

*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

**August 2021**

## Re-membering the Body of Christ

All through August we will be adding back activities that have been on hold during the pandemic. Our goal is to get back to a full parish schedule by September 12. See the rest of this newsletter for things that are starting up during August. We will have two special Sundays in a row, one to celebrate getting back together, the other to remember all the loss and pain we have been through since March of 2020.

Sunday, September 12, 10:00 a.m.

### Welcome Back Sunday!

- Pajama Day—you've been watching church on TV in your pajamas (don't deny it.) This Sunday, we invite all ages to wear your pajamas to church! And bring some throw pillows for your pew – it's not as comfy as your couch.
- Children's Sermon—Father Jeff will preach a children's sermon at 10:00.
- Sunday School begins.
- Coffee Hour in Canterbury Hall will include festive food and games to kick-off a new year of learning and growing in our faith together through our Christian Formation programs for all ages.

Sunday, September 19, 10:00 a.m.

### Remembrance Sunday

- We will have a special liturgy of remembrance at the 10:00 service.
- We will dedicate a new votive candle stand for the church.
- Candles will be lit to remember all those who have died of COVID 19, our parishioners who have died during the pandemic (none from COVID), our parishioners who have moved away during the pandemic, and to offer thanksgivings for medical workers, vaccine developers, those who administer the vaccine, and more.
- This will be an opportunity for us to lament and mourn as a community of faith and to offer our thanks to God for protection and help during such dark times.



## TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



### June 2021

	June	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2021 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 27,807	\$ 268,196	58%	\$ 460,288
Total Operating Income	\$ 29,373	\$ 280,463	58%	\$ 487,488
Total Operating Expense	\$ 35,582	\$ 244,260	48%	\$ 506,242
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (6,209)	\$ 36,203		

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



## VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry

### July 2021

The vestry met on Tuesday, July 13, remotely, using Zoom. The meeting was briefly interrupted part way through by severe thunderstorms that temporarily knocked out some members' power and internet (downsides of remote meetings!) St. Andrew's remains in a good position financially for the year, although expenses did exceed income in June.

Vestry heard updates on the renovations in Trinity House; the rental code inspection of Trinity House took place on July 13, with only a few final modifications outstanding in order to meet the code requirements. The vestry voted to approve a proposal for installing a radon mitigation system in the house, given our area's typically high concentrations of radon. In addition, vestry voted to approve a proposal from Fr. Jeff for technology upgrades to the church, including cameras, sound, and improved wi-fi, in order to improve our streaming and online offerings.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. Please contact me ([kevinlowe33@gmail.com](mailto: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).

## Gift of New Dossal Honors Gloria Meder

The family of Gloria Meder, long-time parishioner and altar guild member, has presented St. Andrew's with the gift of a new dossal for the side altar to honor her on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. What's a dossal? It is the decorative cloth that hangs against the wall behind the altar. In the past, members of the altar guild changed the dossal to correspond to the color of each liturgical season which required them to climb on top of the altar. The new dossal, fabricated by our own Melody Chisholm using old, new, and handmade parts, incorporates colors from every liturgical season. It will not need to be changed, probably extending the average life expectancy of our altar guild members.

Gloria's family was with her when the dossal was first presented. At the presentation Gloria remarked, "What a blessing to now have an all-season permanent dossal on the side altar in honor of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday."



Gloria with her children, Debbie, Elaine, and David



Presentation of the Dossal



Altar Guild Chair, Teri Smith and Seamstress, Melody Chisholm



## Acolyte Refresher & Training: Youth and Adults are Invited!

Church members of all ages, 5th grade and up, are invited to serve as acolytes.

The service of our acolytes is an important part of every service. You have probably noticed that our acolytes serve as torch bearers and also carry the cross. During communion our acolytes assist at the altar. It is hard to imagine our service without acolytes!

Father Jeff and Deacon Joe will be offering a refresher session for **all current acolytes** in September. A training session for **new acolytes** was held after the 10 a.m. service on July 25. Another training session for new acolytes will be offered in the fall. Acolytes serve at least once a month (or more as they choose). We appreciate everyone who volunteers and serves at St. Andrew's.

For more information, please contact Robin at [children@standrewsc.org](mailto:children@standrewsc.org)



## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

### Welcome back to Children & Youth Programs: Feeling safe to return to in-person classes!

We are looking forward to our fall kick-off for our **Children and Youth programs** on **September 12, 2021**. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church follows the guidelines that are recommended by the Center for Disease Control. These guidelines help us to provide classes that are safe for our children, youth, leaders and all parishioners.

#### CDC guidelines for [Communities of Faith](#):

- Masks should be worn indoors by all individuals (age 2 and older) **who are not fully vaccinated**. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- [Early Childhood Education](#) settings may implement universal mask use in some situations.
- CDC recommends that *schools* maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between *students* within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing by people who are not fully vaccinated, to reduce transmission risk.
- *Students*, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Generally, people can be outdoors without masks.

#### Additional precautions in classrooms:

- Sanitizer
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Washing Hands
- Safe Distancing
- Disinfecting Surfaces



Please feel free to email Kathy or Robin with your questions, suggestions or concerns.

Kathy Hickner & Robin Bastress  
[youth@standrewsc.org](mailto:youth@standrewsc.org) [children@standrewsc.org](mailto:children@standrewsc.org)

## Youth Dessert Night

Sunday, September 19

7 – 8:30 p.m.

Location TBD



Youth from both current groups (grades 9-12) are invited for dessert and a time of reflection to mark the start of a new school year on Sunday September 19th from 7 to 8:30. Location is to be determined - stay tuned!

## Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 22

Following the 10 a.m. service

In front of the church



Our traditional ***“Backpack Blessing”*** will be held before our school year begins this year! Everyone is invited to bring their backpacks, laptops, briefcases or school/work bags of any kind to receive a blessing from Father Jeff and Deacon Joe! This is a special reminder that God is with us as we go about the business of our days, and an important boost of courage as we enter new school/work routines after the challenges of this past year.

The blessings will occur after service in front of St. Andrew’s. Father Jeff and Deacon Joe will be available for people/ families who attend service and for those who would prefer to have school/work blessings by car. Beginning at 11:20 a.m., you may meet at the stairs or drive past the front of St. Andrew’s, as we have done for picking up our palms. They will be there for blessings until 11:45 a.m.

***Extra, Extra!*** We are adding an idea for outreach. If your classroom(s) share a list for school supplies to bring for the new school year, please consider choosing a second set to donate to the classroom. These supplies may also be blessed on the 22nd. If anyone needs help with school supplies this year, please reach out to Kathy [youth@standrewsc.org](mailto:youth@standrewsc.org) or Robin [children@standrewsc.org](mailto:children@standrewsc.org).

## UPCOMING

### Lunch on the Lawn

Sunday, August 29

Following the 10 a.m. Service

Front lawn

After the 10:00 service on Sunday, August 29 we will have a picnic on the front lawn of the parish life center. All food and drink will be provided. We will serve mini sub-like sandwiches, sides, cookies, drinks, etc. dished out by folks wearing masks and gloves. So, just bring yourself and your family. Seating will be provided on the front lawn (or bring a blanket) with some shade canopies. In case of rain, we will sit in Canterbury Hall.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ST. ANDREW'S SPIRIT WEAR SALE

ORDER DEADLINE – AUGUST 9!



Time is running out to order your St. Andrew's Spirit Wear from Collegiate Pride at our online store. There are options for everyone; you can choose to pick up your purchases at the church for no charge or pay to have them shipped directly to your door. We can't guarantee wearing one of these great garments will make you as cool as the McCloskeys, but it will be a great way to celebrate our church community as we gather together again this fall.

To see all available items and to place your order, go to

<https://www.bit.ly/BeTheChurch2020>



## The Sermon on the Mount

A Class on Zoom

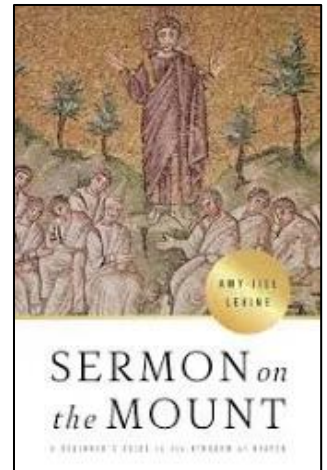
7 - 8 p.m.

**JUST ANNOUNCED:** Author Amy Jill Levine will be joining the August 18 class via Zoom!

August 4 – Chapter 4 “Our Father” led by Deacon Alex  
August 11 – Chapter 5 “Finding Your Treasure” led by Fr. Carlos  
August 18 – Chapter 6 “Living Into the Kingdom” Final Session

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81095037129>

Meeting ID: 810 9503 7129



Join us for a study of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. We will use the book by that title, *The Sermon on the Mount*, by Amy-Jill Levine. Father Jeff and other priests from the Altoona Convocation will take turns leading the class. Join us to learn about one of Jesus' most well-known teachings from the perspective of a Jewish scholar of the New Testament. Amy-Jill Levine also wrote *Short Stories by Jesus* which our Compassionate Life group recently studied.

## The Community Café

Executive Director Ron Rovanseck has announced that effective Thursday, August 26, the Community Café will return to in-person dining ONLY. They will no longer be offering takeout dinners as of August 26<sup>th</sup>.

Service hours have also changed and dinner will be served from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.

Ron adds, “All are welcome! We look forward to seeing everyone in-person once again.”



## OUTREACH

### YMCA ANTI-HUNGER PROGRAM TRUCKLOAD SALE EVENT

Set up: August 2 – 5

Sale: August 7, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Hills Plaza, South Atherton Street



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Walmart has graciously donated eight truckloads of items for the YMCA to sell with all the proceeds to benefit the Y's Anti-hunger program. Many volunteers are needed to help price and set up the items for the big sale. Please click on the link below to register. Available times, information, and explanation of the required tasks can be found at the link. Volunteer opportunities are available for assembling and staging items in advance and lifting and carrying items, shopper assistance, and security on the day of the sale.

To register, go to <https://bit.ly/YMCA-AntiHunger>



## INTERFAITH HUMAN SERVICES AUCTION

### Auction Item Donations Needed



Once again this year, COVID has prevented our intrepid rector from rappelling off the top of a multi-story building, and therefore Interfaith Human Services is staging an on-line auction to raise money for its good work. Items will be collected in September for the auction in early October. Please don't throw away any household treasures in the meantime.

Also, if you have any ideas about businesses we might approach for donations of products or services please let me know. Such items are very popular on the auction site.

Marion Schwartz ([kmarsch09@gmail.com](mailto:kmarsch09@gmail.com))

## 2021 State College CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 17

1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

It's not too early to start thinking about this year's CROP Walk. 25% of the total funds we raise go to the State College Food Bank, and the rest to Church World Service to be used in relief and hunger-fighting efforts wherever it's needed most. Join us for an easy 5K walk through downtown State College during the most beautiful time of the year!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2021

CROP HUNGER WALK

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time



Register to walk and/or make a donation here: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/statecollegepa/> Any questions, please contact Julie Kwasnica.



Last Year's CROP Walk at St. Andrew's



## 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.*

### FRIDAY FILMS

Friday, August 6

7 p.m. in Canterbury Hall

#### The Wizard of Oz (1939) Not Rated

When a tornado rips through Kansas, Dorothy and her dog, Toto, are whisked away in their house to the magical land of Oz. They follow the Yellow Brick Road toward the Emerald City to meet the Wizard, and en route they meet a Scarecrow that needs a brain, a Tin Man missing a heart, and a Cowardly Lion who wants courage.

Pre-packaged snacks and drinks will be served. Admission is free and all are welcome. If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you wear a mask.



### KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday August 8, 11:15 a.m.

Room 324 – In Person

AND Via Zoom

Knitting Ministry will meet on Sunday, August 8, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. We will resume meeting in the church library, Room 324, for those who are comfortable doing so *and* continue over Zoom for those who do not wish or are not able to attend in person. 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/>).

The upcoming 2021 dates are September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12.

If you would like to attend via Zoom, please email [anne.hoag@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hoag@gmail.com) and she will send you a Zoom invitation link.



### BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 17, 7 p.m.

Library (Room 324) at St. Andrew's



For the month of August, the Book Club has chosen to read Emily St. John Mandel's *Station Eleven* - a fictional post-apocalyptic tale of a group of nomadic artists, traveling the Great Lakes region after a flu/pandemic has ravaged the nation in an effort to keep the remnants of art & humanity alive. *Station Eleven* was a 2014 finalist for the National Book Award.

Please join us for discussion

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** If you have an August 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 Duncan Loviscky  
1 Norah Greenert  
3 Betty Bechtel  
4 Paul Hochreiter  
4 Bob Ayer  
5 Dick Meyer  
5 Aedan Ellis  
5 Evin Ellis  
6 Sally Marley  
6 Tyler King  
7 Kendall Mainzer

13 Garrett Mitchell  
13 Steve Hopkins  
13 Darla Houseman  
13 Joan Bouchard  
14 Zach Paulsen  
15 Wendi Keeler  
16 Joan Blasko  
16 Bryson Christopher  
17 Walter Wells  
17 Sharon Rovanseck  
17 Andrea de Carle

20 Liz King  
26 Milly Hopkins  
27 Thomas Valentine  
27 Cian Hildebrandt Nelson  
28 Robert Heinsohn  
29 Matthew Brant  
29 Karen Marsala  
30 Melinda Pugliese  
30 Gregg Rogers

### Those For Whom We Pray

Teri, Dick, Molly, Sandy, Mavis, Don, Joan, Jane, Denise, Diane, Kevin, Sara, Emily, Robbie, Vicki, David, Frank, Mark, Tom, Zach, William, Huie, Laurene, Stephanie, Barbara, Jordan, Jimmy, Joe, John, Beth, Jane, Don

### Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt

### Our Companion Parish

St. John's, Bellefonte

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