

The Network

The bi-monthly newsletter for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
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Dear friends:

Renée: She didn't recognize me.

Kakuro: Because she has never seen you before.

This brief exchange takes place in the new French film "The Hedgehog" (Le herisson), at the front door of a fashionable Parisian apartment building as Renée, the building's superintendent, and Kakuro, a new tenant are leaving for dinner. The "she" they refer to is another tenant who says "good evening" to the couple as the three pass each other at the door. Renée, who for the first time in her adult life has a new hair style and an elegant new dress, is shocked at the politeness coupled with the lack of recognition from a woman for whom she works. She is, indeed, unseen by most of the people she encounters on a daily basis. Her job is to clean and manage the building. She is for most of her employers her function, her role, until one day someone takes notice of her. I won't spoil the film for you because I hope you will see it. But it raises an excellent question: Who do we fail to see in our daily interactions with the world around us?

The answer will be different for everyone. On some level we all engage in a degree of filtering based on factors such as our schedule, the demands on our time, our own likes and dislikes, our fears and prejudices. Some of this is completely understandable. We could not get through our day if we did not set priorities and boundaries. But those same priorities and boundaries can easily create blinders blocking out realities we choose not to see.

At his birth, Jesus entered the world almost completely unseen. No family or friends were in attendance. No doctor or midwife to assist with the birth is mentioned in Luke's gospel. The innkeeper puts Joseph and the pregnant Mary out of sight in a stable. The lowly shepherds make an appearance at the crib, but would that have even happened if they had not been tipped-off by an angelic chorus. (Who can ignore an angelic chorus?)

So from the start, God Incarnate comes into the world unseen by its inhabitants. It's a mistake we continue to make to this day.

We don't have to go rooting around in stables to find God. We can find God by simply going through the routines of our day. But if seeing God is the goal, then we cannot treat our day as routine. It is a gift, and we must deal with it as such. The blinders have to come off. People, even those we might normally avoid, or fail to recognize, have to be seen as they are, not as we would like them to be. We can't wait for Jesus

to show up with a stylish haircut and elegant clothing, as Renée did in the film.

As the infant Jesus entered the world unseen, the grown-up Jesus spent his time seeing the humanity of those the world sought to ignore – the sick, the hungry, the foreigner, the socially unacceptable, the second class. It eventually cost him his life, but not before he showed that true life is found in loving and being loved for who you are, regardless of your role or status in the world.

The weeks leading up to Christmas and the recovery time following it can tempt us to be extremely focused on what needs to be done, tasks that must be accomplished, deadlines that have to be met. It becomes very easy to see people as a means to achieve a goal. Try not to. Try to see the person God created, not their function at that moment. It will take time and it will slow you down. And that might not be a bad thing. At worst it might give someone else an opportunity to see you for who you are – a beloved child of God.

God bless,
Fr. Alan

Christmas Flowers
To make the church especially festive for the season, you are invited to *contribute toward greens and flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for the special people in your life.* These dedications will be included in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. The deadline for memorials is **Sunday, December 11.**

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PARISH BRIEFS

2011

Calendars for Sale

The **2012 Episcopal Church Calendars**, both Ordo/“Spikey” and Regular, have arrived; they are \$6 each and feature a photo of our young people at Carnivale this past February. *Also available:* Cat and Dog themed monthly calendars from Forward Movement, \$12 each.

St. Andrew's Christmas Adopt-a-Family

Gift Ingathering: Sunday, December 11, 2011

Once again this year, members of St. Andrew's will sponsor area families through an adopt-a-family program. Working with the Ann Arbor Community Center, we will be able to share Christmas gifts for the holiday with others.

Gift tags and family wish lists will be available for pickup in the lobby outside the lounge after services on Sunday, November 27 and December 4. *The ingathering will take place on Sunday, December 11.*

We need assistance with transporting the gifts to the Community Center after the 10:00 am service on December 11. If you can help, please contact Liz Sweet at 734-665-8472.

A Celebration of St. Nicholas' Day Concert

Sunday, December 4 at 1:30 pm

Following the annual St. Nicholas Party, be sure to join members of the Ann Arbor Boychoir and St. Dunstan's Handbell Choir for a concert of popular Christmas favorites.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

December 18, 2011, 4:00 pm

Don't miss our traditional Christmas Lessons and Carols Service, featuring the St. Andrew's Adult, Junior, Cherub and Handbell choirs, offering beautiful seasonal favorites in response to the nine lessons that recount the events leading to Christ's birth.

Service Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist: 8:00, 10:00 am
Family Service: 9:15 am (*Chapel*)
Church School: 9:45 am
Compline: 8:00 pm

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist: 7:00 am (*Chapel*)
Evensong: 6:00 pm (*Chancel*)

Thursdays

Holy Eucharist/Healing: 5:30 pm

Fridays

Holy Eucharist: 12:15 pm

First Saturday of the Month

Oasis Evensong: 5:30 pm

2012

Looking to 2012

Each January at the Annual Meeting, the parish is asked to elect five people to serve a three year term on the Vestry. A delegate to the Diocesan Convention is also elected at this time. A nominating committee consisting of the five retiring members of the Vestry, (Mary Edwards, Karen Gordon, Sarah Inwood, Bryce Kelley, Robert Westveer) and the retiring delegate to the Diocesan Convention, (Lucy Richert) and one member from the parish at large (Bridgette Skaff) has been appointed by the Vestry and is about to begin work. The by-laws require eight Vestry candidates and two candidates for the Diocesan Convention. *If there is someone that you feel we should consider, please feel free to tell any member of the committee.* Bryce Kelley is the chair of the committee and his e-mail address is bry.kel@comcast.net.

Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2012

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 29 at 10:30 am**. There will be a brief celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the chapel at 8:00 am, and a Choral Eucharist in the church at 9:00 am. Church School will start at 9:00 am that day.

If you are a commission, group or committee chair and you would like to have a report included in the Annual Report, please email it to communications@standrewsaa.org on or before **Wednesday, January 11, 2012**.

Don't Forget: In an effort to conserve resources and contain costs, only a few paper copies of the full Annual Report will be available on the day of the meeting. Paper copies of the **parish financial report, the 2012 budget, and all items of business requiring a vote** will be available for all parishoners at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Report will be posted on the parish website www.standrewsaa.org on **Monday, January 23, 2012**. We encourage you to review it prior to the meeting and/or bring your own paper copy to the meeting.

Epiphany Eve Service and Potluck Supper

Thursday, January 5, 2012

We will welcome the visit of the Three Kings as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany with the Holy Eucharist in the church at 5:30 pm, followed by a pot-luck supper in the parish hall at 6:15 pm. Baked hams and beverages will be provided by the church. Please bring a dish to share based on the first letter of your last name:

A-D	Dessert
E-K	Appetizer or Bread
L-R	Vegetable or side dish
S-Z	Salad

STEWARDSHIP

2012 Annual Giving Campaign

St. Andrew's Needs You Again

St. Andrew's 2012 Annual Giving Campaign is in its third month. The 2012 campaign has two goals: to raise \$900,000 and to expand participation to include every household in the parish.

During Sunday services in September and October members of the parish spoke to the congregation about the value St. Andrew's adds to their life. In very personal and unique terms, each described the special richness and fullness our Christian community brings to their life and their relationships, and why they will continue their commitment to St. Andrew's. We hope you found those reflections moving and inspirational in your contemplation of our parishes' meaning and value in your life. If you have already responded to the 2012 campaign, thank you! *If you haven't yet, the Stewardship Committee asks you to prayerfully consider making a commitment to St. Andrew's for 2012.*

As stated in previous letters and articles about this year's campaign, we face a new challenge in the coming year as the diocesan support for the curate's position comes to an end. This, combined with the fact that for the last few years we have had to dip into our investment funds in order to balance our operating budget, has prompted the Stewardship Committee to *request that all members prayerfully consider increasing their 2012 financial pledge by 10%.* If everyone increases their annual gift by 10%, we can balance the budget - covering not only our new costs, but also our ongoing budget shortfall. Of course, if a 10% increase is out of reach, St. Andrew's gratefully appreciates whatever contribution can be made.

Christian stewardship is about recognizing the wonderful and abundant gift of love that God gives all of us and celebrating this gift of love with others. Our parish places a high value on the ministries of St. Andrew's. We are by example year after year a community whose works of Christian love through stewardship are realized through the dedication of our members who commit time, talent, and financial support. We treasure our clergy and staff, the church school, the ministry of our music programs, the Breakfast, the ministries for the sick and the homebound, and the resources to provide aid and counseling for families in crisis.

The support of Christ's Church is our shared responsibility, especially in these times when so many of us face more challenges now than in the past. Every pledge, every financial commitment, whatever the amount, is a personal ministry of love and sacrifice that each of us can perform.

"You are a child of God, made in God's image and likeness. It's up to each of us to live up to who we are by how we use what we have been given. When God reads the name on your heart, what does God see? When God asks us to give what belongs to God, what will we give?" - Fr. Alan

David McCreddie and Charles Carlson,
Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs

FINANCES

Operating Revenue and Expense January 1 to October 31, 2011

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under +!(-)
	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	YTD Actual vs. YTS Budget
Income			
Plate Offerings	34,678	35,200	-522
Pledge Payments	652,259	635,000	17,259
Other Income	36,706	42,167	-5,460
Special Funds Transfer	0	0	0
Total Income	723,643	712,367	11,277
Expenses			
Diocesan Pledge	66,658	66,658	0
Other Outreach	33,400	32,480	920
Church Programs	53,484	58,183	-4,700
Salaries and Benefits	461,741	474,499	-12,759
Maintenance & Overhead	127,466	130,103	-2,638
Total Expenses	742,748	761,924	-19,176
Net	-19,105	-49,557	30,452

Capital Campaign Financial Status Report as of October 31, 2011

Income:		Since Inception
Pledge payments		2,435,581
Memorial gifts		4,970
From special funds		237,203
Grant		4,615
Investment Income		33,526
Total Income		2,715,895
Expenses:		
Consultant/Architect		303,693
General Contractor		1,453,277
Other Project Costs		155,858
Windows Restoration		263,770
Other Contractors		453,233
Administrative & Miscellaneous		87,519
Total Expenses		2,717,350
End of Month Fund Balance		-1,456



CLERGY CORNER

Curate's Contemplations

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

*"A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."*

- Matthew 2:16-18

Nestled inconspicuously between Christmas and New Year's Day is the often neglected Feast of the Holy Innocents. This feast day tells the part of Jesus' infancy narrative that gets left out of the Sunday lectionary readings because it is too gruesome for polite Christians to hear and no preacher wants to proclaim it as Good News anyway. So instead we hear Matthew's Gospel about Joseph's dream and the Holy Family's flight to Egypt stopping just shy of finding out what happens to all of the toddlers and babies who get left behind. We don't want to know that part of the story. It is too much to bear. It's the Christmas season after all—the very short twelve day window where we are allowed to sing *Joy to the World* and other carols guilt free. These are the days we spend traveling to be with family and playing with our presents and playing in the snow.

Although those are all good things, we do not do ourselves any favors by glossing over the ugly parts of our story because, as they say, we are doomed to repeat them. And each time that we do, it becomes easier and easier to look the other way, making excuses for our silence and complicity. Matthew put this horrific recounting of the slaughter of children in his infancy narrative to expose just what humanity is capable of and that the Christ child came to save us from this part of ourselves, bringing light into the darkness of our souls. The Incarnation loses its meaning if the baby Jesus is kept neatly in a storefront display and not brought out as the Light of the World shining into the darkness of our streets, schools and homes where our children are still being martyred.

If you have been reading area papers you know that I have been publicly vocal against Senate Bill 137(1) the so called Anti-Bullying legislation which has a religious and moral convictions clause. The clause sanctions bullying if done for religious or moral reasons. As I was working on my response to this legalized sacrifice of children, I kept thinking about the Holy Innocents who were also sacrificed for political gain. St. Augustine called them "...martyrs in fact though not in will...buds, killed by the frost of persecution the moment they showed themselves."(2) That could describe any child deemed as different by society and bullied either to death or into a less than full life. Augustine's words are a fitting image for the winter that is our current political and religious climate.

We do not know the names of the innocents killed by Herod, nor can we identify all of the innocents we have subsequent-

ly martyred in acts of war, abuse, and bullying, but we can not ignore their stories. We must give their brief lives meaning and voice and Matthew shows us that this is the season to do so. Christmas and Epiphany are seasons of light. Sometimes the purpose of light is to draw attention to itself, but mostly we use light to bring attention to the things around us.

On December 28, I encourage you to light a candle in our darkness and weep for all of the innocents. Pray with their parents who, like Rachel, refuse to be consoled. And act. It doesn't have to be this way for our children, but first we have to notice. Then we can "break the silence, end the isolation, and change the narrative."(3)

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- BCP 238

Jeanne+

(1) As I write this, the Michigan House of Representatives has passed its own Anti-Bullying legislation without the religious and moral convictions clause. Nothing is ready to come across Governor Snyder's desk as of November 10, 2011.

(2) <http://satucket.com/lectionary/Innocents.htm>

(3) From David Korten's book *The Great Turning*

From the Deacon's Bench

As I sit down to write this, it is close to St. Martin of Tours Day (November 11). This is the church's feast day that remembers the Roman soldier, who lived in the fourth century, who shared half of his cloak with a poor man on the road, only to see in his dreams that night, Christ appearing in the very same half section of cloak. It is a story that has always moved me.

At the Breakfast we share whatever we have. During the Christmas season, we have a special 'Santa Day' to share gloves, mittens, and socks so that all our guests may have a (warm!) Christmas gift. This year Santa Day is Thursday, December 22, 2011. Would you share a pair or two of warm mittens, gloves, or socks? There will be a basket with a glove tree outside the church office door to collect your gifts.

Another saint, also known for his generosity, but more even more well-known by his red suit is St. Nicholas. The Church School is having a special party on Sunday, December 4, 2011, after the 10:00 am service for all the children and their parents. We will hear the story of the good bishop, and even enjoy a brief visit from St. Nicholas! You are welcome to bring gifts of mittens and gloves to that party too.

These are two Christian saints who hold up for us and our children the model of generosity towards others.

Merry Christmas, and happy dreams.

Deacon Svea

CHURCH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Christmas Pageant Plans

If you missed the first meeting for the Christmas Pageant but would still like to participate or need more information, please email Nancy at nheusel@standrewsaa.org.

The pageant will be presented during the 4:00 pm Family Eucharist service on Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2011. Afterwards, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for our candlelight punch and cookie party. Please use the sign-up sheet located on our Church School information table (garden entrance) to offer cookie donations. We greatly appreciate your help!

Saint Nicholas Party

Be sure to join us for our annual St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 11:30 am, in the Parish Hall. Come meet St. Nicholas (whose feast day is December 6) as he passes out goodies to the children. Help make ornaments to decorate the Parish Hall Christmas tree we share with The Breakfast at St. Andrew's guests. Enjoy lunch and fellowship, as well. We will provide hot dogs, and if you can bring a dish (salad or dessert) we thank you!

Advent Offering

As many of you know, for the past 50 years our Church School has continually sponsored a Foster Child through an international organization now called Plan, USA. During most of that time we have had a Haitian child, and 16 years ago we adopted Nickenson Confident, of Jacmel. You are also aware of the devastating earthquake which struck Haiti in January 2010. Nickenson was listed as missing for most of last year. We now express our joy that in February of this year he was located and is safe. Because of the difficult circumstances, the adoption agency has asked that we continue our sponsorship of Nikenson, even though he is over the age of 19 (sponsorship usually terminates at 18).

We ask our Church School members to save their coins during the season of Advent for our foster brother, Nickenson. This important offering will be received at the 4:00 pm service on Christmas Eve.

Changes to the Church School Schedule

Remember: There is no church school on Sunday, December 25, 2011 **OR** January 1, 2012. We wish a joyous Christmas to you all and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

The St. Andrew's Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 29, 2012. On that morning the Church School will meet at 9:00 am.

Faithfully, *Nancy Heusel*

Experiencing Christmas

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Frustrated by the commercialization of Christmas? Not sure how to reclaim the Story from the marketplace and return it back to the manger? The St. Andrew's Church School can help!

On Sunday, December 11, Church School children grades K-6 will interactively explore the Christmas story by visiting six different stations staged in the various classrooms.

The children will experience:

The Preparation: preparing our hearts and homes during Advent

The Announcement: The angel visits Mary

The Promises: The birth of Jesus foretold

The Journey: Mary and Joseph make their way to Bethlehem

The Message: The angels appear to the shepherds

The Gift: God's gift of Jesus is given to the world

Participants will experience The Gift as a large group in the Chapel and will remain there instead of joining their families in the sanctuary. We will then celebrate *The Gift* with the children in the form of Holy Eucharist. Parents can meet their children in the Chapel following the 10:00 am Service. The stations will remain in the classrooms until Christmas. We invite everyone to come and experience them as well!

+ *Jeanne*

PARISH LIFE & HEALTH

Report from Convention

The 177th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan was held Friday and Saturday, October 28-29 in Lansing. St. Andrew's was represented by its Lay Delegates Lucy Richert, Larry Tweedle, and Nan Sudia, and by its Clergy Delegates Alan Gibson, Svea Gray, Jeanne Hansknecht, and Lew Towler. Friday evening was highlighted by music provided by Canterbury House before dinner and a sermon by Bishop John Schleicher, North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Our Bishop Wendell Gibbs addressed the Convention Saturday morning challenging us to imagine a church extending beyond brick and mortar buildings. There were energizing videos of YAYAs (Youth and Young Adults) and more. The balanced budget of \$2.1 million passed unanimously. All the resolutions passed with substantial majorities. In the elections Jeanne Hansknecht was elected to a 5-year term on the Commission on Ministry. More information about the Convention can be found at www.theRecordOnline.org. - *Lucy Richert*

Soup Swap 2012

Sunday, January 15, 2012

There is nothing better than home made soup on a snowy, cold evening. There is nothing better than sharing your skills with others. Combine those two thoughts and now you understand "Soup Swap".

On Sunday, January 15, those who wish to participate, should bring one quart containers of a single soup. Go wild and make something new or different. Include the ingredients on a label so that those who are sensitive to a single ingredient may choose wisely. Bring your soup frozen and exchange for other soups after the 8:00 and 10:00 am services. *More participants mean more choices!*

Soup Swap is an activity that occurs world-wide on an annual basis. Participants look forward to the swap each year and the creativity this activity engenders. The **Episcopal Health Ministry** is pleased to host the Soup Swap 2012.

Sue Critz and Ann Garvin for the Episcopal Health Ministry

2012 Book Discussion Selections

In 2012, the Book Discussion Group will meet quarterly on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 am service. All of our meetings begin at 11:30 am in the chapel. Please feel free to bring a brown-bag lunch.

Sunday, January 22, 2012

This year's Ann Arbor *Reads* selection, "**Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant,**" by Daniel Tammet describes the journey into one of the most fascinating minds alive today--guided by its owner. Tammet sees numbers as shapes, colors, and textures, and he can perform extraordinary calculations in his head. He can learn new languages from scratch, in a week. He has savant syndrome, a rare condition that gives him almost unimaginable mental powers. But in one crucial way Daniel is not at all like the Rain Man: he is virtually unique among autistic people in that he is capable of living an independent life. He is even able to explain what is happening inside his head. Starting from early childhood, when he was incapable of making friends and prone to tantrums, to young adulthood, when he learned how to control himself and to live independently, fell in love, experienced a religious conversion to Christianity, and most recently, emerged as a celebrity.

Sunday, March 11, 2012

The Outreach Committee will sponsor a Lenten book discussion. The title will be announced in the next issue of the Network.

Sunday, June 3, 2012

Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World, by Henri Nouwen who shows us how to live a life of spiritual assurance in the midst of difficult life situations. This book was born in response to personal requests asked many times by a variety of people--many of whom are far removed from any traditional religious base--for Nouwen to describe the way to live a spiritual life in a material world. Nouwen's answer is both a challenge and a promise that life works, has deep meaning, and is worth all the pain and struggle.

Sunday, September 16, 2012

The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding. This memoir of spiritual reflections in three voices will make readers feel as if they are eavesdropping on the authors' private opinions and conversations. The authors wrestle with the issues of anti-Semitism, prejudice against Muslims, and preconceptions of Christians at a time when fundamentalists dominate the public face of Christianity. The authors write of their families, their losses and grief, their fears and hopes for themselves and their loved ones that leads them to a profound interfaith friendship and the birth of a new way of relating to others.



OUTREACH

Carols and Communion

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Christmas morning, after the Breakfast (approximately 8:45 am), all Breakfast guests are invited to remain in the parish hall for a Christmas service of carol singing and Holy Communion. Breakfast guest musicians are being tapped to help be liturgical leaders, but we could always use more help!. *Voices of all ages are welcome!* Please see Jeanne+ to see how you can help.

Volunteers Needed For Rotating Shelter

January 23 – February 5, 2012

This year we are again hosting the Rotating Shelter at the end of January. Together with other churches in Ann Arbor; St. Andrew's provides sleeping space for the night for the homeless during the cold months of the year when there are not enough beds at the Delonis Center for those who need them. Our two weeks are from Monday, January 23, to Sunday, February 5, 2012.

Two volunteers are needed each night from 8:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. the next morning. Each volunteer is responsible for staying up for half of the night, but can get some sleep during the other half.

Please consider volunteering a night of your time. It is a very rewarding ministry. Each night, we provide shelter for 10-25 men who otherwise would have none.

If you would like more information, please e-mail Patricia Bard at pbard460@aol.com or call (734) 677-4548.

The Twelve Months of Outreach

December 2011

11: Adopt-A-Family Gift Ingathering

25: Carols and Communion at the Breakfast

January 2012

8: Martin Luther King Day March. Sponsored by Michigan Peaceworks. The march begins at 2:00 pm at the Courthouse and ends at Second Baptist Church. A shuttle will be provided back downtown after the march.

30: We begin our two weeks of hosting the Rotating Shelter.

Save the Date

BreakFEST 2012

The Breakfast at St. Andrew's third annual BreakFEST concert will take place Friday, February 24, 2012 at The Ark. More details will be available in the next issue of the Network!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEEKLY

Mondays
6:30 pm Education for Ministry (L)
7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)

Wednesdays
7:00 am Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
4:30 pm Cherub Choir
5:15 pm Junior Choir
6:00 pm Evensong (C)
6:30 pm Bell Choir (RR)

Thursdays
10:00 am Bible Study (L)
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing (C)
7:15 pm Adult Choir (CL)

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

Saturdays
9:00 am Altar Guild Preparation

Sundays
8:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)
9:00 am Adult Forum (L)
9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
9:45 am Church School
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)
8:00 pm Compline (C)

(C) Church; (CL) Choir Loft; (Cpl) Chapel;
(L) Lounge; (PH) Parish Hall;
(RR) Rainbow Room

DECEMBER 2011

Saturday, December 3

10:00 am Advent Quiet Day (PH)
5:30 pm Oasis Evensong (Cpl)

Sunday, December 4

11:30 am Single Adults
at St. Andrew's (L)
11:30 am St. Nicholas Party (PH)
1:00 pm Ann Arbor Boy Choir and
St. Dunstan Bell Choir
Concert

Tuesday, December 6

5:30 pm Outreach (L)
7:00 pm Caregivers Group (Cpl)

Wednesday, December 7

No Evensong

Sunday, December 11

Ingathering of Gifts
Experiencing Advent & Christmas

Tuesday, December 13

2:00 pm Seraphina Knitting Group (L)
6:00 pm Episcopal Health Ministries (L)
6:00 pm Finance (Cpl)

Sunday, December 18

11:30 am CS Teachers Meeting (L)
2:00 pm PFLAG (L)
4:00 pm Lessons and Carols (C)

Tuesday, December 20

6:30 pm Vestry (L)

Friday, December 23

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Family Eucharist and Pageant
5:30 pm Candlelight Party (PH)
10:00 pm Festival Choral Prelude
10:30 pm Festival Choral Eucharist

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

*No Forum, Family Eucharist, or
Church School*

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Carols & Communion
at the Breakfast (PH)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 26

Feast of St. Stephen
Church Office Closed
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (C)

Tuesday, December 27

Feast of St. John
Church Office Closed
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (C)

Friday, December 30

Church Office Closed

JANUARY 2012

Sunday, January 1

No Forum or Church School
11:30 am Single Adults
at St. Andrew's (L)

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

7:00 pm Caregivers Group (Cpl)

Thursday, January 5

6:15 pm Epiphany Eve Pot Luck (PH)

Saturday, January 7

5:30 pm Oasis Evensong (Cpl)

Sunday, January 8

MLK Walk @ Second Baptist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Baptisms

Tuesday, January 10

2:00 pm Seraphina Knitting Group (L)
6:00 pm Episcopal Health Ministries (L)

Sunday, January 15

Soup Swap

11:30 am CS Teachers Meeting (L)
2:00 pm PFLAG (L)

Monday, January 16

MLK Day | Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 17

5:30 pm Outreach (Cpl)
6:00 pm Finance Committee (L)

Sunday, January 22

11:30 am Book Discussion Group (Cpl)

Monday, January 23

Rotating Shelter Begins

Tuesday, January 24

2:00 pm Seraphina Knitting (L)
6:30 pm Vestry (L)

Sunday, January 29

Annual Meeting Sunday
No Forum or Family Eucharist
8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Annual Meeting (PH)

Parish Reports are **due Wednesday, January 11!** The 2012 Annual Parish Reports will be available online **Monday, January 23.**

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Christmas at St. Andrew's

Sunday, December 18

4:00 pm Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Family Eucharist and
Christmas Pageant

10:00 pm Festival Choral Musical Prelude

10:30 pm Festival Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 26

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 27

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist