

*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

**April 2024**

## The Great Fifty Days

We do Lent really well. We approach it with intentionality and commitment. We plan our Lent. What are we giving up? What book will I read? Which extra services will I attend? What new, or old favorite, spiritual disciplines will I adopt? We Episcopalians, as a group, tend to take Lent very seriously as the season of penitence and the season of preparation for Easter. This newsletter is coming out right after our celebration of Easter has begun, right after all those Holy Week services. Perhaps you attended all or some of those beautiful liturgical opportunities that held in deep remembrance the events of the last week of Jesus' life and that led us inexorably to the empty tomb on Easter Day. Now what? What about Easter? I don't mean the day. By now you have attended at least one Easter service, either the Great Vigil of Easter or one of our offerings on Easter morning. I am asking though about the season of Easter. How will you keep this holy season? How will you mark these 50 days of resurrection?

We tend not to put much emphasis on the season of Easter, which of course is even longer than the season of Lent. You will, however, notice the differences in our worship services. Through this season our Gospel stories on Sunday will be filled with accounts of resurrection appearances of Jesus to his disciples, at least for the first 40 days. The music will be joyous. While we buried the “Alleluia” in our liturgy during Lent, during Eastertide we throw in Alleluias wherever we can. Heck, we even repeat it for no particular reason, just because it is an expression of the heightened joy of this season. After the Ascension on the 40th day, we will be anticipating the 50th day, Pentecost.

The church services will intentionally reflect the joy of the Easter celebration. But how will you keep this season in your own spiritual practice? During Lent we walk the way of the cross as we do the Stations of the Cross every Friday. Unfortunately, there is no equivalent for Easter, no Stations of the Resurrection. Perhaps there should be. There aren't a lot of devotional books written with prayer disciplines or daily reflections for the Great Fifty Days. Why is this? Why are we so good at reflecting on our sinfulness and mortality during Lent, and so lax about keeping joy and thankfulness with the same ardor and intentionality during Easter?

This year I challenge you to keep a full 50-day season of Easter. Build time into your schedule to reflect on all the blessings we have as a result of Jesus' life, teaching, and especially his crucifixion and resurrection. Maybe take that Lenten discipline of Scripture reading or regular prayer and transform it into an Easter discipline. Ask yourself: what does it mean to truly celebrate the power of Christ's resurrection? How does one maintain a sense of joy, a sense of thankfulness for more than a month and a half? During Lent we shared your practices in our weekly email. Please send us your Easter practices, and we will share those as well. Perhaps as a parish we can develop some exciting ways to keep the Easter season.

Fr. Jeff +

# TED Talk

## Endings, New Beginnings, and What Comes In Between

Dear Friends –

Happy Easter to all from Episcopal at Penn State!

As the school year winds down, we want to express our gratitude to two of our officers who will be moving on next year – Rick Yoder, our president, was awarded a Fulbright open study/research grant to study for work in France next year, and Alex Coberly, our treasurer, will graduate this May with a master’s degree in Art History. We will miss them both, but we will be sure to find ways to celebrate them in the weeks ahead.

As our group reforms for a third year this spring, we would encourage all in St. Andrew’s to point any college-aged or college-bound friend, sibling, child, grandchild heading to Penn State towards us. We are eager to launch our Choral Scholars program on campus in the fall (there was a preview of it during Holy Week at the Tenebrae service), and the more invitations we extend to students to join us, the better. As our campus ministry continues along, I am reminded how crucial it is that the church show up on campus – not in a pushy way, but rather in an inviting way. There are many Christian student organizations on campus – in a sense, the market is saturated – but there aren’t too many Christian student organizations on campus that bring our beautiful, contemplative, and profound liturgy and our open and welcoming posture towards all... there is a lane for Episcopal at Penn State. It is the lane that affirms and celebrates the God-giveness and God-giftedness of all people, welcoming all believers, sceptics, doubters, seekers, genders, shapes, and sizes! All are welcome! Thank you to St. Andrew’s for the ongoing support of my ministry and the church’s ministry on campus. It makes a difference.

For more information about Episcopal at Penn State, please reach out to our chaplain Fr. Ted (euc11@psu.edu), our president Rick Yoder (rty5025@psu.edu), our vice president Austin Norrid (acn5322@psu.edu), or our secretary Alex Coberly (abc6628@psu.edu)

Blessings to all this Eastertide!

With affection –

Ted+

## WORSHIP

### **Episcopal Visitation Sunday, April 28**

Our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan, will make her official visit to St. Andrew’s on Sunday, April 28 this year. She intends to preside and preach at all three of our regular services. Also on this day, she will celebrate Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations.

Things are shaping up for us to have a pretty large group of people to present for these pastoral offices. Please plan to attend one of the services that day. Following the 10:a.m. service that morning, we will have a reception in honor of Bishop Scanlan and all those who will be confirmed, etc. She will also be at our Adult Forum at 9 a.m. where she will begin with a few remarks and to take your questions.

The current visitation schedule has our bishop here once every two years. Let’s pull together to make this a very special event in our parish life.

### **Evensong**

The Evensong scheduled for Sunday, April 7, has been canceled. We will celebrate our regular 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist in its place.



**February 2024**

	<b>February</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 23,234	\$ 111,343	26%	\$ 432,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 25,302	\$ 116,995	25%	\$ 464,100
Total Operating Expense	\$ 44,131	\$ 95,590	17%	\$ 555,264
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (18,829)	\$ 21,405		

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

**VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry**



Printed below are the minutes from our 2024 Annual Meeting held on January 28, 2024. Per the motion made at that meeting, these minutes have been approved by a committee appointed by the rector and comprised of Julie Bruening, Daniel Foster, and Andrea McCloskey with input from the entire vestry.

If there are any corrections to consider, please contact Fr. Jeff or a member of vestry.

**St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church Annual Meeting- January 28, 2024**

- I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Fr. Jeff Packard (11:40am)
- II. Appointment of Beth Jones as Secretary of the Annual Meeting – Fr. Packard
- III. Approval of January 29, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes. *2023 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved with no corrections.*

**Motion:** It was moved by Daniel Foster and second to appoint a Special Minutes Approval Committee with the chair appointing a 3-person special committee to approve the 2024 meeting minutes after they are submitted. The motion passed.

Fr. Jeff appointed Andrea M., Julia B., and Daniel F.

- IV. Announcements – Marion Schwartz spoke on The Interfaith Human Services mission; encouraged all to be involved.
- V. Recognition of Outgoing Vestry Members –
  - Barb Downs, Tom Hall (senior warden), Paul Hochreiter, Amy Pritchett.
- VI. Announcement of Vestry Election Results -
  - Candace Davison, Katie Gaines, Anthony Grillo, Andrea McCloskey. Thank you to Kelley Paulson and Deborah Morton for being very worthy candidates for the vestry.

- VII. Election of Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates, by acclamation
- Each parish gets at least one delegate; St. Andrew's gets 6. And we have 2 alternates. We have the exact number of nominees for delegates and alternates. There are no objections. The secretary is so directed to cast the unanimous single vote.
    - **Delegates** – Anthony Grillo, Carolee Grillo, Michele Marini, Rich Marini, Kelley Paulson, Allison Shea. **Alternates** – Paul Hochreiter, Amy Pritchett
- XI. Introduction of Continuing Vestry Members -
- Julie Breuninger (junior warden), Carolyn Donaldson, Fran Stevenson, Sarah Klinetob-Lowe, Kathy Dittmann, Daniel Foster, Rich Marini, Sanford Schwartz
- XII. Announcement of Parishioners' Ministry Stewards -
- Chief Steward – Steven Smith, Treasurer – Sandy Schwartz,
  - Stewards – Pam Ferguson, Ann Gibboney (new), Beth Jones, Bob Jones (new)
- XIII. Announcement of Community Cafe Board of Directors -
- Ex. Dir. - Ron Rovansek
  - Andrea DeCarle (new), Carolyn Donaldson (new), Pam Ferguson, Amy Pritchett, Ted Janicke
  - Recognition of Outgoing CC Board Members – Grace Pilato, Scott Thomas
- IX. Budget Report – Linda Mace
- 1) No real debt; 2) reasonable amount of endowments; 3) no cash flow problems. How do we come up with a budget?
    - On the expense side, there are three areas to focus on: 1) Fair Share to the diocese, 2) staff salaries – always try to match the federal COLA, 3) the physical plant – utilities. We look at the previous year and adjust to any known rate changes.
    - On the income side, 1) look at pledges from the previous years. We rely heavily on the financial secretary to advise on pledges and special offerings. 2) The pandemic years forced the Financial Committee to adopt an austerity budget. 3) Last year we started out projecting a deficit of \$60000. We took our concerns to the Vestry. We ended the year with a \$3500 deficit. We usually do better than we project. 4) The 2024 budget is projecting a deficit of \$90000. But looking at previous years keeps us optimistic that it will not end that way.
    - Linda wanted to thank all the Finance Committee members for their work.
- X. Senior Warden's Remarks – Tom Hall
- Thank you to those who keep track of the cash flow in and out of St. Andrew's: Mary Andrew, Julie Kwasnica, Linda Mace, and incoming Michele Marini.
  - Each Vestry helps to lay the groundwork for the generations that come after us.
  - In early 2023, the Ad Hoc Budget Committee convened in response to declining church attendance and pledge income and increasing expenses.
  - In addition to our church concerns, St. Andrew's serves hundreds of people who do not attend services, i.e., the Community Cafe, 12-Step groups, other non-profits, and community groups.
  - With encouragement from the diocese and advice from the Ad Hoc Budget Committee, Vestry unanimously agreed to engage the Vandersall Collective to help facilitate strategic planning. The

full description of the Vandersall Collective and how the consulting will be funded is in the Senior Warden's report.

- Thoughts on endowments – increase our take from the endowments without touching the principal.
- Trinity House is in cash-flow positive. The additional cash will make it possible to update the building to meet the standards required for rental or low-income housing.
- Community Cafe received a \$50000 grant from the Department of Environmental Protection for new refrigeration equipment. More food space = less waste.

#### XI. Rector's Remarks – Father Jeff Packard

- Said goodbye to Kathy and Mike Hickner and their family this past year. Also had to say farewell to the Kwasnica Family, although Julie has stayed on as treasurer remotely. And we will be bidding a sad goodbye to Mary and Paige Andrew this year.
- Heather Gregory took over Kathy's position and Michele Marini is taking on the financial secretary position from Mary Andrew.
- For clarity: the financial secretary is responsible for income – pledges and counting and keeping track of all monies coming in. The treasurer is responsible for the outgo of said money.
- The search for a Nursery Attendant is over: Olivia Blake started on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Deacon Joe retired from active ministry in the Fall.
- The remainder of the staff are Assistant Rector Father Ted Christopher, Deacon Kevin Lowe, Allison Shea, Walter Wells, Gwen Catchen, Robin Bastress, Scott Luzier, and Bill Donovan.
- **Three Things – The Good Stuff**
  - Campus Ministry – Ted is doing really great work. Read his report on YACM. His salary is paid entirely out of the Curate Fund.
  - The Community Cafe continues to feed more people each week. Funded entirely by their fund-raisers and donations. The Parishioners' Ministry is responding to local needs. Also funded by donations; not supported by the budget.
  - St. Andrew's continues to have a strong, steady stream of newcomers, as evidenced by the newcomers' meeting in December. We do, however, need someone to chair the Newcomers' Committee.
- **Challenges**
  - As an organization, we are still recovering from the pandemic. Attendance dropped, is coming back, but has not recovered fully in many ways.
  - Our financial outlook – our sources of income will be more diverse in the future.
  - The Future –Parish size is shrinking. The Church will survive. But what will be the shape of the parish in the future? That is the purpose of the surveys that went out to the parish.
- Vandersall Collective representatives will be at the Vestry retreat on Feb.24th, and they will be at worship on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Introduce yourselves and talk with them. They will review the surveys, articulate the Core Values of St. Andrew's and using the decision-making filter, they will keep us grounded in our core mission.
- Thank you to the parish for all the support you give physically, emotionally, and financially throughout the year.

#### XII. Blessing and adjournment at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by Beth Jones, clerk.

**Minutes Review and Approved by:**

- Daniel D. Foster, Vestry Member, [daniel.foster0123@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.foster0123@gmail.com)
- Andrea McCloskey, Vestry Member
- Julie Breuninger, Jr. Warden

Per Instructions provided at the Annual Meeting the committee reviewed and approved the minutes as presented on February 21, 2024.

**List of attendees:**

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Paige Andrew           | 19. Thomas Hall           | 37. Catherine MacIntosh |
| 2. Mary Andrew            | 20. Katie Gaines          | 38. Joan Bouchard       |
| 3. Dave Pacchioli         | 21. Andrew Gaines (minor) | 39. Laurel Zydney       |
| 4. Lori Pacchioli         | 22. Darlene Nordoff       | 40. Barb Downs          |
| 5. Beth Jones             | 23. Liz King              | 41. Kevin Lowe          |
| 6. Julie Breuninger       | 24. Karl Zimmerer         | 42. Paul Hochreiter     |
| 7. Penny Blasko           | 25. Medora Ebersole       | 43. Rich Marini         |
| 8. Ken Davis              | 26. Deborah Morton        | 44. Michele Marini      |
| 9. Deb Smart              | 27. Sandy Schwartz        | 45. Esther Wall         |
| 10. Daniel Foster         | 28. Marion Schwartz       | 46. Scott Strouse       |
| 11. Melanie Miller Foster | 29. Kathy Dittmann        | 47. Marisa Ferger       |
| 12. Carolee Grillo        | 30. Jerry Dittmann        | 48. Linda Mace          |
| 13. Anthony L. Grillo     | 31. Sian Packard          | 49. Jeff Packard        |
| 14. Adolph Hoehling       | 32. David Packard         | 50. Andrea McCloskey    |
| 15. Teri Smith            | 33. Aaron Packard         | 51. Jason McCloskey     |
| 16. Steven Smith          | 34. Cathy Dauler          | 52. James Breuninger    |
| 17. Kitty Mussett         | 35. Robin Bastress        |                         |
| 18. David Gaines          | 36. Sarah Klinetob        |                         |

**CHANGES IN THE CHURCH**

**Room 325 Kitchen**

A lot of work has been going on at the church recently. If you are only here on Sundays, you might not have noticed it. Some projects were repairs, others updates, and some – well, just changes.

We would like to mention one project in particular – the kitchen connected to Room 325. This space is used frequently by groups in and out of the church – for youth dinners, 12-Step meetings, small receptions, saxophone lessons, literacy classes, dance classes, and for continental breakfast each week following the 8 a.m. service. The kitchen was really showing its age. Ann and Bob Shepherd are regular “8 o’clockers” who use the kitchen on a regular basis. They decided it was time to address the issue. Ann and Bob made a proposal to the vestry to update and repair the issues they saw accompanied by a generous donation to help make this happen. With the help of our sexton, Scott Luzier, and representative of the







Property Committee, Paige Andrew, the kitchen now has a new stove and refrigerator, drawers that have been repaired to open and close easily, updated electrical outlets, and new, attractive storage cabinets. It has been thoroughly cleaned and the floors stripped and waxed.

The next time you are in the building, stop by and take a look. And when you see Ann, Bob, Scott, or Paige, be sure to thank them.

## Room 131 – A New Home for Parish Life

If you have ever attended a reception after Lessons and Carols, the Easter Vigil, a funeral at St. Andrew's, a parish picnic, a coffee hour in Canterbury Hall, etc., then you know the important function this committee plays in the life of our church and you have an idea of how much work must be involved.

When these activities started up again after COVID, it became obvious that some changes needed to be made. Parish Life supplies were stored in multiple, difficult to access locations. They were sharing space with the Community Café, making it cramped and difficult to determine the ownership of food and supplies for both groups.



The problem was addressed by centralizing all the Parish Life supplies in Room 131 (across from Canterbury Hall.) This room was previously used as a classroom and currently as a meeting room when needed. It had mostly become a storage space, however. A group from Parish Life took on the task of cleaning the room and removing anything that could be discarded or stored more appropriately. They purchased two large storage cabinets with sections to hang table clothes and store cups, plates, napkins, non-perishable food items, serving plates, punch bowls, seasonal decorations, and other items that had been distributed throughout the building. Scott Luzier assembled the cabinets and parishioner Tom Yuhas made additional shelves for them. If these

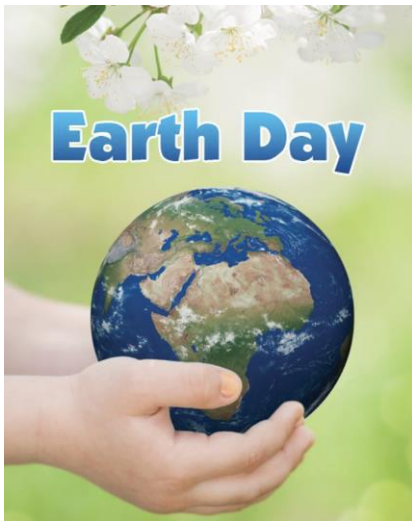
cabinets look familiar, it is because they inspired the cabinet church for the Room 325 kitchen. In return, the refrigerator from Room 325 was moved to Room 131.



Thank you to Michele and Rich Marini, Darlene Nordoff, Kathy and Jerry Dittmann, Robin Bastress and all the members of the Parish Life Committee. If you would like information about joining the committee, please contact chairperson Michele Marini at [michelemarini@comcast.net](mailto:michelemarini@comcast.net).

### NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

**Thank You** to everyone who donated candy for our **Easter Egg Hunt**. We greatly appreciate your support!



#### **April Focus:**

Each of us can make a habit of being a good steward of our Earth.

Our classes will begin a plant project in April.

**Make each day Earth Day.** Here is a video about [Earth Day](#) for families.

#### **These things can be done by everyone in your family:**

- Clean up your favorite spaces. Recycle cans and plastics.
- Use reusable containers and bags.
- No driving for a day - or more. Walk or ride bikes.
- Turn out lights, turn off appliances and unplug unused chargers.
- Try meatless Mondays - Have plant proteins instead of meat for one day each week.
- Plant a garden - and have everyone help!
- Turn off the water, as often as you can.
- Precycle by buying products that have less packaging to throw away.
- Reuse or repurpose things, rather than throwing them away. Donate unused clothing or home goods. Shop for gently used items.
- If possible, start composting. This reduces the food waste in your trash and creates nutrient rich soil for plants.

Talk about what you do to take care of our earth. Our children learn from us and follow our lead. **Thank you!**



## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Confirmation Class

Our **Confirmation Class** held a retreat at the church during Holy Week as they continue to prepare for confirmation on April 28. They did not sleep at the church but spent time Wednesday night experiencing and discussing Tenebrae. Thursday included lessons and activities during the day, dinner at the Community Café, and attending and discussing the Maundy Thursday service. Friday morning was spent planning an upcoming Youth Sunday for May 12 and the retreat ended with the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m.

### Youth Group

The newly-formed **Youth Group**, open to all youth in grades 3 through 8, has held a couple of events this spring – a pizza and game night and a trip to Get Air. Their next event is a Scavenger Hunt planned for May 4, 4-6:30 p.m. The scavenger hunt will take place in downtown State College, all locations within walking distance of the church, and end with a pizza party. St. Andrew's youth will receive additional information and are welcome to bring a friend. For more information, please contact Heather Gregory at [hgregory1500@aol.com](mailto:hgregory1500@aol.com)

## UPCOMING

### Spring Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 6

10 a.m. – 2 p.m., grounds of St. Andrew's

(Raindate: Sunday, April 7)



### Spring Cleanup Day is scheduled for April 7, and we need **VOLUNTEERS!**

This outdoor work will consist primarily of weeding and raking, so bring a rake or other yard-work tools and dress for the weather and activities. We will provide pizza and beverages at midday.

We have a full list of projects. Your RSVP helps the Property Committee plan ahead to make the most effective use of everyone's time, complete the most projects, and order enough pizza! If you plan to attend,

### **PLEASE CONTACT PAIGE OR SARAH BEFORE SATURDAY** at

Paige Andrew in person or at [pga19@hotmail.com](mailto:pga19@hotmail.com) or 814-769-9400 or

Sarah Klinetob Lowe at [sek175@gmail.com](mailto:sek175@gmail.com).

Sincerely, Paige Andrew, on behalf of the Property Committee.

# St. Andrew's 2024 Poetry Contest

Submissions currently being accepted through May 1

For more information and submission details: [artsat.standrewsc.org](https://artsat.standrewsc.org)

In the gospel according to Luke, a lawyer challenges Jesus to clarify the law "[You shall love] your neighbor as yourself" by asking

## AND WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Jesus replies with a story, the Parable of the Good Samaritan.  
We invite you to respond with a poem.

### St. Andrew's Poetry Contest 2024

**Prizes**

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

Submissions accepted  
**March 1 - May 1, 2024**

Submission details at  
[artsat.standrewsc.org](https://artsat.standrewsc.org)

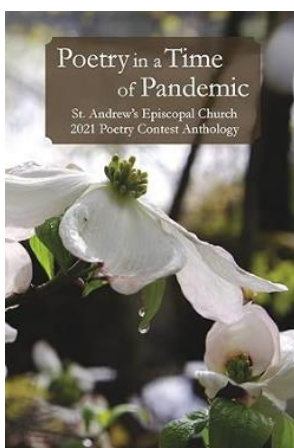
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In today's world, where we are interconnected by accessible technology but deeply divided by issues of prejudice, competition for resources, power differentials, and strong differences of opinion and belief, how do *we* answer this question? Who is *our* neighbor and what does it mean to love them as ourselves?

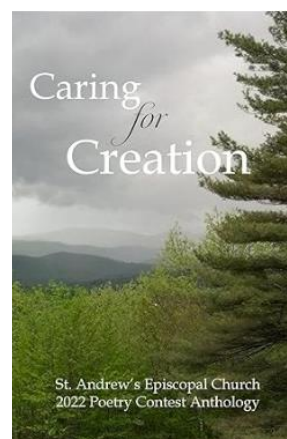
These are the questions and issues we are asking writers of any age, background, or faith to address in their submissions to this year's poetry contest. We invite you to send us your responses and share this information with any individuals or groups that may be interested.

We will publish winning and other selected poems in a contest anthology and the poets invited to participate in a poetry reading during the Arts Festival this summer on Saturday, July 13 at St. Andrew's. Please visit our Arts Blog (see address above) for more information and poems from previous contests.

Previous contest anthologies can be purchased online at Amazon.com. Copies of *Caring for Creation* are also available in the church office.



*Poetry in a Time of Pandemic* (2021)  
<https://a.co/d/cAK3z9j>



*Caring for Creation* (2022)  
<https://a.co/d/0AqArYH>

## Friday Films

Friday, April 19  
7 p.m., Canterbury Hall  
(Snacks starting at 6:30 p.m.)

**Barbie** (2023)

Rated: PG-13

1h 54m



Barbie is a 2023 fantasy comedy film directed by Greta Gerwig from a screenplay she wrote with Noah Baumbach. Based on the fashion dolls by Mattel, it is the first live-action Barbie film. It stars Margot Robbie as the title character and Ryan Gosling as Ken, and, and follows them on a journey of self-discovery through both Barbieland and the real world following an existential crisis. It is also a commentary regarding patriarchy and the effects of feminism. The supporting cast includes America Ferrera, Michael Cera, Kate McKinnon, Issa Rae, Rhea Perlman, and Will Ferrell.

We will gather at 6:30 for snacks and the film will begin at 7 p.m. There will be a discussion afterwards for those who wish to stay. The film is free, and all are welcome.

## Special Showing

Friday, April 12  
7 p.m., Canterbury Hall  
(Snacks starting at 6:30 p.m.)

**Babette's Feast** (1987)

Rated: G

1h 42m



By request, Friday Films will also present *Babette's Feast* on Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in Canterbury Hall. From an online review – “The 1987 Oscar winner for Best Foreign Film is an austere but ultimately joyous fable set on a desolate spit of coastline in northern Denmark, where for sustenance the puritan townsfolk rely first on prayer and afterwards on their daily ration of a thin, brown gruel made from soggy bread crusts and dehydrated flounder. But all that changes with the arrival from Paris of an attractive refugee (the story takes place during the French Revolution) who thanks her benefactors, and tests their strict religious principles, by preparing a sinfully delicious gourmet feast for the entire town.” From Sandy Schwartz: “Good on the small screen, luscious on the large one.”

## You're Invited! Creation Care Conference of the Parishes (COP1)

Be part of helping shape the future of ministry in our community!

Join Rt. Rev. Bishop Audrey Scanlan and the DIOCPA Creation Care Committee for the very first Creation Care Conference of the Parishes (COP1). We will gather together for an afternoon of creation care storytelling and to review the drafted DIOCPA Creation Care Plan. We will provide hot drinks and snacks. It will be an interactive afternoon, so bring a pen, notebook, and your voice!



We encourage you to review the Drafted Creation Care Plan in advance of our time together. It can be found here: [bit.ly/DraftCCPlan](http://bit.ly/DraftCCPlan)

We are offering two sessions that will follow an identical format:

### Session #1

Date: Sunday, April 14

Time: 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Trinity Pro-Cathedral, Williamsport

**\*Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/creation-care-summit-northern-region-tickets-871126882957>

### Session #2

Date: Sunday, April 21

Time: 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Location: St. Andrew's in the Valley, Harrisburg

**\*Register here:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/creation-care-summit-southern-region-tickets-871144475577>

With any questions or concerns, please contact:

- Katie Ruth, Chair of the DIOCPA Creation Care Committee and co-writer of the Drafted Creation Care Plan, at [katieimruth@gmail.com](mailto:katieimruth@gmail.com), or
- Sarah Klinetob Lowe, Member of the DIOCPA Creation Care Committee and co-writer of the Drafted Creation Care Plan, at [sek175@gmail.com](mailto:sek175@gmail.com)

## WPSU Multicultural Children’s Festival

Saturday, April 6  
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
State College Area High School South Building  
650 Westerly Parkway



brought to you by WPSU and State College Area School District

Let’s Travel the World!

WPSU’s most popular children’s event of the year has returned for 2024 with partnership from State College Area School District. This year’s festival will have more activities and performances than ever before. At the 2024 Multicultural Children’s Festival, your child and family will:

- **Discover the world** and immerse your family in diverse cultures and the people from those cultures through art, music, and hands-on crafts for kids of all ages.
- **Enjoy more space for more fun** at State College Area High School – with expanded space we are bringing in more interactive activities to engage with everyone.
- **Get a taste of local flavors** made by food trucks and vendors from a wide variety of cultures.

This event is **FREE** to attend, registration is appreciated but not required.

For more information and to register, go to [wpsu.org/festival](https://wpsu.org/festival).

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## Poetry Workshop

May 16 – 19  
Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA

“Here, There, and Everywhere!”  
presented by Marjorie Maddox



Pack your poetry suitcase and get ready to travel around the corner, across the ocean, to your backyard, or to your past and future. We’ll focus on generating poems from physical landscapes, as well as the inner landscapes of memory, imagination, and belief. During generative morning and (shorter) evening workshops, we’ll draft, revise, and discuss poems in a supportive community. Afternoons are reserved for rest, contemplation, writing and exploring the beautiful Bethany Retreat Center grounds. Arrive Thursday evening by 5 p.m. ready to engage, experiment, write, laugh. Leave Sunday morning by 11 a.m. with new ideas and strategies for future poems.



For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.wetravel.com/trips/poetry-retreat-here-there-and-everywhere-anawim-ministries-frenchville-45494032> [wetravel.com]

NOTE: Friend of St. Andrew's, Marjorie Maddox, has published 14 collections of poetry. She has been involved in our St. Andrew's poetry contest as a prize-winning poet, host of our poetry reading, and contributor to our *Caring for Creation* poetry anthology. Most recently, Marjorie presented a program as part of our Lenten series, "The Neighbor Speaks: Poetry, Persona, and Point of View."

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## Summer Worship and Fine Arts Camp

June 24-27, 9 – 3 p.m. daily  
Grace Lutheran Church



Register by May 15 at



Children entering Grades 2-8 in the Fall of 2024 are invited to

## MAKE, RING, DRUM, SING

as they pray the psalms  
with guest artistic director Michael Burkhardt  
and regional fine arts educators.



<http://tinyurl.com/GraceMusicCamp> or use the QR code.

For details about registration or volunteering, visit <http://glcpa.org/grace-music-camp> (click NEWS) or contact Laurel Sanders at [arts@glcpa.org](mailto:arts@glcpa.org)

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## Come to a Chicken Dinner...



...and support Interfaith Human Services!



Wednesday, April 17

5 – 7 p.m.

State College Friends Meeting, 611 East Prospect Avenue

Dinner is **FREE** - Donations go to Interfaith Human Services.

Interfaith Human Services  
251 Easterly Parkway #200  
State College, PA 16801  
814-234-7731  
[www.interfaithhumanservices.org](http://www.interfaithhumanservices.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.*

### PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY

Saturday, April 6  
12:30 p.m., Room 119

The Quilters will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. Please note: time and location are the same as previously shared, the date has changed.

### KNITTING MINISTRY

Sunday, April 14, 11:15 a.m.  
Room 324

Knitting Ministry will meet on Sunday, April 16 (following the 10 a.m. service.) Join us in Room 324 or 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/>).



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

For more information contact Anne Hoag,

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### COMPASSIONATE LIFE

Tuesday, April 16, 9:30 a.m.  
Room 325

The next meeting of Compassionate Life will be Tuesday, April 16.

### ST. ANDREW'S MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, April 16  
7 p.m., Room 324 (Library)

The St. Andrew's Men's Group had a successful second meeting and is now planning for April. The group will get together again from 5:30-7 PM on Tuesday, April 16th in Room ???. Meetings include some food, Bible discussion (Genesis, Chapter 2 for April), and fun, including discussions of brisket and whether God wants us to be vegetarians. The group continues to discuss opportunities for service and social activities. All men are welcome to attend and share their perspectives.

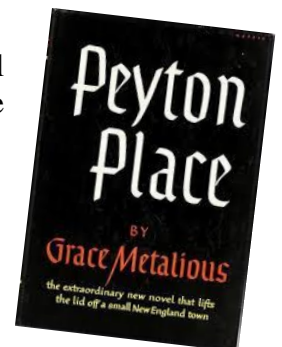
### BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, April 23  
7 p.m., Room 324 (Library)

The Book Group will meet at 7 p.m. on April 23 in Room 324 to discuss *Peyton Place*.

When Grace Metalious's debut novel about the dark underside of a small, respectable New England town was published in 1956, it quickly soared to the top of the bestseller lists. A landmark in twentieth-century American popular culture, *Peyton Place* spawned a successful feature film and a long-running television series—the first prime-time soap opera.

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



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Dexter Cozad	10 Koraly Perez-Edgar	20 Alyson Ruberto
2 Melissa Arnett	13 Dee Vogelsong	20 Janet Dargitz
3 Philip Jenkins	15 Pam Ferguson	21 Deb Anderson
4 Susan Evans	17 Chloe Krasnansky	25 Ray Hughes
4 Evelyn Gregory	17 Elaine Brown	26 Judy Moore
5 Anna Kwasnica	17 Lily Jackson	26 Mark Hoover
5 Eva Ellis	19 Marion Schwartz	27 Kevin Barron
5 Jamie Breuninger	19 Jill Ascah	27 Madeleine Potts
7 Scott Brown	20 Abbie Lovisky	



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** If you have an April 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, Joe, Erica, Molly, Walter, Teri, Janet, David, Mavis, Dave, Vivian, Mena, Joan, Don, Jordan, Ty, Isa, Ivonne, Beti, Kevin, Diane, Sara, Emily, Frank, Robbie, David, Andy, Terry, Carol, Pam, Michele, Elyse, Sean, Janet, Kelley, Ralph, Michael, Stephen, Kaethe, John, Douglas, Bill, Alex, Carole, Evelyn, Susy, Cindy, Pat, Donna

### **The Faithful Departed**

Patricia Waters, Evelyn Shafer, Vivian Lord

### **Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders**

Zach, Christie, Sean, Matt, Eric, Andrew, Zachariah, Cameron, Doug, Jack

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