

“Follow me and I will make you
fish for people.” – Mark 1:17

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



July 2024

In Praise of the Arts & the Art of Praise

Don't forget to come to our poetry reading at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, the Saturday during Arts Festival. All the award winners will be here to read their works, and selected poets, plus our judge Jerry Wemple will read some from his work. Our featured poet this year is our parishioner Emily Grosholtz, a retired professor from Penn State who worked in the English and Philosophy departments. Our theme this year is “And who is my neighbor?” The reading will be hosted by Alison Jaenicke.

Why is the church sponsoring a poetry contest? You'll recall our first contest challenged poets to reflect on what God may have been up to in the midst of the pandemic. That was a moment in history and a time when we were all trying to make sense of what was happening. These contests are a way to invite people into a larger conversation related to the theme, a kind of public theology project. It is also a way for St. Andrew's to continue an old tradition in the church, that of patronizing the arts. Think: Michaelangelo's Sistine Chapel or DaVinci's Last Supper. They are beautiful representations of biblical and religious themes, and incredible works of art on their own. As patron of the arts, the church acknowledges that our God is creative, THE creator in fact, and that we were created in God's image. In other words, we were created creative. Human creativity finds expression in many of our endeavors, but especially in the arts. And art that doubles as praise of God and as an aid to worship seems doubly blessed.

At St. Andrew's we have long appreciated and supported the arts. Our music program is excellent. The six-times-a-year Evensong put on by our choir is a unique expression of our Anglican heritage that gives voice to some of the greatest composers of sacred music. People come from a distance to experience this lovely and holy service. Just walking into our space makes clear that art is loved here. The stained-glass windows of St. Andrew's are spectacular. Growing up here I never really appreciated them; they were just there. Now, I am spellbound by their beauty and complexity. We will show them off again in tours during the Arts Festival. Added to the windows in more recent years are the stations of the cross, beautiful depictions of ugly events. I would include our Friday Film series in this list of arts supported by our parish.

The Book of Common Prayer defines prayer as “responding to God” (BCP 856). That response may be a prayer offered with or without words. Or it could be a song or poem composed with a heart open to the divine. It could be a work of visual art that struggles to express the holy or sublime. It could be any kind of creative expression born from personal piety, ecstatic joy, or even the depths of existential angst. Sometimes the only way to express the religious impulse is in the language of art that can speak to anyone, anytime. Beauty is eternal. Through art we touch eternity.

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 819)

TREASURER'S REPORT, Julie Kwasnica, Treasurer



May 2024

	May	Year-to-Date	% of Budget	2024 BUDGET
Parishioner Contributions *	\$ 29,739	\$ 224,525	52%	\$ 432,500
Total Operating Income	\$ 33,091	\$ 239,838	52%	\$ 464,100
Total Operating Expense	\$ 55,180	\$ 240,606	43%	\$ 555,264
Surplus (Deficit)	\$(22,089)	\$ (768)		

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

VESTRY UPDATE, Beth Jones, Clerk of the Vestry



June 2024

St. Andrew's Vestry met on June 11, 2024. Fr. Jeff spoke about the activities that will take place in and around the Church during the Arts Festival. The treasurer gave her report about income and expenses in May and the vestry approved some monies for repairs to the building. The Sabbatical Committee reported on their progress for next summer. Dawn Ziegerer was approved to do a storytelling workshop at St. Andrew's: more information to follow.

Fr. Jeff presented a "practice" scenario that might be put before the vestry to run through our strategic filter (Vandersall consultants) and much discussion followed.

The next vestry meeting is on Tuesday, July 9. at 7:00 p.m. in Room 324. All are invited.

WORSHIP

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training

Tuesday, July 16

5 – 6 p.m. in the Church

If you are interested in learning more about the ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visitor, please join us for the first of two training sessions which will deal with an overview of the ministry and its purpose. We will meet in the church from 5 to 6 on Tuesday, July 16. There is no previous experience or training required. Please let Father Jeff know if you plan to attend.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Kevin Lowe

Saturday, July 27

10 a.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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/RevKey>.

Gift for Rev Kev

We are collecting money for an ordination gift to Deacon Kevin Lowe from the parish. We intend to get him a chasuble and stole combination. The chasuble is the poncho-like vestment the priest wears while presiding at the Eucharist. It is modeled after the seamless garment of Jesus that the Roman guards cast lots for rather than divide it into fourths. That garment was a common outer garment worn to protect from the weather. Along with the priest's stole it symbolizes a connection to Christ and his ministry especially the sacramental ministry of the Lord's supper.

You can donate by giving a check with the memo "Ordination Gift." We will soon set up an online category for giving as well. Any cash collected in excess of the cost of the gift will be given to (soon-to-be) Father Kevin's discretionary fund.



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>

Ordination Reception

Following his ordination, the Parish Life Committee will host a reception of joy, generosity, and gratitude in Canterbury Hall to celebrate the occasion and wish Rev. Kev and his family well as he begins his ministry in Lewisburg!

If you would like to contribute to the reception, please see the signup list at the link below. Food and flower donations should be dropped off in Canterbury Hall before the service begins at 10 a.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Darlene Nordoff. Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/RevKevReception>

NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Gifts from the Garden

Our children planted tomatoes in the courtyard to share fresh tomatoes with the Community Cafe. A patron of the cafe donated more plants, so we have more tomatoes and peppers to share.



Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School meets during the 10 a.m. service in the three classrooms on the second floor. All children are welcome.



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

SCHEDULE CHANGE for Arts Festival

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday, July 14

9 a.m. – ONE SERVICE ONLY

On the Sunday of the Arts Festival, July 14, we will have only one worship service at 9 a.m. There will not be a Fellowship Hour.

Hydration Station

Thursday, July 11 – Saturday, July 13

9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Front Lawn

The Community Café will offer FREE ice water, lemonade, and iced tea to hot and thirsty festival-goers on the front lawn. The drinks are free, but donations are gladly accepted. Last year, this was a very successful fundraiser for the Café. MANY volunteers are needed. Please sign up to help and support the mission of the Community Café at bit.ly/CafeDrinkStation2024



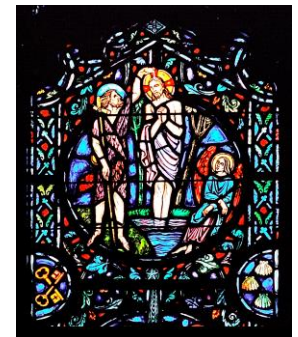
Any questions, please contact Scott Luzier at scottluzier@aol.com.

Stained-Glass Window Tours

Friday, July 12 – Saturday, July 13

10 a.m. to Noon, Church

Guides Cathy Dauler and Jason McCloskey will lead tours of our stained-glass windows that focus on the history, meaning, and artistry of these beautiful works of art. Even if you see the windows every Sunday, you are sure to leave with more information and an increased appreciation. The tours are free of charge.



Festival Parking

Wednesday, July 10 -
Saturday, July 13

The business of the church does not stop during the Arts Festival and requires much of our limited parking, especially on Wednesday and Thursday. If you need to use our parking during the Festival (or any other time except Sundays,) please place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard to identify your car as belonging to a parishioner. Pick up a copy at a Sunday service or in the church office. Parking is also available in the Trinity House parking lot (excepted where indicated as “Tenant Parking”) and courtesy of our neighbors in the KCF parking lot (at the intersection of F Alley and Nittany Avenue) weeknights after 6 p.m. and all day Saturdays and Sundays.

Performances at the Arts Festival

Any visit to the Arts Festival should include catching some of the great live performances that are part of it. For a complete list of performers, visit the Festival website at <https://arts-festival.com/>, but be sure to look for these talented members and friends of St. Andrew's when making your plans.



Wednesday, July 10

10:00 p.m. Sydney Friedman Park

Packard Highland Dancers

(Sian, Ruth, and David Packard, Kathryn MacIntosh)

Thursday, July 11

7:00 p.m. Blue Brick Theater

Happy Valley Improv Youth Show

(Andrea McCloskey)



Friday, July 12

7 p.m. & 9 p.m. Blue Brick Theater

Happy Valley Improv (Andrea McCloskey)

Saturday, July 13

12:30 p.m. Festival Shell Stage

State College Municipal Band

(Melody and Andrew Chisholm)

2:30 p.m. Festival Shell

Rick Hirsch 5 (Kevin Lowe, Rick Hirsch)

7 p.m. & 9 p.m. Blue Brick Theater

Happy Valley Improv (Andrea McCloskey)

7 p.m. Festival Shell

Ady's Latin Band (Kevin Lowe, Rick Hirsch)



Sunday, July 14

2:30 p.m. Allen Street

Cat's Eye (Kevin Lowe)



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

AND **WHO** IS MY
NEIGHBOR?

208 W. Foster Avenue, State College, PA

**POETRY
READING**

Saturday, July 13
1 o'clock p.m.

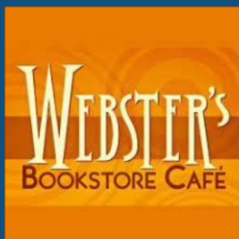
**ANTHOLOGY
RELEASE**

Also livestreamed
at facebook.com/standrewsc

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Alison Condie Jaenicke
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Contest Winners

Judith Sornberger
Marjorie Maddox
Adriene Nicastro

Contest Judge

Jerry Wemple *and*

Anthology Contributors

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, July 19

10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Canterbury Hall

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

RedCrossBlood.org



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!

UPCOMING

Friday Films Celebrates Summer

Friday, July 19

7 p.m., Canterbury Hall

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

Blades of Glory (2007)

Rated PG-13

1h 33m



The 2024 Olympics in Paris begin in July, so, of course, the Friday Film selection is *Blades of Glory*. You won't see any figure skating in France, but there is plenty in *Blades of Glory*. Will Ferrell and Jon Heder play the world's best male figure skaters. Their intense rivalry breaks into a fight on the awards podium and they end up banned from the sport for life. Three years later, they discover a loophole in the rules that allows them to compete again as skating's first male-male pair. The film also stars Amy Poehler, Will Arnette, Jenna Fisher, and Scott Hamilton.

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...

Coming in August: ***Ferris Bueller's Day Off***

St. Andrew's Night at the Spikes

Friday, August 16

Game Time: 6:35 pm

Cost: \$11 per ticket

Come out to the Old Ballgame!

St. A's Team Photo before the game - 5:30 pm!

[Sign up here!](#)

Additional notes:

- Ike the Spike will visit us during the game.
- Close to Bathrooms, Food Concessions, Ice Cream & Beverages!
- **Please sign up by August 1.**
- Our seats are easily accessible for all.
- Email Children@standrewsc.org with questions.



Picnic and Prayer in the Park

Sunday, August 18

5 p.m., Tudek Park, Pavilion #1

On Sunday, August 18, we will hold our 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist outdoors at Tudek Park with a potluck dinner following. More details to follow but mark your calendars now.



Altar Flowers

Did you know you can dedicate our Sunday altar flowers to acknowledge events like wedding anniversaries, births, milestone birthdays, and accomplishments or to give thanks for specific or general blessings? These dedications will appear in the Thursday newsletter and Sunday bulletin.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2024-25AltarFlowers> to sponsor and dedicate altar flowers for one or more Sundays of your choice. (More than one person can sign up for each Sunday.)

The cost of the Sunday arrangements is \$70. You can pay this online or by check at any time with the memo "altar flowers." If you have any questions, please contact Allison Shea at office@standrewsc.org or 814-237-7659.



NOTE: Following the services each week, our Flower Ministry team delivers the arrangements to members who may be sick, in hospital, or otherwise in special need of our prayers.

With your offering, you are brightening the day of these parishioners as well as our worship space on Sunday.

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.

MEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, July 23, 5:30 p.m.
Room 324

St. Andrew's Men's Group gathers once a month at 5:30 p.m. for food and fellowship; reflection on the Bible begins about 6 p.m. Our July meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23.

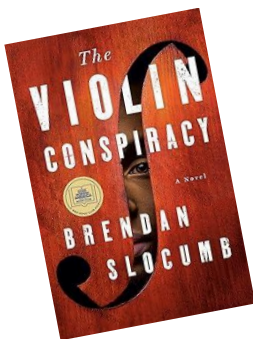
Feel free to join us when you can make it. All men of St. Andrew's are welcome. Questions or requests for more information can be sent to Dennis Shea (dennisgshea@yahoo.com)

BOOK GROUP

Tuesday, July 23, 7 p.m.
1212 Inverary Place, State College

The Book Group will meet Tuesday, July 23, at the home of Julie and Jamie Breuninger. We will be discussing the Centre County Reads 2024 novel, *The Violin Conspiracy*, written by Brendan Slocumb. From Amazon: "Ray McMillian is a Black classical musician on the rise—undeterred by the pressure and prejudice of the classical music world—when a shocking theft sends him on a desperate quest to recover his great-great-grandfather's heirloom violin on the eve of the most prestigious musical competition in the world."

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



NEWCOMERS/GREETERS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 24, 7 p.m.
Room 324



St. Andrew's is known as the "Open Church" in State College. Many who have visited us have commented on the warmth and friendliness of our members.

If you would like to be a part of our greeters/newcomer's ministry, please attend our first meeting in the library at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 24. We will brainstorm ideas of how we can ensure that all who walk through our doors feel welcome and invited.

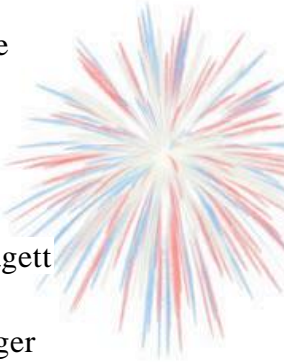
Please contact Julie Breuninger with any questions: julieknits4@gmail.com

JULY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! If you have a July birthday and do not see your name listed, we probably do not have that information in our records. Please contact the office – we may be missing other information, too.



1 Kathy Hickner	10 Patricia Jackson	21 Jeanette Sabre
1 Roxi Thoren	10 Julianne Ohashi	21 Linda Selzer
2 Linda Wallace	12 Lucas Leakey	22 Jim Marchesani
3 Linda Mace	14 Melissa Anderson	24 Carolyn Bechtel
3 Michele Diaz	15 Kelley Paulsen	24 Lisa Hopkins
4 Sheryl Stout	16 Anna Jones	25 Denise Person
4 Davis Pagett	17 Steven Smith	26 Penny Blasko
4 Mackenzie Pagett	17 Mary Andrew	27 Dave DonTigny
6 Robin Bagby	17 Sebastian Mainzer	27 Russell Vaught
6 Julie Breuninger	19 Meira Minard	27 Craig Faller
7 Sarah Skvarla	20 Dee Pawling	30 Bennett Marini



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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, Jim, Beti, David, Kevin, Vicki, Diane, Sara, Emily, Frank, Robbie, Andy, Terry, Carol, Gordon, Ron, Oliver, Bob, Michael, Robert, Bryan, Barbara, Jim, Annie, Bekki, Lily, Janice, Micaela, Miles, Elisabeth, Janice, Kaethe, Maria, Anneliese, Sheppard, Doug, Alexandra, Linda, Betty

Those in the Armed Forces and First Responders

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

Our Sister City in Ukraine

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