

The Network

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Dear Friends:

While on vacation in Vienna last month I observed three very different public events that brought people out into the streets in large numbers.

The first was the annual May Day parade that passed by my hotel. (May Day in Europe is somewhat like our Labor Day holiday, but without all the retail frenzy that we attach to our observance. On holidays stores are closed (as they are on Sundays) so that the workers can get a day off). Members of labor unions and political parties marched through the streets with banners, floats, and brass bands. In front of the opera house speeches were broadcast by leaders of the various groups. Then the following Sunday, I found myself unexpectedly caught up in a Marian procession moving through the streets of the center city. Along with its brass bands there was a statue of the Virgin Mary carried on a platform by four large men, banners, and clergy from St. Stephan's Cathedral wearing copes and carrying flowers and incense. Upon reaching a large plaza, the Litany of the Saints and various devotions to Mary were led by the priests while we all knelt. After all of that, an outdoor feast seemed to miraculously appear and a good time was had by all. Later that same day the Wings for Life Run went by in another part of the city to raise money to assist individuals with spinal cord injuries. ("We run for those who can't" was one of the slogans I was able to decipher). There was no brass band, but there were a lot of enthusiastic runners and even more supporters cheering them on.

Seeing and, in my limited way, participating in these three events made me wonder what motivates people to come together with others, who they may or may not know, in a common cause and for a larger purpose. The obvious answer is a personal commitment to some ideology, or faith, or a simple desire to help others. In this regard, the citizens of Vienna are certainly no different from people anywhere else in the world who enjoy the freedom of assembly and thought. The universality of these expressions of humanity speak to the desires and hopes all people hold dear.

Such gatherings also highlight a precious commodity that all people share: our time and how we choose to use it. It's one thing to put on a pair of running shoes or to carry a lily and a set of rosary beads on a sunny Sunday. It requires some intentionality on our part – to be at a certain place at a certain time, properly equipped for the days' activity, both because we want to be there and because other people are depending on us. But what about the rest of our time? Beyond family responsibilities, work, school, chores, and the like, how intentional are we with the time remaining, the time we might call 'our own'? This time is a precious gift. How do we use it?

As we enter into the summer months and enjoy Michigan at its natural best, be aware of this time that God has given us. How do we use this gift and what motivates those decisions? How we choose to use our time says more about our commitments and what we value than anything else about us, even how we choose to spend our money. Generally speaking we can usually find a way to make enhancements to our bank account. Time, once spent, can never be reclaimed or replicated. May living in awareness of that fact guide our motivations as we move through this summer and beyond.

God bless,
Fr. Alan

Service Schedule

Join us!

Sundays

Holy Eucharist: 8 & 10 am
Family Service: 9:15 am
Church School: 9:45 am (ends 6/11)

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist: 7 am
Evensong: 6 pm

Thursdays

Holy Eucharist/Healing: 5:30 pm

Fridays

Holy Eucharist: 12:15 pm

Special Events this Summer

**Pentecost Sunday,
Choir Recognitions**
Sunday, June 4

**Recognition Sunday,
Last Day of Church School**
Sunday, June 11

Marketplace VBS
June 20-22

Office Closed
July 3 & 4

Ann Arbor Art Fair
July 20-23

J2A will park cars in the St. Andrew's lot Friday, July 21, at 3:00 pm and Saturday, July 22, at 9:30 am. Please be sure to allow extra time for travel and parking on Sunday, July 23.

Summer Office Hours Starting May 26

The Church Office will be open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday - Friday.



Parish Briefs

Music Recognitions

Sunday, June 4

Recognitions for all choirs (voice and handbell, children and adults!) will take place during the 10:00 am Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 4.

Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 11

On Sunday, June 11 we will recognize more of the fantastic volunteers who make St. Andrew's such a wonderful place. Recognitions will be held at both the 8:00 and 10:00 am services.

Millennial Brunch Group

Sunday, June 25

You may come to service alone but you can always leave St. Andrew's with a friend. Calling all young professionals, students, and grad students (and beyond): join us as we build community with monthly gatherings! We'll be meeting right after 10:00 am service on Sunday June 25 at Fred's (403 E. Washington Street). To be added to our email list to receive announcements of future gatherings, please contact Lauren Emerson at lemerson@med.umich.edu.

Thank You!

Thank you to Jim and Carole Wortley for their gift of the della Robia restoration in memory of their mothers. The della Robia hangs in the Parish Hall stairwell.

Save the Date: Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 10

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 10. This is also the first day of Church School classes for the 2017-2018 year. Please be sure to join us at this fun-filled event for all ages. Watch the Sunday bulletins in August for more information.

Education for Ministry

Starting January 2018

Education for Ministry at St. Andrew's will start in January 2018. Contact Larry Tweedle (tweedlelarry@gmail.com, 734-547-0164) or Mandy Davis (madavi@umich.edu, 661-904-6432) with interest or questions. The EfM website also has background information about the program: efm.sewanee.edu.

EfM graduates: do you know others who might be interested in the program? Feel free to invite them to contact us!

Outreach Grants Awarded

After careful review of the applications and a thoughtful discussion about funding organizations that provide for and empower members of the Washtenaw County community who are struggling and/or in need, the Outreach Grants Committee awarded funds to the following:

Avalon Housing develops and manages permanent supportive housing for people who are homeless and have a mental or physical disability plus they provide services to help these residents maintain housing stability, increase self-determination and build community. (\$1,000)

Family Literacy Institute is a volunteer-based nonprofit agency dedicated to closing the achievement gap by providing free tutoring in the areas of math, reading and writing for students in grades 2-6 who are from economically disadvantaged families. (\$1,000)

Groundcover News publishes a monthly "street newspaper" that is sold to housing-insecure individuals for 50 cents per copy which they then sell on the streets of communities in Washtenaw County for a suggested donation of two dollars. In addition to the financial

HAVE YOU ...
checked your directory listing?

Directory Updates

Stay up-to-date on all the latest news, announcements, and parish events at St. Andrew's!

Please check the current parish directory to make sure that your listing is correct - especially your phone number and email address.

The deadline for updates to the 2017-2018 directory is Friday, June 16.

If you have any changes or new information, please call the church office (663-0518) or email Kathy McPherson (kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org).

Finance

Operating Revenue and Expense

January 1 to April 30, 2017

Income	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Over/Under YTD Actual vs. YTS Budget
Plate Offerings	18,426	15,200	3,226
Pledge Payments	262,005	274,142	-12,137
Other Income	16,933	10,668	6,265
Special Funds Transfer	0	0	0
Total Income	297,364	300,010	-2,646
Expenses			
Salaries and Benefits	216,235	216,259	-24
Maintenance & Overhead	46,824	50,838	-4,014
Office Expense	10,246	12,673	-2,427
Stewardship & Miscellaneous	478	0	478
Church Programs	16,398	15,868	530
Diocesan Pledge	31,538	31,540	-2
Other Outreach	0	0	0
Total Expenses	321,719	327,178	-5,459
Net	-24,355	-27,168	2,813

opportunities, Groundcover undertakes several projects each year to promote the capacities and quality of life of its diverse vendors (\$500)

Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice brings together people of various faiths who believe wise stewardship of the environment and promotion of social, political and economic justice are religious responsibilities. CROPWalk is one of the many functions it organizes. (\$250)

Interfaith Roundtable brings clergy and lay people of various faiths together to respond to shared concerns in an effort to eradicate misconceptions, misinformation and prejudice across the religious landscape. (\$250)

M.I.S.S.I.O.N. provides a warming center for the homeless in the cold months, in addition to year-round meals, showers, laundry facilities... and a caring community. (\$1,950)

Prisoner Reentry Program's mission is to significantly reduce crime and enhance public safety in Washtenaw County by implementing a seamless system of service for offenders, from the time of their entry into prison through their release, transition, community reintegration and aftercare in the communities, to lessen the chance of them becoming repeat offenders. (\$1,000)

Religious Action for Affordable Housing's mission is to improve the supply of permanent affordable housing in Washtenaw County. (\$250)

Shelter Association of Washtenaw County provides safe, warm housing for individuals and families in need, with the goal of helping them find housing stability and a sustainable income. (\$1,500)

SOS Community Services promotes housing stability and family self-sufficiency by providing temporary shelter, assistance securing permanent housing and employability, and parent and child support services to help people return to self-sufficiency with the enhanced skills to secure their long-term independence. (\$1,500)

The funds for these grants come from the portion of the budget supported by the interest generated by the St. Andrews Heritage Fund and earmarked to go to community outreach.

Ginger Kinney
for the Outreach Grants Committee



Church School Happenings

Thank you to the entire team of volunteer teachers; they are a blessing and a vital part of fulfilling the Church's mission. They are generous, understanding, empathetic, compassionate, patient and dedicated to do God's work. We are also so grateful to our Church School families and friends for their generous support over this past year whether assisting in the classroom, hosting social outings, fundraising, and participation at the many seasonal events. We pray you have a wonderful, fulfilling, safe summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

The Church School would love to receive postcards and photos of your summer travels. If you send something in we'll have a surprise for you when you we resume classes on Sunday, September 10!

Teacher Recognition and Lunch on the Lawn

Sunday, June 11

Sunday, June 11 is the last day of the 2016-17 Church School year! Near the conclusion of the 10:00 am service we will recognize our teachers for their wonderful ministry with the children and youth of St. Andrew's. Afterwards, the entire parish is invited to join us for Lunch on the Lawn. Let's celebrate the end of a great church school year and the beginning of a wonderful summer together!

Teachers Needed!

Please consider sharing your time on Sunday mornings with our children during the 2017-18 Church School year. There are many ways to be involved that allow you to share your talents and also work within your schedule. Preparing crafts at home, substituting, teaching in weekly rotations, storytelling and so much more. Contact Carol to learn how you can help.

FREE Vacation Bible School Marketplace, 49 AD:

Travels with Paul

June 20, 21 & 22

9:30 am - 12:15 pm

Registrations Due: June 4

We invite all area children who were 5 years of age as of November 30, 2016 through 5th grade complete to join us for Marketplace Vacation Bible School with our friends from First Presbyterian, St. Clare's, and Blue Ocean Faith, held on the grounds of First Presbyterian.

This year, children travel back in time to the days of the early Christian Church and

At A Glance: Church School Events

Last Day of Church School, Teacher Recognition, Lunch on the Lawn, Sunday, June 11

Church School Resumes Sunday, September 10

Special Events Summertime Storytime!

Childcare (including the Nursery) will be available in the Morning Glories room, Sundays at 10:00 am, June 18 - September 3. All ages welcome!

Community Service Earn hours this summer!

Need community service hours? Many middle and high school students are encouraged or required to earn community service hours for school or extracurriculars.

Earn your hours by giving back to St. Andrew's! Help by reading stories to the children in summer childcare, organizing, cleaning, or painting - many more projects are available.

Do you have a special interest or skill you want to share? Contact Carol. We will find ways to put your talents to good use!

Tales from the Journey

take a journey as people of great cities such as Antioch, Corinth, Philippi, and Tarsus, while learning about St. Paul's conversion and travels as a missionary in the Roman world. Children will enjoy a variety of engaging activities including crafts in the Agora Marketplace, Olympic games, synagogue school, storytellers, drama vignettes, songs and dance, and tasting foods from the time of the Bible.

Registrations are due by June 4. You can also register online at <http://tiny.cc/mplace17>. Please contact Carol Andrews-Ferguson to pre-arrange after camp childcare.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: This wonderful event can't come to life without the help of volunteers! There are opportunities for middle/high school youth and adults. Please contact Carol Andrews-Ferguson for more information or Nancy Heusel for drama volunteer opportunities.

SUMMER CAMPS GALORE! *Diocesan Summer Events for Children, Youth, Families*

The Diocese partnering with Living Waters Ministries offers many camps to choose from for children, youth and families including the annual **Episco Week**, July 16 – 21, at Camp Stony Lake in New Era, MI. For more information on this and other events and camps, visit: www.edomi.org/yaya/summer-camp.

Camp Chickagami in Presque Isle, MI offers five sessions of summer camp for folks of all ages who love to sing, hike, worship, swim, craft, play, and boat. Learn about the love of Jesus with a camp full of friends and Camp Chickagami's world-renowned counseling staff at www.campchickagami.org.

Mission Possible: Detroit (August 11-17) is a camp experience right in our own backyard. Mission Possible: Detroit Having FUN in the "D", offers a mission experience for youth and young adults ages 12 and up. There are several options for day or overnight camp. Learn more at www.edomi.org/yaya/mission-possible-detroit/.

Supper Theatre Thank you

Theatre goers and parishioners, thank you for your generous support of the Church School and friends annual Spring Supper Theatre, especially your free-will donation for the meal. This goes a long way to help fund J2A's Pilgrimage planned for June 2018. The youth are in the process of deciding a location and will share it soon!

J2A & YAC Teacher Feature

J2A leaders **Jennifer DeBord**, **Julie Merz** and **Chris Watson** bring an engaging complement of new teacher faces, a foundation of past teaching support and lively connections to our young people.

Jen and her family are relatively new to Ann Arbor and she eagerly came forward to help teach in the Journey to Adulthood program. Previously, she was on the education committee and a Rite 13 youth leader at Trinity Church in Princeton, NJ. She brings much enthusiasm to the youth group and appreciates the joy and also the challenges with the teens. Jen works as a freelance writer, producing copy for print and websites and previously was a concert producer, event manager and fundraiser in New York. She leads a very active family life with her two young daughters and husband Jason, an Assistant Professor in the Musical Theatre program at U of M. Even with a busy schedule, Jen is a voracious reader, loves to bake and is always up for a road-trip, especially if she can sing in the car.

Julie is a long-time teacher in the Church School and has volunteered in many different ways to support the children and youth of St. Andrew's. Her three children; elementary, high school and college ages, keep her and husband David, busy but none the less immensely enjoying their children's many activities in music and sports. As a Nurse Practitioner at U of M, Julie embraces the health and well-being of the whole person and brings this care and concern to teaching our youth. Julie also likes time to herself and with family, walking, biking, Ann Arbor concerts, and getaways to Lake Michigan.

J2A Art Fair Parking

J2A youth group hosts parking in the St. Andrew's parking lot for Art Fair goes at the fantastic value of only \$10 per vehicle for all Friday evening July 21 beginning at 3:00 pm & starting Saturday July 22 at 9:30 am. Proceeds benefit their Pilgrimage in June 2018. Thank you for your support.

Chris is new to teaching this year but very familiar with our program as he grew up in the Church School. As a child, Chris was active in the children's choir and plays. He volunteered in other outreach projects as well. As a high schooler, he was a pilgrim on the J2A Youth Pilgrimage to New York City in 2008 and now has come full circle as a J2A youth leader, easily connecting with the teens. Chris has been involved in so many different ministries including countless dramatic and musical theater performances at both St. Andrew's and in the community. His love of music has developed into playing several different instruments. Last year he and his father, George, guided the entire youth group in a special "drumming" lesson and pizza social.

The teachers in Young Adults in Church (YAC) have been with our youth group for many years, both as leaders and parent volunteers. **Monica Dering**, **Dar Matthews**, **Ann Holden-Scott** and **Georgiana Siehl** have supported the program in so many ways through various fundraising events, social outings and the capstone Pilgrimage journey. They are now sponsors of this group as these young adults take this next step in their Journey to Adulthood with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Monica started teaching in the church school as a Rite 13 youth leader in 2010, seeing both her sons through the three phases of the Journey to Adulthood program. She led two Pilgrimage journeys during this time, to San Francisco in 2014 and Harpers Ferry in 2016. Monica has a way of framing lessons that challenge the youth to confront social norms with

courage derived from personal reflection. She was raised in Yorkshire, England and attained her PhD in Neuroscience from Cardiff University in Wales. She enjoys walking, strangely relishes exercising, cooks very nutritionally, and enjoys baking Indian delights. Spending time with her sons in their varied activities and ministries at church, a profound faith, downhill skiing, and a daily indulgence of chocolate keep her going.

Ann has volunteered as a teacher in both the elementary and youth classes for many years. She currently is a youth leader with her daughter's class and shared in the leadership of the June 2016 Pilgrimage to Harpers Ferry. Her son was recognized last month at our senior high school graduate recognition. Ann and her husband Phillip not only enjoy their teens athletic endeavors but lead active lives as well. Ann is an avid runner, a serious competitor and even ran in the Boston Marathon! She is a nurse in the Anesthesiology Care Unit at U of M Health Systems, volunteers regularly at the Breakfast Program and as an advocate for community outreach. She has encouraged the youth to be community minded and also volunteered the youth team to help at Habitat for Humanity.

Georgiana volunteers in many roles for the church and currently serves as Senior Warden. She began teaching the youth group about six years ago with her husband Chris. She has three grown children, enjoys traveling and driving her Cooper convertible. Her practice

as a speech and language pathologist also distinctively integrates social skills improvement for children and youth. Georgiana enables the youth to express themselves in a safe and caring environment whether in a social outing or youth forum. As a YAC leader, Georgiana now shares in this final milestone of the Journey to Adulthood program; bidding farewell to the last of the graduating high school seniors (Class of 2017) and young adults from their Pilgrimage journey to San Francisco in 2014.

Dar began teaching the J2A youth group several years ago and has seen his eldest daughter complete the program and his two younger daughters celebrating their Confirmation last month. He and wife Kirsten are both U of M graduates. His role at U of M as Director of Stewardship affords working with individual donors as well as the student scholars. His family roots are rich in history at St. Andrew's and the Ann Arbor community. His obvious commitment and strong connection is reflected in a recent reflection. "At the Easter service a few weeks ago, I saw a young boy who looked somewhat disinterested, actually very disinterested. That brought back one of my first memories of St. Andrew's." Dar recounted a large family gathering at his Grandmother's house on Oxford Road when he was about 6 years old and the entire extended family attended the Easter Service at St. Andrew's together. His older cousin apparently forewarned the youngest ones, the service would last hours and hours and just when you

thought the sermon was over, the Rector would "keep on talking... I have to admit I don't remember the service. The only thing I remember from that Easter Sunday is having a large family gathering at the Michigan Union after church when cousin Billy Kline put peas in my chocolate milk." Memories have a way of appearing when you least expect it. "This is one reason I so enjoy St. Andrew's. I never know when or what memories will surface when I see a parishioner, hear the wonderful music, sing a hymn or hear a sermon. They are, whether happy or more solemn, in their own way comforting. I look forward to remembering more and making new St. Andrew's memories."

The Youth leaders in J2A and YAC reflect a balance of long time and new teacher volunteers, diverse professions and life experiences that bring enthusiasm, care and understanding of our youth. They give their time and energy to guide our youth in faith formation; providing tools of spiritual discernment and helping to shape their growing adult responsibilities.

To all of our children, youth and families of the Church School may your summer months bring you fun filled days, time to enjoy family and friends, a chance to unhook from the noise, make memories and just 'be.' Have a wonderful summer, safe journey, and we look forward to hearing about your summer memories in the fall.

In faith, hope and love,
Carol Andrews-Ferguson
Director of Children & Youth Ministries

Director's Chair

The Music Man

A huge "Thank you!" to the wonderful cast, crew, and our splendid audiences for the recent Supper Theatre production. The proceeds from the performances will be used to help purchase a new Grand Drape (curtain) for our Parish Hall stage. Our current Grand Drape is well over 50 years old, and frankly, has seen better days! We look forward to seeing a new one this autumn.

Travels With Paul

Our Vacation Bible School Theatre Troupe is still in need of a few more actors/actresses to help tell Paul's story at Marketplace Vacation Bible School on June 20, 21, and 22. Teens and adults needed! Please contact Nancy Heusel at nheusel1@standrewsaa.org.

The Diary of Anne Frank

The wonderful story of young Anne Frank, whose diary has been read by most school children, will be presented at St. Andrew's on Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22.

In order to prepare this beautiful and poignant play, we will have a "first reading" of the script on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. There are many great roles in this story and we would love to have you join us for the reading!



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 (*ends 6/11*)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)

Mondays

7:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)

Wednesdays

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
6:00 pm Evensong (C)

Thursdays

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist & Healing (C)

Fridays

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

Saturdays

9:00 am Altar Guild Preparation

ROOM LEGEND

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

Sunday Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for announcements in 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, June 25 the information would need to be in the office Tuesday morning, June 20.

Network Article Deadlines & Printed Issue Availability

The deadline for articles to be submitted to *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 month prior to the issue's date.

JUNE 2017

Pentecost Sunday, June 4

Choir Recognitions

11:30 am Single Adults
at St. Andrew's (Lib)

11:30 am "Faith in Public"
Discussion Group (Cpl)

Tuesday, June 6

7:00 pm Marketplace Volunteer
Meeting (First Presbyterian)

Trinity Sunday, June 11

Recognition Sunday

Blood Pressure Screenings

11:30 am Lunch on the Lawn

Monday, June 12

4:30 pm History/Memorials (L)

Tuesday, June 13

6:00 pm Organ Steering (L)

Sunday, June 18

11:30 am "Faith in Public"
Discussion Group (Cpl)

2:00 pm Parents and Friends
of Lesbians and Gays (L)

Tuesday, June 20

6:00 pm Finance Meeting (L)

June 20-22

Marketplace Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 25

11:30 am "Faith in Public"
Discussion Group (Cpl)

11:30 am Millennial Brunch Group
(Offsite)

Tuesday, June 27

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (L)

JULY 2017

Sunday, July 2

11:30 am Single Adults
at St. Andrew's (Lib)

July 3 - 4

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 9

Blood Pressure Screenings

Monday, July 10

4:30 pm History/Memorials (L)

Sunday, July 16

2:00 pm Parents and Friends
of Lesbians and Gays (L)

July 20-23

Ann Arbor Art Fair

AUGUST 2017

Sunday, August 6

11:30 am Single Adults
at St. Andrew's (Lib)

Thursday, August 10

Deadline for September Network

Sunday, August 13

Blood Pressure Screenings

Monday, August 14

4:30 pm History/Memorials (L)

Tuesday, August 15

Feast of the Blessed Virgin

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist (C)

6:00 pm Finance Meeting (L)

Sunday, August 20

2:00 pm Parents and Friends
of Lesbians and Gays (L)

Tuesday, August 22

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (L)