

“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



July 2020

The Summer of Coronatide

Ahhhh, summer in State College. The students are gone. The pace of life slows down. You have the opportunity once again to do the Centre County Summer Big Three - the Memorial Day celebration in Boalsburg, the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, and the Grange Fair - each with its historical and local significance. If you make the Big Three, maybe you can get extra credit for also doing the Lesser Three - the Fourth Fest, the People's Choice Festival, and Ag Progress Days. That's a full scorecard of local summer festivities. There are so many other things to do too. Well, usually. This year all of the Summer Big Three have been canceled. Of the Lesser Three, the Fourth Fest is still on, the People's Choice Festival has been postponed, and Ag Progress Days is not happening until next year. What a shame! Not only are the well-established summer activities being affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, some new things are as well. We were to have our first local Pride Parade in June. That turned into an online event. The first ever Juneteenth celebration in State College became a hybrid of in-person and online events. This is all in addition to the necessary changes and cancellations of other beloved summer activities, such as Little League baseball, swimming at the local pool or nearby lake, sports, and arts camps on campus. It all makes for a very different summer in Happy Valley.

I suppose we're getting used to things being different. We've had only online services since March 22. Our buildings are closed except for activity related to the Community Café, which has been served take out only for three months. Lately though, things have been changing. We had our first in-person worship service on June 21. Patrons of the Community Café now have limited seating available on the front lawn when the weather's

good. We are setting guidelines to allow the 12 step meetings in our building again. Yet, even as things change, we are reminded constantly of how different things are and will be for the foreseeable future. They recently announced that the students will be coming back in the fall, only to stay away after Thanksgiving break and finish the semester online. Normal isn't normal anymore. All these changes, the ones that were in place for a long time and the ones that continue to evolve, are tentative anyway. Everything could go back to total shut down if the course of this dread disease dictates it.

What is our Christian response to all of this? We pray, of course. We pray for the 125,000 or so Americans who have died, and the nearly half a million worldwide. We pray for everyone who is currently sick. We pray for everyone who has been personally affected by the disease, those who have been sick and recovered and those who have lost loved ones. We pray for the health care workers on the so-called front line. We pray for those doing research and developing a vaccine. We pray for all public health officials who have the responsibility of making decisions and recommendations that affect so many. We pray for the economic disaster that is still unfolding as a result of the pandemic. In addition to prayer, we do our part to prevent further spread of the coronavirus, keeping distance in public, wearing a mask, and all the other responsible behaviors we've learned since all this began. Finally, we do what we always do, we look out for each other. Keep in touch with each other, especially anyone who lives alone. Reach out to neighbors. Make your own needs known to the church or anyone who can help. It looks like Coronatide is with us for a while. The need for adaptation will continue. The call to love our neighbor is as strong as always.

WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

	Email office@standrewsc.org	Facebook www.facebook/standrewsc/	Zoom various	Twitter @SaintAndrewSC
Monday	Link to sign up for Sunday 5 p.m. worship	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.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
Wednesday		Noonday Prayer 12:15 p.m. *Compline 7 p.m.	Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.	
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.	

* 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>



Morning Prayer

Monday – Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 781 1698 9610

Password: 050859

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.	Facebook Live	www.facebook.com/standrewsc/
5:00 p.m.	In-Church Worship	Register online EACH week by Friday 3:00 p.m.

We continue to celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live. If you can't watch the livestream, you can view the recording on our Facebook page. An email is sent out every Sunday following this service with links to the recording on our Facebook page and on YouTube. (It is the same service – if you watch on YouTube, you will not see any comments made during the service.) You can also find it by going directly to our Facebook page.

If you are ready to come back to church in the building, we are ready to welcome you! We are now celebrating Holy Eucharist in the church at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. If you plan to attend the 5:00 p.m. service in the church, **you must register by Friday at 3:00 p.m. each week**

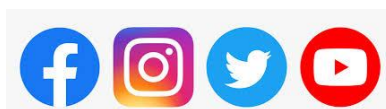
A link to online registration will be available every Monday in an email and on our website. The link is different each week. We will also include a reminder in the Thursday weekly email. If you cannot access the online registration for some reason, please contact the office.

If you decide to attend after Friday afternoon, you can sign in at the door as long as we have space available. If we have already reached our capacity for safe social distancing, we will regretfully have to turn you away. Please help us avoid this situation and register in advance whenever possible.



We encourage you to share this information with any friends or family who may be interested. All are welcome!

KEEP IN TOUCH



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Facebook: www.facebook.com/standrewsc/

Twitter: [@StAndrewSC](https://twitter.com/StAndrewSC)

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkVP-P39s7usXetBZ1ikmxg?view_as=subscriber

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/saintandrewsc/> **NEW!!**

Please like, follow, and share for all the latest information!



May 2020

	May	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2020 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 33,977	\$ 258,343	56%	\$ 460,750
Total Operating Income	\$ 35,683	\$ 270,458	54%	\$ 496,350
Total Operating Expense	\$ 37,023	\$ 213,373	42%	\$ 502,162
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (1,341)	\$ 57,086		

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



June 2020

The vestry met twice in June: a special meeting was convened on June 3 to discuss reopening procedures, and the regular vestry meeting was held on Tuesday, June 16. Both meetings were held remotely using Zoom. Fr. Jeff and the vestry finalized the procedures and regulations for reopening the church to in-person worship, in preparation for the first public in-person worship service held on Sunday, June 21. Physical distancing and mask wearing are being firmly enforced, along with restrictions on overall number of attendees. Signups for in-person worship are being distributed by email each week so that we can plan for the correct number of people.

The parish's financial support is still strong, and looking at the year to date, we are in a solid position. Vestry is grateful for continued financial support from parishioners through contributions and pledges.

I am also honored to report that at the regular meeting, the vestry interviewed me, following the completion of the work of my parish discernment committee, and voted to endorse me for admission to postulancy for ordained ministry.

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

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.

The Community Cafe has exciting news. As many of you know, in May, The Cafe participated for the first time in Centre Gives, the 36 hour online giving event that benefits local non-profits. We knew that we raised \$6,195.00 during the event itself, but just this week, we learned from Centre Foundation that because of stretch pools and prizes, our final total is **\$7,746.77**. This is an incredible amount and will go toward the increased expenses we have incurred during this time. Take-out containers are not necessarily cost effective and we are spending more on ingredients as the number of weekly meals served has increased.

We have recently added an outdoor dining option (weather permitting) for those who wish to enjoy their meal al fresco by the lovely gardens. Tables and chairs are spaced to maintain proper social distancing guidelines, and we have volunteers who will dispense water, lemonade, and coffee.

We have been continuing to maintain the kitchen in Canterbury Hall, and based on the recommendation of our ServSafe expert, we added an automatic dispenser for detergent and drying agents to the dishwasher. This way, the amount of soap added to the machine is always correct and always consistent.



Please keep us in mind if you have extra vegetables this summer. You can call Ron Rovanssek at (714) 514-8875 to arrange drop off. We are always grateful for any donations of fresh produce.

The meal is served on Thursdays from 5pm-7pm, is free and all are welcome.



Sharing Our Stories Series



Sharing Our Stories About: Race and Racism

Sunday, July 12

2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

<https://psu.zoom.us/meeting/95827283226>

Guiding Prompt: Please tell us about a time when race or racism made an impression on you and how this experience might have connected with your journey in faith, or if it connected at all.

These past months have brought attention to many divisions and disparities in our country – divisions based on race, economic status, power, authority, and privilege, to name only a few. For some, these disparities have long been felt as an ever-present reality; for others, the depth and breadth of these disparities is new and surprising. For all, these divisions and disparities are difficult and painful.

In the midst of division, it is easy to talk past each other, waiting for an opportunity to say our piece, not really hearing the voice of our neighbor and, in turn, not feeling heard ourselves. St. Andrew's would like to hold a series of "listening circles" to help us draw on the strength of our community to help us address the challenges of the day. After the time of listening there will be an opportunity to reflect on what we have heard.

Listening circles allow people the opportunity to express their thoughts and feelings and can help people from different social locations develop a sense of mutual understanding and support. Our listening circles will focus on a guiding question or prompt and each person will have one to five minutes (depending on how many people are present) to share their experience. The person speaking is free to share as much or as little of their experience as is comfortable. No one is required to speak, but all who wish to speak will have an opportunity. We listen respectfully to the speaker when it is not our turn, our stories are about us and we do not comment on other people's stories while sharing, and we keep other people's stories private.

The first Sharing our Stories event will focus on the topic of race. While we hope to have many opportunities to share our stories in the future, this first listening event is a bit of an experiment. We look forward to feedback that people have to offer and plan to make decisions about next steps based on the response to the first Sharing our Stories "Circle".

Please email Christina Ford at tapsy@hotmail.com if you would like to attend or if you have an idea for a future Sharing our Stories topic that you would like to participate in.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING- Honest Conversations about Race



Join Bishop Scanlan on Thursday nights in July as she invites special guests to speak with her about race and institutional racism in our local context.

In this series, prompted by our country’s present moment of political and racial tension and unrest, listen for the voice of hope as we seek a way forward in reconciliation and justice.

The bishop will speak with these guests:

July 2, 7:30 PM

The Rt. Rev. Nathan Baxter, X Bishop of Central Pennsylvania and Mr. Anthony Alexander, President of the Nathan Baxter Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, Episcopal Diocese of Central PA.

July 9, 7:30 PM

The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation.

July 16, 7:30 PM

The Rev. D. Marie Tribble, Pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Lemoyne, PA, Counselor and Founder of Face-2-Face Ministries working to help people achieve “emotional justice” after trauma.

July 23, 7:30 PM

Special Guest TBD.

This is a “Bishop out of the Box” event in which our bishop works in innovative ways to reach people outside of our usual context to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

NEW FROM PHILIP JENKINS

I am happy to announce the publication of my new book,

[FERTILITY AND FAITH: THE DEMOGRAPHIC REVOLUTION AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF WORLD RELIGIONS](#) (Baylor University Press, 2020).

FERTILITY AND FAITH addresses a critical theme for the future development of all the world's religions. Around the world, religious change is driven by demography, and specifically by a demographic revolution that has overtaken most societies. Contemporary religion is simply incomprehensible without appreciating that demographic dimension.

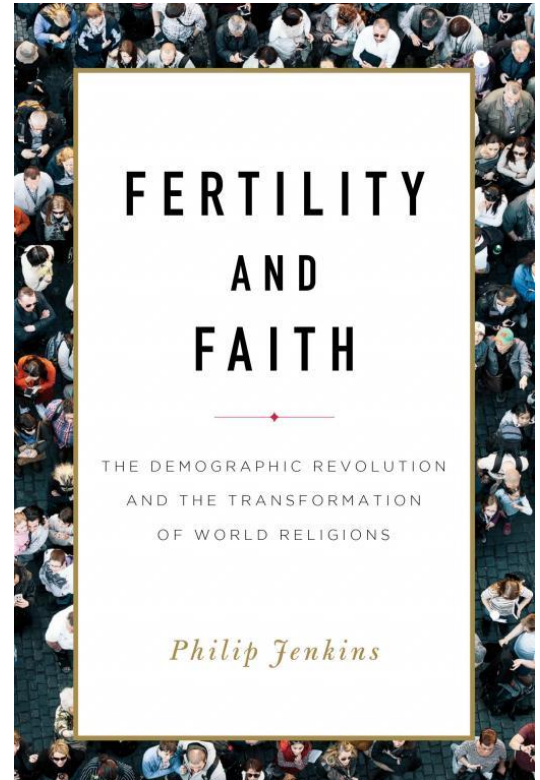
There is an inverse relationship between the fertility rates of a community – the average number of children that a typical woman bears during her lifetime - and that society's degree of religious fervor and commitment. High fertility societies, like most of contemporary Africa, tend to be fervent and devout. But the lower the fertility rate, and the smaller the family size, the greater the tendency to detach from organized or institutional religion. Fertility rates supply an effective gauge of trends towards secularization.

This idea has been explored to some degree as a causal factor in the secularization of contemporary Western Europe, But European-style rapid declines in fertility are now affecting much of the globe, and that those trends will become ever more marked over the coming decades. We would expect the religious character of those other non-European areas to be transformed much like Europe itself, that is, in the direction of sweeping secularization. That is true whether we look at East Asia or Latin America, and now, within the United States itself.

Surprisingly, the Islamic world is also acutely affected. Although so many contemporary nightmares imagine global dangers from supposedly fanatical Muslim masses, in reality, many Islamic nations are undergoing religious change comparable to what has occurred in modern Europe. In different ways, Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and Judaism are all being reshaped by this demographic revolution.

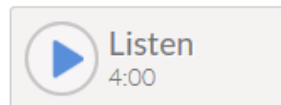
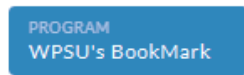
In studying religious developments, demographic change is a bellwether statistic. To that extent God is (and always has been) in the numbers. Or, to adapt the celebrated maxim of Auguste Comte, in the realm of religion, demography is indeed destiny.

That does not of itself supply any kind of death warrant for the great religions, either in Europe or beyond. Rather, in order to accommodate to new social trends, religions have to evolve new means of presenting their views, to address societies where large families with abundant children are no longer the norm. Of necessity, they will develop different emphases concerning morality, gender, and sexuality, and also about the relative roles of clergy and laity in the faith's institutional structures. These demographic changes are certain to cause radical transformations in all religions.



A NEW BOOK REVIEW FOR BOOKMARK ON WPSU BY ALISON CONDIE JAENICKE

By ALISON CONDIE JAENICKE • JUN 25, 2020



Alison Condie Jaenicke reviews "Hear Me Ohio"

Alison Condie Jaenicke recently had a book review published and aired by WPSU.

From the review:

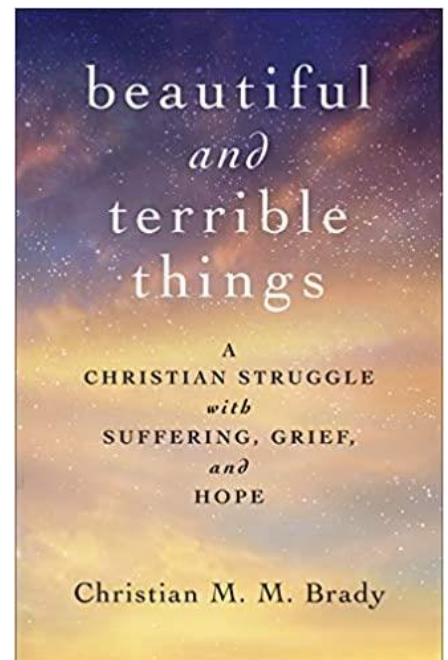
“I bought Jen Hirt’s recently published book while attending a writers’ conference in early March in San Antonio, Texas. The looming threat of the coronavirus almost caused the organizers of the event to cancel, but they forged ahead, and so did I. On my way home, on the day Penn State announced classes would be held remotely for the rest of the semester, I read “Hear Me Ohio.” As I flipped through the book in airports and on planes, I dogeared one page in the essay titled “Arrived to Find” that seemed to foreshadow the world I would arrive back to.”

You can read or listen to the full essay here: <https://radio.wpsu.org/post/bookmark-hear-me-ohio-jen-hirt>

COMING IN SEPTEMBER FROM CHRISTIAN BRADY

Bible scholar *Christian Brady*, an expert on Old Testament lament, was as prepared as a person could be for the death of a child—which is to say, not nearly well enough. When his eight-year-old son died suddenly from a fast-moving blood infection, Brady heard the typical platitudes about accepting God’s will and knew that quiet acceptance was not the only godly way to grieve.

With deep faith, knowledge of Scripture, and the wisdom that comes only from experience, Brady guides readers grieving losses and setbacks of all kinds in voicing their lament to God, reflecting on the nature of human existence, and persevering in hope. Brady finds that rather than an image of God managing every event and action in our lives, the biblical account describes the very real world in which we all live, a world full of hardship and calamity that often comes unbidden and unmerited. Yet, it also is a world into which God lovingly intrudes to bring comfort, peace, and grace.



Pre-order now at [WJKnox Press](https://www.wjknoxpress.com).



Thank you to everyone from St. Andrew's and from all over Centre County for your generosity during the Centre Gives campaign. Your gifts to Interfaith Human Services helped push us beyond our goal. Our total this year was \$40,710, to which the Centre Foundation added \$4,834 in stretch and bonus pool funds. The extra money helps cover gaps in our fund-raising activities this spring caused by the corona virus. Thanks to you we can maintain our work with needy households in the Centre Region.

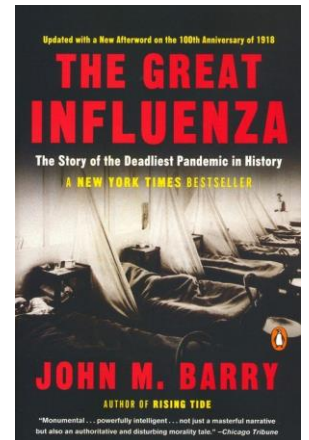
GROUPS, MINISTRIES, & COMMITTEES

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

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 28, 7 p.m.
Room 324

As a result of the whole COVID-19 pandemic, the Book Club is reading John Berry's 2005 nonfiction work *The Great Influenza - The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History* - which has made a commercial resurgence and has been topping the best sellers charts since the COVID-19 Pandemic began. This nonfiction work details the 1918 Spanish Influenza outbreak in the United States and the lessons learned from it as we battle the COVID-19 pandemic. The book is very lengthy (almost 600 pages), and as a result, it would be perfectly acceptable to begin reading the book at part III (The Tinderbox). The St. Andrew's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, July 28th at 7:00pm in Room 324. If for some reason it is no longer safe to meet at the church, we will meet at another location such as a park pavilion, etc. Please plan on joining us!

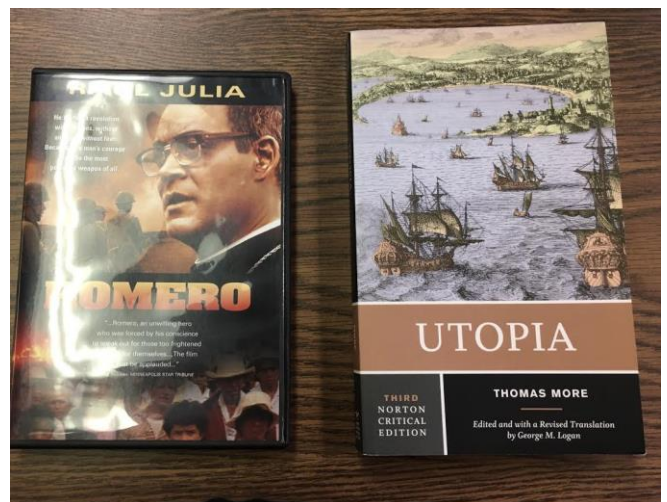


LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The St. Andrew's Library and Archives have been closed while the building is locked, but we do have a few tidbits to share.

There are two new additions to the library. The first is 'Utopia', published in 1516 by Thomas More. The book depicts a fictional island society and its religious, social, and political customs. It is also based on monastery life, so aside from its standing as literary and philosophical classics, perhaps it's also a glimpse into a life that does exist in some places and could potentially exist in others.

The second addition is the film 'Romero' on DVD. Released in 1989, and shown at Friday Films, it depicts the story of Archbishop Óscar Romero who is reluctant to get involved in a war that rages between the military



elite and guerrilla Marxists in his country of El Salvador. As conditions worsen and more churches are desecrated, however, Romero resorts to what he knows best: making speeches. This film is a powerful tale of one man who stood for freedoms and justice for all.

And finally, the Archives has an exciting addition to share. For several months, we have been trying to purchase, at an economical price, a glass cabinet so treasures such as books, letters, and photos can be displayed safely for all to enjoy. We had one purchased from Macy's during their close of business sale, but that fell through and our money refunded when they were forced to close early due to the pandemic.



However, the tenacity of Paul Hochreiter made the failed vision a reality as he tracked one down at the Habitat for Humanity Restore in Bellefonte. It was less than half the cost of the one from Macy's and he even bartered physical labor (he helped carry a huge porch column in exchange for help carrying this) so we could get it loaded and safely delivered to where it now rests in Canterbury Hall.

The only item inside, for the moment, is a beautiful blue glass cross that was given to St. Andrew's by an artist during last summer's Art Fest as a thank you for our hospitality. More items will certainly be added and when the building is open again, we hope it's something everyone can enjoy.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a July birthday and do not 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.



1 Kathy Hickner	14 Melissa Anderson	21 Jeanette Sabre
2 Linda Wallace	15 Kelley Paulsen	21 Linda Selzer
3 Linda Mace	16 Anna Jones	24 Carolyn Bechtel
3 Michele Diaz	17 Steven Smith	24 Lisa Hopkins
4 Sheryl Stout	17 Mary Andrew	25 Denise Person
4 Davis Pagett	17 Sebastian Mainzer	26 Penny Blasko
4 Mackenzie Pagett	17 Jordan Williams	27 Dave DonTigney
6 Robin Bagby	18 Nicholas McNutt	27 Russell Vaught
6 Julie Breuninger	18 Ryan Couch	30 Michael Petrarca
8 Charlotte Wunz	19 Meira Minard	30 Sophia Marsala
10 Patricia Jackson	19 Fred Reed	
10 Julianne Ohashi	20 Dee Pawling	

Those for Whom We Pray

Teri, Dick, Molly, Don, Joan, Jane, Connie, Beckett, Emmet, Denise, Kevin, Diane, Sara, Emily, David, Robbie, Vicki, Frank, Gwen, Marion, Lucy, Beth, Jeffrey, Carolyn, Joe, Michele, Amy

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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