

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

July 2022

The Rhyme and Reason of our Poetry Contest

The original vision for our poetry contest was to contribute to public discourse on a topic of substance and concern. The topic of our inaugural contest in 2021 was life during the pandemic and how God was working through the chaos. We asked the poets who had submitted work to "Poetry in a Time of Pandemic" to share their thoughts on a theme for this year's contest. Creation Care easily emerged as their most suggested and passionate interest, and we chose it as our theme for 2022.

Because we are not simply a poetry contest but a ministry of the church, we include discussion by a panel of experts in our reading event. As we did last year, we will have three panelists: Todd Davis, a poet, professor of environmental science, and our adult category judge last year; Greg Williams, an Episcopalian, member of St. Luke's in Altoona, and volunteer with Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light who oversees the planting of trees around the state... lots of trees; and Rhonda Rumbaugh, the director of operations for the ClearWater Conservancy, a local non-profit dedicated to land conservation and stewardship.

I hope you will be with us at our reading event. It begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 16, the Saturday during Arts Festival. We expect the panel discussion to begin around 2:30 after a brief break with refreshments. The winners of the contest will be present to read their poems. Our guest poet Marjorie Maddox—one of last year's winners—will host the reading and share her poem. The contest anthology, our book of winning poems, featured poem, and selected contributions, will be available for purchase that day.

This poetry contest represents the confluence of several modes of inquiry around the chosen topic. Obviously, the artistic impulse and expression is given voice in the poetry itself. It also provides an opportunity for the exploration of our faith as it relates to an important aspect of our common life, as well as morality, social justice, and ministry. Each topic will give us the chance to learn and get involved with the ongoing public discourse that surrounds it. This year it is the environment, the climate crisis, and caring for God's creation. Next year we can delve into another topic.

Part of the beauty of this approach is the ability to engage with new communities. People with an artistic background, regardless of their faith position, can come to the table with us. People with a passion for the given topic can get involved. People of faith, whether they are Episcopalian or not, Christian or not, can take part. With this poetry contest, its in-person event and its published anthology, we are attempting to bring together people who would not normally interact with one another to focus on something important and to contribute to that ongoing discussion.

Dare I say that the poetry contest is a form of evangelism? In the sense that we are reaching beyond our walls to invite people into deep conversation and engagement with a topic that is important to them. Perhaps as we build these relationships, we can continue to share our faith and ministry. Who knows where God will lead us or those with whom we engage?

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



May 2022

	May	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2022 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 38,758	\$ 253,149	56%	\$ 453,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 42,540	\$ 267,033	55%	\$ 481,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 38,785	\$ 209,982	41%	\$ 506,519
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 3,756	\$ 57,050		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



June 2022

The vestry met on Tuesday, June 14, remotely, using Zoom. Many thanks to Sandy Schwartz for stepping in as acting clerk for the meeting as I was not able to attend.

Vestry took care of some financial matters recommended by Finance Committee, including updating the list of individuals authorized to conduct transactions on our endowments, and moving the savings account associated with the columbarium into a managed endowment fund. In other business, vestry adopted a policy on the use of security cameras in the church building, as recommended and developed by the ad hoc Safety Committee. The installation of security cameras and use of closed-circuit monitoring will help maintain safety in the building, as it was deemed undesirable to lock the building and reduce access to the church. Vestry also accepted the letter of agreement for the employment of the Rev. Ted Christopher and accepted the revised Welcome Statement to be printed in the bulletin each week. Vestry gratefully acknowledges the work of the parishioners who initiated the change in wording and helped draft the new statement.

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, July 12. Approved vestry minutes are available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

Funding Penn State Campus Ministry

We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Ted Christopher onto our parish staff. His title is Assistant Rector. His job description is mainly to function as on-campus chaplain reaching out to the university community—the students, faculty, and staff. How are we able to afford this ministry given that we continue to operate under an austerity budget? In 2002, Helen Chelius died. She was a long-time member of St. Andrew's known to her friends as "Chu." In her estate, Mrs. Chelius provided two bequests to our parish. The first provides an annual income that supports the ministry of our Altar Guild. The second was an endowment of \$50,000 that was intended to support an assisting clergy person on our staff. It is titled our Curate Fund and the income can be used for this purpose while the principal is not to be touched. That fund has grown to over \$180,000. It is by using this money that we are able to afford to hire another staff person.

Ted continues to work full-time as a professor at Penn State in the music department. His work for the parish is one-quarter time, about 10-12 hours per week. That isn't a lot of time to devote to this important work. However, with his current pay and benefits, plus ministry operational expenses, we are easily able to fund this position for a minimum of three years, and hopefully more. Ted will also be exploring possible grant funding to supplement his chaplaincy work and we are open to partnerships with other parishes in our convocation or across the diocese.

We are thankful for the generosity and foresight of Chu Chelius and her willingness to support the ministry of St. Andrew's. Please remember to consider the parish in your estate plans.

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE CHANGE for Arts Festival

Sunday, July 17

On the Sunday of Arts Festival, July 17, we will have only **one worship service at 9 a.m.**

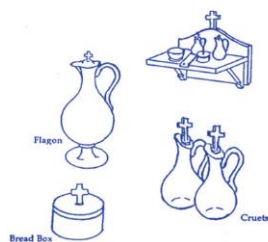
ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild is always looking for more members! If you have a yen to serve God and his Church, but not a lot of time to devote, Altar Guild could be a perfect way to add a ministry to your life. We have four small teams, so each team works only once a month for an hour on a Saturday and the services on Sunday plus an occasional wedding or funeral. We dust, swat stray cobwebs, vacuum, straighten the things in the pews, clean and polish silver, vest the chalice, set up and clean up the altar, wash communion glasses, and launder linens.

Learn to handle beautiful sacred items and where they fit in our worship.

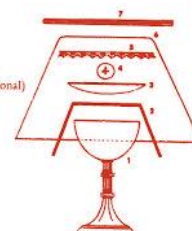
Anyone interested in being added to a team can call or email Teri Smith, 814-238-5964, ssmith2124@aol.com.

"As I handle holy things, grant that my whole life may be illuminated and blessed by You."



A Vested Chalice

- 1 The Chalice
- 2 Purificator
- 3 The Paten
- 4 The Priest's Wafer (optional)
- 5 Linen Pall
- 6 Silk Veil
- 7 Burse



Lift Your Voice, Rejoicing!

You may have noticed that since we returned to in-person services, the choir stalls are not as full. Before the pandemic, membership totaled 24 singers. Due to a number of COVID-related and non-COVID factors, we now have 16. Of those 16, not all are able to sing each week. The Adult Choir particularly needs tenors and basses, but all voices are welcome.

Some of you may have thought about singing in the choir but are not sure if you want to make the commitment. During the summer we do not rehearse on Thursday evening and all the music is kept simpler. We have two suggestions:

1. The Adult Choir rehearses at 9 a.m. before the 10 a.m. service during the summer. Consider sitting in on one of these rehearsals, learning the music, and interacting with current members. If you feel comfortable, you could even sing with the choir for the service. We have plenty of robes!
2. On Thursday, August 18, we will host a short rehearsal in the church, 7-7:30 p.m., with refreshments following. This could be a good way to "get your feet wet" without feeling any pressure.

Music is an important part of worship at St. Andrew's, and the choir has always been a vital part of the life of the church. We are, like other churches, entering a rebuilding phase. We hope there are some of you who would like to join the choir family and help us rebuild. We thank you in advance!



My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION

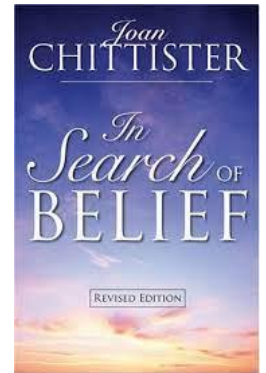
In Search of Belief, by Joan Chittister

July 24, 31, and Aug 7, 14, and 21

9 a.m. Sunday mornings, Room 324 (Library)

What do we believe as Episcopalians? What's up with reciting the stilted language of the Apostolic and Nicene Creeds anyways?

These Sunday morning discussions, led by Amy Pritchett, will step through Joan Chittister's book, *In Search of Belief*, which discusses the myriad ways to interpret the creeds in our modern age. Her writing is flavored with her very strong concerns about social justice and a major emphasis is on not just rote recitation of the creed, but deep thought about what it does mean to each of us, and how we decide what we believe.



Feel free to come to any or all the discussions – a link to purchase the book can be found at: <https://www.joanchittister.org/books-page/search-belief> -- thoughts and questions welcome to Amy Pritchett, amypilot@icloud.com

CONGRATULATIONS, KARL!

When Karl Zimmerer started the **Education for Ministry (EfM)** program, he probably did not imagine this is the way he would finish. EfM is a four-year program in theological education offered by The University of the South since 1975. It invites participants into small, mentored groups that meet in local settings and online to complete a curriculum that “develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity.” Pre-COVID, Karl completed three years of EfM as part of a group at St. Andrew's, but it was not feasible for St. Andrew's to offer the program this past academic year (2021-2022).

We just received this update from him:

“I completed the 4th year of the EfM program and graduated! I was one of a couple non-local members of the robust on-line group based at Grace Episcopal in Norwood, Massachusetts. In mid-June, I participated in the program's in-person graduation ceremony that was held at the Convent of Saint Margaret in Duxbury.”

Congratulations, Karl!

For more information about EfM,

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/>



ADULT FORUM COORDINATOR(S) NEEDED



The Adult Formation Committee is seeking new ideas and leaders to re-start the Adult Forum program this fall. The Adult Forum meets at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Presenters offer lectures and discussions on a wide range of topics. Some ideas that have been generated include viewing and discussing videos of the Great Courses or other spiritual/religious content, engaging in theological reflection on the lectionary, and meeting every other week instead of weekly.

If you have ideas about topics you would like to see at the Adult Forum and/or are interested in coordinating, please contact Christina Ford (tapsy@hotmail.com).

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH PROGRAMS

J2A

J2A Trivia Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who came out to work their minds for a good cause at the Big Spring Spirits J2A Trivia Fundraiser in June! We raised a really helpful amount of money for the J2A pilgrimage to upstate New York summer 2023. Special thanks to organizer, trivia master, and J2A parent Lucy Rogers!

News from our CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Summer News: We are OPEN!

When your family is home from summer adventures, the Nursery is Open for all children.

We look forward to our summer of dancing, reading, playing & learning together.



Arts Festival

Cool Kids Oasis

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days

Canterbury Hall



Find a cool place to relax with your children while you enjoy some pie in Canterbury Hall. We will be there Friday and Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. The children may draw, play with toys, and enjoy a cool reading spot. Older children may help us create a welcoming banner with inspiration from all that they have seen and enjoyed at the Arts Fest! For more information email: children@standrewsc.org



Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts™

At St. Andrew's

July 14 – 17


St. Andrew's Poetry Reading and Panel Discussion

Saturday, July 16

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

1 p.m. Poetry Reading

3 p.m. Panel Discussion



**CARING for
CREATION**

**PANEL
DISCUSSION**
2:30 p.m.

"Caring for Creation" 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? Whatever your beliefs about spiritual presence in the universe, how should we relate to the natural world we inhabit and to the perils it currently faces?

**ANTHOLOGY
RELEASE**

Includes prize-winning poems and selected entries from our 2022 poetry contest. Copies will be available to purchase.

Also livestreamed on facebook.com/standrewsc.org/

Details and more information at artsat.standrewsc.org

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

208 W. Foster Avenue, State College, PA

POETRY READING

Saturday, July 16

1 p.m.

Hosted by Marjorie Maddox

Featuring prizewinners and contributors to our poetry contest anthology

Kathleen Morrow * Judith Sornberger * Rebecca Pierre

Discussion hosted by the Rev. Jeffrey A. Packard

Panelists include

Todd Davis

poet and Professor of English and Environmental Studies at Penn State, Altoona

Greg Williams

Director of Creation Care efforts for PA Interfaith Power and Light

Rhonda Rumbaugh

Operations Manager for Clearwater Conservancy



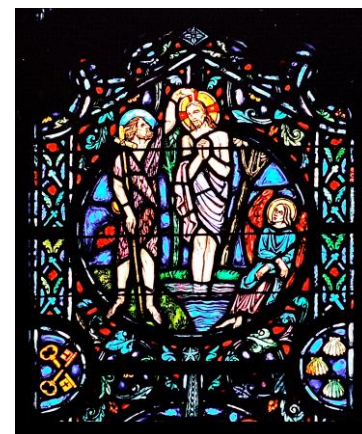
Stained Glass Window Tours

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16

10 a.m. to Noon

Meet in Narthex

Cathy Dauler will be leading tours of our stained-glass windows during the Arts Festival again this year. Even if you see them every Sunday, you are certain to learn something about their history, fabrication, or images depicted and leave with a new appreciation.



Community Café Pie Sale

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or until pies run out

Canterbury Hall

See Community Café article under “Outreach” heading for details.

Cool Kids Oasis

Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., or until pies run out

Canterbury Hall

See description under “Children and Youth” heading for details.

Sunday Worship at St. Andrew’s

Sunday, July 17

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OUTREACH



The Community Café

After two years, the Community Cafe will host its famous pie sale during the Central PA Festival of the Arts. On Friday, July 15 and Saturday, July 16, we will sell substantial slices of pie for \$4 and for just \$1 more, you can top your treat with a scoop of Meyer Dairy vanilla ice cream. We will also sell whole pies. Prices will vary on those based on the type. A pumpkin pie will be cheaper than a pecan, for instance (no shade thrown at pumpkins and the people who love them).

If that alone isn’t enough, venture inside Canterbury Hall where the coffee and lemonade are free, as well as the air conditioning.

The types of pies will be endless: peach, strawberry, blueberry, mixed berry, rhubarb, pumpkin, apple, and more, but the supply won’t last long. We are looking for donations of pies to help make sure no one goes away disappointed. This year however, we cannot accept cream pies. If you have any questions about the type of pie you wish to donate, please contact me.

We also need volunteers to sell pie. If you would like to help, just follow this link:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/20f0b4ba9ad2ea13-community2> to sign up for a time slot. I actually think selling pie is great fun!

The sale will last from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day or until we are sold out. Fair warning: you want to make this the first stop to have the best choice and as you know, this will be the best deal you will find anywhere at the Festival.

All proceeds will benefit the Community Cafe. Thank you for your support.

Submitted by Sharon Rovansek

Interfaith Human Services Seeking Donations for Fall Auction



Interfaith Human Services (IHS) is currently collecting items to offer for bids during the 2022 Community Care Auction, September 6 through 11. If you have something to donate, please contact Marion Schwartz (kmarsch09@gmail.com) to obtain a form which must be completed and submitted with each item. The description you include on this form will be what is used on the auction site. Please make the item as appealing as possible.

If you have questions about used items, please do not hesitate to ask. Season tickets to sporting events or the theatre, are another great option for donation. If you own or represent a business, sponsorship opportunities are available.

Any questions can be directed to Marion Schwartz.

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 / ST. ANDREW'S PEACE POD

Sunday, July 12, 11:15 a.m.
Library (Room 324) and Zoom



Knitting Ministry will meet July 12 following the 10 a.m. service in the library. Joining by Zoom is an option as well; please email Barb Downs at downsbarb@hotmail.com to receive a Zoom invitation and link.

All are welcome. We are knitters, crocheters and weavers with a connection to the Centre Region and/or to St. Andrew's.

Last month we shipped 85 useful things collectively made with our hearts, hands, and needles to K4P, including:

- 18 baby blankets
- 37 Peace Pals
- 4 scarves
- 8 hats
- 3 sets of booties
- 1 bib
- 10 washcloths



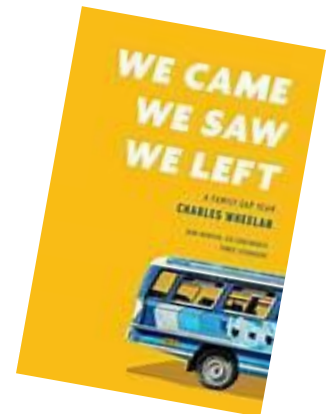
Future Dates for 2022 are August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13, and December 11. Anne Hoag will email the mailing list a few days in advance if there are any changes. To be added to the email list, contact Anne at anne.hoag@gmail.com.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 5
7 p.m., Breuninger home

For the summer, the St. Andrew's Book Club has gotten into the spirit of travel; we are reading Charles Wheelan's memoir *We Came, We Saw, We Left: A Family Gap Year*. The book chronicles the author's 2018 journey with his wife and their three teenagers spanning nine months and six continents, and getting them into all sorts of unusual and hilarious situations.

Julie and Jamie Breuninger will host the discussion at their home on Tuesday, July 5 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join us.



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	10 Julianne Ohashi	20 Dee Pawling
1 Roxi Thoren	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 DonTigny
6 Robin Bagby	18 Nicholas McNutt	27 Russell Vaught
6 Julie Breuninger	18 Ryan Couch	28 Robyn Newton
10 Patricia Jackson	19 Meira Minard	30 Michael Petrarca

Those For Whom We Pray

Sandy, Dick, Jamie, Penny, Mena, John, Mavis, Erica, Molly, Teri, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Sara, Emily, David, Vicki, Donna, Robbie, Joan, Don, Jane, Beth, Zach, Ty, Jordan, Stu, Amy, Chrissy, Mike, Curtis

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric

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