



# *The Parish Messenger*

## *Summer 2016*

*The Newsletter of the People of  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church*

*State College, Pennsylvania*

### **ST. ANDREW'S DURING ARTS FEST**

#### **ARTS FEST SUNDAY SERVICE**



Sunday, July 17  
Only One Service  
Rite II Eucharist - 9 AM

Mark your calendars - the Sunday of Arts Fest we will continue our custom of holding only ONE SERVICE at 9 AM. We will resume our regular worship schedule the following Sunday, July 24th.

#### **PARKING**



Parking will be at a premium during the Arts Festival, and we would like to make sure that parishioners **place a weekly bulletin in your windshield so that you can be identified as a St. Andrew's parishioner.** This applies to parking behind the church and at Trinity House. It will be especially important to follow this procedure as unauthorized vehicles will be towed. If you arrive at church and do not have a bulletin, please stop by the office during regular business hours and we will provide one.

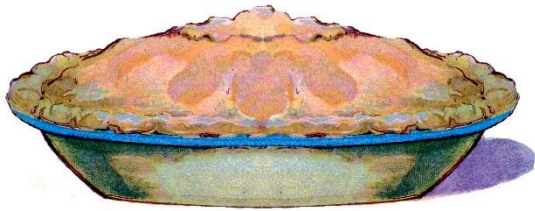
### **STAINED GLASS WINDOW TOUR**



July 15 and 16  
10 AM - 12 PM

On the Friday and Saturday of Arts Fest, Cathy Dauler will conduct tours showcasing our beautiful stained glass windows. Take this opportunity to learn about the works of art that surround us each week as we worship and bring a friend!

### **PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL HOSTED BY THE COMMUNITY CAFÉ**



Stop in for cool and tasty treats!

July 15, 16 & 17 in Canterbury Hall

11 AM - 6 PM (Friday and Saturday)

12 PM - 5 PM (Sunday)

The Community Café at St. Andrew's is excited to announce that we are raising funds for a new commercial grade refrigerator and freezer for all to use in the Canterbury Hall kitchen. As many know, the old ones are missing shelves and pieces, the doors don't always close properly and they are not really level. How many of us have opened a fridge door, and the first thing we must do is catch falling food? These will provide more room to store food, including whole trays, they will be easier to clean and energy efficient.

The Menu will include:

The Café's signature cream puffs: \$3.00

Slice of homemade pie \$4.00

Ice cream: \$2.00

Pie ala mode: \$5.00

Whole pies: \$15.00

You can help by attending the social or by baking a pie and dropping it off on Thursday in the kitchen. You can also make a monetary donation to the cause by giving a check to the office. Please make the check payable to the *Community Café* and write 'refrigerator fund' on the memo line.

## **FROM THE INTERIM**

Friends,

When it comes to newsletters, I'm always aware that brevity is in order. Back when there was no email, only snail mail, I was taught that a church, to communicate through its newsletter, had the amount of time it took for someone to walk from their mailbox to their door, for that typically was when and for how long a church's newsletter was read in those days. So, I guess I should stop writing now! But before I do, here is some important information for you.

Come September, we will be adjusting our Sunday schedule to incorporate an education hour between our two morning services. This means that the Holy Eucharist will be offered at 8 and 10:30 AM each Sunday morning, with the education hour from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. This change brings together at one time our Sunday morning education offerings for children and youth, and adds a weekly time for adult programs, which we have not been offering weekly of late.

Please know that much thinking, conversation and prayer has gone into embracing this change and the simple objective is to increase and strengthen our emphasis on and offerings of Christian education for all ages. There are many benefits to having an education hour on Sunday mornings, including increased interaction between the attendees of our two morning services, a time for all-age events and programs on Sunday mornings and a greater inclusion of children and youth into the Sunday morning worship life of our church, particularly the second service of the morning. All of the benefits just mentioned will serve to strengthen the community and fellowship that is at the heart of the St. Andrew's Family, and strengthening the "heart" of our church obviously is worth our time and best efforts.

Are there any unknowns in this change, and might what we have in mind and what God has in mind be two different things? Absolutely! As evidence of this, I only need point to our Community Café, and all that it has become that was not envisioned or known when this good work was embraced. Truly, the Community Café is "far more than we could have asked or imagined," to paraphrase slightly that verse from Ephesians. Our Community Café is, I believe, a powerful sign and symbol in our midst of the work of God, who never leaves us where we are, but always is leading us on to a new place beyond our expectations. As you've heard me say, the Community Café is hard work, but good work – and God's work too, I now add – and so is this effort to make our education offerings something more and better. Again, it will require our time and best efforts, but the reward will be "grace upon grace," I am sure.

I hope you will support this change in our Sunday morning schedule by your prayers and by your presence. Yes, come be a part of a new thing at St. Andrew's and bring your family and, dare I say it, a friend! Countless studies have shown that a church grows when the members of that church invite others they know. Who can you invite and bring to our new education hour and the worship service before or after it?

Thank you for inviting me to be a part of the St. Andrew's Family. Daily, I am grateful to be here with you, if only for a limited time. Simply put, it's a blessing to be here, you're a blessing to me!

Doug+

P.S. Please note that the education hour will run from September to May each academic year and that Sunday morning worship during the summer months (June, July and August) will be at 8 and 10 AM.



**MID-SUMMER SERVICE & POTLUCK PICNIC**

Sunday, August 7 – Save the Date!

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Music

6:00 PM Potluck Picnic

Any and all musicians are also invited to bring their instrument for a “jam session” after the service.

Circleville Park Pavilion #4 off Valley Vista Drive and Little Lion Drive.

Bring a lawn chair and dish to share.

Paper products, beverages and utensils provided.

## **FROM THE WARDENS**

To Our St. Andrews Family,

As summer is now fully upon us, we are happy to report on the movement we have made during the last 30 days. It has been busy but fulfilling as we realized God's power and presence with each step we took. We have appointed a search committee and reviewed proposals for the consultant to assist with the listening process and the development of our parish profile. The foundation for the search for our next settled rector is now well in place.

In consultation with the vestry, we have identified the search committee. We have named ten congregation members along with two vestry members. It may seem to have taken a long time but as you will see, this is a very strong committee fully representative of our congregation. To our delight, all twelve have agreed to serve. The members are as follows in alphabetical order: Kevin Barron, Maggie Crispell, Tom Dauler, Andrea deCarle, Jerry Dittman, Marisa Ferger (vestry), David Gaines, Carolyn Holt, Alison Jaenicke, Ford McNutt, Caitlin Osborn, and Sandy Schwartz (vestry).

We are also happy to report that we have made a decision on the consultant who will assist with our parish profile and listening events. We have chosen Charlotte Weaver-Gelzer who some of you know and who most recently led the Bishop Search Committee when Bishop Audrey Scanlan was called by our diocese. Charlotte is the founder of Lamb's Ear Consulting and is certified by the nationally recognized congregational development agency, Church Development Institute.

The "parish profile" committee will be working with Charlotte throughout the remainder of the summer to develop our parish survey and plan the face-to-face "listening" events for September. This committee will be made up of vestry, search committee members, and congregants.

As we reported last month, we would like to collect the majority of our parish survey data electronically. However, in discussing this with Allison Shea and Gloria Meder, it brought to light the critical need for upgrading the office software. Believe it or not we currently have three databases for different purposes on different machines - the membership list, the main parishioner list, and the Messenger and weekly email list. Addresses that are updated in one place may not get updated in another. We have purchased new software and as we incorporate it into all aspects of our back office functions, our databases will need to be combined or maybe just completely rebuilt. We most likely will ask all members to complete an updated member profile associated with our new software. Please watch for this opportunity within the next two months.

As we progress from step to step in this year-long process, we encourage you to please come to us or any Vestry member with any questions, thoughts, concerns, or needs. The Warden's email address is [wardens@standrewsc.org](mailto:wardens@standrewsc.org).

Please keep the vestry, the search committee, and our parish in your prayers as we move through these this next steps in our Church's life.

Blessings,

Wendi Keeler, Senior Warden

David Spencer, Junior Warden

**ST. ANDREW'S VESTRY UPDATE**  
**JUNE 2016**



Vestry met on Monday, June 20. As noted in last month's report, contributions are down, and treasurer, Sue Stephenson, noted that we are entering the summer months with a deficit. While operating with a deficit over the summer is not unusual, the deficit does not normally appear until August. A deficit this early in the summer, June, is cause for concern. Please continue to make contributions and pledge payments regularly throughout the summer. Contributions can be mailed to the church c/o Mary Andrew. St. Andrew's continues to operate during summer vacation times, so please continue to make contributions and pledge payments even if you cannot attend services on a regular basis. In other financial matters, vestry acted on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to move several investment funds to the Episcopal Church Fund. This move is in line with the overall diocesan investment policy.

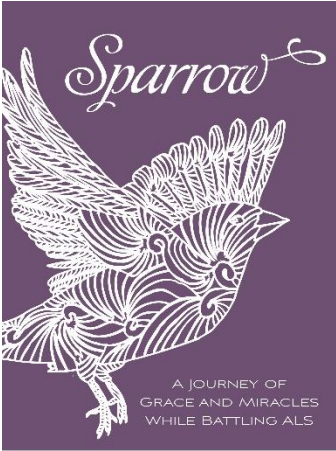
Fr. Doug informed vestry that beginning in September, Sunday morning services will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to accommodate an education hour from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. In other business, the Property Committee continues its work in beautifying the facilities as well as taking steps to ensure a safe environment. Vestry elected Linda and Rick Hoover, Sandy and Marion Schwartz, Walter and Molly Wells, and Michele and Rich Marini as delegates to the 2016 diocesan convention. Anne and Dick Gibboney were elected as alternate delegates.

The wardens have nearly completed the formation of the rector search committee, and they have prepared a tentative timeline for the preparation of the parish profile and the search process. More information will be available when details are finalized.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry

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

July 26  
7 PM, Library



The book group will meet this month to discuss *Sparrow* by Jennifer Durant.

Jennifer R. Durant, busy career woman, wife, and mom of two, made a drastic Career 2.0 change. In the lexicon of ministry, God called her to be an Episcopal priest, and Jennifer answered. Several years later, in the final weeks of seminary, Durant's world changed dramatically again, when the persistent weakness in one of her hands was diagnosed as ALS (aka Lou Gehrig's disease).

In *Sparrow*, completed with her husband, Matthew, Durant recounts her battle and brings the reader with her on her spiritual journey through her priesthood and ministry which, despite her illness, continued to her death—with the aid of a speech box, she preached her final sermon on the Sunday before her death. *Sparrow* is an inspiration to any who suffer from a debilitating disease (or know someone who does) and those who provide pastoral care to others. It is a story of God's redemption and new life.

We hope you will be able to join us on July 26 to discuss *Sparrow*.

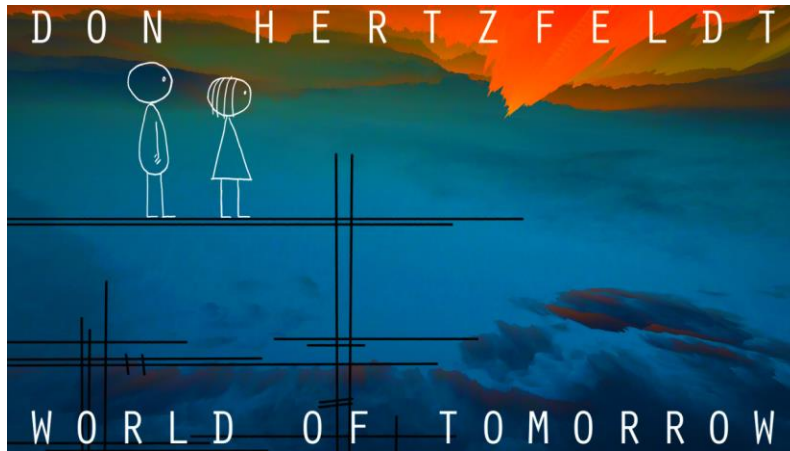
## **GETTYSBURG FIELD TRIP**

August 20, 2016  
7 AM - 7 PM



Lead by Walter Wells, our choir director and keen Gettysburg scholar, we will leave the church at 7:00 AM and travel by bus to Gettysburg returning home by 7:00 PM. Cost per person: TBD, but reasonable. A day of history, food, fellowship and fun: priceless! Please contact Walter at [waltermolly@gmail.com](mailto:waltermolly@gmail.com) or the office if you are interested.

## **THE ART PORTAL**



This Month in Arts @ St. Andrews <http://artsatstandrews.weebly.com>: “*World of Tomorrow*—a film by Don Hertzfeldt”, by Marion Schwartz, on a provocative 16-minute animation that has garnered several awards, including an Oscar nomination for Best Animated Short Film 2015.

Also scroll down the main page for previous blogs:

-- Philip Jenkins, “*Robert Elsmere: A Lost Religious Classic*”

-- Donald Hopkins on Beethoven’s Late Quartets

-- Walter Wells & Gwen Catchen on Thomas Beveridge’s *Yizkor Requiem* (1994), recently performed in State College

--Matthew Thompson on Charles Darwin as a thinker and writer, now with additional material by the author (click comments just below the title of the article).

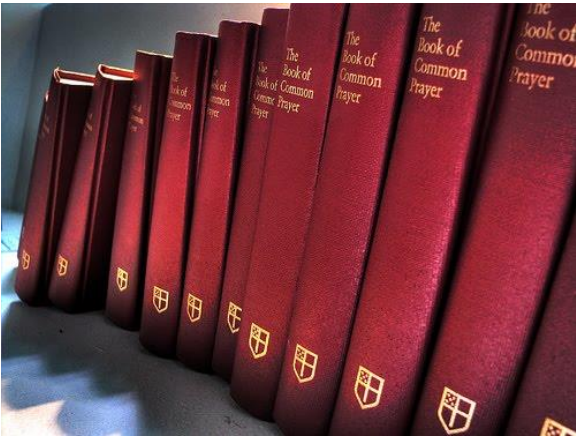
All of the authors welcome your comments and conversation on the blog.

The new website is sponsored by parishioners involved in the creation, interpretation, and teaching of the arts, and devoted to the exploration of the relationship between Christian faith and the arts. Its aim is to stimulate interest in the capacity of imagination to express, examine, and enrich our spiritual journey. The website currently contains several sections: “Articles” (the main blog featuring the pieces listed above), “Reviews”, “Film Series, and “Announcements” (of forthcoming events at church or elsewhere in the community). The “Articles” and other tabs appear just below the Arts @ St. Andrews title at the top of the page.

For inquiries, comments, or contributions to the site, including announcements of current or future events, please contact Marion & Sanford Schwartz at [standrewarts@gmail.com](mailto:standrewarts@gmail.com)



## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING**



Daughters of the King met in June and determined that there are approximately 40 prayer books in dire need of replacement. The church has ordered two cases and once they arrive, daughters will insert the bookplates in the new prayer books as well as prayer cards in all. These prayer cards will contain prayers for church-goers to use before the service begins, before and after Holy Eucharist and after the service concludes. The convenient placement at the front of the BCP is intended to encourage the use of these prayers and enhance our prayer lives.

Daughters will next meet on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at the Nittany Glen Clubhouse to watch a light-hearted movie and enjoy social time. If you would like to join us, please contact Kitty Mussett at [kam13@psu.edu](mailto:kam13@psu.edu) or Linda Hoover at [lsh4488@gmail.com](mailto:lsh4488@gmail.com).

## **ALTAR GUILD**



The Altar Guild is still in need of a few new members. This is an important ministry to St. Andrew's and one that is well worth the time and effort. Training is provided. Please stop by the sacristy after any service to speak to a guild member.

Contact Dana Tilghman, at [danatilghman@yahoo.com](mailto:danatilghman@yahoo.com) or (814) 359-9560 for more information.

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



Women of all ages are invited to join the Women's Group on Tuesday, July 19, at 7:30 PM, at Gigi's, 2089 Cato Avenue, for food, drinks, and lively conversation. If the weather is nice, look for the group on the patio. The location of our August meeting is still TBD, but mark your calendars and plan to join us again on Tuesday, August 16 at 7:30 PM.

## **A REFUGEE FAMILY IN STATE COLLEGE?**

**"I was a stranger and you took me in."**



We all know from current news reports that masses of refugees are risking their lives to escape war, terrorism, and famine in their home countries. While Europeans have accepted many of them, far more are still seeking safety. Now that our government is reviewing suitable families for resettlement in the U.S., a group of people from several local congregations has been discussing ways to welcome a family to State College. The family would have some initial

assistance from public agencies, but they would need help finding housing, paying their rent, learning about the school system, dealing with health needs, managing their money, and adjusting to American culture. If you would like to join in this worthy cause and make some new friends in the process, please check the Facebook page "Family Refugee Welcome of Central PA" or contact Marion Schwartz, [kmarsch09@gmail.com](mailto:kmarsch09@gmail.com).

State College is not the easiest place in which to set up a new home. We hope that with lots of helpers a new family will feel safe and welcome here.

## **CALLING ALL YOUTH AND A FEW ADULT MUSICIANS! CREATE JOYFUL SOUNDS OF PRAISE AND CHRIST'S LOVE!**



Music is a universal language that touches our hearts, engages our minds, and encompasses our entire being! Many folks are hoping that a small musical group will form to lead church school and youth classes in song perhaps once or twice monthly! We'll raise our voices, our tambourines, our guitars, saxophones, piano, etc. - as we begin our education hour in song and praise! Please contact Darlene if you can help lead or mentor, play an instrument or sing to form a small musical group, rehearse and be ready for September 11! Let's do this!

# CHILDREN in CHURCH



Did you know that there is a Children's Charter for the Episcopal Church? Well, there is! It is divided into three sections: Nurture of the Child, Ministry to the Child, and Ministry of the Child. Look for it to be posted in the Fall! For now, let's take a look at the first section – Nurture of the Child.

*Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift. – Psalm 127:4 (BCP)*

## THE CHURCH IS CALLED:

- to receive, nurture and treasure each child as a gift from God;
- to proclaim the Gospel to children, in ways that empower them to receive and respond to God's love;
- to give high priority to the quality of planning for children and the preparation and support of those who minister with them; and
- to include children, in fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant, as members and full participants in the Eucharistic community and in the church's common life of prayer, witness and service.

You may have noticed that children are worshipping in church with their families this summer! If they are exploring the contents of the quiet bags (put together by Andrea and PJ McCloskey and found in a basket in the Narthex), they are still absorbing the sounds and actions of church worship. Being in church helps children learn how to pray, sing, worship and otherwise strengthen their relationship with God. When families worship together, the church is filled with joyful (and not so joyful) noises as we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When children worship in church, listen for the echoes of "Amen's" a few moments after the rest of the congregation has prayed them; listen for an excited "all right" or "ok" after the choir sings and the lector reads; watch as a young one attempts to count to the right page of the hymnal; watch and you may even see young ones dance in the aisle – and you may even feel like joining them!

Church School for children and Christian Education for youth and adults resume on September 11. In the meantime, let us all be a welcoming presence to our children and youth as they worship along with their parents in church. Suggestion: Parents, sit with your children in the front row pews; children like to see and hear what's going on!

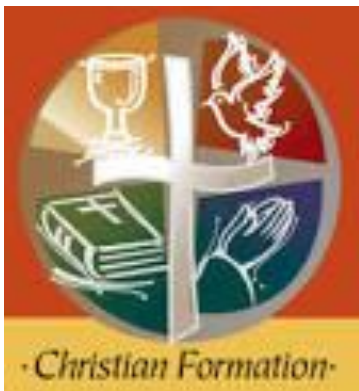
## **GODLY PLAY TRAINING**

Saturday, September 24



On Saturday, June 11, Melissa Arnett, Christina Ford, Darlene Nordoff and Marion Schwartz participated in training and each received a certificate showing completion in Godly Play - *Engaging God's Playful Word: Parables Honoring the Spirituality of Children*. Please consider joining us for our next training in Shippensburg, PA, on Saturday, September 24. Cost is only \$125 if we register by Friday, August 26. Scholarships are available. You will learn the processes and core stories of Godly Play, as well as the theology behind these practices, in the next module *Building Holy Rituals & Spaces: Liturgical Action & Creating Sacred Environments*. There are three modules that may be attended in any order over time. Godly Play is a wonderful vehicle to connect with senior citizens, nursing home residents, and Christian Education programs for adults and children. Participants may build credit toward Core Training certification. For more information and to register, please contact Darlene Nordoff.

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR CHILDREN IN MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL**



I have taught church school in Canada, San Diego, Boston, Savannah and here in State College. In each church, I was often surprised by how I personally benefited from the experience! Sure, it's not always easy teaching our children and youth about their salvation history, their Church, their God; but, it's important! Meaningful and engaging Christian Formation programs are vital for our children and youth to grow in their love for and faith in God; and we need you -- dedicated, faithful Christian teachers and leaders.

Our children and youth need teachers and leaders who care, know their names, encourage them, make them feel heard and valued – someone they can count on to teach them about God. It does not matter if you are 22 or 65; you can be a part of a child's or youth's faith journey! With prayer, practice, support and lesson materials, you can be an effective teacher or leader. God has abundant blessings in store for both you and the children and youth of St. Andrew's! Please consider volunteering as a church school teacher or youth leader beginning this September 2016! Contact Darlene Nordoff.

"Young Children and Worship (three years old to Kindergarten); Godly Play (first to third grades); 4th/5th grade class; middle school group (6th to 8th grades); and high school (9th to 12th grades) will be the class groupings in September. The middle school group will be using curriculum from several resources, including Rite-13 materials. Since Bishop Audrey Scanlan is scheduled to visit St. Andrew's in March 2017, St. Andrew's high school youth will be participating in confirmation classes beginning in September in order to make an informed decision about confirmation in the spring.

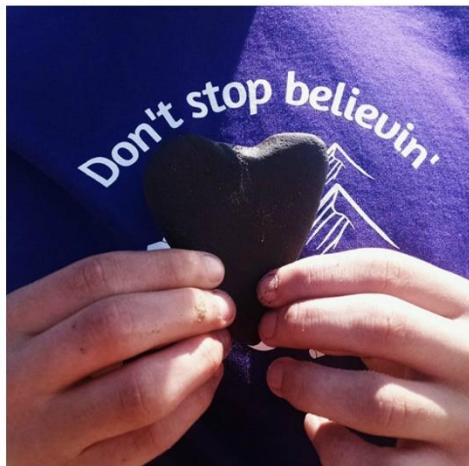
**J2A PILGRIMAGE 2016**  
**OREGON! JUNE 26- JULY 2**



Fourteen excited but somewhat sleepy pilgrims, along with parents, Fr. Doug and Darlene, met on Sunday, June 26, at 5:45 AM in the St. Andrew's parking lot for prayers and packing up vehicles. Pilgrims then ventured off to Baltimore to catch their non-stop flight to Portland, Oregon. The pilgrims experienced so much: mission work along the coast; personal insight about the monastic lifestyle and a rare encounter with historical artifacts; labyrinth prayer time; dendrochronology education at Willamette University; teamwork, bravery and challenge during whitewater rafting; achievement - the only group in 17 years of Wonder Voyage guiding to complete a 9 ½ mile hike on the Waterfalls Trail, and wondering around evening campfires as they reflected upon the presence of God.

Access the pilgrimage blog at <https://standrewsc.wordpress.com/> to find out more and be sure to attend their pilgrimage presentation during an education hour in the fall – date to be determined.

Heartfelt gratitude to the parish and parents, Fr Doug and staff, who supported this J2A group in their education, service, activities and fundraising. Love and gratitude to our J2A leaders Amy Allison, Frank Barksdale, Paul Humphreys, Ted Jaenicke and Sharon Rovansek for their dedication to our J2A youth for two years.





THE  
FIELD  
BURGER & TAP

## Enjoy Delicious Food and Support a Great Cause!

10% of all proceeds benefit  
Interfaith Human Services!



Interfaith  
Human  
Services



**When:** Monday, July 25

5 pm—10 pm

**Where:** The Field Burger & Tap at  
Toftrees Golf Resort

Interfaith Human Services is a nonprofit that provides resources for low-income Centre County families and others in crisis. Learn more at [www.IHS-CentreCounty.org](http://www.IHS-CentreCounty.org)

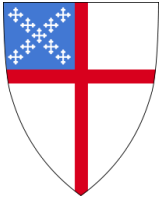
**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**



**In Christian Sympathy**

"Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him."

To the Beierlein family on the death of  
JAMES GEORGE BEIERLEIN  
February 20, 1947 - June 4, 2016  
Memorial service held at St. Andrew's June 8



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The Rev. Douglas Dailey

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The Rev. Charles Cruiksank

Bishop of Central Pennsylvania

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Linda Mace

Sandy Schwartz

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist (church school, childcare)

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist