and improv fitting together. "Participating in rituals is part of being human and part of what led me to improv. I thought they were opposite at first, but they are complementary activities, not opposite" says Andrea. Practicing improv is actually a disciplined, structured practice with routines and ritual of its own. "The routines allow us to interact in this improvisational way because we know what is expected within structure and norms. We can say things we would be too afraid to say in real life. We can get at more fundamental parts of ourselves through improv." Maybe they are not that different after all.



Andrea McCloskey and the other founding members of HVI who together are *Alone in a Church* seen in one of their latest publicity photos

Happy Valley Improv and Alone in a Church would like to thank St. Andrew's for providing space for them to pursue their artistic vision. HVI has done a benefit performance for our Community Café and both groups can be seen performing frequently in State College.

FRASER STREET SAXOPHONE CAMP

During the school year, local musician, Rick Hirsch, teaches saxophone lessons in the Trost wing. If you happen to have been here at the right time, you may have heard some of his students. Private lessons take a break for the summer, but this past week, starting at 9 a.m. each morning Rick, college-age assistants and about 20 saxophone students were hard at work in Room 325 at saxophone camp. Their repertoire ranged from Beethoven to “Tequila” – a nice soundtrack for our work week.

Camp ended with a concert in Sidney Friedman Park for the parents. You, too, can hear Rick’s students perform with the Music Academy during Arts Fest and catch Rick and St. Andrew’s Kevin Lowe performing with Zeropoint Big Band, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Sidney Friedman Park.



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GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

This is not a comprehensive listing; regularly scheduled meetings and events are included only if they submitted an item for publication. For complete and updated listings, please check your Sunday bulletin or weekly email.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Wednesday July 10, 7 p.m.
Room 119

Daughters of the King regular monthly meeting falls on Wednesday, July 10. This is the first day of Arts Festival, but crowds should not be too bad yet. Plan your travel and parking accordingly. Please contact Kitty Mussett at kam13@psu.edu with questions or if you are interested in learning more about the Daughters of the King.

KNITTING GROUP

Sundays, 11:15 a.m.
Room 324 – Fall Dates announced

Come Join Us This Year in Knitting for Peace



You're invited to join us, your friends in Knitting Ministry! Who are we? We are parishioners and friends of St. Andrews who knit and crochet together to make beautiful and useful things for others. These hats, scarves, Peace Pals, baby blankets and more were made with our hands and hearts for Knitting4Peace who distribute them through mission health clinics in the developing world. We meet monthly from September to May. Don't know how to knit but want to learn? No worries, we will teach you. Mark your calendar and drop in. All 2019-2020 meetings follow the main Sunday service and meet in the Library, Room 324:

2019

September 8
October 13
November 10
January 12

2020

February 9
March 8
April 12
May 10

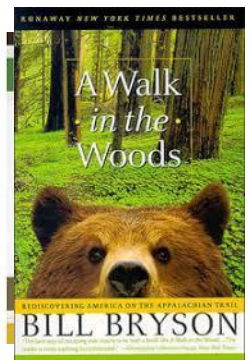
For more information contact Anne Hoag,
anne.hoag@gmail.com



BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 2, 7:00 p.m.
Home of Sharon Rovansek

The book club will meet Tuesday, July 2, 7 p.m. at the home of Sharon Rovansek. We will discuss Bill Bryson's 1998 book, *A Walk in the Woods*, a hilarious recount of the author's hike of the Appalachian Trail and a perfect summer read. Please consider joining us.





JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathy Hickner

2 Linda Wallace

3 Linda Mace

4 Davis Pagett

4 Mackenzie Pagett

6 Robin Bagby

7 Peter Chamberlain

8 Charlotte Wunz

10 Patricia Jackson

10 Julianne Ohashi

11 Justice Okafor

13 Patricia Hillson

14 Melissa Anderson

15 Kelley Paulsen

16 Anna Jones

17 Steven Smith

17 Mary Andrew

17 Sebastian Mainzer

17 Jordan Williams

18 Nicholas McNutt

18 Ryan Couch

19 Meira Minard

19 Fred Reed

20 Dee Pawling

21 Jeannette Sabre

21 Linda Selzer

23 William Dewey

24 Carolyn Bechtel

24 Lisa Hopkins

26 Penny Blasko

27 Russell Vaught

27 Dave DonTigney



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a July 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

Teri, Natalie, Joan, Don, Jane, Rick, Christian, Vanessa, Terry, Ty, Cathy, Wayne, Bob, Lucretia, Liz, Susan, Patty, Greg, Peter, Karen, Kathryn, Jackson, Everly, Sandy, Debbie, Jack, Tim, Mardi, Jordan, Kevin, Frank, Vicki, Robbie, Diane, Emily, Sara, David, Jerry, Anne, Beckett, Emmet, Frank, Patti, Dick, Dave, Stephen, Jule, Jon, Cheryl, Douglas, Claire, Michael, Tobias, Chloe, Chuck, Joe, Lauren, Mary, Dante, Joyce, Stu, Carol, Addy

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

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

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