



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 2024

A Time for Discernment

You may have heard by now that our diocese, the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, is considering a reunification with the Diocese of Bethlehem. This effort has been underway for some time now with a resolution being passed at our 2022 diocesan convention that created a discernment committee of folks from both dioceses to study the question and report back to the convention of 2023. With that report came a recommendation to continue looking at the possibility of reunification, to develop a specific plan for that to happen, and to present that plan to the two dioceses at their 2024 conventions. The reason for the specific plan is not to proceed as if this decision to reunify is a done deal, but rather to have all our questions answered as to how reunification might take place before we decide whether or not to do this. I repeat, the decision to reunify these two dioceses has not been made yet; it will not be made until the two diocesan conventions consider the specific plan this October. At that time, one or both dioceses in question could approve the reunification and adopt the plan (or some version of it), or one or both could reject either the idea to reunify or some aspect of the presented plan.

The reason we talk about "reunification" is that previously these two dioceses were one under the name "Diocese of Central Pennsylvania." The history is presented really well on the web site dedicated to the work of the reunification discernment committee, available here <https://reunificationdiobethdiocpa.org/>. Also, on that site is an excellent Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section. If you have questions about this process, the committee and its work, or what proposals are being discussed currently, it is probably answered in the FAQ. I commend it to you if you have any interest at all in this topic.

Our diocesan convention will be held October 18-19 this year at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center. The convention for the Diocese of Bethlehem will be concurrent and at the same location. If approved, the plan (as it currently stands) will have 2025 function as a transition year with the intention being that in January 2026 the two dioceses will become one. The name of this potential new diocese has not yet been determined, but they have kicked around the idea of "the Diocese of the Susquehanna," the river that flows through both current dioceses.

The biggest question on folks' minds seems to be, "why reunify?" The obvious answer is to reunify in response to the changing conditions in the Episcopal Church, and pretty much every church for that matter. We are shrinking. Our congregations and our buildings are aging. Therefore, having two dioceses with the required personnel and infrastructure is getting more expensive per congregation or per congregant. There is an economy of scale to downsizing at the diocesan level. Again, this is all covered much better than I ever could on the above referenced web site. For me, though, there is a kind of inevitability about this. Not to sound fatalistic or even defeatist, but we will have no choice at some point. It seems better to make deliberate decisions when choices are not made for us by circumstances. I do support the plan as I have seen it presented so far. There are many challenges to be faced by having a larger diocese in area covered by one bishop, but there are ways to address these challenges and we can point to several other dioceses that already cope well with even larger areas. I invite your attention to this process and of course your prayers as we continue to discern how God is calling us to act in this present moment.

Fr. Jeff

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



April 2024

	April	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2024 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 28,919	\$ 194,786	45%	\$ 432,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 31,894	\$ 206,747	45%	\$ 464,100
Total Operating Expense	\$ 48,361	\$ 185,381	33%	\$ 555,264
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(16,467)	\$ 21,366		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry



May 2024

The vestry met on May 14 at 7:30 p.m. Darlene Nordoff was appointed and approved as chair of the Parish Life Committee. The treasurer reported on the status of income/expense, savings and investments for the month and quarter, respectively. The vestry was informed that Community Café received many donations during the Centre Gives online fundraiser, although the total wasn't yet known at that time.

The last official meeting with the Vandersall consultants occurred immediately before this vestry meeting. The vestry spent much of their meeting discussing the many merits of the consultation and the plans to operationalize what they garnered from the Vandersall Group.

The next vestry meeting will be on June 11 at 7 p.m. in Room 324. All are welcome.

WORSHIP

Recognizing our Senior Acolyte

Congratulations, Bryson Christopher!

Thank you for your faithful service as an acolyte for St. Andrew's for the past six years! Wishing you all the best in your next endeavors.

We will miss you!



Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training (LEV)

Father Jeff is reinstating the ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visitor at St. Andrew's. LEVs are licensed by the diocese to serve in this ministry in which they deliver Communion to members of the parish who are not able to attend church. If you like to visit with people and feel called to take the sacrament to the homebound and the sick, speak to Father Jeff or send him an email. Training will be provided. No previous experience needed.

Save the Date

On Saturday, July 27, Bishop Audrey Scanlan will ordain Kevin Lowe to the Sacred Order of Priests here at St. Andrew's—and you're invited!

St. Andrew's will host a reception in Canterbury Hall following the ordination. We will also livestream the service on our Facebook page. More information will be available as the date approaches.

If/when you know you plan to attend, RSVP by July 20 to <https://tinyurl.com/RevKev>.



By the Grace of God,

The Right Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan
XI Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
will ordain

Kevin Matthew Lowe

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church
on Saturday, July 27, 2024
at ten o'clock in the morning at

St Andrew's Episcopal Church

208 W Foster Ave
State College, PA 16801

Your presence and prayers are invited.

Clergy are invited to vest and process (red stoles).

A reception will follow at the church.

RSVP by July 20 to: <https://tinyurl.com/RevKev>

The service will also be livestreamed at
<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsc>

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

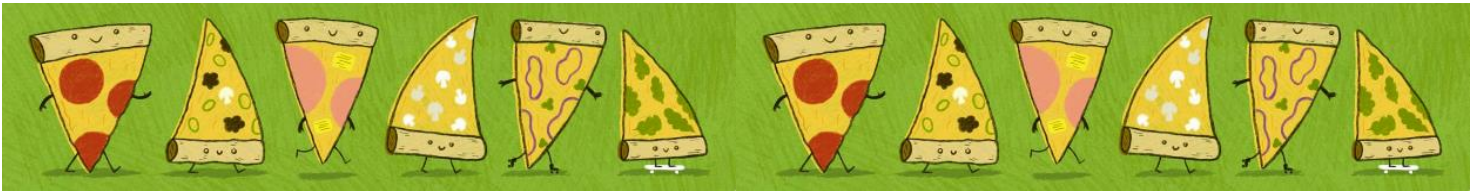


This Summer in Church School

In the past, families and teachers have taken the summer "off" for travel and family time. The last few summers, we have learned that many of our families stay pretty close to home and attend church regularly.

Beginning on June 9, we will have a combined summer class using all three classrooms in the 2nd floor hallway. Sunday mornings will include Bible stories, crafts, and games. We will also go outside to play and enjoy nature, when possible. Room 217 will include activities and ongoing projects for our oldest children.

If you have any questions, please email [Robin Bastress](mailto:Robin.Bastress@standrewsc.org) children@standrewsc.org



A FOND FAREWELL FOR OUR FRIENDS

The Dawson-Rigas family

Friday, June 29
5 p.m. in Canterbury Hall

The Children's program is planning a pizza party to wish the Dawson Rigas Family well, as they move to Washington, D.C. and we are inviting anyone in the parish who would like to join us.

If you plan to attend, please let us know by signing up using the link below to help us plan a great send-off for Marc, Rebekah, Anna-Rose, and Zachariah, and a fun evening for everyone.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScBTxxnOq9jPe24ZDLq2whkdxGNqIYMXuyS_Z-xlkTUoXDO2g/viewform

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Congratulations to our 2024 graduates!

Bryson Christopher



Bryson plans to attend Temple University in the fall, where he will study Film Arts.

Ellie Harper



Ellie plans to go to Trinity College in Connecticut in the fall to study environmental science or education.

Noah Gregory



Noah plans to take a gap year following graduation. He will be working for Restek Corporation in Bellefonte, PA.



Steven Zimmerer



Stephen Zimmerer graduated from Columbia University with a Master in Architecture degree and the honor award for excellence in design. His proposal Niwaki: A Tectonic of Transspecies Encounter won the William Kinne Fellow Traveling prize so he has a trip to Japan on his horizon!

Ben Rogers

(Picture unavailable)

Ben will attend Penn State in the fall.



Genevieve Rogers

(Picture Unavailable)

Genn will attend Penn State's Life Link program in the fall.



UPCOMING



State College Pride Parade

Saturday, June 8

9 a.m. registration; 10 a.m. parade starts
Sydney Friedman Parklet

St. Andrew's is proud to sponsor and participate in the State College Pride Parade on Saturday, June 8. Join us as we walk in the colorful parade to show our support of the LGBTQ+ community.

The parade starts at 10 a.m. If you are planning to march, please gather on our front lawn near the corner of Fraser and Foster. All groups are required to register and receive wristbands to participate in the parade. We will distribute the wristbands at the church and walk over to line up for the parade as a group. Any t-shirts that were pre-ordered but not yet claimed as well as any extra t-shirts will be available, too.

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

For complete information about all PRIDE 2023 events, go to <https://www.centrelgbtplus.org/schedule-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.

Friday Films Celebrates Summer

Friday, June 28

7 p.m., Canterbury Hall

(Snacks starting at 6:30 p.m.)

The Birdcage (1996)

Rated R

1h 58m



For June, July, and August, Friday Films has chosen films that give a humorous nod to three of the big events of the summer. On June 28, in honor of **Pride Month**, they will show *The Birdcage*, a remake of the classic French farce, *La Cage Aux Folles*. In this version, Robin Williams and Nathan Lane star in the roles of a gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion who agrees to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing moralistic parents.

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.

Coming up...

In July we will catch Olympic fever with *Blades of Glory* and

in August, we will take a “day off” with *Ferris Bueller* before school starts in September and life starts moving “pretty fast” again.

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, July 19

10 a.m. – 3:30 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!

Goodbye, Andrew family. God be with you till we meet again.

From Paige and Mary Andrew

In late January 1995, the Andrew family arrived in State College with four inches of snow on the ground and much more to come, arriving from Athens, Georgia where Paige landed his first librarian position at the University of Georgia. Ian was just four years old, and Colin would turn one a week later, also the first day of Paige's long career with the Penn State University Libraries. We joined St. Andrew's within the first month after arriving and were warmly welcomed by Jean Shirey and Robin Bagby amongst others. Soon, we were Coffee Hour volunteers, kickstarting a call to volunteer within the church in numerous different capacities.

Some family milestones in the 29 years living in Lemont include: participating in our boys' progress within the State College Area School District system and seeing each graduate high school, along with similarly participating in St. Andrews' educational/formation processes; many years of Cub and Boy Scouts for the boys and for us as adult leaders and especially seeing Colin achieve the rank of Eagle Scout; Paige achieving tenure and promotion in 2001, promotion to Librarian rank in 2012 and retiring last September with as Emeritus Librarian; Mary's step-by-step successes with different Colleges at Penn State as their Financial Officer and now a member of the university's SIMBA team; witnessing Ian's graduation from Penn State with a bachelors degree in Hospitality Management in 2012; plus too many activities and trips to list here.

Within St. Andrew's parish, highlights for us include Colin's baptism, Mary's reception into the Episcopal church, Ian's confirmation and witnessing so many special moments with all of you from baptisms to graduations to marriages to ordinations to memorial services. As members of St. Andrew's we are so blessed by the faith and fellowship of our church leaders and many, many individuals who are fellow church family.

We were asked to share what ways we have served St. Andrew's during our time here. In some cases Mary and I have shared a particular mission such as serving as ushers, coffee hour hosts and counters together. But, just as God has planned for us, our areas of service have been pretty diverse. Mary has served as a church school teacher, J2A and Rite 13 leader, Treasurer, member of the Financial and Investment Committees and most recently as St. Andrews' Financial Secretary. Meanwhile, Paige got involved with the Property Committee early on starting simply with volunteering to help with tasks but later leading as Co-Chair and then Chair of the committee. He served on Vestry and had two significant roles during that time, co-chairing and overseeing the renovation and repair of the church's roof coping stones and roof repairs and the Property Committee and co-chairing a successful Rector's search resulting in Father Richard's appointment to St. Andrew's. Besides ushering Paige has also been a long-time Lector, coordinated the renovations of all of our stained glass windows (as the final 2006-2009 Capital Campaign project), coordinated and participated in many spring and fall "cleanup days" plus put in many hours weeding, pruning, and similar tasks around church and Trinity House grounds. For a couple of years many years ago, with Mary's and others' help, coordinated St. Andrew's groups to raise money for the church working at venues such as Spikes Baseball (concession stand), selling Apple Dumplings at State High home football games and Penn State special events at the Bryce Jordan Center.



Some of you are already aware of the next stop in our life's journey but others are not. We purchased the Andrew house in Richland, Washington in January 2021 soon after Paige's father moved in with his sister in Spokane and it has been a rental property up until April 2024. Now we look forward to moving in and making it our new home. Richland is part of Tri-Cities, the three cities being Richland and Kennewick on the south side of the Columbia River and Pasco on the north. We finally will be within driving distance to participate in family events in person. We especially want to spend as much quality time as possible with our two living parents (Paige's father and Mary's mother) both of whom are in their early nineties.



For those who wish to stay in touch our address is:

2302 Franz Court
Richland, WA 99352

and if any of you are ever traveling through south-central Washington you are more than welcome to stay with us! Just let us know.

And even though we are moving to the opposite side of the country from Colin, Maria, and our granddaughter Eliana we will make trips to Florida to see them. Since we will be much closer to Ian, who lives and works now east of Los Angeles in Rancho Cucamonga we get to pop down and spend time with him finally. And we sincerely hope to come back to State College on occasion to spend time with our closest friends, which will of course mean stopping in and seeing our important and wonderful St. Andrew's family when we do.

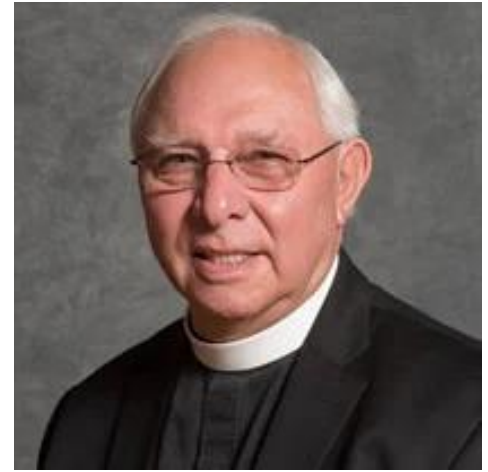
There are no words to express how grateful we are to have been involved in the life of the St. Andrew's parish. We have been blessed in so many ways and by so many of you and we will take away much more than we ever gave. St. Andrew's has been our rock and anchor throughout so many good times and difficult/stressful times in our lives. We have garnered a lifetime of memories by being a part of this church too and will greatly miss you all. As you can imagine, this is a very emotional time for both of us. Most of all we ask your prayers for continued good health and many retirement years ahead. And in return we will always keep St. Andrew's in our prayers as well.

Sincerely,
Paige and Mary Andrew



The Rev. Larry John Hofer

September 9, 1939 – May 28, 2024



The Rev. Larry John Hofer passed away on May 28, 2024, at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE, in the company of family and after 84 years of a selfless life. He was born in Toledo, OH, on September 9, 1939, to the late Mary (Emch) and Harry Hofer. He was predeceased by his sister, Shirley.

Larry graduated from Kenyon College in 1961, majoring in History. He received his Master of Divinity from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in 1964. He served two parishes in Pennsylvania and one in Chicago, where he was also Lutheran campus pastor at the University of Chicago. In 1987, he received a certificate in Anglican Studies from General Seminary and was ordained a priest. He served several parishes in Pennsylvania, ending at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College, where he worked for 14 years until his retirement in 2008. During retirement in Delaware, he held various positions in the diocese, including priest associate at St. Peter's in Lewes, priest-in-charge at St. Paul's Georgetown, and a director of diaconal formation.

Father Larry is survived by his wife of 54 years, Susan, of Lewes, DE. He is also survived by his children: Kristen (Adam) Parker of Lexington, MA, and son Eric Hofer of Port Matilda, PA, along with three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 15, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lewes, DE. In addition, it will be streamed live via St. Peter's Facebook page OR can be streamed by clicking on the link below:

<https://youtube.com/live/V9q0yLpdzaI?feature=share>

Memorial contributions may be made to

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
211 Mulberry Street
Lewes, DE 19958

Correspondence to Susan Hofer and the Hofer family may be sent to

32801 Ocean Reach Drive
Lewes, DE 19958

May light perpetual shine upon him.

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 9, 11:15 a.m.
Room 324 and Zoom



Knitting Ministry WILL meet on Sunday, June 9, following the 10 a.m. service. This will be our last regularly scheduled meeting until September 8.

Together we accomplished quite a lot this year. From our hands and hearts, we made

- 3 baby blankets
- 2 Peace Pals
- 5 hats
- 4 hat & scarf sets
- 10 scarves

4 baby bibs (which are being donated to a Centre County philanthropy supporting young families)

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



MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m.
Room 324

The Men's Group gathers at 5:30 pm for food and some fellowship, and reflection on the Bible begins about 6 p.m. Feel free to come join us when you can make it. All men of St. Andrew are welcome. Questions or requests for more information can be sent to Dennis Shea (dennisgshea@yahoo.com or 814-777-8086).

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, June 18
7 p.m.

The Book Group will meet Tuesday, June 18 to discuss *The Double Life of Katharine Clark* by Katharine Gregorio.

In 1955, Katharine Clark became the first female Americanwire reporter behind the Iron Curtain, forging a career as a journalist in a male-dominated field. This dramatic historical narrative shares her forgotten story of befriending a leading Communist and risking her life to smuggle out books that exposed the truth about Communism to the World.

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



PARISH LIFE

Would you like to be part of a type of "stone soup ministry," where just a little contribution by many can help create something beautiful, helpful, and much appreciated? The Parish Life Committee facilitates receptions such as the reception after the service of Lessons and Carols, and the one after Easter Vigil; coffee hour socials; and funeral receptions.



- Contact Darlene Nordoff (814) 883-1231 or dnordoff737@gmail.com ASAP to become a member of the Parish Life committee.
- Contact Scott Strouse directly at scottallen1750@gmail.com if you'd like to be part of the Coffee Hour team.
- Contact Robin Bastress at children@standrewsc.org if you can help with funeral receptions. Thank you.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

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, Joe, Erica, Molly, Walter, Marion, Teri, Janet, Mavis, Mena, Mickey, Pam, Carolee, Jennifer, Joan, Don, Jordan, Ty, Isa, Ivonne, Beti, David, Kevin, Vicki, Diane, Sara, Emily, Frank, Robbie, Andy, Terry, Carol, Gordon, Ron, Oliver, Bob, Michael, Robert, Bryan, Barbara, Jim

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

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

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