

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

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

May 2020

Strategic Planning Strategically Postponed

There are so many parts of "normal" life that are no longer normal these days. The same is definitely true of parish life. We have been in the beginning stages of creating a strategic plan for our parish and were supposed to complete that process by the annual meeting next January. In fact, phase two was supposed to begin right after Easter. Phase two was supposed to be small group meetings of parishioners to discuss hopes, dreams, challenges, and opportunities for the future of St. Andrew's. Well, guess what. That ain't happening.

The vestry discussed our plan for creating a strategic plan at its April meeting (on Zoom). We agreed that for many reasons this is not the time to press on. Although technology would allow us to have small group meetings, we were afraid that only a portion of the congregation would be familiar and comfortable with the technology involved. Plus, these types of meetings can be awkward and stifle the natural back and forth of in-person conversation.

The main factor in suspending these activities for now is that a time of crisis is not the time to make plans that will set the course for our congregation for years to come. In a crisis, we need to focus our energy on weathering the situation at hand. Not to mention that most people I speak to report that their personal ability to function and deal with things is already on overload. One vestry member put it like this, "My internal bandwidth is maxed out." This is hardly the spiritual or mental state we want to be in when we consider how God is talking to us about the future.

All that being said, I ask you to continue to think and pray about this process. I believe that God is working through this crisis to bring about

something new. I don't know what that new thing is yet, but as I note in another article in this newsletter we have developed our online capacity during Coronatide far beyond what it had been and infinitely more than we would have without the urgent motivation. When we get to the other side of this pandemic, we will have the opportunity to reflect on our new skills, new knowledge, and new competencies and consider how we can employ them to evangelize and reach out to people in the love of Christ.

For now, let's continue to say our prayers and to support each other. Let's continue to be a community of faith, albeit a different kind of community. And let's continue to look for ways that God is challenging us and opening new doors for us. We will return to the strategic planning process at a later time. I don't know when. It could take us a year, who knows? We may need to start over again given that our situation will have changed. That's okay. This is all in God's time.

A final note unrelated to our strategic planning. I want you to know that our bishop is working with a task force to create a plan for reopening churches after the governor says we are allowed. I am pleased to be working on that task force. That plan is not complete but look for it soon. I can tell you that it will be a phased plan, meant to map onto Governor Wolf's red, yellow, and green phases of reopening. It will offer guidelines for parishes to use to create their own plan based on their circumstances. It will be flexible yet strictly outline necessary precautions. We at St. Andrew's are already acquiring supplies that will be needed when the time comes. I ask your prayers for this process too.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	Email office@standrewsc.org	Facebook www.facebook/standrewsc/	Zoom various	Twitter @SaintAndrewSC
Monday		Bishop Curry's "Habits of Grace" video meditation *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m.	
Tuesday		*Compline 7 p.m. Bishop's Bible Studay 7 p.m. (Diocese – see below)	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Wednesday		Noonday Prayer 12:15 p.m. *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m. Community Prayer Circle (Diocese – see below)	
Thursday	Weekly Email	Throwback Thursday from the Archives *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Friday		Bishop Scanlan's Weekly video message *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Saturday		*Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Sunday	Link to recording of Facebook Live 10 a.m. service	Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. *Compline 7 p.m.	Coffee Hour 11 a.m.	

*Compline will begin on Monday, May 4. An Order for Compline can be found on page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer or click [HERE](#) to view or download a copy.

An Order of Service for Noonday can be found on page 103 of the Book of Common Prayer or click [HERE](#) to view or download a copy.

For St. Andrew's events on Facebook, find us at www.facebook.com/standrewsc/

For Diocesan events on Facebook, go to <https://www.facebook.com/diocpa/>



Sunday Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78116989610?pwd=VzRLbCtPcVlaK1hBSzhZcHpxckdBZz09>

Meeting ID: 781 1698 9610

Password: 050859



Morning Prayer

Monday – Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://psu.zoom.us/j/447273331>

Easter Joy in the Midst of a Pandemic: Bible Study and Conversation



Bishop's Bible Study

Tuesdays through May, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/diocpa/>

Join Bishop Scanlan and Canon Morrow in this online Bible Study as we join for study, conversation, and prayer. No previous experience in Bible Study required.

Easter Joy in the Midst of a Pandemic

Please read the following stories from scripture in a bible translation of your choosing to prepare for each evening's discussion.

May 5, HOPE, Luke 24: 13-35

May 12, POST-QUARANTINE EVANGELISM, Matthew 28: 1-10, Luke 24:1-12, John 20: 1-18

May 19, GENEROSITY, Matthew 14: 14-21, 2 Corinthians CHS 8, 9

May 26, GOSPEL LIVING IN THE NEW NORMAL, Genesis 32: 22-32



Community Prayer Circles

Wednesdays in May, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Via Zoom – Link provided with registration (see below)

Canon Morrow and I will be hosting Community Prayer Circles as the new “Virtual Bishop out of the Box” event for May. On each Wednesday night in May from 7-8 (ish) we will be leading a prayer and conversation time on Zoom for people in these affinity groups:

- May 6: School Teachers
- May 13: Health Care and other Essential Workers
- May 20: Parents working from Home/others working from Home
- May 27: Students (K-6 7:00-7:30 for story time, Grades 7 and up for discussion and prayer from 7:45-8:15)

Registration is limited to 50 people. Click [HERE](#) to register, and the zoom link will be sent to you:



Evensong at St. Andrew's goes back well over 50 years as a regular service but the history can sometimes be obscured. 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.

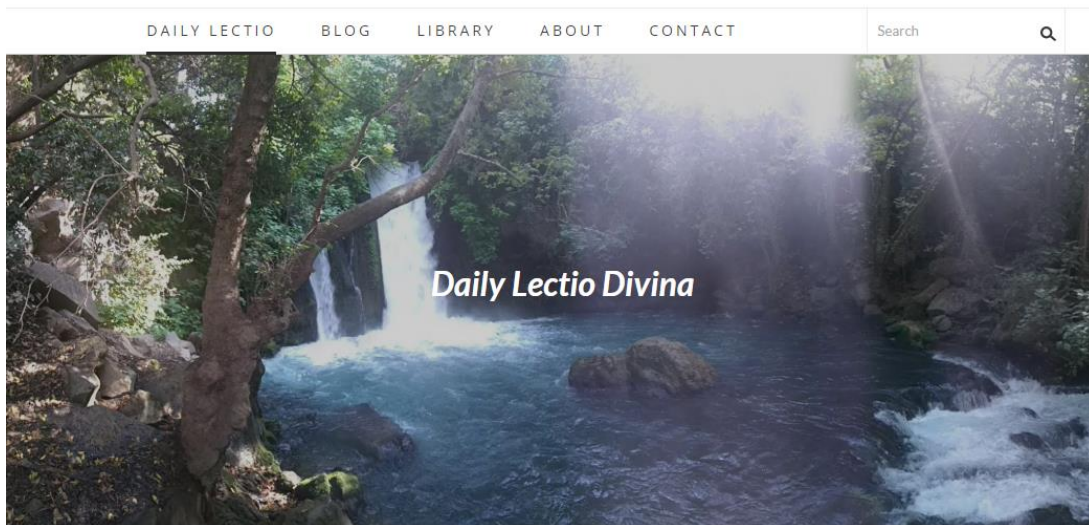
Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history, originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to soothe us and to draw us closer to the presence of God. The congregation also joins in the spoken parts of the liturgy: the reciting of the Confession and the Creed, as well as singing the hymns. As a part of the daily office, it is intended to be part of a regular discipline of worship.

The structure of Evensong has three basic components: preparation, lessons, and prayer. Preparation occurs through an invitatory, the confession and absolution. Lessons are from a prescribed lectionary, including a psalm and readings from the Old and New Testaments, and always including the Canticles of Mary (the Magnificat) and Simeon (the Nunc Dimittis). These canticles are particularly powerful because, while taken from the gospels, they mark the transition from the Old to the New Testament and the redemption that the coming of Christ brings to us. Finally, the rubric concludes with prescribed prayers and collects, followed by an anthem appropriate for the day or liturgical season. Because most of the service is sung, there is an abundance of music composed specifically for Evensong from the 16th through to the 21st century.

When we return, evensong will again be offered the first Sundays of October, November, February, March, April and May at 5 p.m. Please consider joining us for this beautiful service. Not only do we worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness but also in the holiness of beauty.

Submitted by: Walter Wells

Lectioary Lectio Divina



Daily Lectio Divina with Christina Ford

Website: <https://lectiodaily.weebly.com/>

Podcast: <https://anchor.fm/lectiodaily/>

Lectioary Lectio Divina is a new website to support people in the practice of Lectio Divina. Each day an audio file is posted on the main page that walks through the Lectio Divina process with one of the readings of the day, (these files can also be accessed using the podcast site.) The idea is to eventually have files for all of the Lectioary and Daily Office readings throughout the year. The site includes a "Library" that gives some instructions on getting started with Lectio as well as links to more resources and past audio files. There is also a blog for reflections.

If you would like an email each morning with a link to the Lectio of the day, please email Christina (lectiodaily53@gmail.com). The site is a work in progress, so if you find any mistakes, would like something added, or feel moved to post a reflection please let her know that too!

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



March 2020

	March	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2020 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 31,740	\$ 180,689	39%	\$ 460,750
Total Operating Income	\$ 33,651	\$ 188,067	38%	\$ 496,350
Total Operating Expense	\$ 38,790	\$ 135,131	27%	\$ 502,162
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (5,139)	\$ 52,936		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



April 2020

The April vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, April 21. Adapting to the current situation, the vestry met online using Zoom. Much of the discussion consisted of updates on the various attempts to carry out our worship and other ministries online. Numerous ministries have been meeting using Zoom; the Community Cafe continues to serve meals using careful physical distancing measures; and a Zoom coffee hour was tried for the first time on Sunday April 26. We are grateful for the way parishioners have embraced the necessity of doing things differently during this time. We are also grateful for parishioners' continued financial support, despite our inability to gather in person. If you have not yet done so, we invite you to set up recurring online contributions through your Realm account.

Because of the uncertainty of the current pandemic situation, Fr. Jeff and the vestry also decided to temporarily postpone the parish's strategic planning process. The initial intention was to have begun Phase 2, the idea generation phase, at the beginning of the Easter season. Because gathering together seems particularly important for this phase of planning, we believe it is better to wait for the time being.

As always, approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

PARISHIONERS' MINISTRY

Dear members of St. Andrew's,

The stewards of the Parishioners' Ministry thank you all so much for your generous response to Fr. Jeff's appeal this month. Because of your giving several people forced out of their jobs by the Corona virus shutdown have been able to pay their rent. And needs for the next few months will also be funded. We are most grateful for your sharing in this ministry.

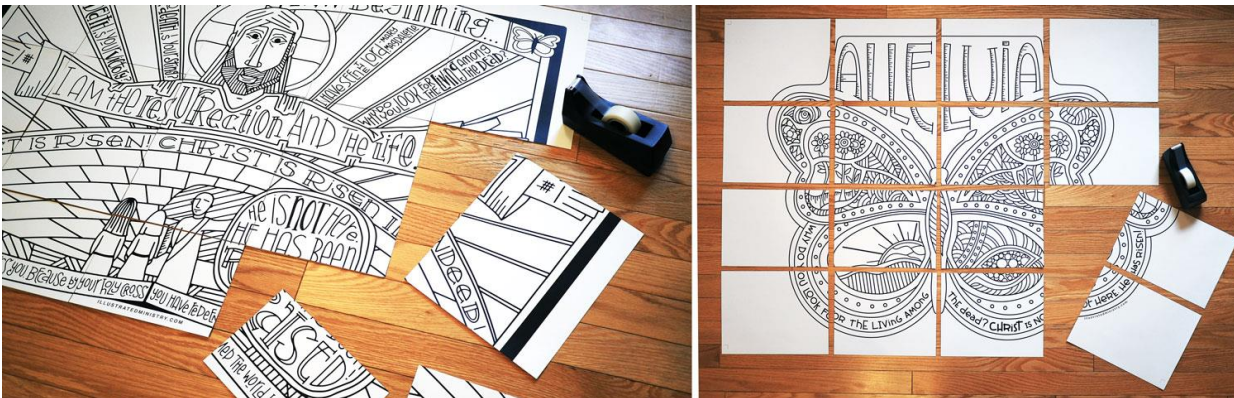
CHILDREN AND YOUTH

All of our church school teachers and youth group leaders are really missing their face-to-face interactions with St. Andrew's children and youth! We are making efforts to stay connected, as time allows. What a different way of being in community!



Alleluia Coloring Project

Anyone is welcome to join St. Andrew's families in coloring "tiles" of a large picture of an Easter butterfly from the national group, Illustrated Ministry, that has been broken up into pieces. Contact Kathy Hickner at youth@standrewsc.org to request a tile, and she will email you a file that you can print at home. When you're finished coloring, you can drop off your pages at her home - 603 E Irvin Ave, State College - in a container on her porch. The picture will be pieced back together and displayed at church on outward facing glass doors to bring some joy to passersby! Coloring is an easy way to bring a moment of peace to your day whatever your age, and also a way to pray.



Earth Day Yard Scavenger Hunt

We're also inviting parishioners along for a moment of connecting with God through nature, as we extend an Earth Day activity into May. See the list of objects to find (created and shared by St. John's Episcopal Church, Wake Forest NC) and head out into your yard with a bag to see what you can gather or spot. Send pictures of your treasures to Kathy Hickner at youth@standrewsc.org and we will share them in mid-May!

EARTH DAY BACKYARD SCAVENGER HUNT

This scavenger hunt can be done right in your own backyard. Earth Day is April 22nd, but you can do this hunt any day. Make every day Earth Day!

You may want to have some crayons, a couple of pieces of paper, and a small bag (like a paper lunch bag). But don't worry if you don't - your eyes and ears are all you really need. Check off items or add your own answers, and have fun!

First, look up! Check the sky. What do you see?

Name something living in your yard:

Place a nonliving, but not manmade, thing in your bag.

Find 3 different trees in your yard and make tree bark rubbings with your crayons, using your extra paper.

Is one of the trees taller than your house?

Put 3 different leaves in your bag, and try to find a Y-shaped twig to add to your bag.

Can you see any bird's nests in your trees?
How many?

What birds do you see - what colors are they?

Find some flowers in your yard and draw a picture of them.

Do the bees like your flowers?

Name the other insects that you see. Maybe they help to spread pollen like the bees. You can talk with your family about why pollinators are important.

Can you find a spider web? Is the spider at home?

Close your eyes and listen for a minute.

What do you hear? Enjoy nature with your family!

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.

Thank you as always for supporting the Café.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, The Community Café has been very active and continues to function with the support of the diocese because food distribution programs are allowed to operate. In this regard, we have several news items to share.

First, and foremost, we would like parishioners and patrons to know that the Café has instituted new guidelines to maximize safety during this trying time. We have gone to serving only takeout meals, distributed outside of the parish life center at the Frasier Street entrance. Meals still include a soup, entree, vegetable, salad and dessert. Beverages are not being distributed at this time. Also, the team system we have had in place for almost 10 years, has been changed. Volunteers have been pared down to about 15 people total. These volunteers are those that are not currently infected with COVID-19, Not in a high-risk group for COVID-19, and not living with someone in a high-risk group. Also, teams of cooks and servers do not come in contact as the cooks either prepare food on Wednesday or leave before the serving team arrives. Meals are then packaged by volunteers wearing gloves and masks and distributed to the public in new bags and containers, as used plastic bags are not being used.



The numbers of meals distributed have steadily increased during the Covid-19 outbreak, and we believe that we are serving more individuals and individual meals than we did prior to the pandemic. Of course, the need for

free meals has increased in our community, and we are also listed as a food resource on the Centre County Covid-19 response website.

Because of this, we are very grateful that our weekly donations, and past fundraising efforts has provided a cushion for us so we can operate at this time without excessive worry.

However, as the Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts has been cancelled this year, the Café will



lose the pie and ice cream sale which brought in two to three thousand dollars over four days. This is a blow, but one that we are confident we can recover from as we have exciting news.



This year, the Café will participate in Centre Gives, the Centre Foundation's 36-hour online giving event set to begin on May 12 at 9 a.m. and conclude on May 13 at 9 p.m. This event is designed to support the great work of local nonprofits serving Centre County. This is a new endeavor for us, and so we will have to forge new territory and hope to reach as many people as we can. You can check out the website, and also view our profile at: <https://centregives.org/>

We could use some volunteers who are savvy with social media, can help put together some videos, or perhaps has worked with a Centre Gives non-profit to help us brainstorm the best and most effective ways to reach out to people outside of the St. Andrew's parish. If you would like to help, please contact Sharon Rovansek at srovansek@comcast.net.

Although the online giving doesn't begin until May 12th, you can enter the second "Countdown to #CentreGives 2020" Prize Challenge today and help the Café win \$250. The deadline for the prize challenge is May 5, so enter and share the post on Facebook today. You can find the challenge on the Centre Foundation Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/centrefoundation/>) or the St. Andrew's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsc/>) – it will look like this:



Centre Foundation

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Announcing the 2nd "Countdown to #CentreGives 2020" Prize Challenge! Did you know the minimum gift for Centre Gives has been lowered to \$10? Help your favorite nonprofit win a \$250 prize by completing the following two steps:

- 1) COMMENT below: I'm supporting *name of your favorite organization*
- 2) SHARE this Centre Gives video

Contest closes on Tuesday, May 5 at 12 pm. One comment will be randomly selected from the comments on this post, and the organization mentioned will receive a \$250 prize. You must complete both steps. Only one entry per person.

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Centre Gives 2020 - May 12 & 13

Centre Gives is all about giving back to your community - join us on M...

As always, we are very grateful for the support of the parish and all volunteers. If you have general questions about the Café, or would like to volunteer in the future, please contact Ron Rovansek at rrovansek@pacewater.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



One of the effects of the Corona virus pandemic is that the agencies sheltering people in group settings are moving their clients into independent living to allow them social distance. With so many people moving, the

Interfaith Human Services furniture and appliance program is running low on used furnishings. Can you help?

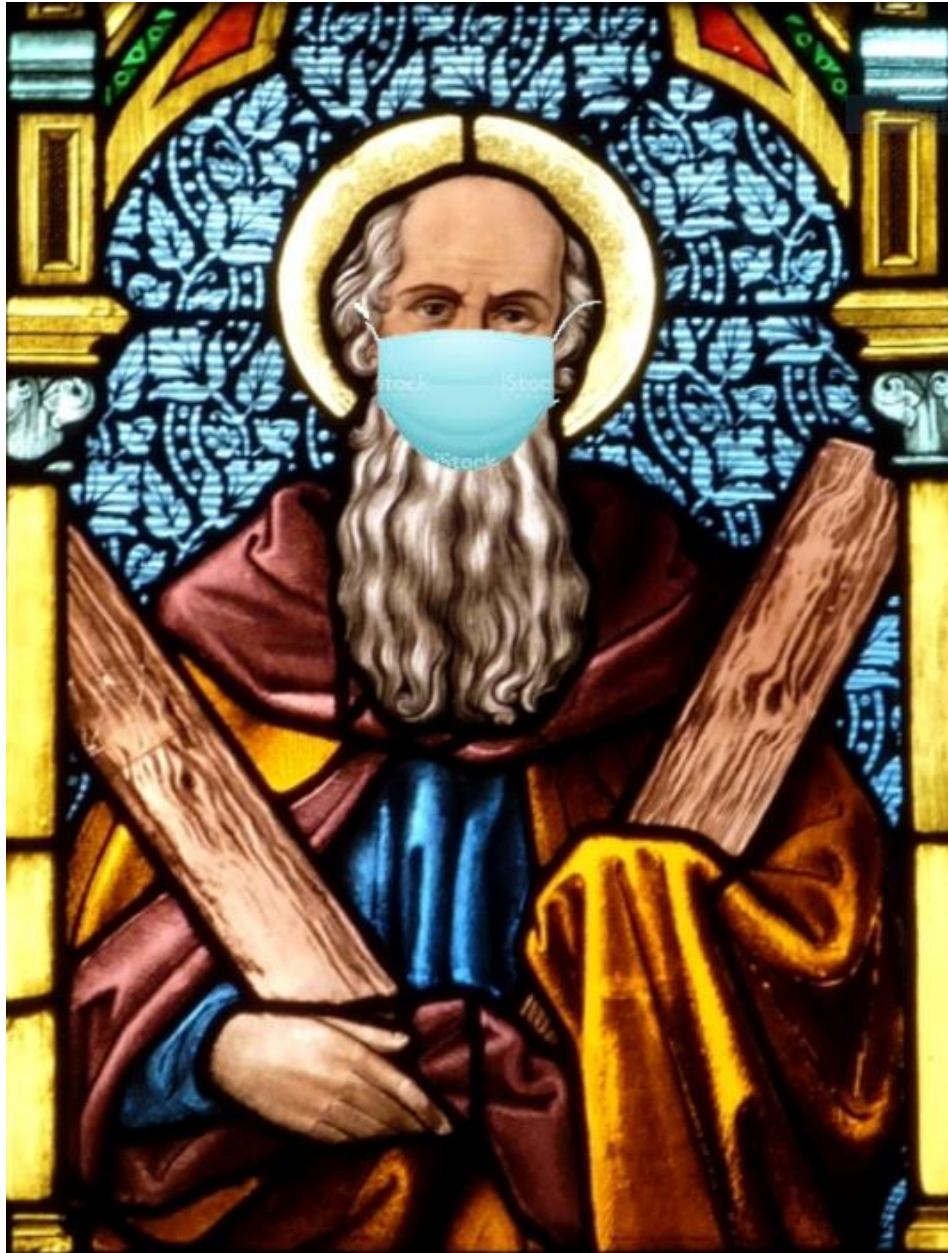
Harry Miller, who coordinates the program, can pick up your donations either at your front curb or, if you can't get the things outside, from inside your home. Of course, everyone will use masks and practice safe distancing.

Most needed items are dressers, sofas, dining room tables and chairs, appliances and bedroom furniture. NOT needed are large desks, large armoires/entertainment centers, sofa beds or pianos.

To make an appointment for pick up, you can email Harry directly at hfm2141@gmail.com or leave a message on the voicemail at IHS: 814-234-7731.

Your donation will help a family get started in their new home.

CORONA CHRONICLES



The impact of the Corona pandemic is apparent in every item of this newsletter, but in this section, we want to share specifically how we as a church and as individuals have found ways to adapt, support each other, and even find a little humor along the way as we face these new challenges.



at St. Andrew's Studios

On Friday, the 13th of March, when our bishop announced that all churches would be closed for at least two Sundays starting on the 22nd due to the Coronavirus pandemic, there was no Wi-Fi available inside our 93 year old limestone church, this 54 year old priest had never even watched a Facebook Live event, and the idea of transferring worship and other aspects of church life into online virtual gatherings seemed like an unsurmountable mountain of technical challenges, knowledge gaps, and personal anxiety. I began to sweat. Literally. The threat of COVID-19 was real. The suffering of so many already at that point was real. The possibility of it coming to Happy Valley seemed an inevitability. Yet, all I could think of was, where do I put the camera?

After watching a four-minute YouTube video about how to livestream your church service, I calmed down quite a bit. The video explained about camera placement, sound, and other technical questions. It seemed doable. But I still didn't know how to begin. I opened the Facebook app on my phone, walked over to my daughter Ruth and asked, "How do I actually get to Facebook Live?" To which she replied with a simple gesture and an *Oh Daddy* look, "You push the 'Live' button." We were off and running.

The biggest challenge was how to get Wi-Fi inside the church with its 18-inch thick limestone walls which are almost 30 inches thick in the tower. Four days, a trip to Best Buy, a trip to Target, quick learning of how to configure a Wi-Fi extender, and about double my daily goal of steps on my pedometer later, the problem was solved. Now there is an ethernet cable running from the hall of the Trost wing, where the old coat rack was, around the corner and through the narthex into the back of the church. A Wi-Fi extender sets on top of the sound equipment cabinet. But don't get excited because it only extends the private Wi-Fi, not the public network. You still won't be able to check your email in church.



Wi-Fi extender



Rig and tripod holding iPhone and mic

Next came the question of turning my iPhone into the hub of a multimedia extravaganza. It helps that our senior warden, Kathryn Yahner, is more of a digital native than me. Kathryn did the research and advised me on the few pieces of equipment we needed to purchase: 1) a rig to hold the phone and connect to the tripod, 2) an external microphone with adaptor, and 3) a tripod. Fortunately, Allison Shea, our secretary, had a tripod she was willing to donate that was much better than the one we ordered, so we returned it. All in, that was about a hundred bucks.

As Sunday approached, I felt a level of confidence mingled with absolute terror. I did a couple of "dry runs" with Facebook Live on my personal account using the new equipment for the first time. In the first dry run, I appeared sideways. We sorted that out.



Ethernet cable in hallway

Sunday came and we were tentatively ready to Go Live. That first Sunday I had sweated right through my shirt by the time we finished the broadcast. Everything went according to plan, but I must admit the whole experience was nerve wracking.



The "and also with you" gallery



Camera person and sound engineer hard at work

Thank God for my family, including our daughter's friend Haylei who came to visit during spring break and got stuck here. They have not only functioned as the "and also with you" gallery, but have read the lessons, operated the camera and the portable stereo that plays the music (and now Deacon Joe reading the Gospel), served as acolytes, and rung the bell. We've had a few hiccups, like one Sunday when I sent the worship out on my personal Facebook account rather than the church's until we realized it a few minutes into the service. On Easter Day the music mysteriously cut out during the opening hymn. I really did forget to wear my collar at the beginning of the Easter Vigil and madly put it on off-camera during the procession to the baptismal font. And Joe really did dare me to hum the "Happy Birthday" tune while I washed my wife Sian's feet on Maundy Thursday.

All in all, this has been an amazing experience, transferring our regular Sunday worship onto the world wide web. Holy Week proved especially challenging, but I am proud that we included all of our regular services and even added the brief Holy Saturday service which we don't usually do. We still aren't including the regular 5:00 casual service experience, though we may be able to do that soon. We originally planned to hold a drive-in service in a parking lot somewhere for Palm Sunday and Easter but the governor's stay at home

order put the brakes on that. I even purchased an FM transmitter so we could broadcast our audio to your car radio.

All of this online capacity—all that I have mentioned and much, much more—was developed incredibly rapidly. Frankly, without a crisis we never would have developed what we have. There were many more people involved with ideas, research, and other contributions than I have mentioned in this article. After the pandemic, I expect we will continue much of our now well-established online presence. God has thrust us into the virtual world, and we will continue to build God's kingdom through these new media. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this adventure and thank you for staying in community through online worship in this midst of this difficult time.



Fr. Jeff at Morning Prayer with others on Zoom

--Fr. Jeff

The Social Challenges of Social Distance

The social distancing and stay-at-home restrictions that have become a necessary part of our lives during the COVID 19 pandemic have been a real challenge for most of us. After a week or two, we had mostly worked out the logistics of getting groceries (even toilet paper), working from home, and how to make a no-sew mask out of a tube sock and two rubber bands. Now we were faced with perhaps the more difficult challenge, what were we going to do all day? In our houses? Alone with our family? No social interaction? Did I mention ALL DAY?

This is when all that technology we usually complain about really had a moment. If you overlook that it enables people to spend entire days binge-watching *Tiger King* in their pajamas while eating chocolate ice cream out of the carton (so I've heard), it has really helped to keep us informed, entertained, and most of all connected.

People in the parish have finding creative ways to spend their time, with and without technology, and we thought we would share a few with everyone.



The always glamorous Christopher family “all dressed up, had a fancy dinner and then watched (some) of the MET high definition performance of *Così fan tutte*”

“And yes, we are doing lots of cooking - trying to balance sweets with savory (and nutritious!). Betha has made many yummy things but of course those lemon macaroons with raspberry buttercream filling were triumphant, I must say!”



The triumphant macaroons.



The Christophers also note that “performing arts organizations have been making their content available (in a streaming format) in many instances for free during this crisis... it is lovely and helpful and generous.” They have been generously sharing their own talents by posting performances from their home on Facebook.



The McCloskey family may not be quite as well known for their performing skills as the Christophers, but under the direction of Andrea, they put together a dance routine to music from *High School Musical* (click the photo to view it on Facebook – it's worth it!) Penelope and Andrea also showed off their piano skills and challenged viewers to “Name That Tune” on Facebook.

To make sure they stay connected, the McCloskey's have scheduled 11:30 each day as a time to interact with someone outside their home.

I was lucky to talk to them on Friday and hear about some of the other things they are doing as a family including read-alouds, taking walks to explore different parts of their neighborhood, keeping in touch with family and friends through Zoom visits and even card games, and crafts. And for those who were wondering, improv has been taking a break, but are starting to think about ways of returning to performing under the current regulations – stay tuned.



[Bishop Audrey Scanlan](#), in her Friday video message, shared that she and her husband have been doing a little hiking on the Appalachian Trail, she has been watching some Netflix on her tablet and is currently reading a book about the founding of Maine, *The Lobster Coast*, by Colin Woodard.



[At the Humphreys-Nordoff household](#), low-tech board games and puzzles have been popular

Many people have mentioned doing jigsaw puzzles – in fact they have been sold out online – but for Darlene, they are an annual non-COVID tradition that started many years ago in Ontario. It is a pastime that provides the comfort of the familiar and happy memories, but in which she finds new meaning this year and she shared these thoughts: “My reasons for working the puzzle are often different: to distract my thoughts when I can’t sleep, to avoid a chore, to relax and enjoy when I see the pieces finally coming together, to just be... No one else in my family is interested in participating with me, but I think they appreciate observing my progress, and that’s ok. Just like the pieces of my puzzle finally fit together after some time, persistence, and patience, I pray the

community, and our government leaders will find answers to help us fit back safely into some, if not all, of the pieces of our lives. May God continue to be with us. May grateful hearts continue to remind us of all our gifts of health, community, intelligence, abundance, generosity, kindness and love. May we continue to try to live in hope rather than fear and to each remain connected as members of the whole body of Christ.”





Taking advantage of the empty parking lot at the mall, Abby practices her driving skills and by making one trip around the outside of the mall, the whole family can fit in a one mile walk for some exercise and fresh air.



Milly Hopkins is with Sarah Hopkins.

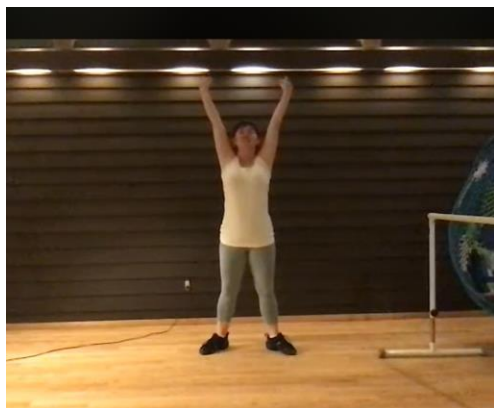
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Sunday, Sarah Hopkins, Ellen Roane, & Zoe Roane-Hopkins came here to plant our side yard, which our Landscape Architect Zoe Roane-Hopkins designed. We were able to talk to them (from a distance), and they ate lunch on our deck, while we stood inside and watched/talked to them. After they left, we discovered that in addition to some masks they brought us, they had also included home-baked cookies.

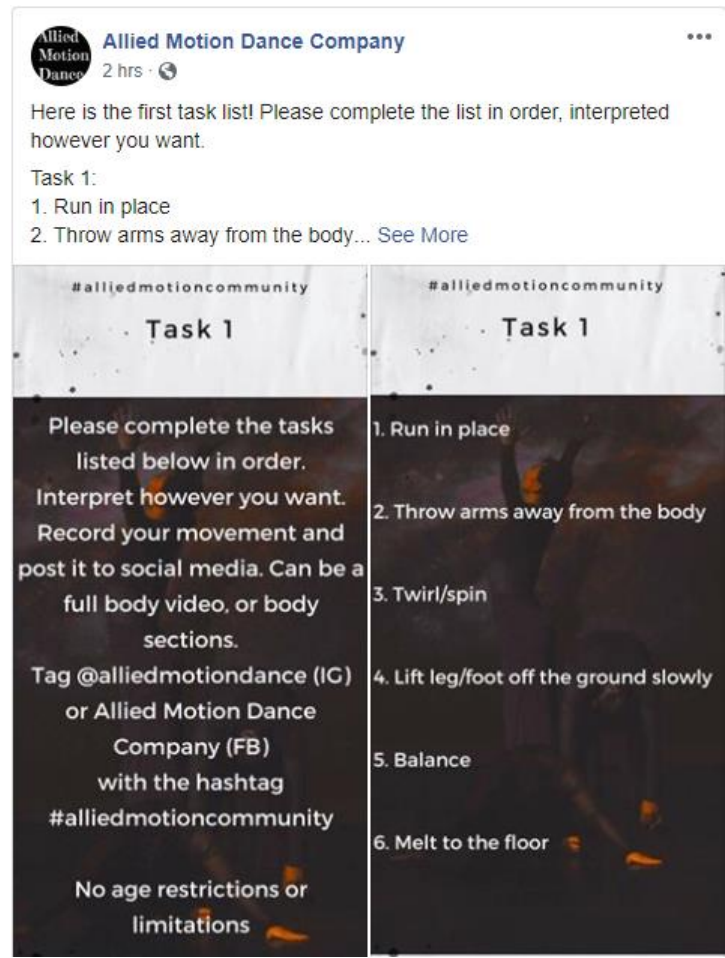


Don and Milly Hopkins have been creatively keeping in touch with family. Milly has been sharing amazing family photos and stories on Facebook that go back generations. The facts and details are so fascinating, you feel like you are part of the family!

To keep in touch with living relatives, the Hopkins family meets periodically over Zoom and has even had lunch with local family members through the dividing wall of the glass door to their deck.



In the early days of quarantine, Caitlin Osborne streamed stretching and beginning ballet classes from her home studio to get us up off the couch and help keep us healthy. (Rumor has it, Fr. Jeff even participated in a stretch class.) She has also been busy choreographing and editing social distance versions of dance projects through her Allied Motion dance company. Caitlin had individual dancers film themselves and then edited the individual clips into one video. Ruth Packard, her friend and fellow dancer, Haylei, and family dog Skye appear in one.



Caitlin is working on a new project enlisting help from the community via Facebook. She will post a series of task lists for participants to complete, film, and send to her. She will use this raw material to create a fabulous work of art. If you would like to participate, you can find the first two task lists here: <https://www.facebook.com/alliedmotiondance/>

Meanwhile, at the Packard house, more time at home means more time for...ducklings!

These six adorable additions to the family have grown from tiny balls of fluff to almost-ducks in two weeks. The kiddie pool is their second home after they outgrew the first. Soon it will be warm enough and they will be big enough to move outside and I am pretty sure that social distancing guidelines do not apply in their case.



Do not visit any Jaenicke Facebook page on an empty stomach. Led by Ted, they have been making the most of their time in quarantine learning new cooking techniques (brilliantly photographed by Alison.) and enjoying the fruits of their labor. According to Ted, “Our projects started with the pretzels because it was something Maggie wanted to make. Then we kept up the baking until our yeast started running out and switched to pasta.”

If you are lucky enough to have some yeast, here is the recipe Ted and Maggie used for the pretzels – Ted thinks it turned out the best, but they all look pretty good to me.

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/alton-brown/homemade-soft-pretzels-recipe-1948242>

It started with pretzels...



then there was the Friday night Chicago deep dish project



...followed by lasagna with homemade pasta, impossible meatballs, red wine sauce, oh, and homemade bread.



And somewhere along the way, they learned how to make bagels!



St. Andrew's Recommends

Please click on the appropriate graphic below to recommend a book, movie, tv show or podcast. By our weekly email on May 6, we will make the database displaying your answers available for your use.



Read Any Good Books Lately?

Book recommendations from fellow parishioners



Dinner and a Movie (without the dinner)

Movie recommendations from fellow parishioners



Previously On...

Television and streaming series recommendations from fellow parishioners



Listen Up!

Podcast recommendations from fellow parishioners

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

ALTAR GUILD

Despite cancelled flower and palm orders and all the uncertainty of the beginning of quarantine, the Altar Guild provided the lovely palms and flowers that you saw in the church during Holy Week. They continue to provide flowers for the altar and group chairs continue to do weekly upkeep in the church when it is empty to comply with social distancing guidelines.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Daughters of the King have continued to meet via Zoom for socializing, sharing prayer requests and Compline led by Linda Hoover.

KNITTING MINISTRY



The Knitting Ministry is active during quarantine and have kept their hands busy at home crafting useful things for their families, friends, essential workers and themselves.

Coordinator Anne Hoag sewed about 15 face masks “before [her] 30+ year old machine gave up the ghost.” Anne’s childhood friend and retired Episcopal priest in Los Angeles shared this knitted face mask with her.



“So cute! But it's no N95 (I say that as if I knew what "N95" meant six weeks ago!). So we think it would be easy enough to knit in a little flap you could tuck a coffee filter into.” For the pattern, click [HERE.](#)

Anne also joined the Arne & Carlos Quarantine Mystery Knit Along (KAL) and has knitted 18 of the patches in the puzzle. The 9000 knitters who joined up don't yet know for sure what it is they're knitting - that's the mystery!

Anyone wishing to KAL (knit along) with the Knitting Ministry is most welcome. The items they need the most now are: (click on the name for a link to the pattern)

[Very Easy Warm Scarf:](#)

[Very Easy Baby Blankets](#)

[Peace Pals](#)

[Baby Booties](#)

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

COMPASSIONATE LIFE

The women of Compassionate Life met recently for conversation, connection, caring, laughter... and coffee (or some other morning beverage.) We'd much rather meet in person; but we're grateful for the technology and Zoom! that make meeting possible.



Compassionate Life "Brady Bunch" style

FRIDAY FILMS

Submitted by Sharon Rovansek



Friday Films does not currently have a scheduled film on its docket, but we plan to screen *Okja*, a heart touching film directed by Bong Joon-ho (director of *Parasite* which won the Academy Award for Best Film in 2020) as soon as we are able. The film delves into the world of animal rights shown through the eyes a young girl's love for her pet. *Okja* will be shown in conjunction with Creation Care and will include a discussion panel of people who work in the fields of agriculture, farming and animal harvesting following the film.

While we wait for *Okja*, we have been watching some great films at home that I would like to recommend:

1. *Slow West*. Determined to find the woman he loves, a Scottish teenager braves the Western frontier of 19th-century America, with bounty hunters hot on his trail. *Slow West* was the Dramatic Winner of the Sundance Institute's World Cinema Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival.

2. *Ip Man Ip Man* is a 2008 Hong Kong biographical martial arts film based on the life of Ip

Man, a grandmaster of the martial art Wing Chun and teacher of Bruce Lee.

3. *Kim's Convenience* is not a movie, but a series that is great for binge watching. The series depicts the Korean Canadian Kim family who run a convenience store in the Moss Park neighborhood of Toronto; parents "Appa" and "Umma"—Korean for "dad" and "mom"—along with their daughter Janet and estranged son Jung. They are a family we can all relate to.



If you have any questions or recommendations for The Friday Films schedule, please let me know at srovansek@comcast.net

Submitted by Sharon Rovansek

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club has approached our time of quarantine by taking a break. Paul Hochreiter writes, "There is nothing to report on the Book Club. I think our previous selection has been forgotten about. That's OK though as I've forgotten about it, too." He suggests that their next selection could be "a book about a pandemic? *The Andromeda Strain*?" Don't lose your sense of humor, Paul.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a May 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.

2 Greg Paulsen	13 Greg Lovisky	20 JudithAnn Rule
4 Greg Ruberto	13 Molly Wells	21 Judy Mitchell
5 Carolyn Holt	13 Mavis Stapleford	21 David Packard
5 Turner Williams	14 Jenna Ruberto	22 Marcia Saiers
7 David Frego-Bliek	14 Janet Engeman	23 Fran Budris
8 Kevin Lowe	14 Gretchen Heim	23 Joan Irvin
8 Caroline Shea	16 Carol McKeever	24 Leah Patzkowsky
9 Elliot Johnson-Pritchett	17 Harold O'Connor	25 William Hartmann
10 Kevin McGarry	17 Caitlin Osborne	26 Robin Tate
10 James LeBreton	17 Marc Rigas	27 John deCarle
11 George Chisholm	18 Christie Orr	29 Todd King
11 Sarah Klinetob Lowe	19 John Bagby	30 Barb Downs

Those For Whom We Pray

Teri, Dick, Molly, Mavis, Don, Joan, Jane, Connie, Beckett, Emmet, Denise, Kevin, Diane, Sara, Emily, David, Robbie, Vicki, Frank, Sandra, Mary, Chuck, Mardi, Ramona, Adam, Cynthia, David, Ken, Marie, Elaine, Avery, Bobbie, Caitlin, Brenda, Sam, Scott, Conor

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

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

Please call or email the office with your prayer requests. 237-7659 office@StAndrewSC.org

or post them on our Prayer Wall <https://bit.ly/StAPrayerWall>

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