



The
Network
The newsletter for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Above: Fr. Wayne blesses our signs on Rogation Sunday, May 14, 2023 · S. Floyd

Dear Friends,

Exciting things are happening at St. Andrew's. Some weekday mornings seem a bit like Grand Central Station as folks come and go. The increasing presence of staff helps add to the energy of the place. Music wafts through the cloister as organists rehearse for services and concerts.

We have many new faces among us, too. Several individuals and families have joined our membership, or are in the process of becoming members of St. Andrew's. One primary way we become members is through Holy Baptism, and as of this writing, we have just baptized Allison Margaret Johnson at the Family Service. When Bishop Perry was with us in February, we baptized Margaret Niedringhaus Mueller. The Sunday before that, we baptized Noah Thomas Bastion. On Pentecost Sunday, May 28, we welcomed Cormac James Bellen, Lucas August Ronilo Montano, Henry Felix Michelin, Benjamin Grant Vockel, and Tyler Wesley Webb through Holy Baptism into Christ's One Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. And there are more to come.

We have new members joining us, too. Ian Lockwood and Ann Barker are two of those, and they have also welcomed Henry John Lockwood into their family. The Posch family, John, Dyanna, Isabel, and Jude have also joined us, and son Laurence will enter through Holy Baptism sometime soon.

You will find articles related to our financial life elsewhere in this newsletter. Behind the scenes, we are looking at different ways to do our financial stewardship campaign. We also are working to establish a Legacy Society, whose members have indicated that they have chosen to remember St. Andrew's in their wills. Other groups will be asked to come together to discuss parish ministries.

A revived ministry is that of Lay Eucharistic Visitors. New communion kits have been purchased, and several individuals have trained to take Holy Communion from

our altars to those unable to worship with us in person. That ministry will probably be active by the time you read this newsletter.

Other ideas have begun to spring forth. Some have been active through the years by knitting prayer wraps. This group has been renamed in memory of Carole Wortley, who actively participated in it and helped ensure we reached all those who might appreciate receiving a wrap.

There is some word floating around about a book group. And many continue to participate in an intercessory prayer group, who receive a list each week containing the names of members and others for whom prayer is requested. This list is much longer than the number of names heard during the Prayers of the People on Sundays. And, speaking of that, the opportunity remains open for those who would like to write those prayers for our use. A group of three or four could meet to discuss what to include, and then follow the creative energy of the Holy Spirit to develop this important aspect of our weekly worship.

I hope you're not tired yet. There is so much more already happening or in the planning stages. St. Andrew's is preparing to welcome its next Rector, who will likely stand in the entryway, see all the activity, and try to keep up. That person will want to know you and your engagement with ministry in this place and the surrounding community. So, as it is with all these named ministries and those yet to mention, invite that person and anyone else to do what Jesus told those who asked what he was up to. "Come and see."

THE REV. E. WAYNE ROLLINS
Interim Rector

With Love & Gratitude

Dear ones:

It is with a grateful heart and copious tears that I thank you for the 18 years I was privileged to serve as your parish administrator. You have supported me through good and sad times; with kind words, smiles, and prayers.

Thank you for your generous financial gift and the beautiful photo album. I will treasure it and all of you, keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. - *Kathy McPherson*

Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 24, at Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence Building. The organization, Community for All MI, is sponsoring a Juneteenth Celebration, "We Are Better Together," for the entire community, and all are welcome! Visit <https://communityforallmi.org> or e-mail communityforall22@gmail.com for more information.

Breakfast Benefit Concert

On Saturday, May 13, we had another stellar Benefit concert for the Breakfast Program. Rosanne Cash and her band performed at the Michigan Theater to a very full house, include The Rt. Rev. Bishop Bonnie Perry. This was the 12th concert that Jim Cain

has organized, and we are grateful to him and to everyone who turned out to hear the great music and support the Breakfast. (See page 4 for photos!)

Changes to Food Donations for the Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program is in the process of getting a new license from the health department. One of the new requirements is **no homemade food; we can only accept food from inspected vendors**. We recognize that this is a change for our parish and wanted to say a final "Thank You!" for the years of donated food and leftovers from church receptions. If you have any questions feel free to email Shannon at breakfast@standrewsaa.org.

Finance

Operating Revenue and Expense

January 1 to April 30, 2023

| Income | Actual Year-to-Date | Budget Year-to-Date | Over/Under +/- YTD Actual vs. YTS Budget |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| Plate Offerings | 11,770 | 14,000 | -2,230 |
| Pledge Payments | 256,178 | 255,000 | 1,178 |
| Other Income | 32,997 | 16,332 | 16,665 |
| Designated Funds Transfer | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deficit Reduction Withdrawal | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Prior Year Surplus | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Income | 300,945 | 285,332 | 15,613 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | 254,956 | 235,869 | 19,087 |
| Maintenance & Overhead | 57,284 | 43,636 | 13,648 |
| Office Expense | 11,594 | 13,452 | -1,858 |
| Stewardship & Miscellaneous | 2,081 | 1,400 | 681 |
| Church Programs | 13,536 | 11,586 | 1,950 |
| Diocesan Pledge | 33,285 | 33,284 | 1 |
| Total Expenses | 372,736 | 339,227 | 33,509 |
| Net | -71,791 | -53,895 | -17,896 |

Legacy Giving at St. Andrew's

Have you remembered St. Andrew's in your will? Legacy giving is an important step in helping the parish continue its ministries into the future.

St. Andrew's is forming a Legacy Society, whose members indicate they have planned a gift or bequest to the parish in their wills. We receive that information on annual pledge cards or when the individual gift is made known. A social gathering with those members is being planned for early Summer.

If you would like more information about planned giving or the Legacy Society, please contact the church office or Fr. Wayne Rollins.



Planning for the Future: A Foundation of Faithfulness

As I enter into the last months of my time at St. Andrew's, I want to take a look at some desires expressed in the Parish Profile that aspiring applicants to be your next Rector will read. In particular, I want to bring your attention to a couple of ideas that continue to need some work.

One, as you might guess, is "We want our church to operate on a strong financial footing, with engagement from all congregants on stewardship." This issue came up at the Annual Meeting in January, and arises at each month's Finance Committee. We continue to trim around the edges of the difficult question: Is St. Andrew's trying to live too far beyond its means?

Of course, the answer to that is somewhere between "maybe" and "absolutely." The resolution is found in one of two ways. Offerings, both pledged and open plate need to increase. The other, which is just as difficult, is that cuts are made to many places in the budget in order to decrease expenditures.

That last one will result in painful decisions that mean further decreases in staffing, where possible, and cuts to existing programs where necessary. There will not be agreement on the definition of "necessary," whether it be deciding which programs are necessary and should not be diminished, or if it means eliminating some aspects of parish life that may be seen as a luxury to some.

When I gave my report at the annual meeting, some said that they wished I had said what I did a few months before during the stewardship campaign. But I didn't have the information in October that I had in January. And data since then shows me that unless the first option described above (increased giving) happens soon, the second option will become our only choice.

Every congregation I have served in any capacity has at one time or another faced this same situation. Few, perhaps none, of them were able to accomplish what St. Andrew's has in its recent past in order to keep its building in shape and to build one of the finest musical instruments available to any congregation in the country. Corners could have been cut then, too, with patches on the roof and in the old organ, meaning that the work would be needed again soon, and at a higher cost.

St. Andrew's is one of the larger congregations in The Episcopal Church. In past years, a parish this size would have had two or three full-time Priests, maybe a couple of non-stipendary Deacons, as well as some retired or

non-parochial clergy who would assist from time-to-time. Economic realities, along with a drastic reduction in available clergy, make this virtually impossible to achieve now. To do this now would mean a large increase in our annual budget for salaries, benefits, and staffing needs, and a commitment to maintain that increase over a period of at least three to five years.

This year, we have reduced staffing hours by about one full-time equivalent position. The change in salaries and benefits helps reduce some of the pressure on our finances, but will not completely resolve the issue.

Okay, I know this is long. But it's information I think you need to make a better-informed decision. It's also not just about this year's budget. It's about another part of the vision for the parish that came out of last fall's CAT survey. That is, the continuation of Church School activities for children and youth, along with the Theater Ministry and Adult Education. That last part needs some work, too.

Episcopalians haven't spent a lot of time with adult education. The old idea has pretty much been "everything I need to know about church I learned in Confirmation Class, when I attended it." It's probably a good thing that St. Peter isn't keeping track of Continuing Education credits. The potential for growth in this area is equal to the desire and commitment to participate in it. A weekly Bible Study with a handful of participants is just the beginning, not the end to show we're doing something.

As you consider all of this, add one more thing from our Baptismal Vows as expressed in the Parish Profile. How do we "seek and serve Christ in all people?" Think about what we choose now and how it serves the legacy left to us over the past two centuries at St. Andrew's. Think of how the choices of today help us serve the Christ in others who comes to us hungry or thirsty in so many ways, and consider how we answer that may help them choose a life-giving answer instead of the many forms of junk food available in so many other ways.

Then, think about the next century ahead of us. The choices we make today add to a foundation of faithfulness that those who will gather here will continue to build a witness to the living Christ in Ann Arbor. Your choice now may make that vision possible, even probable.

THE REV. E. WAYNE ROLLINS
Interim Rector

APRIL - MAY 2023

Parish Life Highlights

PHOTOS COURTESY OF:

Rogation Sunday: Lucy Richert; Altar of Repose: Kate Riedel; Clergy on Easter: Nancy Johnson; Ministry Fair: Lucy Richert; Breakfast Benefit: Nancy Johnson (Top), Shannon Floyd (Bottom)

Send your snaps of summer at St. Andrew's to [communications@standrewsaa.org!](mailto:communications@standrewsaa.org)

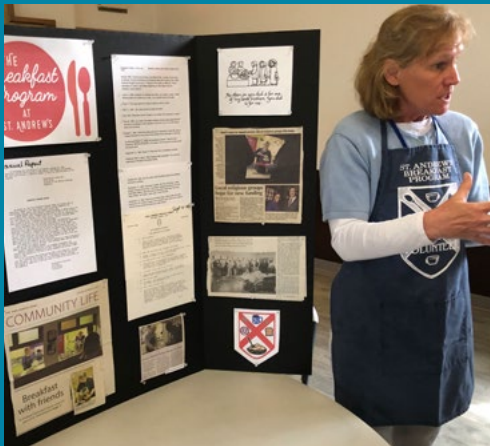
ROGATION SUNDAY



PREPARING THE ALTAR OF REPOSE



FR. WAYNE, REV. SALLY, & FR. BRY AT EASTER



MINISTRY FAIR



BREAKFAST BENEFIT





Church School Happenings

Recent Activities

In May the Church School began a **Pen Pal Ministry**, sponsored by the Social Justice Committee, with St. Andrew's shut-in members, assuring them that they are not forgotten. Grades 1-12 all participated in writing postcards.

The Rite 13 Bake Sale to raise funds for Episcopal Relief and Development was a great success. It worked out perfectly combining with the Ministry Fair, because people hung around and wanted to eat something. Thank you to all the bakers who helped support the Rite 13 class in making enough baked goods.



Photo: Lucy Richert

Thank you to all the generous donors. Together we made \$697!

Graduating high school seniors

were recognized in church on May 7. Three of the eight were present; Kevin Dutton, Caroline Robinson, and Cassian Collier. Accepting for her granddaughter, Kira Shaffer, was Mary Jane Medford. Those not able to be present were Hayden Bier,



Photo: Linda Hastings

Veronica Weinberg, Marin Heusel, and Lucius Webster. Congratulations to all our graduating seniors.

The Narnia supper theatre was a smashing success! The J2A class planned the English menu and décor to go along with the *Narnia* theme. Funds going towards their 2024 Pilgrimage.

Summer Church School

Water, water everywhere!

9:45 am from June 18 - July 25

It must be summer. Water is the theme of our Summer Church School for all ages. We will have stories about water, and crafts about water, and activities with water. We will review Old Testament stories of Noah and the flood, crossing the Red Sea, and Moses getting water from a rock, all the first week. Then we'll move on to New Testament stories; Jesus' Baptism, Jesus turning water into wine, Jesus calming the sea and walking on water, the woman at the well, the disabled man by the pool of Bethesda, the woman washing Jesus' feet and Jesus washing his disciples' feet.

Our activities will include making floatable turtles, making an aquarium, turning water in to Kool aid, playing ice hockey, making a well, weaving a mat, and making sandals. We'll meet in the Morning Glories preschool room on the 1st floor. Ages 3 and up. (If you think you're too old, come and be a helper!) Fun for all! Still starting at 9:45 during June and July. I will be teaching. Anyone want to be my assistant?

Miss holding a baby? Get your baby fix at St. Andrew's by volunteering in the Nursery on occasion in the Summer. Some Sundays we have no babies and others we may have one, two or three. Let Linda Hastings know if you can help! slhastings@standrewsaa.org.



Photo: Lucy Richert

Sunday, June 11

Last Day of Church School!

Our volunteer teachers will be recognized during the 10 am service

Sunday, June 18

Summer Church School

Begins at 9:45 am in the Morning Glories preschool room

Volunteers Needed!

Looking to the Fall – volunteers are needed to teach Church School and assist classroom teachers. This past year we had many parishioners (Patricia Bard, Ginger Kinney, Merilynne Rush, Cathy Vaughan, and Mary White) who do not have children in the Church School, who volunteered anyway, because as it says as part of our cornerstone, “St. Andrew's church is for the instruction, the worship, the edification of children.”

I am so grateful to all of our wonderful teachers and helpers and hope you will consider joining our team. Help is provided in the way of crafts, activities, and games.

In faith, hope and love, **LINDA HASTINGS**
Interim Director of Children's Ministries

Attention Graduates

If you are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, or another program, we want to celebrate your accomplishments. Please send us information including the program you just completed and future plans, and we'll include it in the next issue of *The Network*. You can send your info by email to communications@standrewsaa.org.

Volunteers Needed!

Help Wanted for the Church's Gardens

St. Andrew's is in need of several people to help our gardener, Julie Ritter, in her efforts to maintain our many garden spaces!

Do you have gardening experience? If you have even just an hour every week or two to help out, it would be greatly appreciated!

New to gardening? We will show new volunteers what to do and answer any questions. Tasks might involve helping renovate the sign garden, weeding, watering and planning for the future of the garden.

Hours are flexible! As much time as you can easily offer would be greatly appreciated and can easily be made to work with your schedule! Tasks can be tailored to your interests. Gardening is a great group activity - the more hands we have, the quicker the work will go!

Contact Julie Ritter or the Church Office if you are able to help out in our gardens! ✕

Acolytes Wanted

Do you think you or a member of your family might be interested in participating in the worship services at St. Andrew's as an acolyte?

Acolytes generally serve about once a month by lighting the candles, carrying crosses and torches in processions, and assisting the celebrant with the preparation of communion.

Our acolytes range in age from late grade school through adult. The only requirements are interest level, sufficient height to be able to easily light the taller candles, and enough strength to comfortably carry a cross or torch. At the 8:00 am service, we generally have one acolyte; at 10:00 am we usually have three or four. We are organized into two separate groups since the duties differ between the two services.

Acolytes serve on a rotational basis and are scheduled in advance according to each person's availability for the next month. Changes to the schedule can easily be made as needed.

New members are always welcome! Email Scott Gerstenberger at wsg@umich.edu if you or a family member might be interested. ✕

Voices from the Pulpit

Harriet Starr Cannon and the Community of St. Mary (From 05.05.23)

ROBERT WESTVEER
Lay Preacher

One of the saddest verses in the Bible is Matthew 10:36: "One's foes will be those who are in one's own household." That is what happened to Harriet Starr Cannon.

Cannon was born on May 7, 1823 and died on March 29, 1896. In 1857, she became a full member of one of the first orders of deacons, founded by William Augustus Muhlenberg. For seven years she worked as a nurse in his parish and at what we now call St. Luke's Hospital in New York City. But she wanted a deeper and more intentional spiritual basis for her work. So, on February 2, 1865, together with Jane Haught, Sandra Bridge, Mary Heartt and Amelia Aster, she formed the first Episcopal religious order, the Community of St. Mary. They took the usual vows before Bishop Horatio Parker at St. Michael's Church in New York.

However, this occurred during a time of widespread and vicious anti-Catholic prejudice. One religious editorial said: "Such an order is an avowedly anti-Protestant corruption within the Protestant Episcopal Church. It is an outrage. We are endeavoring to lift this nefarious burden from the shoulders of an outraged community." Despite this, the new community continued their work as nurses, caring for women with limited means and little support. The Community still exists and now has chapters in many states.

Mark 9: 33-37 (our Gospel reading) says: "Whoever receives one of these little ones in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not only me but the one who sent me." The essential characteristic of a child is vulnerability. But vulnerability can also be found among LGBTQ teens, disowned by parents, faith communities or society; by the homeless, seen on street corners, living in fear and poverty on the edges; by old people forgotten in nursing homes. Let us care for these "little ones" as Jesus commanded. In the same way, Hebrews 13: 12-16 (our Epistle reading) says: "let us go to him [Jesus], outside the camp, and bear his humiliation." Often, the "little ones" we are called to seek out and serve are those who have been also shut "outside the camp" and humiliated."

Psalm 131:3 (our Psalm reading) reminds us that we, too, are called to be "like a child upon her mother's breast." If we are the "little ones" of God, then let us seek and serve the other "little ones" in our midst: the lost, the lonely and the forgotten who have all too often been shut "outside the camp." ✕

Director's Chair

Narnia Success and Summer Plans

On the weekend of May 20 and 21 we staged our Supper Theater presentation of *Narnia*. This delightful and meaningful play was last presented in 2012. We were finally able to return to the supper theater format for the spring musical play. Supper Theater began in 1993 with *Charlotte's Web*, the only non-musical play in the series. COVID interrupted our presentation of *Peter Pan* in 2020 and again in 2021, so we need another year to get to 30 spring musicals. When we presented the play in 2022 we were not able to include the supper before the show, which has always been a fundraiser for youth. Our return to supper

theater was a wonderful indicator of some sort of "normality" in our parish life.

We again sold tickets to the show using the On The Stage platform. It may seem odd to use such a ticket selling venue for our "little" productions, but this is increasingly becoming the norm in live entertainment. There are many advantages to selling tickets online, including not needing to have a lot of money lying around before and during the show. It also enables a much higher level of generosity than the cash-at-the-door ticket sales. We are a very generous church family, and sometimes we just need a tiny push to tap into that generosity.

NORM RICHERT, *Theatre Ministries*

Last summer we read *James and the Giant Peach* on the church lawn, with some joining with Zoom. Actors came as they were available and we divided up the characters in the portion of the book that we read each session. It was a great opportunity to work on acting chops. I am hoping to have another book reading this summer. Stay tuned for details.

There are many ways to be involved in the Theater Ministries at St. Andrew's, whether it is acting, making music, making props, making costumes, or just staying plugged in. There is an email list of all the usual suspects in these categories. Email me at nrichert@comcast.net to be added to the list! ✘

Behind the Scenes of Narnia

Photos courtesy of Giselle Cociari, Linda Hastings, and Lucy Richert



Calendar of Events

Above: Easter Altar Flowers - K. Riedel

Weekly Events

Get Involved!

Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)
 9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
 9:45 am Church School
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (C / YouTube)

Wednesdays

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (1st Wed.) /
 Morning Prayer (Cpl)

Fridays

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)

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| ROOM LEGEND | (AC) Acolyte Room | (Cpl) Chapel |
| | (C) Church | (L) Lounge |
| | (CL) Choir Loft | (PH) Parish Hall |

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed and remote work will be paused June 19 and July 4

SUMMER HIATUS!

Evensong, the Healing Service, Compline, Bible Study, and all Choirs will return in September.



New Chapel Credence Table

Many thanks to Phil MacBride and Rodger Piehl for putting their wood-working expertise to work designing and building a new credence table (a small side table which is sometimes used during the service) for our chapel.

With a credence table in both the chapel and sanctuary, we will no longer have to move a single table between the spaces on a regular basis for baptisms, funerals, or special services.

June 2023

Saturday, June 3

9:00 am St. Andrew's Gets Outside

Sunday, June 4

10:00 am Holy Eucharist +
 Music Recognitions (C)

Tuesday, June 6

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Sunday, June 11

Blood Pressure Screenings
 Volunteer Recognition Sunday
 Last Day of Church School

Monday, June 12

4:00 pm History/Memorials (AC)

FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 18

Summer Church School Begins

JUNETEENTH

Monday, June 19

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, June 20

6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

Tuesday, June 27

6:30 pm Vestry (L)

July 2023

Saturday, July 1

9:00 am St. Andrew's Gets Outside

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Sunday, July 9

Blood Pressure Screenings

Sunday, July 16

2:00 pm PFLAG (L)

Tuesday, July 18

6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

July 20-22

Ann Arbor Art Fair

Tuesday, July 25

6:30 pm Vestry (L)

August 2023

Tuesday, August 1

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Saturday, August 5

9:00 am St. Andrew's Gets Outside

Thursday, August 10

September Network Deadline

Sunday, August 13

Blood Pressure Screenings

Tuesday, August 15

6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

Sunday, August 20

2:00 pm PFLAG (L)

Tuesday, August 22

6:30 pm Vestry (L)