

The monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Connecting us in community and in Christ

October 2022

Faith In Action

As I write this, the images of devastation that was caused by Hurricane Ian in Florida are fresh in my mind. So far, the loss of life has not been overwhelming—thank God—but the loss and damage to property is staggering. Looking at the pictures, it is hard to imagine how they will recover. Our media has been bringing us lots of images of destruction lately. Putin's war in Ukraine that started last winter is ongoing, indeed appears to be reaching a new level of commitment from the Russian ruler. I have a similar reaction to the pictures of bombed out buildings, the physical manifestation of people's lives being disrupted in such a personal and total way. I try to imagine my home being destroyed. I try to put myself in the place of those who have been injured, suffered the loss of loved ones, and have been displaced by the violence so far beyond their control. Honestly, it seems too much. I don't know how I would find the strength to go on. I can't imagine that they feel much hope in those circumstances.

We Christians are people of hope. It is in our DNA. The message of the cross is the assurance of God's presence and help even in the worst possible situations. All through the Scriptures, we see God making a way where there is no way, the resurrection being the ultimate example. However, in the moment it can be hard to see this. While one is in the valley of the shadow of death, it can be hard to imagine that there is a light shining anywhere or that it will ever shine in your life again. We've all had dark times in our lives. The past two and a half years of the pandemic certainly have taught us that our circumstances can change quickly and unexpectedly with horrible results, and that life itself is so unbelievably fragile. We may still be carrying the effects of pandemic life. It may have us primed to react to the trauma we witness on the news with a greater than expected emotional response. These things have a way of accumulating.

Looking to the Psalms as a deep well of human experience and emotion in the context of faith, we may turn to Psalm 130 that begins, "Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication." Here the psalmist's expression may resonate well with us in a moment of fear and desperation. Even in that moment there is a faith and a looking to God for help and comfort. It goes on, "I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my hope. My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the

Psalm 130 *De profundis*

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- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
For with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

morning.” Simultaneous longing and faith come across; hope in the midst of darkness. I don’t know if these words alone would comfort those who have lost their homes and all their possessions either to natural disaster or senseless war, but they speak of a bottom that holds, a baseline of belief that colors all our experience. Perhaps these words and our faithful response to the destruction we see on our screens will be a comfort and an inspiration to those currently experiencing the darkness. The losses are overwhelming and if we think we have to face them ourselves, we will see nothing but darkness. But God calls us together in tragedy. We support one another, even those we don’t know on the other side of the world. Our denomination’s public expression of God’s love is embodied in Episcopal Relief and Development. A donation of any size will go to help people suffering wherever they may be. It may feel like a drop in the ocean, but many drops make a wave and a tide. ERD partners with other organizations and local people to bring relief to those suffering and help with recovery. Along with our prayers, ERD is our church’s faith in action.



[Ukraine Crisis Response Fund](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/)

For more info:

<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

CAMPUS MINISTRY

TED Talk

How do you build a campus ministry from the ground up? Well, at Penn State anyway, you start with the students. All religious and spiritual organizations on campus are student organizations. They might be affiliated with larger organizations or denominations, but the campus ‘presence’ is student-based, student-centered, and student-led. So, since last summer, I have been sending out feelers and inquiries to students I knew who might be interested in taking the lead with Episcopal at Penn State, and I am delighted to report that we have an executive staff and an official student group ‘re-certified’ at Penn State! Episcopal at Penn State is up and running! Our President is Emily Sterk, a PhD candidate in Spanish Literature, our Treasurer is Maggie Bond, a senior in Sociology/graduate student in Education Policy, and our Secretary/Events Coordinator is Stephanie Bunt, a PhD candidate in Architectural Engineering. Maggie and Stephanie both attend worship at St. Andrew’s, and Emily attends worship at St. John’s Bellefonte. All three are wonderful leaders for Episcopal at Penn State.

Last Wednesday was the Religious and Spiritual Organization Fair on the lawn at Old Main. Episcopal at Penn State showed up – placed between the Wesleyan/Lutheran/Presbyterian cohort and the representatives from Hillel, the reformed Jewish student organization. We were in good company! It was nice to meet our brothers and sisters in campus ministry and we look forward to creative ways to partner with each other.





In the days and weeks ahead, Episcopal at Penn State will have some announcements about new initiatives and worship opportunities on campus. Once we begin on-campus worship, we hope that you will join us – as you are able. As with everything, we will start small, confident that the Holy Spirit will show up. Thanks for your prayers and good wishes. Here are some pictures of Episcopal at Penn State on the lawn at Old Main at the Religious and Spiritual Organizations Fair!

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



August 2022

	August	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2022 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 28,521	\$ 339,206	75%	\$ 453,000
Total Operating Income	\$ 30,493	\$ 360,604	75%	\$ 481,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 42,918	\$ 335,462	66%	\$ 506,519
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (12,425)	\$ 25,142		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Kevin Lowe, Clerk of the Vestry



September 2022

The vestry met on Tuesday, September 13, in the Parish Life Center, for the first time in-person since before the beginning of the pandemic. Vestry checked in on the general state of ministries and activities across the parish and discussed ways to encourage participation amid the complications of pandemic fatigue. The vestry unanimously endorsed Assistant Rector Ted Christopher for ordination to the priesthood, and appointed Kelley Paulsen as a replacement alternate delegate for Diocesan Convention which is taking place this month. In addition, vestry appointed Julie and Jamie Breuninger as our parish representatives to the board of Out of the Cold Centre County.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are always open to all parishioners. The next vestry meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, at 7pm, in room 325. Approved vestry minutes are always available on our website ("Clergy, Staff & Vestry" under the "About Us" tab).

WORSHIP

EVENSONG

Sunday, November 6

5 p.m., Church

Reception following

6 p.m. Room 325



On Sunday, November 6, the choir of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will present the service of choral evensong. The Rev. Gene Tucker, rector of St. John's, Huntingdon, will be the officiant.

Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the Office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy.

After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world. This is the form used at St. Andrew's

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.

Please join us for this service. Bring some friends! A reception will follow in Room 325. The next evensong will be Sunday, February 5, 2023.

IN THE DIOCESE

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**WEARING GOD
BOOK STUDY**

**WEDNESDAYS
AT 7:00 P.M.
ON ZOOM**

**OCTOBER 19 -
NOVEMBER 16**

wearing **GOD**

Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other
Overlooked Ways of Meeting God

LAUREN F. WINNER
Author of Still: Notes on a Mid-Faith Crisis

Five Wednesdays,

7pm, on Zoom:

Oct 19: Clothing

Oct 26: Smell

Nov 2: Laboring Woman

Nov 9: Laughter

Nov 16: Flame



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8763410820?pwd=NE50LzQ4Y1o4Qk9qWU1VY25XR3NqQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 341 0820

Passcode: 556RN3

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Many of us may be accustomed to calling God by a few familiar names: Father, shepherd, King. But the Bible is filled with a rich variety of images of God that are sometimes strange and surprising. In this five-week study of *Wearing God* organized by Kevin Lowe, we will explore some of these unfamiliar biblical depictions of God, inviting us to experience God in new ways, and revealing God to be much closer and more intimate than we may imagine. All are welcome to participate.

Lauren Winner is Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality at Duke Divinity School and an Episcopal priest.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

YOUTH

Announcement from the Director

It is with many feelings that I announce our upcoming move to Michigan summer of 2023. My husband Mike has accepted a position at Michigan State University in East Lansing and will begin work there in January 2023. Our children and I will follow after our oldest son graduates from State High in June 2023.

I will continue as the youth coordinator through December of this year, and then remain as a volunteer next winter and spring to launch the J2A pilgrimage.

I have seventeen years' worth of rich memories of you and St. Andrew's to take with me. Thank you so much for your kindness towards me and your support of our wonderful children and youth!

With gratitude for all the worshipping, learning, laughing, and serving we've done together in this particular location in the Body of Christ,

Kathy Hickner

Rite 13

Our newest group of youth in grades 6 – 8, - Rite 13 - is hereby official; they have painted their handprints onto the youth wall of fame in Room 330! Thanks to our fantastic leaders Alison Jaenicke and Sian Packard, and sub, Andrea deCarle! This group meets twice a month, alternating between evenings with dinner and mornings after the 10:00 service.



J2A – grades 9 - 11 - is back in action and preparing for their pilgrimage to upstate New York late June of 2023! They kicked off the year making Episcopal prayer beads. J2A meets two Sunday evenings a month for dinner and lessons, guided by the fabulous Daniel Foster, Deborah Morton, and Kelley Paulsen.

Farewell to Kathryn Yahner

Some of Kathryn Yahner's former J2A group members and fellow leaders gathered to give Kathryn a blessing (and a popsicle) and to reminisce before she packed up her car and moved out west. God be with you 'til we meet again, Kathryn!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRIDAY FILMS

Friday Films are back! They will be shown in Room 325, admission is free, and all are welcome. Here is the line-up for the rest of 2022. Details on individual films will follow.

Prince of Egypt (1998)



Friday, October 14, 7 p.m.

Rated PG

1 hours, 39 minutes

Produced by Dreamworks, this is an animated musical adaptation of the Book of Exodus that follows the life of Moses from being a prince of Egypt to his ultimate destiny to lead the Jews out of Egypt. The film features the voices of Val Kilmer as Moses and Ralph Fiennes as Rameses as well as Michelle Pfeiffer, Sandra Bullock, Jeff Goldblum, Patrick Stewart, Helen Mirren, Steve Martin, and Martin Short.

Back to the Future (1985)



Friday, November 11, 7 p.m.

Rated PG

1 hours, 56 minutes

In this time-travel comedy directed by Robert Zemeckis and starring Michael J. Fox and Christopher Lloyd, Marty McFly, a typical American teenager of the Eighties, is accidentally sent back to 1955 in a plutonium-powered DeLorean "time machine" invented by a slightly mad scientist. During his trip back in time, Marty must make certain his teenage parents-to-be meet and fall in love - so he can get back to the future.

White Christmas (2016)



Friday, December 13, 7 p.m. Not Rated
2 Hours

The classic film we all know and love. With music by Irving Berlin, including, of course, "White Christmas," starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney, and Vera-Ellen, and filmed in Technicolor and VistaVision, if this doesn't put you in the holiday spirit, I don't know what will.

OUTREACH

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, October 7
11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Canterbury Hall



Schedule online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/october.html> or

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)



There are few things spookier than a blood shortage, so we're scaring up donations! Schedule your appointment at our blood drive on October 7. All who come to give will get a treat - a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.

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



October 31 – November 13

St. Andrew's will once again host Out of the Cold overnight guests this fall; necessary renovations are not complete at the new OOTC building. We will be asked to provide two hosts each night from 8 to 10 p.m. and dinner and breakfast each day. Please watch for a sign up coming soon and consider volunteering.





2022 STATE COLLEGE CROP HUNGER WALK

Sunday, October 16

University Baptist and Brethren (UBBC)

1:30 p.m. registration; 2 p.m. walk begins

This year's CROP Walk will begin at our neighbor, University Baptist and Brethren Church at 411 S. Burrowes Street. The ongoing war in Ukraine, on top of the pandemic and other disasters is causing a global food crisis. Millions are on the brink of famine. The CROP Hunger Walk and the funds we raise will feed the hungry in our community and around the world.

To join St. Andrew's Purple People Feeders use the link or QR code TODAY!



[Join or Donate TODAY!](#)



Please contact Julie Kwasnica if you have questions or need more information.



Fall Community Outreach Opportunities From Children and Youth Ministries

Children and Youth Ministries would like to share **FIVE** opportunities for fall outreach to meet the needs and provide support for families and children in our community.

1. To help with Fall and Holiday Food needs, the State College School District is requesting **gift cards from Walmart, Giant, and Weis** for families in need this holiday season. To be able to collect and distribute the gift cards, we will need donations or actual gift cards **by Sunday, November 6th**. (During the week, donations can be brought to the Church office.) If you plan to donate, you can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BA9AD2DA31-gift>
2. St. Andrew's **Community Cafe** is an outreach ministry of our church. With food donations from numerous sources such as grocery stores, the State College Area Food Bank, and local farmers, a team of volunteers from within and without the congregation puts together a **hot meal that is offered free of charge** each Thursday evening to anyone in the community. Many of our guests are families with young children and international students. The Café also serves a complete Thanksgiving meal each year, offering food and companionship that not everyone can take for granted during the holidays. You can donate to the Café with a check payable to St. Andrew's and "Community Café" in the subject line or come to a dinner and leave your donation in the collection jar. To learn more, see the Café's Facebook page [Facebook Link](#).

3. **Mt. Nittany Elementary and Middle School 7th Annual Clothing Drive** : Donate & Shop at no Cost!

Friday, November 4 – drop off donations 4 – 6 p.m. (Gently used clothing, coats, shoes, boots, backpacks, accessories, gently used toys, sports gear, and household items accepted. All sizes needed – infant to XXXL.)

Saturday, November 5 and Sunday, November 6 – Shop at NO Cost.

Everyone is welcome to bring donations **AND** Everyone is welcome to come get needed clothing and household items. Address: 656 Brandywine Drive State College, PA 16801
(Volunteers are always needed: Children@standrewsc.org)

4. Some families are having significant **Food and Transportation Needs**. Monetary donations may be made through the **SCASD Education Foundation** using the Mental Health Matters Fund - Community Support Donations & Volunteers at <https://scasdfoundation.org/donate/>
5. Families in need are able to request **Household Items** including health/toiletries, cleaning supplies, and school supplies: A quick and easy way to donate is by using the **Target Registry** link: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/scasdvoleunteers>

As always, if your family has needs, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you from Children and Youth Programs,

Robin and Kathy

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.

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Saturday, October 30
12:30 p.m., Room 119

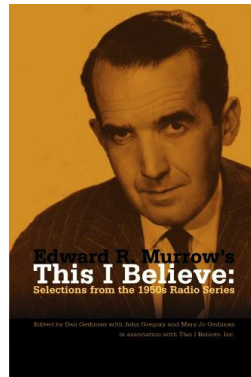
The St. Andrew's Prayer Quilt Ministry will meet on Saturday, October 30, at 12:30 in Room 119 in the Trost Wing.

If you have any questions, please call Michele at 814-574-9639.

COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Thursday, October 6
9:30 a.m., Room 325

The Compassionate Life group is reading Edward R. Murrow's *This I Believe: Selections from the 1950s Radio Series*, a collection of very short essays that we can read aloud together each meeting and then discuss.



We have moved back to Thursday meeting dates this year, meeting from 9:30-11 a.m. in Room 325. Our October dates are October 6 and October 20. All women are welcome! Email Laurel Zydney with questions.

KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, October 9
11 a.m., Room 324 – In Person
AND Via Zoom

The mission of the Knitting Ministry is fellowship and prayerful/mindful making with our hands for others. We will continue to knit cozy, useful items for Knitting4Peace (News and patterns at <https://www.knitting4peace.org/>).

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

The upcoming 2022 dates are November 13, and December 11. All are welcome!



BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 1,
7 p.m., Room 119

With holidays at the end of November and December, the Book Group has changed their schedule; we will skip October and meet at the beginning of November and December, returning to the end of the month for our meeting in January. The next meeting will be November 1 in Room 119.



The Book Group selection for November is *The Best Short Stories 2022: The O. Henry Prize Winners*.

This edition of the prestigious annual story anthology contains twenty prizewinning stories chosen by Guest Editor Valeria Luiselli from the thousands published in magazines over the past year. They include stories by a mix of celebrated names and emerging voices and translations from Bengali, Greek, Hebrew, Norwegian, Polish, Russian, and Spanish. The winning stories are accompanied by observations from the winning writers on what inspired them. Newcomers and guests are always welcome!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have an October 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 Theodore Marini
2 John Austin
3 Scott Strouse
3 Ron Rovansek
4 Maggie Jaenicke
5 Chrissy Krasnansky
6 Gabe Hickner
7 Pam Couch
8 Michele Marini
9 DrueAnne Schreyer

9 Lauren Cozad
14 Zachariah Rigas
17 Paul Markowski
17 Emily Grosholz
19 Sara Conkling
21 Maggie Crispell
21 Walter Zimmerman
22 Ava Jacobson
22 Matthew Thompson
22 Kathryn Yahner

23 Scott Kroczyński
23 Jean Beierlein
24 Josh King
26 Bill Wallace
27 Sarah McNutt
27 Mickey Hwozdek
28 Owen Jacobson
28 Sam Patzkowsky
30 Roger Balmer
31 Bobbie Jo Leitzell



Those For Whom We Pray

Sandy, Dick, Mavis, John, Mena, Betty, Janet, Jane, Joan, Don, Stu, Beth, Joe, Laura, Jordan, Ty, Isa, Lee, Marya, Madeline, Molly, Curtis, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Robbie, Sara, Emily, Vicki, David, Fran, Daniel

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt

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St. John's, Bellefonte

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