

The Network

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Dear friends:

Holy Week begins with a question, "Whom do you seek?" Jesus asks this question twice of the mob that seeks to do him harm. This question startles those that come to arrest him, but they soon regain their determination, seize Jesus and drag him off like a captured animal. What was thought to be impossible has happened: God has come into the hands of sinners.

Jesus, the Son of God, is dressed up by his captors and mocked as a king, which in reality, he is. The authorities play an elaborate and cowardly game of passing the buck. We hear lies and insults hurled at Jesus, and all we can do is be dismayed at the stupidity and blindness that keeps his accusers from the God who is there simply to love them.

"Whom do you seek?" As the ancient stories in the scriptures tell us, from the beginning, we, in one way or another, have been looking for God. All too often these efforts have been disastrous because we so easily make the mistake of running after gods that look safe and familiar, gods of our own devising. But none of those objects of our devotion have quite filled the emptiness that first caused us to search. The human race has been dying to get its hands on God, and by Good Friday it finally happened. Just look at the results.

It's tempting to simply react to the tragedy of the death of such a good man. We can rightly say, 'he did no wrong, he did not deserve to die.' But this temptation must be avoided, or we too will run the risk of missing what we seek. To see nothing but death is to be in danger of being just as blind as those who put Jesus on the cross. Jesus was a good man, who did no wrong, who did not deserve to die. But the brutal history of the world is littered with ill-fated, good people; and no one, no one, deserves to die. Jesus knows this better than anyone.

However, this is not just another good man dying. This is God's Son, who gives his own life so that the dying may finally cease. Jesus was not killed. Jesus freely gives his life for us. In the cross we see God seeking us as if our lives depended on it. God willingly falls into the hands of sinners so that we can be found by God's love.

On Easter morning, the resurrected Christ greets those who come to his tomb with a question, the same one we started with, "whom do you seek?" It's a question he continues to ask to this day, one on which our lives still depend.

God bless,

Fr. Alan

Service Schedule

Join us!

Sundays

Holy Eucharist: 8 & 10 am
Family Service: 9:15 am
Church School: 9:45 am
Compline: 8 pm (Ends 4/28 until Sept.)

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist: 7 am
Evensong: 6 pm

Thursdays

Holy Eucharist/Healing: 5:30 pm

Fridays

Holy Eucharist: 12:15 pm

Easter Day

April 21

7:30/10 am Musical Prelude
9:15 am Family Eucharist
9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt
8/10:30 am Festival Eucharist
8:00 pm Compline

Special Events

in April & May

Dinner and a Movie

April 3 + 10

EHM Workshop, Music for Meditation 6

Sunday, April 7

Holy Week

April 14 - 21

Black & White in Ann Arbor

Wednesday, May 1

Handbell Concert

Sunday, May 5

The Wizard of Oz

May 18 + 19

The Social Justice Ministry presents

Black and White in Ann Arbor:

It's not what you think

'Black and White in Ann Arbor' is a four-part series that hopes to foster a greater understanding of the roots and complexities of black-white relations in Ann Arbor, and inspire action in our community.

Please join us at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary for Evensong, a service of evening prayers, and from 6:30-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall for a potluck and presentation. Group discussion follows a formal presentation on the night's topic.

Being Black in Ann Arbor Today Wednesday, May 1

Please join the Social Justice Ministry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church for the final session of our four-part series on race in Ann Arbor now. Local community leaders will discuss race in Ann Arbor schools, the University, and the community. Resources for understanding and addressing contemporary racial issues will be offered, and participants will have opportunities to join with others in making plans for further study and action.

Summer Baptism Date

Baptism Date

Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 am

Preparation Session

10:00 am: June 8

Registration Deadline

Thursday, May 30

To register contact Kathy McPherson at kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org or 663-0518.



Parish Briefs

Workshop: National Healthcare Decisions Day

On Sunday, April 7, at 11:30 am, in the 4th/5th Grade classroom (2nd floor), members of the Episcopal Health Ministries will meet with any interested parishioners to discuss their own Advance Directives. Blank official forms will be available and some "parishioner examples" of documents will be provided. If you'd like feedback on your Advance Directives, have questions, or simply would like help getting started, please join us! If you have questions about the workshop, please contact Ann Garvin (agarvin224@aol.com). Visit www.nhdd.org to learn more.

Will You Watch with Me?

*Keeping the Watch at St. Andrew's:
Thursday, April 18 - Friday, April 19*

Our Lord Jesus asked his disciples to watch with him as he prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. At the end of the Maundy Thursday Eucharist the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession to the chapel and placed on the Altar of Repose. Please, sign up to keep watch until 10:00 pm on Thursday, April 18, and from 6:00 am - 12:00 pm on Friday, April 19 - we want to be sure that every slot has at least two people Keeping the Watch.



Easter Memorial Flowers



To make the church especially festive for the season, you are invited to contribute for Easter flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for the special people in your life. These dedications will be included in the bulletin on Easter Day.

To contribute, please complete an Easter Flower form (available at the church) or contact the church office.

The deadline for receiving names is Wednesday, April 10.

Finance

Operating Revenue and Expense

January 1 to February 28, 2019

Income	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Over/Under +/- YTD Actual vs. YTS Budget
Plate Offerings	5,699	6,000	-301
Pledge Payments	110,511	120,000	-9,489
Other Income	3,453	1,334	2,119
Designated Funds Transfer	0	0	0
Prior Year Surplus	0	0	0
Total Income	119,663	127,334	-7,671
Expenses			
Salaries and Benefits	115,589	115,494	95
Maintenance & Overhead	26,326	23,504	2,822
Office Expense	9,723	6,770	2,953
Stewardship & Miscellaneous	0	0	0
Church Programs	4,571	6,634	-2,063
Diocesan Pledge	16,132	16,132	0
Other Outreach	0	0	0
Total Expenses	172,341	168,534	3,807
Net	-52,678	-41,200	-11,478

HOLY WEEK + EASTER *at Saint Andrew's*

PALM SUNDAY, April 14

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:00 pm Compline

April 15 + 16

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (*Chapel*)
7:30 pm Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 18

7:30 pm Liturgy & Holy Eucharist *
9:00 pm Watch/Altar of Repose

Good Friday, April 19

6:00 am Watch Resumes
12:00 pm Liturgy of the Day *
Rite of Reconciliation
2:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20

10:00 am Liturgy of the Day
7:30 pm Great Vigil and Baptism *

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21

No Church School

7:30 am Musical Prelude
8:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist
9:15 am Family Eucharist (*Chapel*)
9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt (*Lobby*)
10:00 am Musical Prelude *
10:30 am Festival Choral Eucharist *
8:00 pm Compline

April 22 + 23

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

April 24 - 26

Services held as regularly scheduled

* *Childcare is available 15 minutes prior*

Reminder: *Groups and committees do not meet during Holy Week.*



Church School Happenings

In the Classroom

During early spring preschool through intermediate classes reflect on the 40-day season of Lent in preparation for the celebration and the mystery of Easter. Stories are shared; on the “road to Jerusalem” with Jesus, the events of Holy Week, the glad news of the Resurrection, Jesus’ appearance to the disciples, Jesus invitation to follow, Ascension and finally God’s gift of the Holy Spirit.

The primary grades complete the year as they learn how the Church honors “saints” the special people in the Church’s history who have been courageous and outstanding witness to Christ. The intermediate grades final unit looks at the major events and history in the life of the Church; beliefs defined in the Creeds, worship in the established liturgical form, reformation, Anglican heritage, the Church in America and striving for Christian unity in a complex society.

Weave Your Way into the Lenten Prayer Loom

Visit the Chapel!

Come share as a Church family with a visual prayer representation in “the prayer loom.” Please visit the Chapel to create a weaving in the Prayer Loom “where prayer and story merge into a

multi-sensory manifestation and powerful expression of prayer.” Colorful yarn skeins are available to weave around the nail heads and through everyone’s weavings. We hope you will be a part of this shared experience, as a faith community.

Palm Sunday Special Lesson: “Experiencing Holy Week”

Sunday, April 14 at 9:45 am, Chapel

A special combined lesson for all children preschool through J2A youth is planned for Palm Sunday. The Church School classes visit five different stations reflecting the events of Holy Week in the life of Jesus. The experiential stations and story are presented by the teachers in an exploration of Holy Week events: Hosanna-Jesus enters Jerusalem, Servant King-Jesus Washes the Disciples Feet, Remember Me-Last Supper, Alone-Garden of Gethsemane, Sharing our Sorrows-Crucifixion. The stories are presented in an age appropriate format as each respective classroom rotates through the stations. Children begin Palm Sunday lessons in the Chapel and join their families at the Children’s Entrance Hymn.

Holy Week Childcare

Childcare is provided during Holy Week. Look for communications from the main office, updates on the website, in the

weekly bulletins and the Church School email announcements for specific dates and times.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 21 9:45 -10:15 am

Families from all our worship services are invited to join in the fun as children search for candy filled eggs at our annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by our youth group. Meet in the chapel lobby at 9:45 am, weather permitting, the hunt will be on the front lawn with a special area for our wee ones!

Caring & Sharing

Easter Offering for Kalid: Each Lenten season the children are asked to save their coins, earned from being helpers around the house and doing good deeds, to support an Easter offering for our foster brother Kalid Nazif Abajehad of Ethiopia. Treasure boxes are available in the classrooms to decorate and collect coins - be sure to include your name! Please bring the boxes on Easter Sunday and place in the white cross outside the Chapel. Kalid celebrates his 14th birthday in May and we are sending him a photo and card with our best wishes.

Lent Service Project: Working with Director Morgan Battle, the Church School

will collect nail clippers for the Breakfast guests during Lent. This fills a very specific need and current shortage. Please place nail clipper donations in the baskets outside the Morning Glories classroom and Library by Sunday, April 14.

MARKETPLACE 29 AD

"Life in Jesus' Time"

Vacation Bible School

June 18-20, 9:30 am - 12:15 pm

Registration Deadline: June 2

Our annual Vacation Bible School is a joyful experience that invites children in young fives through fifth grade complete to journey as a family tribe of Israel through the lively setting of a Judean town set in the time of Jesus' ministry. Crafts, games, synagogue school, storyteller, engaging drama vignettes, song, dance, Bible-time foods and live animal visitors are all the ways children enjoy an engaging and fun Bible time experience. Come be a part of this year's theme, "Life In Jesus' Time" when we explore Jesus' ministry. We partner with our friends from St. Clare's Episcopal Church, First Baptist, Blue Ocean Faith and our wonderful hosts for over 30 years, First Presbyterian Church. Their beautiful grounds are the perfect place for the start of the summer season.

Bring a friend to this free event. We would love to see a great turnout from St. Andrew's so let us know how we can help with any logistic arrangements to make this happen for your children. They will have an amazing time. Register online at <http://tiny.cc/mplace17> or use the registration forms in the brochure mailed to the Church School families.

VBS NOT JUST FOR KIDS: There are many volunteer opportunities for middle/high school youth and adults as shopkeepers/crafters in the marketplace, family group leader, games, food preparation, childcare, daily set up/teardown, drama and many more roles. Please contact Carol Andrews-Ferguson for more information and volunteer opportunities.

Tales from the Journey

Thank You for a Great Carnivale + Chili Cook Off

The J2A youth group introduced something new for Carnivale with the delicious addition of the Chili Cook Off. We are grateful to our entrants: Stephanie Barker, Fr. Alan Gibson, Susie Lorand, Elaine Mouradian, Julian Murchison, Roxie Scrase, Nathan Sten, Susan Wakefield and our champions Kevin Carey (*regular*) and Sarah Inwood (*vegetarian*). New games and old traditions made for a fun event for all. A huge thank you to all of the parents, families, and friends who continue to support the Journey to Adulthood Program fundraising. Carnivale was once again a success for the group and we hope you had a great time too!

Spring Supper Theater: *The Wizard of Oz*

Saturday, May 18 & Sunday, May 19

Friends and families: follow the yellow brick road into the enchanting land of Oz for a wonderful Spring Supper Theater experience as the Church School and friends present *The Wizard of Oz*. Come enjoy dinner at 6:00 pm on Saturday and 11:30am on Sunday before the play begins. A free will donation for the dinner is appreciated to help support the J2A Pilgrimage in June 2020. Tickets for the play are sold separately. Thank you for your support! *Note: this is the weekend after Mother's Day.*

Graduating Class of 2019 Senior High School Recognition:

Sunday, May 19 during the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

It is once again the time of year that our graduating high school seniors enter a new chapter in their young lives. The experiences of our young adults in the youth program at St. Andrew's has hopefully created many shared memories as a part of the group experience. These memories are a part of the group story that becomes a measure of their own journey, carrying them through the years ahead. "Certainly, our Gospels were written out of this remembering, out of a dialogue rooted in what I remember, what you remember, what we remember together. As young people are honored in their memories, they build a gospel of their own. They begin to write the story that will sustain them into old age. God willing, the Church – and the work of God's Spirit in the context of the Church – will sit right in the center of their common memories. That memory becomes the foundation for all the work yet to come." ©Journey to Adulthood Leader Resources

We hope we helped you build a foundation, "a foundation on which a magnificent house can be built – a house fit for the Lord Jesus to dwell in." Most of all we hope you take your place in God's work, grounded in your faith and expression of personal beliefs, knowing, who you are and who God created you to be. You will always be in our prayers. Please join us Sunday, May 19 at the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist as we recognize the graduating class of 2019: *Thomas Brantmeyer, George Dering, Noah Gardner, Emma Helmich, Bola Kolawole, Nico McCurrach, Anna Scott, Jessica Skaff, Olivia Tikker, Minna Tremonti, Stella Weinberg.*

If you have a son or daughter who is part of the class of 2019 and not listed above, please contact Carol Ferguson as soon as possible so they are included. We certainly do not want to miss anyone!

Eastertide Blessings -
in faith, hope and love,
Carol Andrews-Ferguson
Director of Children and
Youth Ministries

At A Glance: Breakfast Volunteer Dates

J2A: April 21
June 16

YAC: May 19
July 21

SrHS: June 30

Director's Chair

Music Notes

2019
The Church School and Friends present



Saturday, May 18
6pm: Supper
7pm: Show

Sunday, May 19
11:30am: Supper
12:15pm: Show

2019 Spring Supper Theatre
The Wizard of Oz

PERFORMANCES:

Saturday, May 18

Supper - 6:00 pm
Show - 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 19

Supper - 11:30 am
Show - 12:15 pm

TICKETS:

Adults: \$10

Children 12 and under: \$5

*Supper is a free-will donation for
the 2020 J2A Pilgrimage*

Music for Meditation Program 6

Baroque Music for Lent & Holy Week
Sunday, April 7 at 7:15 pm

The St. Andrew's Compline Singers and a Baroque string ensemble offer a program of music for Lent and Holy Week, featuring a solo cantata *Herzlich tut mich Verlangen* by Dietrich Buxtehude sung by Katie Sucha, as well as Buxtehude's *Jesu Meines Lebens Leben*, and the *St. John Passion* by Heinrich Schütz.

Special Services A Service of Tenebrae

Wednesday, April 17 at 7:30 pm

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir chants this ancient monastic service that captures the descent into the shadows of death and the mystery of the sacrificial Lamb of God. Psalms and chanted readings from the Lamentations of Jeremiah will alternate with choral responses composed by Healey Willan.

Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19 at 12:00 pm

The St. Andrew's Compline Singers will sing the *St. John Passion* by Heinrich Schütz as the Gospel reading, as well as Dietrich Buxtehude's *Cantata Jesu Meines Lebens Leben*, accompanied by a Baroque string ensemble from the Ann Arbor Camerata Chamber players.

Easter Service Prelude

Sunday, April 21

Prelude: 7:30 / 10:00 am

Eucharist: 8:00 / 10:30 am

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir and the Ann Arbor Camerata chamber orchestra combine for our Easter services, featuring Franz Schubert's *Mass in C*.

Final Compline

Sunday, April 28 at 8:00 pm

The last Compline until September will be at 8:00 pm on Sunday, April 28.

Handbell Concert:

Classical Bells

Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 pm

Classical Bells will perform a spring concert at St. Andrew's with a free-will offering to benefit the Organ Project. Each Classical Bells concert features musical selections in a wide variety of genres – classical, jazz, inspirational, even ragtime and swing! This eclectic programming, combined with sensitive musical interpretation, technical skill, informal choreography, and a dash of humor, insures that audiences experience handbells in a way they never have before!

Choir Recognitions

Sunday, June 2 at 10:00 am

Recognitions for all choirs (voice and handbell, children and adults!) will take place during the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 2.

Sunday Bulletin & Network Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin

Announcement Submissions

The deadline for the Sunday Bulletin is 10:00 am on the Tuesday before the Sunday you wish the information to appear; as the staff meets early Wednesday morning to proof the document, e.g. for Sunday, April 28 the information would need to be in the office on Tuesday morning, April 23.

Network Article Deadlines & Printed Issue Availability

The deadline for articles to be submitted for *the Network* is the 10th of the month in which it is to be printed.

Printed copies of *the Network* will be available at St. Andrew's starting the last Sunday of the month prior to the issue's date.

Issue Date	Article Deadline	Printed Issues Available
June/July/August	May 10	May 26, 2019
September	August 10	August 25, 2019
October/November	September 10	September 29, 2019
December/January	November 10	November 24, 2019
February/March	January 10	January 26, 2020
April/May	March 10	March 29, 2020



Calendar of Events at St. Andrew's

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)
 8:00 pm Compline (C)
(concludes April 28)

Mondays

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

10:00 am Bible Study (L)
(concludes May 23)
 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

Church Office Closed

Friday, April 19

Monday, April 22

Monday, May 27

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Starting Tuesday, May 28:

The church office will be open
 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

ROOM LEGEND

(C) Church (L) Lounge
 (CL) Choir Loft (Lib) Library
 (Cpl) Chapel (PH) Parish Hall

April 2019

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 pm Dinner & a Movie (PH)

Sunday, April 7

11:30 am Senior Adults
 at St. Andrew's (L)
 11:30 am EHM Workshop (Classroom)
 7:15 pm Music for Meditation (C)

Tuesday, April 9

6:00 pm Finance Meeting (L)

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 pm Dinner & a Movie (PH)

Palm Sunday, April 14

Blood Pressure Screening

8:00 am Liturgy of the Palms
 + Holy Eucharist (C)
 9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
 10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms
 + Holy Eucharist (C)
 11:30 am Inquirers' Class (Cpl)

April 15 + 16

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (C)

Wednesday, April 17

7:30 pm Tenebrae (C)

Maundy Thursday, April 18

7:30 pm Holy Eucharist (C)
 9:00 pm WATCH begins (Cpl)

Good Friday, April 19

Church Office Closed

6:00 am WATCH resumes (Cpl)
 12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy (C)
 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross (C)

Holy Saturday, April 20

10:00 am Liturgy of the Day (C)
 7:30 pm Great Vigil (C)

Easter Day

Sunday, April 21

No Church School

7:30/10 am Musical Prelude (C)
 9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
 9:45 am Easter Egg Hunt (Lobby)
 8/10:30 am Festival Eucharist (C)
 8:00 pm Compline (C)

April 22 + 23

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (C)

Tuesday, April 23

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (L)

Monday, April 28

8:00 pm Last Compline
 until September (C)

May 2019

Wednesday, May 1

6:30 pm Black & White
 in Ann Arbor (PH)

Sunday, May 5

11:30 am Senior Adults
 at St. Andrew's (L)
 4:00 pm Classical Bells Concert (C)

Saturday, May 11

Habitat for Humanity

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 18

6:00 pm *The Wizard of Oz* Supper (PH)
 7:00 pm *The Wizard of Oz* (PH)

Sunday, May 19

HS Recognitions

11:30 am *The Wizard of Oz* Lunch (PH)
 12:15 pm *The Wizard of Oz* (PH)
 2:00 pm Parents and Friends of
 Lesbians and Gays (L)

Tuesday, May 21

6:00 pm Finance Meeting (L)

Thursday, May 23

10:00 am Bible Study Concludes (L)

Sunday, May 26

No Church School

Tuesday, May 28

Summer Office Hours Begin

6:00 pm Vestry Meeting (L)

Wednesday, May 29

4:30 pm Youth Choir Party (CL, PH)