

The Network

The newsletter for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Dear friends:

"That's too far to walk," a kindly English-speaking café owner responded when I asked how to get to a particular church in a small city in Portugal. I was lost. It was less than a week since my journey began and I had already lost track of the yellow arrows that mark the Camino routes from all over Europe to Santiago de Compostella. Some routes are marked better than others and if a walker is not paying attention they can miss a turn and walk a long way before they realize their mistake. It's a common occurrence among pilgrims and part of the Camino experience. In my case, even though I had lost the trail I knew if I could find a certain church I could pick it up again, so I stopped to ask for directions.

"I'm walking to Santiago," I said. (Still several hundred kilometers away.) "In Spain?" the kind woman exclaimed. I nodded, and she fetched a pen and a piece of paper and drew a map for me. With her help the church wasn't that hard to find, but it was on the opposite side of town from her café, "too far" to walk for regular tourists. This was just one of many kindnesses that were showered on me during the five weeks I walked the Camino Portugués after Easter, where concepts such as "too far" gained a new perspective.

The 385 mile journey along various roads, sidewalks and trails, and through an occasional stream, in all sorts of weather was sometimes trying, sometimes tedious, often breathtakingly beautiful and always filled with an overwhelming sense of only scratching the surface of the richness God offers us. It was, for me, an unexpected exercise in putting myself in the hands of Divine Love and Mercy.

Some days I walked alongside a busy highway with little room between racing traffic and a deep drainage ditch. Other times the trail led through vast eucalyptus forests without another human being in sight. One afternoon was spent with a couple from Japan and some German students climbing a very steep hill on a narrow rocky path that upon reaching the summit with spectacular views we were faced with an equally narrow, steep and rocky descent. But the vast majority of the Camino Portugués is spent crossing a beautiful, peaceful landscape punctuated by quiet villages and lively cities populated by very hospitable people who were eager to make our pilgrimage to Santiago enjoyable, safe and achievable. It was all an expression of Divine Love and Mercy for which I am deeply grateful.

As your summer unfolds, and if you are fortunate enough to have some time away, take the opportunity to see in the unfamiliar the hand of God at work around you in the places you visit, in the people you meet and in the refreshment you experience. In a world that often seems hectic, confusing and harsh there is much that is good, loving and kind that we either take for granted or overlook. Wherever you are or happen to be, you don't have to go all that far to find it. Once you do, thank God for it then pass it on.

God bless,
Fr. Alan

Follow Fr. Alan's journey to Santiago! Photographs of his trip can be found on the walls from the Narthex to just past the Morning Glories room.

Service Schedule

Join us!

Sundays

Holy Eucharist: 8 & 10 am
Family Service: 9:15 am
Church School: 9:45 am

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

Choir Recognition

Sunday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 10

Medication Madness

Sunday, June 17

J2A Pilgrimage

June 17-24

Marketplace VBS

June 19-21

Fourth of July / Office Closed

Wednesday, July 4

Ann Arbor Art Fair

July 19-22

Summer Office Hours starting May 25

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



Parish Briefs

Choir Recognitions

Sunday, June 3 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 3.

Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 10 at 8 and 10:00 am

On Sunday, June 10 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.

Medication Madness

Sunday, June 17 at 8:45 am

Do you and/or family members take multiple medications for one or more chronic illnesses? You are not alone. Health care providers have a number of ways to help you keep track of your medication use.

Between services on Sunday, June 17, 8:45 am in the Lounge, Marcia Wilkinson, RN and Sue Bickley, RPh will provide a brief presentation on numerous and no-cost options available locally to help you and your loved ones manage their medications. Please join us!

Save the Date: Parish Picnic!

Sunday, September 9

The Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 9. More information will be available in the Sunday bulletins in August.

Fall Confirmation Classes

September 16 - October 7

Bishop Gibbs will visit us on Sunday, November 18. The service of Confirmation and Reception will be offered at 10:00 am. Fr. Alan will offer a series of four classes for adults new to the Episcopal Church who would like to be confirmed or received from the Roman Catholic, Lutheran or Orthodox churches. Classes will meet in the chapel on Sunday, September 16, 23, 30, October 7 at 11:30 am. Each session will last about one hour. If you think you might be interested,

please put these dates on your calendar now before the busyness of fall descends. Long-time Episcopalians who would like a refresher course are welcome to join us, too.

Advertise Your Business!

The new parish directory should be ready in September 2018. Anyone interested in placing an advertisement in support of the directory should call Jill Garner (jgarner@cathedraldirectories.com; (800) 544-6903 ext. 111). Feel free to pass this information on to others, advertisers do not need to be members!

Dig Deep for Small Change

At the 2018 Annual Meeting, Norm Richert, Treasurer, challenged us to "dig deep" to help narrow the deficit; even suggesting that we save our change. One parishioner who took that challenge seriously and for three months saved their daily change which resulted in them donating approximately \$90 to the general fund. If all 665 members were to do this every three months we could add about \$239,000 to our budget!

Directory Updates Needed

Have you moved? Did you get a new email address recently? Or maybe you've switched from a landline to a cell phone number? St. Andrew's needs your most up-to-date information!

Please, help us stay in contact with you by updating your information for the 2018-2019 directory.

The deadline for corrections is Monday, July 9, with the directory being available in early September.

Please, take a moment and check your listing in the current parish directory (it has a photo of the church on the cover) to ensure that we have the correct information for your names, phone numbers, address, children's names and primary email address.

If you have additions or corrections there are many ways to submit them to the parish office:



Send an email to
kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org



Call the Church Office at
(734) 663-0518



Drop a note in the collection plate on Sunday

Finance

Operating Revenue and Expense

January 1 to April 30, 2018

Income	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Over/Under +/- YTD Actual vs. YTS Budget
Plate Offerings	26,044	18,468	7,576
Pledge Payments	275,401	275,000	401
Other Income	13,586	10,668	2,918
Special Funds Transfer	0	0	0
Total Income	315,031	304,136	10,895
Expenses			
Salaries and Benefits	228,150	226,053	2,097
Maintenance & Overhead	43,074	41,048	2,026
Office Expense	7,858	12,673	-4,815
Stewardship & Miscellaneous	202	200	2
Church Programs	15,966	16,750	-784
Diocesan Pledge	32,167	32,168	-1
Other Outreach	0	0	0
Total Expenses	327,417	328,892	-1,475
Net	-12,386	-24,756	12,370



Church School Happenings

Thank You!

Thank you only begins to convey our gratitude and appreciation for the volunteer teachers that so generously share their time and talent nurturing the children and youth of St. Andrew's. You are a blessing!

A special thank you to all of our families and friends for your presence, participation and fundraising support of Church School classroom activities, outreach initiatives, youth social outings, theater performances, and the many seasonal happenings. Most of all, we thank you for your faith in our teachers and for the opportunity to share in this wonderful ministry with your children, youth and families.

We hope the summer months bring new experiences, lasting traditions, renewed spirit and opens your heart to the joy of God's creation. Send postcards and photos of your summer travels - especially with Flat Jesus.

Teacher Recognition and Lunch on the Lawn

Sunday, June 10

Sunday, June 10 is the last day of our 2017-18 Church School year! Near the conclusion of the service we will recognize our teachers for their dedicated ministry with the children and youth of St. Andrew's. After the service, the entire parish is warmly invited to join us for our annual Lunch on the Lawn party to celebrate this past Church School year, the support of the parish, and the beginning of summer.

The Adventures of **FLAT JESUS** *Continue!*

If you did not have a chance to experience Flat Jesus last summer, please jump on board for this year's adventure! Take Flat Jesus with



you wherever you go; Marketplace VBS, vacation, camp, swimming pool, hanging out with friends, the local park or places far away. Flat Jesus joined Fr. Alan on his recent walking journey on the Camino Portugués beginning with a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima.

Send photos of you and Flat Jesus to Carol (caferguson@standrewsaa.org) and we will share them in the weekly Church School announcements. Flat Jesus kits will be available for you to take home early June. Check out the display in the lobby for this fun and engaging way to keep Christ in our lives over the summer months.

Summertime Storytime

Special Places, Sacred Spaces and Divine Faces is the theme for our Summertime Storytime program beginning on Sunday, June 17.

This summer our stories will take us to far away lands and different cultures as we see how children live in other parts of the world. An accompanying craft and story will help make connections to the children in special places, sacred spaces and divine faces.

All ages are welcome to join us during the 10:00 am service. We meet in the Morning Glories classroom located at the end of the hallway, on the first floor of Parish Hall.

Wiggles & Worship

Happenings in the Classroom

There is no better way to describe our youngest church school members other than the "Morning Glories" class. They are a busy, active and curious group of preschoolers that love to blossom with laughter and yes sometimes tears, discovering their little voices really do matter. The "Godly Play" learning format encourages children to explore their thoughts, ideas and feelings in a manner that is not only lighthearted, but shapes worship in their own special playful manner. Each week, they sing a special greeting song and welcome each other. They enjoy making a craft

and lots of paint in plastic bags. The group made Valentine cards for all of the clergy, office staff and office volunteers this year. They learn Bible stories from the Old Testament, the parables, Jesus' birth, resurrection and ascension, and celebrate liturgical seasons including special lessons on Baptism, St. Andrew and St. Francis of Assisi. Gathered on the floor for circle time, under the canopy and string lights, they hear God's stories. The use of tactile learning props, felt underlays, and wood figurines heartens the children to imagine, touch and explore. The teacher reflects aloud with "I wonder..." creating an environment that affords children the chance to respond on their own terms. Learning about God's love and God's people is not rushed but unfolds in a journey of enlightenment and discovery.

A special thank you to Phil MacBride. He is not only a big a supporter of the Church School, but a true friend. Beginning last summer and throughout the school year, Phil created a second set of wood figurines and cityscapes for the year two curriculum "Godly Play." His "labor of love" is so evident in the care and creation of the materials. He made over 70 wood figurines, at least ten little sheep, five pairs of Noah's Ark animals and the unique pieces of a moving Ark of the Covenant carried by four priests, Zacchaeus standing in a tree and the city backdrops of Jericho, Haran, Emmaus and Jerusalem. These unadorned props enhance the entire learning experience for our preschool through first grade students and adds to the sense of wonderment and discovery for our youngest children. We are so grateful for his kind, generous and gracious support.

Free Vacation Bible School **Marketplace 27-28 AD:**

Called to be Disciples

June 19-21 from 9:30 am - 12:15 pm

It's not too late to register for our annual Summer Vacation Bible School on the beautiful grounds of First Presbyterian Church! Come be a part of this year's exciting theme "Called To Be Disciples"

At A Glance: *Church School Events*

**Last Day of Church School,
Lunch on the Lawn**
Sunday, June 10

Summertime Story Time
Starts Sunday, June 17

J2A Pilgrimage
June 17-24

Church School Resumes
Sunday, September 9

Summer Childcare *Summertime Storytime!*

Childcare (including the Nursery) will be available in the Morning Glories room, Sundays at 10:00 am, June 17 - September 2. *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!

when children journey as part of the twelve great tribes, Judah, Dan, Simeon, Asher, Zebulun, and others and learn about Jesus when he called us to be "fishers of people." Crafts in the Marketplace, games, synagogue school, storyteller, engaging drama vignettes, song, dance, Mediterranean foods and a visit from the Howell Nature Center create the atmosphere of real Bible times. There are so many ways for children to experience "God's love and presence in the world" at Marketplace VBS. Bring a friend to this free event. They will have an amazing time. Open to children "young fives" through 5th grade complete. Please contact Carol Andrews-Ferguson for more information. Register online at <http://tiny.cc/mplace17> or registration forms available in the lobby. **Registration Deadline:** June 3 (Late registrations accepted as space allows)

BE A VOLUNTEER: Spending a few mornings laughing, playing and singing with kids will do you good! There are many opportunities for middle/high school youth, parents and our parishioners of all ages as shopkeepers and crafters in the marketplace, family group leader, games, food preparation, childcare, daily set up/tear down, drama and many more roles. Childcare is provided.

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**, June 24-29 at Camp Stony Lake in New Era, MI. They are also providing an Episco-Bus for the same week. For more information on Episco Week camp, other events, camps and registration links, visit <http://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. As always, camp scholarships are available from both Living Water Ministries and The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Please

contact the Living Water Ministries office at: <http://www.elcalivingwater.com/about/contact-us/> to apply for their funds or contact Eric Travis, Missioner for Youth and Young Adults to apply for EDOMI funds. Eric can be contacted at: etravis@edomi.org. St. Andrew's also has scholarship funds available. Please contact Carol.

From the Journey

Prayer Shawl Thank you

As part of our annual Senior High School Recognition, graduates received a beautiful handmade prayer shawl. Our knitters have spent the last year creating the shawls and their ever gracious and generous works are fulfilled in the warmth, care and prayers interwoven into this personal gift. Thank you to Julie Case, Lorraine Field, Julie Lewis, Elaine Mouradian, Chris Rochman, Donna Wessel Walker, JoAn Wetzell and Mary White.

Rite 13 Celebration

Members from the Rite 13 class were honored at the Celebration of God's Gift of Manhood and Womanhood on May 20. In the weeks leading up to the celebration, the teens explored the context and meaning of the words in this special liturgy that recognizes the rite of passage. They also chose a personal inspirational scripture, poem, or quote to reflect upon. The Church ceremony was occasion for the whole of the congregation to publicly affirm their support for these young persons as they took their ceremonial first step, beginning their journey from childhood to adulthood. We are so grateful for the abundance of "words of wisdom" from all of our parishioners. A book composite of past and present years is in the parish lounge for you to peruse during coffee hour. A special Memory Book was also created for the teens that captures the most recent additions.

J2A Pilgrimage Blessing

During the 10:00 am service on Sunday, June 10, we will celebrate a special Pilgrimage blessing for the ninth group of young adults and leaders to participate in this capstone activity in the Journey to

Adulthood Youth Program. The hostel in Point Loma will be home base from June 17 - 24 for the group of 9 teens and 3 adults. They'll explore San Diego, the culture and history, sacred sites and the diverse surrounding landscape including St. Paul's Cathedral and labyrinth, Mission San Luis, Swami Meditation Garden, hiking in the Anza Borrego Desert State Park, and a habitat restoration service project in the Tecolote Canyon. They are eager for the pilgrimage and the culmination of their journey to adulthood lessons, learnings and many fundraising events through the generosity of our parishioners. They look forward to sharing their experience, travels and spiritual growth with the parish in the fall. They ask for your continued support and prayers for a safe and sacred journey.

Pilgrims: *Ira Bennett, Ben Duncan, Temi Kolawole, Henry Lukela, Grant Murphy, Jack Murphy, Charlie Slone, Vincent Tremonti, Andrew Zwolensky* **Leaders:** *Fr. Alan, Ransom Duncan, Chris Watson*

Young Adults (YAC)

We had positive response to the YAC forums this past year led by Georgiana Siehl. The group identified and discussed topics reflecting the challenges and issues relevant to high school young adults. The format reflects a whole-hearted and genuine approach to several contemporary themes. Guest presenters from various community resources provided even greater expertise on the topics. We also shared a wonderful send off for our seven graduating high school seniors with a special blessing and reception in May.

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

Director's Chair

Annie

A huge "Thank you!" to the wonderful cast, crew, and our splendid audiences for the recent Supper Theatre production.

I would especially like to thank Norm and Lucy Richert for managing the production in my absence. They did a fantastic job of bringing the story of Annie and her orphan friends to life.

Marketplace Actors Needed

Our Vacation Bible School Theatre Troupe is still in need of a few more actors/ac-tresses to help at Marketplace Vacation Bible School on June 19-21. Teens and adults needed! Please call Nancy Heusel at (734) 678-6576 if you are interested.

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes this spring. They have brought me great cheer!

Nancy Heusel,
Director of Theatrical Ministries

Music Notes

Hymnraiser 2.0 Results

Thanks to the incredible support of our whole congregation, I am happy to share the results of our Hymnraiser "favorite hymns" vote and fundraiser. Once again, this was a fun and delightful activity that had many people thinking about (and singing) their favorite hymns and church songs. We had 51 ballots cast for 109 different hymns and songs, and we wound up raising almost \$3,000 for our new organ.

There were two categories of winners: most votes and most money raised. We sang the winning hymns from both categories in church on Sunday, May 13, and I think everyone who was in the congregation that morning would agree that "we can pick 'em!"—it was a truly joyous and beautiful service.

I particularly want to highlight "We Praise You and Acknowledge You", the third-place winner in the money-raised category. This "new favorite" was our Gloria throughout the Easter season and won a place in the hearts (and votes) of several members of our community. The tune, *Thaxted*, was adapted by Gustav Holst from the theme "Jupiter" from his orchestral suite *The Planets*. *Thaxted* has been used for many different sets of lyrics over the years, including "O God Beyond All Praising" and "I Vow to Thee, My Country" an English patriotic hymn which was sung at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

I appreciated the time and attention everyone took in casting their ballots. I received a number of enclosures—not just checks! Some hymn-lovers included detailed notes of explanation and photocopies of hymns they love from other hymnals! Of course, the biggest winners this time around were Easter hymns, since that was the focus of this vote. Beyond that, however, I noticed some hymn-related trends in our congregation: many classic English hymns such as "Abide with Me" and "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended" were popular with the voters. Perhaps this isn't surprising, given our Anglican roots. We also had a lot of votes for favorites from the African American tradition, including many from the Lift Every Voice and Sing II hymnal, such as "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" and "Let Us Break Bread Together". However, perhaps the main trend that stands out is the diversity of the votes! We had so many different hymns that received at least one vote - it's clear that there is a lot of beautiful music for us to enjoy together.

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the Hymnraiser. I am so glad you took the time to share your love of hymns with us and I look forward to lifting our voices in praise together.
-- *Mary Wessel Walker*

WINNERS: Most Votes

- 1 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*
- 2 *Hail Thee Festival Day*
- 3 *The Strife is O'er*
- 4 *Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord*
- 5 *I am the Bread of Life*
- 5 *Now the Green Blade Riseth*
- 6 *Welcome Happy Morning*

Honorable Mention

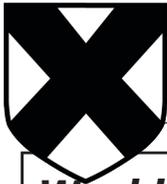
*We Walk By Faith, But not by Sight
Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain*

WINNERS: Most Money Raised

- 1 *Hallelujah Chorus*
- 2 *The Strife is O'er*
- 3 *We Praise Thee and Acknowledge Thee (Holst)*
- 4 *Up from the Grave He Arose*
- 5 *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*
- 6 *Hail Thee Festival Day*

Honorable Mention

*Make Me a Channel of Thy Peace
How Great Thou Art
And Did those Feet (Tune: Jerusalem)*



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)

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

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open
9:00 am - 1:00 pm,
Monday - Friday
from May 25 - September 3.

OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, July 4

**ROOM
LEGEND**

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

JUNE 2018

Saturday, June 2

9:00 am Bishop Transition
Listening Session
(Cathedral of St. Paul,
Detroit)

Sunday, June 3

Choir Recognitions

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

Monday, June 4

7:00 pm Bishop Transition
Virtual Listening Session
(<https://zoom.us/j/534916920>)

Tuesday, June 5

7:00 pm Marketplace Volunteer
Meeting (First Presbyterian)

Sunday, June 10

*Recognition Sunday, Last Day of
Church School, Blood Pressure
Screenings*

11:30 am Lunch on the Lawn

Monday, June 11

4:30 pm History/Memorials (L)

Sunday, June 17

Father's Day

Summertime Storytime Begins

8:45 am Medication Madness (L)
2:00 pm Parents and Friends
of Lesbians and Gays (L)

June 17-24

J2A Pilgrimage

June 19-21

Marketplace Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 19

6:00 pm Finance Meeting (L)

Sunday, June 24

11:30 am Millennial Brunch Group
(Cafe Zola)

Tuesday, June 26

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (L)

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Sunday, July 1

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

Wednesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Sunday, July 8

Blood Pressure Screenings

Monday, July 9

4:30 pm History/Memorials (L)

Sunday, July 15

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

July 19-22

Ann Arbor Art Fair

AUGUST 2018

Sunday, August 5

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

Friday, August 10

Deadline for September Network

Sunday, August 12

Blood Pressure Screenings

Monday, August 13

4:30 pm History/Memorials (L)

Sunday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 21

6:00 pm Finance Meeting (L)

Tuesday, August 28

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting (L)

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, June 24, the information would need to be in the office on Tuesday morning, June 19.