

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 2023

Our Common Life

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)
"For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." (1 Corinthians 12:13)

For two thousand years the church has used the common cup for Communion. Symbolically it represents the one-ness of the church under our One Lord. Just as eating from one loaf binds us together in the body of Christ, drinking of one cup holds us together as members of one another. Until the pandemic hit in 2020, we happily shared this one cup when we received Communion together. For a time then, the congregation received in one kind only, just the bread. Then we acquired the miniature chalices, the ones that resemble shot glasses. They have served us well, but the time is coming when we will go back to the common cup.

Any time I have brought up the prospect of going back to the common cup among a few parishioners at a time, I have gotten one of two responses, and very few in between. Either they respond to the idea by saying, "I can't wait to go back to the common cup!" Or they say, "I'm never going to drink from the common cup again!"

I can certainly understand if people have lingering concerns about their health and the common cup. Especially since the pandemic we are now conditioned to be aware of germs and potential infection sources. However, the common cup has always had several things going for it. First, it is wine, and fortified wine at that. We use port which has extra alcohol added. Second, the chalice is silver. Silver itself is antimicrobial, not allowing germs to live long on its surface. Third, the chalice is wiped with a linen cloth between each communicant. These three things help, but do not eliminate microbial deposits on the chalice. However, the risk of infection appears to be very low.

The National Institute of Health did a survey of scientific literature in October 2020 to assess the risk posed by receiving Communion from a common cup. [Here](#) is their conclusion: "In summary, the common communion cup may theoretically serve as a vehicle of transmitting infection, but the potential risk of transmission is very small. Currently, available data do not provide any support for the suggestion that the practice of sharing a common communion cup can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 because SARS-CoV-2 transmission from a patient with COVID-19 or asymptomatic carrier to other people has not been reported." Also, a 1998 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that there had never been an outbreak of infection related to the common cup.

At this point, I have not set a date, but I plan to reinstitute the common cup during Communion before the end of the summer. You will always have an option. Either you can drink from the cup, receive by intinction, or receive the bread only which is full Communion. Stay tuned for information about when we will reimplement the common cup for Communion.

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



April 2023

	April	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2023 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 49,338	\$ 209,443	46%	\$ 454,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 54,596	\$ 223,872	46%	\$ 485,600
Total Operating Expense	\$ 43,147	\$ 176,346	33%	\$ 535,003
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 11,449	\$ 47,526		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry



May 2023

The Vestry met on May 19. Fr. Jeff announced the hire of a new Director for Youth Ministry; her name is Heather Gregory. St. Andrew's treasurer reported an increase in donations in April, helping to alleviate the deficit from March.

Repairs to the front sanctuary steps have been completed. The water leak that damaged the wall in Canterbury Hall and the second floor men's room has also been repaired. Painting of the stained-glass window frames is ongoing.

Volunteers are being sought to help during the Iron Man Competition to be held in State College at the beginning of July. Contact Carolyn Donaldson, if interested.

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month and are open to all parishioners. The next meeting will be held on June 13 in room 324 at 7:00pm and is open to all parishioners.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Adult Forum Coordinator Needed



This is a volunteer position. We need someone to take charge of planning, scheduling, and coordinating the Sunday Adult Forum, 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Are you interested in adult Christian formation? Would you like to be involved with others who are too? This could be for you. We have much talent within our congregation and often invite people from other organizations to make presentations.

Speak to Father Jeff if you are interested or have any questions.

NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Thank you, Families!

Our children bring so much joy to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Thank you for making our Children's Programs possible.

- **June 4** is our final day of Church School for this school year.
- Our *Fall Kick Off* is on September 10!
- Our nursery will be open all summer for anyone who needs the nursery during service.
- Our Wiggle Bag Baskets are full of stuffies and small books. We have received requests for *older kid bags*, too. Keep an eye out for some additional reading and writing supplies.

We will be in touch over the summer to talk about our plans for this fall.



Be Safe and Happy Summer Adventures!

Love, Robin and All of our Teachers

Nursery Coordinator Needed

This is a paid position. The Nursery Coordinator recruits, trains, schedules, and oversees the volunteers in our Sunday morning nursery. The coordinator also works in the nursery every Sunday along with the volunteers. In the past we have modified the position to be nursery attendant—not including the scheduling and oversight functions. We would prefer to have one person do the whole coordinator job but might be willing to discuss splitting the position again.

If you are interested in the position or have any questions, please contact Fr. Jeff. (rector@standrewsc.org)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Last Youth Meetings of the Year

Rite13 and J2A took advantage of the beautiful spring weather to head outdoors for our last sessions of the year on May 21. Thank you, youth, families, and leaders, for a great year together. We prayed, thought about scripture, talked over some of life's big questions, shared about ourselves, grew closer to God and each other, and had quite a few laughs!



J2A hike

Rite13 at the Duck Pond



Youth J2A Pilgrimage June 17-23

Please pray for our J2A youth and leaders heading to upstate New York June 17-23 to worship, serve, play, and wonder in nature together! Thank you for your support of these young people!

Guiding and compassionate God - You are the goal of our pilgrimage and our rest by the way. Guide and go with these pilgrims as they journey together to New York. Reveal yourself to them in new ways. Give them strength to grow in faith and joy in the wonders of your creation. Preserve them as they travel, surround them with your loving care, and bring them safely to their journey's end. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ben Rogers
Bryson Christopher
Ellie Harper
Jeb Harper
Nat Hickner
Sean McGarry

Fr. Jeff Packard
Deborah Morton
Kelley Paulsen



Our pilgrims then (2019 as Journey Middle) and now (2023 as J2A)

Congratulations to our 2023 graduates!

Leah Patzkowsky



Leah graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a double major in French and Film Studies. During her time there, she studied abroad in the South of France, and found a new passion for language science. Senior year she worked as a Research Assistant with the Bilingualism Mind and Brain Lab at UC Irvine. After graduating, Leah will head back to France where she will teach English at French middle and high schools with the Teaching Assistant Program in France.



Eliza Zimmerer

Eliza is graduating on June 23 with a Master of Public Health from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Last May she graduated with a Master of Social Work from Fordham University. She works full-time as a Senior Addiction Counselor at St. Vincent's Hospital Westchester, part-time as a direct support professional with a family of a teenage boy with autism and is Sunday School Director at Grace Episcopal Church in Hudson-on-Hastings where she also lives.



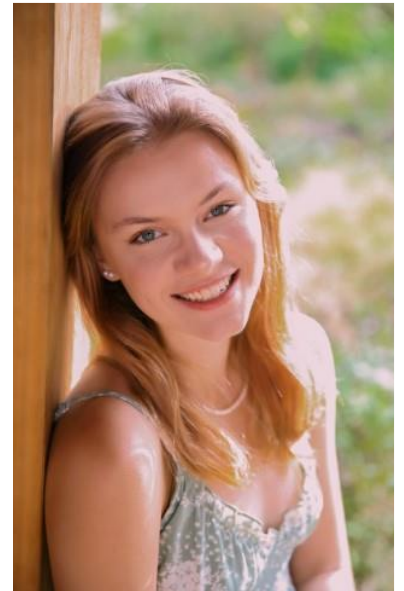
Maggie Bond



Maggie graduated from Penn State this May with a bachelor's degree in sociology with minors in social justice in education, French and Francophone studies, and education policy studies as well as a master's in educational theory and policy. Maggie celebrated by going to Ireland for two weeks in May. After that, she'll be moving home to Huntingdon Valley, PA, where she's hoping to continue her work in education research. Maggie served St. Andrew's as Nursery Attendant for the past two years and was also a member of Episcopal at Penn State. Maggie is so grateful for all the support from this community over the last few years!

Madeleine Christopher

Madeleine Christopher graduated from State College Area High School and will attend The Eastman School of Music and The University of Rochester in the fall. She plans for a dual degree in Classical Vocal Performance and English/Theater. At State High, Madeleine performed in every production of the Thespians Troupe, including as Eponine in *Les Miserables* (cancelled 2020) and Dolly in *Hello, Dolly!* She has been active as a choir officer for several years and was President of the organization this year. In her spare time, Madeleine loves working with children as a nanny and sometimes as Elsa, Anna, or Belle for Polar Princesses parties.



Anna Kwasnica



Anna graduated with honors from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA on May 13, with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Political Science and a minor in German. She is a member of the Psychology Honor Society and Student-Athlete Honor Society and runs on the cross country and track teams. Anna studied abroad at Lancaster University in Lancaster, England during the spring semester of her junior year, and enjoyed travels throughout Europe. She is on the board of Allegheny's Outing Club and has also pursued her love of the outdoors by climbing 14ers in Colorado, backpacking in New Hampshire, camping and hiking in the Lake District of England and Scottish Highlands, and more. Anna plans to pursue a graduate degree in psychology in the future but will first spend a year working for AmeriCorps in Colorado.

Gabe Hickner



Gabe graduated from the State College Area School District's Delta Program. Gabe has served in Delta's student government in a variety of roles and has participated in State High's Latin and Outing Clubs, and Delta's Students Demand Action. Gabe is a finalist for Delta's Spirit of Clare award and is a member of the Latin Honors Society. Gabe has recently found a passion for fencing. Gabe folded many origami objects out of the pew notepad paper in church over the years and continues his origami practice still! Gabe will attend the University of Minnesota Twin Cities College of Engineering in the fall and plans to study materials science. Go Golden Gophers!

Abbie Loviscky

Abbie graduated from Penn State in December with a double major in psychology and women and gender studies. She will start her graduate studies at Penn State in the fall!

Duncan Loviscky

Duncan (aka duder, aka dinky) debuted at Saint Andrew's in the nursery all the way back in 2004. He has grown to great heights and has had a lot of amazing experiences in his 18 years - including scuba diving with tiger sharks, hiking to the top of the waterfalls at Yosemite, exploring the rain forest and surfing the waves in Puerto Rico, going to see the San Antonio Spurs (including his namesake), and seeing Paul McCartney at Fenway Park. He is headed up the street to Penn State this fall, where he plans to study kinesiology/biobehavioral health so he can help people deal with the physical and mental aspects of injuries (he has a lot of personal experience with this the past three years as he dealt with a knee injury as a triple jumper). We're excited to see him keep growing and learning and so proud that he is our "gentle giant."



Marlee Kwasnica



Marlee graduated from State College Area High School on June 2, in the Top 10% of her class. Marlee has been on the State College Girls Cross Country, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track teams every year of high school and was a senior captain for all three teams. During the summers, she worked as a lifeguard at Park Forest Pool, and competed in numerous triathlons around the country. Next year she will attend the University of San Francisco, where she has earned both academic and athletic scholarships. She is excited to join the cross country and track teams there and pursue a degree in biology while enjoying city life and California weather. Go Dons!

Rob Newton

Rob graduated on May 7 with a PhD in industrial engineering and operations research. His dissertation was “Improving Equity in Decision Support Systems.” Rob will take command of the 412th Operations Support Squadron (OSS) at Edwards AFB, CA on June 27.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

St. A's Night at the Spikes!

Friday, June 9

Medlar Field at Lubrano Park

For Everyone who ordered tickets to the **Spike's game on June 9th**, we will have your tickets available for at our services and in the office during the week.

Please call Robin at 814-404-3812 with your questions. **Thank you!**

- **Team Photo at 5:30 pm on the field.**
- **Ike the Spike will join us!**
- **Concessions available for dinner and snacks on your own.**



Trinity House Cleanup Day

Saturday, June 10

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., grounds of Trinity House

(Rain date: Sunday, June 11, 1 – 4 p.m.)



Join fellow parishioners for a “Cleanup Day at Trinity House” This outdoor work will consist of primarily of weeding and pruning, plus other tasks as needed. We might also tackle a couple of needed small painting jobs. Bring a leaf rake and similar yard-work tools (if you have any), your favorite gloves and kneepads, and dress appropriately for the weather No experience necessary! We will provide pizza or similar midday.

We need you so we can get a full list of projects completed! RSVP to Paige Andrew in person or at pga19@hotmail.com or 814-769-9400.

Paige Andrew
On behalf of the
Property Committee

Celebration and Picnic Lunch

Sunday, June 11

11:30 (following 10 a.m. service) in Canterbury Hall



You are invited to a celebration with a picnic lunch in Canterbury Hall after our service on June 11.

We will celebrate the end of the school year and everyone's accomplishments this year.

We'll also thank **Kathy Hickner** for her work as our Director of Youth Ministry (and past director of Children's Ministry, too!). Our Best Wishes to The Hickner Family for their new adventures in Michigan.



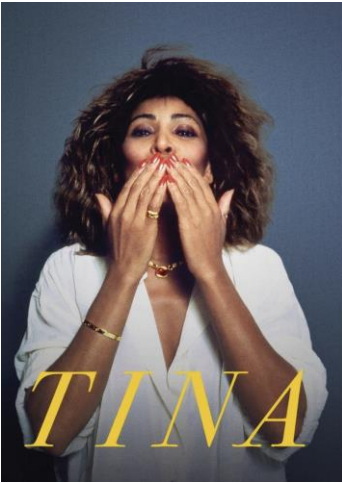
About the lunch:

- Place settings, beverages, hamburgers with rolls, hot dogs with rolls, cheese, sauerkraut, condiments, and cake **will be provided**.
- Here is a [sign up](#) for side dishes or donations.

In addition to Director of Children and Youth, Kathy has played many roles at St. Andrew's.

We'll miss you, Kathy.





Friday Films

Friday, June 30
7 p.m., Canterbury Hall
(Snacks starting at 6:30 p.m.)

Tina (2021)

TV-MA
1h 58m

In June, Friday Films will screen the documentary, *Tina*, an unvarnished and dynamic account of the life and career of music icon Tina Turner. With a wealth of never-before-seen footage, audio tapes, personal photos, and new interviews, including with the singer herself, the film charts Tina Turner's early fame, her lifelong personal and professional struggles, and her return to the world stage as a global phenomenon in the 1980s.

The film will be shown in Canterbury Hall and will be the debut of our new widescreen and sound equipment!

Snacks will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the film will begin at 7 p.m. The film is free, and all are welcome.

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, July 21
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!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Pride Shabbat

Friday, June 9

7 p.m., 620 E. Hamilton

To support State College Pride Weekend, Rabbi David Ostrich and **Congregation Brit Shalom** will hold a special Pride Shabbat Service. Their regular Shabbat Service will be enhanced with special music and readings, expressing their support and embrace of LGBT+ individuals in our congregation and community.

Everyone is welcome.



State College Pride Parade

Saturday, June 10

2 p.m. registration; 3 p.m. parade starts
Sydney Friedman Parklet

St. Andrew's is proud to sponsor and participate in the State College Pride Parade on Saturday, June 10. Come join us as we walk in the colorful parade to show our support of the LGBTQ+ community.

The parade starts at 3 p.m., but groups are required to register and receive a wrist band at 2 p.m. in Sydney Friedman Parklet.



If you are interested in marching or helping with this, please contact Allison Shea at office@standrewsc.org. We would like to have a large group, and everyone is welcome!

More details will be available when provided by Centre LGBTQ+.

For complete information about all PRIDE 2023 events, go to <https://www.centrelgbtqa.org/pride-2023-1>

St. Andrew's "Welcome Statement"

We are a community of faith seeking to share the love of God we know through Jesus Christ; therefore, we welcome all people and invite persons of every race, ethnic background, gender identity, sexual orientation, capability, or circumstance to participate fully in every aspect and at every level of our parish life.

IDEAS EVERYWHERE! INSPIRATIONS FOR POETRY

Poetry Retreat

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To register go to www.bethanyretreatcenter.org

The everyday, the eternal, and everything in between—ideas for poems are everywhere! During this retreat, we'll focus on generating poems from both the mundane and the miraculous, using—as time permits—the arts (paintings, photographs, movies, music), sacred texts and rituals, nature, news, place, sports, and the medical as springboards. By drafting, revising, and discussing poems in a supportive community, we'll consider how one poetic choice leads to another, each contributing to the work's overall effect. Arrive ready to engage, experiment, write, laugh. Leave with new ideas and strategies for future poems.



Professor of English at Lock Haven University, **Marjorie Maddox** has published thirteen collections of poetry—most recently *Transplant*, *Transport*, *Transubstantiation* (Yellowglenn Prize); *Begin with a Question* (Paraclete Press, International Book Award Winner), and *Heart Speaks, Is Spoken For* (Shanti Arts), an ekphrastic collaboration with photographer Karen Elias. Her poems are featured in *Christian Poetry in America since 1940* (Paraclete Press), edited by Michael Mattix and Sally Thomas. In addition, she has published the short story collection *What She Was Saying* (Fomite); four children's and YA books—including *Inside Out: Poems on Writing and Reading Poems with Insider Exercises* (Finalist International Book Awards), *A Crossing of Zebras: Animal Packs in Poetry*; *I'm Feeling Blue, Too!* (a 2021 NCTE Notable Poetry Book), and *Rules of the Game: Baseball Poems*—plus the anthology *Common Wealth: Contemporary Poets on Pennsylvania* (co-editor) and the literary journal *Presence: A Journal of Catholic Poetry* (assistant editor). *In the Museum of My Daughter's Mind*, based on her daughter's paintings (www.hafer.work) + works by other artists, is forthcoming in 2023 (Shanti Arts).

Please see www.marjoriemaddox.com Marjorie hosted St. Andrew's 2022 Poetry Contest during the Arts Festival last year. You can also find Marjorie's poems in St. Andrew's Poetry Contest anthologies, *Poetry in a Time of Pandemic* and *Caring for Creation* available on Amazon.com

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 11, 11:15 a.m.
Room 324 and Zoom

Knitting Ministry WILL meet on Sunday, June 11, following the 10 a.m. service. This will be our last regularly scheduled meeting until September 10.



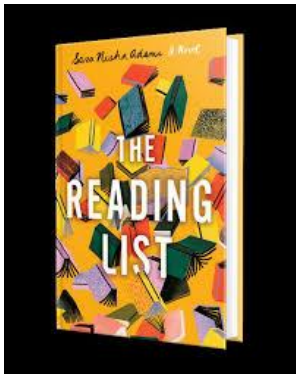
If you would like to come, please email anne.hoag@gmail.com and she will send you a Zoom invitation link.

For more information contact Anne Hoag,
anne.hoag@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, June 27
7 p.m.

Home of Julie and Jamie Breuninger
1212 N. Inverary Place, State College



The Book Group will meet Tuesday, June 27, to discuss *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams, the story of an aging widower and a lonely teenage girl who form an unlikely friendship by bonding over books.

The Book Group is open to all and newcomers and guests are always welcome.

GAME CLUB

Room 325



The Game Club will not meet in June. We plan to schedule at least one date in July.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Ann Gibboney	10 Lori McGarry	20 Anthony Grillo
2 Dannielle Kroczyński	13 Chris Marini	21 Penelope McCloskey
2 Kate Freeman	14 Anne Heinsohn	21 Stephen Mainzer
2 Ted Jaenicke	15 Julia Lowe	21 Violet Skvarla
5 Cathy Dauler	15 Kathy Johnston	22 Rob Freeborn
5 Nathaniel Felsmann	16 Mary Amato	23 Eli Jaenicke
7 Julie Kwasnica	17 James Green	24 Carolyn Donaldson
7 Thomas Dauler	17 Edward Danis	24 Ari Farris
7 Mary Evans	18 Betsy Llewellyn	25 Cindy Law
7 Mark Patzkowsky	18 Geoff Rule	27 Kaleigh McGarry
9 Gilli Cozine	19 Ann Shepherd	27 Jack Rovanseck
9 Robin Bastress	19 John Mason	

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

Sandy, Mavis, Kevin, Diane, Frank, Sarah, Emily, David, Vicki, Donna, Robbie, Joan, Don, Jane, Zach, Ty, Isa, Jordan, John, Mena, Janet, Matthew, Micki, Renée, Harney, Kathy, Michael, Joanne, Robert, Bryan, Tara, Todd, Maddy, Gordon, Bekki, Scott, Bill, Lana, Linda, Bev, Stu, Stephen, Jan, Garrett, Bob, Susan, Christina, Doug, Peter, Jada, Amanda, Victor, Julian, Heather, Christie, Ray, Bauer, Glynn, Kyle

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric, Andrew, Amy, Zachariah

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