

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 2022

Order Out of Chaos

How do we find meaning in the world? How do we decide that the universe is not simply a random series of events with no overall purpose or goal? I suppose that one could conclude that there is no true order, and therefore no true value, no true justice, but that seems to me cynical and faithless. As soon as we entertain the idea of God, a divine creator and one who cares for creation and its creatures, then we are obligated to seek meaning and seek to serve the divine purpose.

Chapter one of Genesis tells a story of creation in which order is brought out of chaos. In this case, the story seeks to explain how the universe came to be, but we can read it as a metaphor for the story of our search for meaning, how we look for God's hand and God's purposes in the randomness that surrounds us is our own way of bringing order out of chaos. If we live in a totally random world, we are born, we live, we die, end of story. If we live in God's created order, the story goes on. Jesus' resurrection stands as a capital "T" Truth that we choose to believe, one that shapes our experience of the rest of life. Human suffering suddenly has meaning. Each human life, no matter how seemingly insignificant, has value. Death is no longer the end, but a new beginning, a doorway to a new and more abundant life. Resurrection gives us a new magnitude of order within the chaos we know in our daily lives. On the first day of a new week—the eighth day, if you will—there is a new creation, one that subsumes and supersedes all that came before.

Living in this new creation is a choice we make daily. Watching a war of aggression by Russia against Ukraine could send one to the depths of despair. But in this new creation we find ourselves looking for God's invisible hand in this horrible history unfolding before us. We find ourselves asking: how can I help? We feel a connection to those who are suffering not because we know them but because Our Lord suffered for us, and for them too. We pray for the ones under attack, and we also pray for the attackers, not because we want to, just because the crucified one told us to. After all, he prayed for the ones who crucified him. Praying for our enemies may not be the kind of order we want to find in the universe. It would be more satisfying to see our enemies dead before us like the Egyptians on the shore of the Red Sea at the exodus, but having chosen to believe in a God-creator whose essence is love and who implanted love in the creation as its natural end, what else can we do?

Discovering meaning in life is hard work. It is a communal activity. We engage in it through our shared prayer and worship. There are other ways too. Our poetry contest is an experiment in public theology. We hope to invite people into a conversation. This year the conversation is about how we care for the creation in which we live, the one given to us by the creator who gave us responsibility for its upkeep. It was not a coincidence that Mary Magdalene mistook the risen Jesus for a gardener. The first Adam was a gardener by vocation. Jesus came to be the second Adam to teach us about the new creation. Let us know what you think about our calling to care for creation. Submit a poem, or two or three, to the contest. Have fun uncovering meaning and creating art. Being creative is part of the image of God in which we were created. We honor God in our creativity.

If you are reading this, you have probably already decided to live in a universe that is filled with meaning and purpose. During this Easter season may we remember that the meaning and the purpose we find in the resurrection of Jesus is love, life, hope, and light.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



March 2022

	March	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2022 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 34,713	\$ 180,284	40%	\$ 453,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 36,762	\$ 187,609	39%	\$ 481,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 39,620	\$ 127,389	25%	\$ 506,519
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,858)	\$ 60,220		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



April 2022

The vestry did not meet in April due to conflicts with Holy Week. A report from our May meeting will appear in the June issue of the *Net*.

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. The next vestry meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 10. Approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

St. Andrew's Poetry Contest 2022



Submissions accepted

March 28 - May 22, 2022

in Youth (up to 18) and
Adult (19 and over) categories

CARING FOR CREATION



PSALM 24

1 The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it,
the world and all who
dwell therein.

If the earth and all that is in it are God's, how do we honor
and care for the world, its resources, and all who live here?

Prizes

\$250 First Prize
\$100 Second Prize
\$ 50 Judge's Choice



Submission details at
artsat.standrewsc.org

WORSHIP



Choral Evensong at 5pm

Sunday May 1, 5 p.m.
Church

Reception, 6 p.m., Room 325

On Sunday, May 1, the Adult Choir will present a service of choral evensong. Music will include the evening canticles in C by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Preces and Responses by Richard Shephard, and the anthems ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL by Thomas Tallis, and AN EVENING HYMN by Simon Lole. Keith Diehl will be our guest organist, and the Rev. Gene Tucker, rector of St John's in Huntingdon, will be the officiant.

As part of our continuing safeguards during the pandemic, the choir will sing while wearing masks. Masks are now optional at St. Andrew's for the congregation. A reception will be held in Room 325 after the service.

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 touch us and to draw us closer to the presence of God.

The next evensong will be October 1 at 5 p.m.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: Youth and adults are invited!

[Have you considered serving as an acolyte at St. Andrews?](#)

ALL church members, ages 5th grade **and up**, are invited to serve as acolytes.

The service of our acolytes is an important part of every service.

Father Jeff and Deacon Joe will offer training sessions for those interested in acolyting after the 10 am service. Acolytes serve at least once a month.

For more information, please contact Robin at children@standrewsc.org

Welcome to our new acolyte, **ROB NEWTON!**

Thank you to Rob Newton for bringing his acolyting experience to our team!

Rob is a cradle Episcopalian, and he was an acolyte as a child. He grew up in a military family moving around a lot. He is currently an officer in the Air Force and studying full-time at Penn State, pursuing a PhD in Industrial Engineering. His plans are to eventually teach at the Air Force Academy in Colorado.



NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Thank you to our Maggie! Best Wishes for your summer!

We are so grateful to Maggie Bond who has been working as our nursery attendant this year. Maggie is a junior at Penn State studying sociology and educational theory and policy with minors in French and social justice in education. In addition to working with our staff and children, Maggie works as a research assistant and as an RA. She also facilitates restorative circles with the Students' Restorative Justice Initiative. This May, she will be teaching about social justice issues in Washington, D.C. Public Schools through the D.C. Social Justice Fellowship with the College of Education.



Maggie says that she has absolutely loved being able to work in the nursery this year, and she is excited to see everyone again this fall! We are excited that we will see YOU this fall, Maggie!



Teacher Appreciation

Sunday, May 22
During the 10 a.m. service

Save the date! We will show our appreciation for our nursery volunteers, our church school teachers, and our youth leaders on May 22.

Our thanks to:

J2A

Daniel Foster
Deborah Morton
Kelley Paulsen

YAC

Jason McCloskey
Kathryn Yahner
Ruth Packard

Rising Youth:

Mary Beth Hoffman
Kitty Mussett

Godly Play:

Amy Pritchett
Liz King
Marisa Ferger
Meira Minard
Julie Kwasnica

Nursery:

Maggie Bond
Betsy Llewellyn
Andrea McCloskey
Julie Kwasnica
Morgan Jones
Mary Beth Hoffman
Marisa Ferger

Thank you to everyone who has supported our children's and youth ministries.

Gratefully, Robin Bastress
814-404-3812
children@standrewsc.org.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

A Pilgrimage fundraiser you won't want to miss!

Our J2A Youth are planning their pilgrimage for 2023 now, which includes earning part of the money required. You can help by spending the evening at Big Spring Spirits with friends, enjoying good food and drink, playing Trivia, and maybe even winning money yourself. What could be more fun or easier than that?

Direct link to the registration page:

<https://www.bigspringspirits.com/shop/trivia-night>

From the main menu on the web page:

Go to PA Shipping, and then scroll through the inventory to find Trivia Night. After you book the table, remember to check out.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday, June 13th

Join us for an extra night of Big Spring Team Trivia, a fundraiser for the St. Andrew's youth group! CASH prizes for first (\$200) and second (\$100) place. Team Entry fee is \$40 per team, maximum of 4 players per team. (If you are a solo player in search of a team, purchase a solo ticket for \$10 and we will find teammates for you).

- Doors open at 5p.m., with full bar and a special food menu available
- Trivia--six rounds!--will begin at 7p.m.
- -Enter a Team (4-person max) \$40 and let us know your team name
- -Enter as a solo player \$10 (and we will find you a team)

Once you enter the number of players, book your table and enter your team name, you must click on the CART to check out and pay your entry fee. **ONLY AFTER YOU PAY AT CHECK OUT WILL YOU BE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED.**

J2A

The J2A class (8th-10th graders) will be venturing out on their Urban Adventure trip May 13-15 in Washington DC. They'll be working together on a scavenger hunt in the city and worshipping at the National Cathedral! Please pray for their safety and their time together!

YAC

Our older youth met in April for a dinner with J2A, after which they filled Easter eggs for our young Easter egg hunters! We finished the night with worship in the church.



It might not have felt quite like Spring on Easter Sunday, but it looked like it at St. Andrew's thanks to the beautiful decorations made by the children and youth.



Congratulations, High School Graduates!

Our high school graduates will be recognized at the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday May 29 with a prayer and a gift. What a pleasure to watch our young people grow up!

Kaleigh McGarry is graduating from State College Area High School and will attend the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle next fall. At State High, Kaleigh served as a Peer Advocate, played on the Girls' Basketball team, and was a member of the National Honor Society. At the UW, she plans to study political science and history.



Simon Murphy is graduating from State College Area High School. Simon plans to attend Penn State University this fall. Simon is devoted to his family's cats and enjoys skiing. He played soccer for many years and has been involved with diocesan youth events. He recently became certified as an EMT in the state of Pennsylvania.

Danny Mussett graduates from Bellefonte Area High School on June 9. During his time at BAHS, he ran Cross Country and long distance for Track and Field. During his final banquet for Cross Country, Danny earned the Leadership award along with the highest GPA award. He enjoyed his role as team captain for three years. Danny will attend Penn State with the goal of completing his degree in Actuarial Sciences in the Smeal College of Business.



Ainsley Paulsen is graduating from State College Area High School. Ainsley plans to take a gap year next year in Colorado, near her older siblings, followed by college in Colorado. Ainsley loves animals and is considering veterinary sciences as a possible major. Besides her love for her two dogs - boxers Scout and Stella Blue - and her kitten Ripple, she has enjoyed music, diocesan youth events, lacrosse, singing in Rock Band Ensemble at the high school, and photography.

UPCOMING



BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Sunday, May 15 – following 10 a.m. service
Front Lawn

Bikes (and bikers) of every kind are welcome – bicycles, tricycles, motorcycles – all will be blessed on the front lawn following our 10 am service. The blessing will be followed by a lap around the church block for those who wish to participate and refreshments.

Bring your bike and bring a friend!

Toot-in-Common Spring Concert

Monday, May 23
7 p.m., Church

On Monday evening, May 23, St. Andrew's parishioner, Judy Moore, will lead Toot-in-Common, in an hour-long program featuring classical, popular, and contemporary works written or arranged for flute choir. and contemporary selections written just for flute choir. A reception will follow the performance. A good will offering will be accepted to help support the group. For more information, please contact Judy at flautodolce@comcast.net.



OUTREACH

The Community Café

After a two-year pandemic break, and in compliance with the diocese and with the Café Board, the Community Café will return to in-person dining on May 12. We have updated our coffee, dessert, and salad areas and are meticulously following all ServSafe protocols.

Meals will be served every Thursday from 5 - 7 p.m.

Goodie bags and fruit/vegetable boxes will still be passed out as long as supplies last.

PLEASE NOTE: **Meals** will not be available for take-out effective May 12. They will be served for in-person dining only.

We are excited to be able to enjoy good food in good company again. Everyone is welcome!



The Café will participate in Centre Gives again this year, the Centre Foundation's 36-hour online giving event designed to support the great work of local nonprofits serving Centre County. Past contributions have helped the Café purchase or update equipment and cover additional costs for things like take-out containers during the pandemic. Please consider donating through CentreGives May 10 - May 11 when your gift will go further with the addition of funds from a stretch pool. In the organization list, we are listed as “The Community Café at St. Andrew’s.”



May 10, 9 a.m. to May 11, 9 p.m.

CentreGives.org

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 Rovanseck at rrovansek@pacewater.com.

And if you are able to give to a second organization during CentreGives...

Interfaith Human Services / CentreGives

Do you all remember standing outside Meyer Dairy last December to help Interfaith Human Services raise money to help local families in need? Thank you! You did great work!



Now you don't even have to go outside to help IHS. Between **May 10 at 9:00 am and May 11 at 9:00 pm** you **can contribute to IHS through CentreGives** and additional funds from a stretch pool will be added to your donation.

Interfaith Human Services is a collaboration of faith communities (including St. Andrew's) and public supporters to help our low-income neighbors in need. IHS assists families facing immediate financial emergencies, as well as people who need long-term one-on-one guidance to achieve financial stability. In addition, we run our Free Furniture and Appliance Recycling Program for low-income individuals or families and the Centre County Fuel bank.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, May 27, 2022
11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Canterbury Hall

Schedule online at redcrossblood.org or
Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

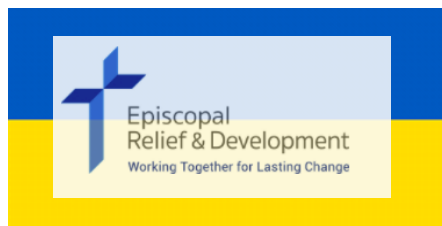


The need for blood is critical. Please sign up today.

Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) aid for Ukraine



Your donation to Ukraine Crisis Response Fund will help ERD, working with Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, to provide humanitarian assistance including food, shelter, water and basic supplies, to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine.

For more info: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

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.

COMPASSIONATE LIFE

May 3 and May 17

9:30 – 11 a.m., Room 325

The women of Compassionate Life will meet together twice more in May before our summer break. Tuesday May 3rd we will have a time of reflection together through the practice of sacred meditation on scripture called *Lectio Divina*. Tuesday May 17th we'll enjoy a celebration, location to be determined. Newcomers are always welcome! Email Kathy Hickner to be added to our mailing list. youth@standrewsc.org

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Saturday, May 14, 12:30 p.m.

Room 119

The Prayer Quilt Ministry will meet on Saturday, May 14 to continue our work on baptismal quilts. We like to keep a few in surplus to be able to present to the newly baptized.

KNITTING MINISTRY / ST. ANDREW'S PEACE POD

Sunday, May 15, 11:15 a.m.

Library (Room 324) and Zoom



Join us for fellowship and prayerful/mindful making with our hands for others.

Join us May 15 following the 10 a.m. service (~11:15) in the Library or by Zoom. All are welcome. We are knitters, crocheters and weavers with a connection to the Centre Region and/or to St. Andrew's. The Zoom link is <https://psu.zoom.us/j/2897917610>.

One of our members reached out to Knitting4Peace to inquire about their connections to aid organizations working in Ukraine and with refugees. She received this response:

"We have been able to get a few deliveries to the Ukraine border and in those there have been some really beautiful yellow and blue pieces. If you would like to make some Peace Pals with yellow and blue,

they will be set aside for the occasion that we have someone who will have their feet on the ground over there and can get items to those in need."

The group plans to make some Peace Pals to send.



Future Dates for 2022 are Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 14, Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11. Anne Hoag will email the mailing list a few days in advance if there are any changes. To be added to the email list, contact Anne at anne.hoag@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 24

7 p.m., Room 324 (Library)



For the month of May, the St. Andrew's Book Club will read Sarah Broom's 2019 National Book Award Winner for nonfiction, *The Yellow House*. This memoir chronicles over 100 years and generations of the author's family and their ties to a narrow, yellow-painted, shotgun style home in the then promising neighborhood of New Orleans East up until it was wiped off the map in 2005 by Hurricane Katrina. "The Yellow House is a brilliant memoir of place, class, race, the seeping rot of inequality, and the internalized shame that often follows."

Please join us on May 24 in Room 324 to discuss *The Yellow House*. Newcomers and visitors are always welcome.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

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.

Those For Whom We Pray

Sandy, Dick, Erica, Teri, Molly, Mavis, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Sara, Emily, David, Vicki, Donna, Robbie, Joan, Don, Jane, Zach, Ty, Jordan, Kelley, Beth, Jimmy

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric

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