

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

June 2021

Pent-Up Demand

There is a term that economists use: pent-up demand. It refers to a sudden, precipitous increase in demand following a protracted period of lower demand, often caused by a recession. I've heard the term recently, as I'm sure you have, as people talk about our recovery after the pandemic-induced recession. Apparently, there is pent up demand for refrigerators, airline tickets, cars, houses, all sorts of things, and the situation is made worse by a shortage of many products as well. It feels like there is a whole lot of energy stored in the system and it will be released in a sudden, explosive moment.

It may not be a perfect analogy, but I think the Church is suffering from a great deal of pent-up demand, too. In the past four-weeks, I have participated in an ordination, confirmations and receptions, a funeral, a wedding, and baptisms. I don't believe I've ever had so many special services in such a short time frame. We also have three parishioner funerals on hold and three weddings that need to be rescheduled from last summer.

Many of us are experiencing this pent-up demand and can't wait to get back into the church for Sunday services. At the same time, others are still feeling very nervous about being in a public space. Plus, younger children still don't have the opportunity to get vaccinated. We don't expect families to come back all at once. We are trying to accommodate both ends of that spectrum. We are back to having in-person services in the church, at 5:00 on Sundays for now, with the 8:00 to follow hopefully soon (stay tuned). For the time being, the 10:00 Sunday service will continue online only, but I expect it won't be that way for long.

Moving forward, my goal is to have all three regular Sunday services back to in-person worship before the end of the summer. Hopefully, in the fall we will be able to add Christian formation classes and other Sunday activities, as well as activities the rest of the week. We plan to continue live streaming services and are currently looking into the technology necessary to ensure a quality online experience for anyone who wishes to participate in that way. I can even see us providing hybrid options for the adult forums, or possibly posting videos of classes after the fact.

As we move through this transitional period of the pandemic, I ask your patience. It will take us a little while and a lot of effort to crank back up the machinery of our parish to get back to pre-pandemic mode. During this time, we will try to give people opportunities to process the myriad emotions they will no doubt be experiencing. I am planning a liturgical way to acknowledge the enormity of the loss we (as the whole world) have experienced - all the suffering, all the devastation, and all the ways our lives have been disrupted. That special service will take place in the fall so a maximum number of people can participate.

For now, try not to be overwhelmed by pent-up demand. We all want things to get back to normal and I expect we are on our way.

WORSHIP UPDATES

This Sunday, May 30, we are beginning the return to a regular schedule of worship in the church. As a first step, we are opening our **5 p.m. service** for in-person worship. You do not need to register in advance to attend.

If you are not fully vaccinated, you will be asked to wear a mask while inside the church. Masks will not be required for those who are fully vaccinated. We will continue to take some safety precautions including having ushers take the names of those who attend, maintaining social distance, no physical contact during the peace, using hand sanitizer before receiving communion, and receiving communion in one kind only. Singing is now permitted!

We will continue our 10 a.m. service in its current format on Facebook Live only for now. Our plan is to re-open other services one at-a-time over the summer with the goal of having our full schedule of regular services back in the church by fall. We will continue to livestream the 10 a.m. service even after we have returned to in-person worship.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



April 2021

	April	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2021 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 31,012	\$ 203,173	44%	\$ 460,288
Total Operating Income	\$ 33,583	\$ 212,263	44%	\$ 487,488
Total Operating Expense	\$ 44,047	\$ 170,598	34%	\$ 506,242
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (10,464)	\$ 41,666		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



May 2021

The vestry met on Tuesday, May 11, remotely, using Zoom. Although expenses exceeded income during the month of April, the parish is still in a good position from the year-to-date perspective.

The Trinity House ad-hoc committee continues to meet in conjunction with Property Committee to oversee the renovations and repairs needed in order to bring Trinity House up to code. The sewer line at Trinity House needed an unexpected emergency repair this month, which vestry voted to pay for using the Breneman building improvements fund.

In new business, vestry approved the position description and letter of agreement for Robin Bastress to serve as Director of Children's Ministry. The vestry also discussed the effort to launch a ministry of "virtual neighborhoods" in an effort to connect parishioners socially when physical gatherings may still be difficult or impossible. Parishioners should expect to be contacted in the near future as a check-in and to see if they are interested in this type of connection. Vestry also discussed the pace and scope of the worship reopening plan. The current plan is to allow demand (in the form of attendance) to drive the speed with which we proceed back to multiple in-person services.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. Please contact me (kevinlowe33@gmail.com) for the Zoom link prior to the meeting if you would like to attend. Approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING THE WINNERS OF THE 2021 ST. ANDREW'S POETRY CONTEST

Adult Category (19 and up judged by Todd Davis)

1st Prize – “Elephant Lets Go” by Kathleen Morrow

Runner Up – “The Third Time I Attend a Zoom Funeral Mass”
by Marjorie Maddox

Honorable Mention – “Tetragrammaton” by Adam Waddell

Judge's Choice (selected by the Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan) –
“Every Day I Pray” by Mary Shay McGuire

 Submissions accepted March 1 - May 15, 2021 Entries judged and prizes awarded in two categories: Adult (19 and over) Youth (up to 18)	St. Andrew's Poetry Contest 2021 POETRY IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC "Where do you see God working through the chaos of the past year?" PRIZES \$250 First Prize \$100 Runner Up \$ 50 Judge's Choice  Submission details at artsat.standrewsc.org
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Youth Category (18 and under judged by Caroline Shea)

1st Prize – “On Optimism” by Myah Robbins

Runner Up – “I found God” by Rachel Sharrar

Honorable Mention – “All in How You Look at Things” by Brynn Wright

Judge's Choice (selected by the Rev. Jeffrey A. Packard) - “Apart” by Akio Ohmoto

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who participated!

You can read the winning entries on the contest website which is part of the Arts@St. Andrew's blog.

Save the Date: July 10 we are planning an in-person poetry reading and panel discussion at St. Andrew's featuring winning and contributing poets and hosted by Julia Kasdorf. Details to follow.

Prize-winning poems and other selections will be available in a contest anthology available in early July.

See our contest website for more details and check back often for the latest information.

artsat.standrewsc.org

Expect A Phone Call



Members of the parish will be calling everyone on our contact list in the coming weeks. The purpose of these phone calls is two-fold. First, we want to check on everyone as the pandemic wanes to see how people are doing. Second, we want to explain a new “virtual neighborhood” initiative and invite you to participate. The new initiative gives people the opportunity to connect with other members of St. Andrew's for mutual support and fellowship. The parishioner who calls you will explain what it is about. Please take the call when it comes.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our J2A youth group (grades 8-9) closed the year with a picnic at Slab Cabin park and some time of prayer and reflection. The confirmation group will gather for the last time this school year at the Creamery Sunday afternoon June 6th to discuss ideas for their group in the fall. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to church in a more physically present form this fall, after some much needed relaxation over the summer!



Spring is a time of celebrations, blossoming, and new beginnings ...



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



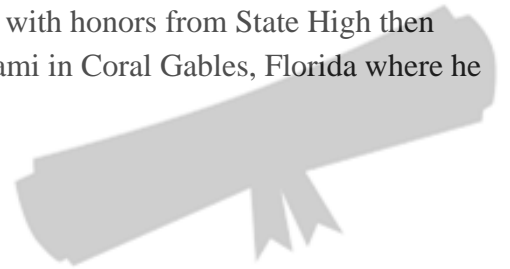
Colton Dash is a senior at State College Area High School. He will be attending Penn State at University Park this coming fall semester and plans on studying Kinesiology. Colton has been an active scout since first grade and has volunteered over 300+ hours of community service through scouting. He has held several positions including assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, troop guide and chaplain. He also had the honor of receiving the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Eagle Scout earlier this year. Colton built a bird observation platform on the new walking trail at the Boal Mansion for his Eagle Scout project and is very proud of his accomplishments through scouting.



Abbey Grace Anne Humphreys has been worshiping at St. Andrew's since she was three years old. She participated in the Godly Play program, church school classes, Vacation Bible School programs, and Rite-13 and J2A. She attended various Diocesan retreats, Happening, and a pilgrimage to Arizona. She served in the youth choir, as acolyte and crucifer, greeter, and church school assistant. She was accepted in Delta Middle Level when it first opened and will be graduating from both the Delta Program and State High. She loved State High music programs; she participated in Grade 9 & 10 choirs and concert bands, Symphonic Band (three years), and Marching Band (four years). In her senior year of marching band, she served as a rank leader and co-spirit leader. Abbey Grace will be attending Penn State this summer in the Division of Undergraduate Studies (Health and Human Development.) She is pictured here with Fergie the Havachon!



Jack Wunz will be graduating with honors from State High then heading to The University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida where he will study history and pre-law.



Samantha Bastress graduated from Chatham University on December 14, 2020 with a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Design. She is currently working as a Graphic Designer in Pittsburgh, PA.





Jack Rovanseck graduated from Fordham with a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Accounting and Finance. He's going to graduate school, also at Fordham, for a Master's Degree in Public Accounting.

Caroline Shea graduated from New York University with a Master of Fine Arts in Poetry.



Jack Bagby graduated from Boston College with a PhD in philosophy. He got distinction on his dissertation defense, titled "Aristotle's Theory of Dynamics: Examining the Ancient Greek Roots Of Process Philosophy."



And on May 12, after the pandemic had postponed the celebration for over a year, our Confirmation Class was finally confirmed by Bishop Scanlan in a beautiful and unique service in the barn at Millbrook Marsh.

**Congratulations to all who were confirmed,
received and reaffirmed their faith!**

Those Who Were Confirmed

Madeleine Jensen Christopher
George Marshall Dawson
Elisa Christina Edgar

Marlee Rose Kwasnica
Duncan Finn Loviscky
Kaleigh Ann McGarry
Simon Jung Murphy

Ainsley Paige Paulsen
Charlotte Elizabeth Wunz
Michele Theresa Diaz

Those Who Were Received

Gregg Rogers

Linda Jean Jordan

Lucy Ann Rogers

Those Who Reaffirmed Their Faith

James Marshall LeBreton







Compassionate Life

Compassionate Life members enjoyed soaking up the blooming of God's creation and fellowship with one another at the Arboretum recently. We are wrapping up our gatherings for the year and will reconvene in September.

All women are welcome! Contact Kathy Hickner if you'd like to be added to our email contact list. youth@standrewsc.org.



FAITH IN ACTION

WANTED: St. Andrew's Representative to IHS

We are looking for someone to represent St. Andrew's by serving on the board of Interfaith Human Services (IHS), a local non-profit social services provider. For over 50 years IHS has acted on behalf of faith congregations in Centre County to help local families recover from financial difficulties. St. Andrew's has long supported them, both financially and by nominating a parishioner to serve on their board of directors. Marion Schwartz has been St. Andrew's representative on the board for many years. As one of the largest churches on their board, we are allowed to have more than one voting member.



IHS has been going through a time of discernment lately--with a careful strategic plan, a fairly new executive director, the expectation of some staff changes, and new opportunities for ministry. It's an exciting time to be working with them.

If you would like to hear more about board membership, please contact Marion at kmarsch09@gmail.com.

ALSO WANTED: IHS Board Treasurer

This is an **additional, unrelated need** from Interfaith Human Services, although one individual could fill both roles if they were interested and qualified. The treasurer position would normally be filled by a board member from one of the member churches which include St. Andrew's. For questions or more information, please contact Marion Schwartz at kmarsch09@gmail.com.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Treasurer guides the financial well-being of Interfaith Human Services, Inc. working with both the IHS Board leadership and the IHS staff.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possess a good foundation of financial, accounting, and budgeting practices and policies.
2. Possess a good understanding of non-profit requirements for (501)(c)3 organizations.

3. Chair the Board's Finance Committee; schedule and conduct Finance Committee meetings.
4. Prepare and deliver financial reports at regularly scheduled Board and Executive Committee meetings.

OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Help to ensure that the Board performs its fiduciary responsibilities.
- Review and make recommendations for sound financial and accounting policies and procedures.
- Advise the organization on proper internal financial controls.
- Advise the organization on tax and IRS reporting requirements.
- Assist in the development of the organization's annual budget.
- Reconcile bank accounts; prepare monthly reports on accounts, assets, and investments.
- Track restricted cash balances for each program
- Serve as a liaison to the organization's auditor.
- Review the organization's annual audit and related financial documents.
- Advise the Executive Director on financial matters.
- Assist the staff bookkeeper.

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

KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday June 13 11:15 a.m.

Via Zoom



"Knitting Ministry will meet on Sunday, June 13, 11:15 - 12:15 via Zoom. Join us! Settle down with your needles and yarn in front of your computer camera and log on! We knit cozy, useful items for Knitting4Peace (News and patterns at <https://www.knitting4peace.org/>). For the first time we have decided to meet during the summer months. We will continue to gather over Zoom and the upcoming dates are July 11 and August 8.

If you would like to come please email anne.hoag@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation link.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, June 29, 7 p.m.

Library (Room 324) at St. Andrew's

Last night, members of the St. Andrews Book Club met at the Church Library to discuss Sylvia Plath's complex semi-autobiographical tale *The Bell Jar* and all of the subliminal messages hidden within the author's words.

In the spirit of the Pandemic's travel restrictions being lifted, the Book Club has decided to take a fun journey and read Jack Kerouac's 1957 classic, *On The Road*.

Please join us on Tuesday June 29th at 7:00pm in the Church's Library (Room 324) to discuss Kerouac's epic journey.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1 Ann Gibboney
2 Dannielle Kroczyński
2 Kate Freeman
2 Ted Jaenicke
5 Cathy Dauler
5 Nathaniel Felsmann
7 Julie Kwasnica
7 Thomas Dauler
7 Mary Evans
7 Mark Patzkowsky
7 Don Hopkins
9 Gilli Cozine
9 Robin Bastress

9 Jean Stump
10 Lori McGarry
13 Chris Marini
13 Natalie Urban
14 Anne Heinsohn
15 Julia Lowe
15 Kathy Johnston
16 Mary Amato
17 James Green
18 Betsy Llewellyn
18 Geoff Rule
19 Ann Shepherd
19 John Mason



20 Anthony Grillo
21 Penelope McCloskey
21 Stephen Mainzer
22 Rob Freeborn
23 Eli Jaenicke
24 Carolyn Donaldson
25 Cindy Law
27 Kaleigh McGarry
27 Jack Rovanseck
27 Linda Jordan
30 Chris Dash

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a June birthday and don't see your name listed, we probably do not have that information in our records. Please contact the office – we may be missing other information, too.

Those For Whom We Pray

Teri, Dick, Molly, Sandy, Mavis, Don, Joan, Jane, Denise, Kevin, Diane, Sara, Emily, David, Robbie, Vicki, Frank, Gernilee, Mark, Myong Oh, Stephanie, Tom, Barbara, Carolyn, David

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean

Our Companion Parish

St. John's, Bellefonte

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