



# 2022 Annual Reports

**Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**

306 North Division St., Ann Arbor, Michigan

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# OUR VISION

*The mission of St. Andrew's Church is to embody God's love for the world through Jesus Christ.*

St. Andrew's joyfully and unconditionally welcomes everyone to God's table as we strive to feed God's children spiritually and physically. We engage in the world around us, celebrating God's word and Christ's love.

Steeped in the rich heritage of our liturgy and music, we worship in a beautiful historic building in downtown Ann Arbor.

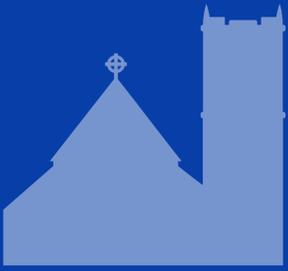
Through challenging sermons, a vibrant church school, and a stimulating adult education program, we seek to gain a deeper understanding of God's holy mysteries.

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## Dear Parish Family,

We, your stipendiary employees, wish to thank you for your continued financial support of St. Andrew's.

Your support has allowed us to work remotely and/or distanced in person, to provide the necessary tools for online worship, effective communication, a return to in-person worship, and maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

*Your faithfulness is sincerely appreciated,*

Fr. Alan Gibson  
Shannon Floyd  
Carol Ferguson  
Deborah Friauff  
Kim Tucker-Gray  
Matt Marsh  
Kathy McPherson  
Kate Riedel  
Jeff Sharp

# 2022 Annual Meeting Agenda

## About the 2022 Annual Meeting & Elections

**The annual meeting will be called to order at the conclusion of the 8:00 am service and the polls will open.** Ballots will be available in the vestibule at the Memorial Garden entrance. Polls will remain open throughout the morning at a table staffed by members of the vestry.

People not attending church services to avoid crowds may stop in to cast their votes in-between services, minimizing their contact with other people. **At the conclusion of the 10:00 am service final ballots will be cast, and the business portion of the meeting will commence.**

Those who are not comfortable entering the building may call or text Catherine Carver from the church parking lot at 202-222-8753, and a ballot will be brought to their car.

This satisfies the bylaw requirement for a physical ballot being cast at the annual meeting while giving parishioners more flexibility in how/when they vote. However, those who do not stay or return for the business meeting would not get an opportunity to vote in a second ballot if one is needed.

1. **Prayer** The Rev. Sally Boelter
2. **Organization** Trent Collier, Sr. Warden
  - Certification of Quorum
  - Appointments: Secretary, Parliamentarian
  - Minutes of the 2021 Meeting
  - Introductions
3. **Elections** Trent Collier
  - Briefing on Nomination and Election Procedures
  - Nominations to the Vestry, class of 2025
  - Nominations for Delegates to 2022 Diocesan Convention and Representative to Huron Valley Deanery
4. **Reports**
  - Senior Warden: Trent Collier
  - Breakfast Director: Shannon Floyd
  - Organ Committee: Michael Field, Harry McLaughlin
5. **Finance** Norm Richert, Treasurer
  - Year End Financial Results
  - Presentation of the 2022 Budget
6. **Acknowledgement of Written Reports** Trent Collier
7. **Report on Elections**
8. **Matters Arising**
9. **Dismissal** The Rev. Sally Boelter

Parishioners of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, met virtually by Zoom for their Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 11:00 am. The [2021 Annual Reports](#) had been posted earlier to the St. Andrew's website. A printer-friendly version of the document can be found at: <https://standrewsaa.org/uploads/File/21AnnualReport-Print.pdf>

The Rev. Alan Gibson offered opening prayers.

### Quorum

The Rev. Alan Gibson recognized the presence of a quorum. There were 63 Zoom logins with approximately 77 people in attendance. He then appointed Steve Feenstra as parliamentarian for the meeting and Carmela Brown as clerk.

### Minutes

The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were accepted unanimously.

### Rector Report

The Rev. Gibson thanked the following members of the Vestry who are retiring after three years of service to St. Andrew's: Ransom Duncan, Judy Dyer, Mary Edwards, and Jude Wilson as well as the Diocesan Convention Delegate / Huron Valley Deanery Representative, Carol Bennett.

Due to the adoption of a temporary bylaw amendment, ballot elections for Vestry and Deanery Representative were not conducted at the 2021 Annual Meeting. The following temporary bylaw amendment was adopted prior to the meeting: "A temporary amendment to the bylaws rewriting Article 4.04(a)(1) to read in full: "No later than the December 2020 Vestry meeting, the Nominating Committee shall present a slate of candidates for election to the Vestry and Deanery Representative at the January 2021 Annual Parish Meeting that shall not exceed the number of vacancies that will occur at the time of that Annual Parish Meeting." Rev. Gibson introduced the following new members of the Vestry, Class of 2024, to the parish: Jeanine Diller, Lorraine Field, Christopher Watson, and Bob Westveer.

See the Rev. Alan Gibson's remaining remarks in the Annual Report along with a written report from the

Sr. Warden, Trent Collier. See Morgan Battle's 2021 Annual Report of the Breakfast at St. Andrews [here](#).

### Organ Committee Updates

Harry McLaughlin, Co-Chair, Organ Steering Committee, shared the history of the organ project and thanked the Organ Steering Committee along with all of those people instrumental in bringing the project to fruition. Michael Field, Co-Chair, Organ Steering Committee shared that the construction in the church is going well. The installation of the new organ will depend on the COVID restrictions in place at the time the organ is ready. Installation will take approximately 10-14 days. The voicing (tuning) will take up to several months but the instrument is usable. General thanksgiving to all those who contributed financially to the project was given.

### Finance

An anonymous donor gave a gift of \$447,000 to St. Andrews. The use of the funds for the following projects has been approved by the Vestry:

1. Return \$49,000 back into investment fund that were withdrawn in 2017
2. Upgrade to the video, audio and lighting in sanctuary and parish center
3. Upgrade the current fire and burglar alarm systems
4. Painting in the parish hall and kitchen
5. Replace flooring in parish hall and other areas
6. Install two voices saved from the Reuter organ into the chapel organ
7. Replacement of sign at the front of the church

Further projects are being considered with the remaining funds.

Those at the Annual Meeting wanted to express their sincere gratitude to the donors and appreciation of the generous gift to St. Andrews.

### Matters Arising

None.

There being no new business to be addressed, Mary Matthews moved for adjournment, John McLaughlin seconded, and the meeting ended at 11:49 am.

# VESTRY

The Vestry Class of 2025 bios are available on the parish website.

► [READ THEM NOW](#)

Warmest thanks to Carmela Brown, the clerk of the Vestry.

I wish it came from scripture or the Book of Common Prayer or a theologian or even a poet. But I'm afraid the line that comes to mind when I think about our church (and the Church) in this second pandemic year comes from *The Last Jedi*, a Star Wars movie of recent vintage and hotly contested merit. In the film's final act, right after stopping Finn from an act of senseless self-sacrifice, Rose Tico says this: "That's how we win. Not by destroying what we hate but by saving what we love." It would be a stretch, to put it mildly, to call that a Christian message. But it captures something vital about how to direct our energies.

All of us, I'm sure, would love to destroy Covid-19, to wipe it permanently from the face of the earth. Of course, we have no such power. We cannot destroy the virus that has altered so many lives and that will certainly alter many more in the future. Nor can we destroy the factors causing the other forms of illness that many of us have reckoned with over the past year. We can only endure—while doing whatever we can to save what we love.

I don't have to do much soul-searching to know that St. Andrew's is one of the things I love. It's equally clear that I can do more to help preserve it. But we are all blessed to have so many examples in this parish of people who preserve our church home through their love for it.

First and foremost, there is our rector, the Rev. Alan Gibson, whose calm and compassionate presence has been a balm for me and, I'm sure, for many others over the past year. It's hard to fathom where we'd be after two years of pandemic without Father Alan's leadership and ministry.

And Fr. Alan is not alone. The Rev. Sally Boelter, the Rev. Walter LaBatt, and the Rev. Dcn. Eric Braun provided leadership during Sunday services that was equally healing and inspiring.

Deborah Friauff's musical direction and organ performances enlivened the liturgy, often communicating with an eloquence that surpassed words. One of the bright spots of 2021 for me was bringing my father to a worship service and seeing him escape the silent abyss of Alzheimer's disease for just a moment to sing along with a carol he's known since childhood. It is amazing what music can do. We are so fortunate to have not only Deborah but our choir and our bell choir and so many wonderful solo performers.

Carol Andrews Ferguson and our Church School teachers have maintained St. Andrew's vibrant children's ministry and that's an absolutely vital task. The church has no future without an effective children's ministry. We're not only educating our youth but ensuring a future for our faith. Carol works tirelessly to make that happen.

Norm Richert and Catherine Carver have preserved our parish's theatrical ministry in the most adverse of conditions. For years, that ministry

has been a source of joy in my family and maybe in yours, too. I am so looking forward to the day when Dorothy, Annie, Tevye, and all their fictional compatriots can return to the Parish Hall stage.

Those acting behind the scenes are just as vital to our congregation's perseverance through the pandemic. That includes parish administrator Kathy McPherson, finance administrator Kim Tucker-Gray, communications coordinator Kate Riedel, sexton Matt Marsh, and housekeeper Jeff Sharp. It also includes the members of the Finance Committee and the Vestry, as well as the Breakfast Program board. Morgan Battle had to step down as Breakfast Director this year, leaving enormous shoes to fill. But we are blessed to have Shannon Chase Floyd, the former Breakfast Director, step up to fill them. With Shannon's leadership, the Breakfast Program will continue to feed and care for those in need.

These are some of the examples I'll keep in mind as I step down from the Vestry this year and begin looking for different ways to serve this parish. Of course, financial support is critical. We've weathered the two-year storm—keeping our staff at work—largely because this parish continues to be generous. The federal Paycheck Protection Program helped, too. But pledges from parishioners are critical and I will be looking at paying my pledge by using the church's ACH program. You can, too, by visiting St. Andrew's website and downloading the ACH Permission Form: <https://standrewsaa.org/donate.html>.

Most of all, I hope to return the support and compassion I've felt so often from members of this community, in good times and bad, over the past year and beyond. Of all things I love about this place and all the things I hope will endure for my children and beyond, foremost is that simple and unceremonial kindness that this parish does so well. Ultimately, what better sign is there of the Christ in whose name we gather?

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Sandra Muchison, Luke Thompson, Susan Wakefield, and chairperson Trent Collier wish to submit this list of candidates for the open positions of the Vestry and Convention Delegate/Alternate, to be chosen by the St. Andrew's parishioners at the Annual Meeting to be held on January 30, 2022.

*The Committee presents the following as worthy candidates for the Vestry Class of 2025:* John Burhenn, Claire McLaughlin, Lisa Osbeck, Ann Scott, Leslie Stainton

*And the following as worthy candidates for the Convention Delegate/Alternate:* Lucy Richert, George Watson

We thank the members of the nominating committee and all those who responded to the invitation to stand for office.

# THE VESTRY

**The following members of the Vestry are retiring after three years of service to St. Andrew's:**

Trent Collier      Luke Thompson  
Sandra Murchison      Susan Wakefield

**The following Diocesan Convention Delegate / Huron Valley Deanery Representative is retiring after three years of service to St. Andrew's:**

Sarah Inwood

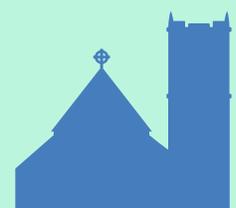
*The thanks of the congregation, the Vestry, and Rector are extended to each of them for their efforts on behalf of Christ and His Church at St. Andrew's.*

**The following Vestry members remain:**

JANUARY 2023	JANUARY 2024
Carol Bernard	Jeanine Diller
Catherine Carver	Lorraine Field
Dave Hunsche	Chris Watson
Dave VanWagenen	Bob Westveer

**The following Diocesan Convention Delegates / Huron Valley Deanery Representatives remain:**

JANUARY 2022	JANUARY 2023
Nathan Sten	Pelham Barron



# REPORT OF ST. ANDREW'S STEWARDSHIP

## 2022 Annual Giving Campaign *Dave McCreadie, Stewardship Co-Chair*

**Co-Chairs:** Chuck Carlson, Dave McCreadie **Committee Members:** Scott Gerstenberger, Alan Gibson, Norm Richert, Harry McLaughlin

The many pandemic-induced challenges and adaptations from 2020 continued throughout 2021 for the Stewardship Committee. But as with so many other aspects of St. Andrew's, and life in general, we are resilient. The Committee is deeply grateful for the financial gifts pledged and received for the Annual Giving Campaign, as well as your gifts of stewardship in all of its forms, to support St. Andrew's ministries and mission in the world. We are thankful for what the St. Andrew's family has done in 2021 and pledges to do for 2022.

Our 2022 Campaign goals remain the same as in previous years: Sufficient financial contributions to sustainably cover St. Andrew's annual operating costs (~\$1,000,000), while growing the number of pledging families to help create a wider base of 'equity' across the parish.

### Activities

- Network articles September – January for campaign awareness and upcoming events
- Compose, print, and mail campaign tri-fold brochure and pledge card
- Mailings to seek and solicit pledge responses for the 2022 campaign
- Colorful stewardship bulletin covers on successive Sundays in September-October (special thanks to Kate Riedel and Kathy McPherson for these!)
- Pulpit talks - thank you to Kaitlin McCreadie, Chris Watson, and Kevin Dutton!
- Pledge Card Sunday with easier ways to turn in your pledge card (photo, web form, email) – thanks to Kate Riedel!
- Multiple phone and email campaigns to families who had not yet pledged (November & December 2021, January 2022)

### Annual Giving Comparison as of January 24, 2022



### Current Status

As of 1/24/2022, 228 pledges have been received for \$755,024. This includes \$29,732 in new pledge dollars not received in 2021. At this same time last year (the Annual Meeting) we had 211 pledges for \$726,074. This is an increase of 4% and 16% short of our \$900,000 goal.

### Overall Summary

- The Committee is grateful for the continued generosity of the members of St. Andrew's – especially during the significant and ongoing challenges from the COVID pandemic.
- A significant number (40%) of the members at St. Andrew's has continued to sustain financial stewardship.
- However, the shortfall to our target of \$900,000 will again likely cause St. Andrew's to draw excessively against its investment savings in 2022, as we have had to do the last number of years. In the long term, this is unsustainable for St. Andrew's level of savings. We must try to increase our pledge giving – or make necessary reductions in our operations/ministry spending to balance our budget.
- As Committee members look ahead to the work for the next Campaign (2023), we urge the members of the parish to participate and to give us feedback. We are always open to suggestions on how we can improve the Pledge Campaign and make it more effective. If you would like to respond, please contact any of the committee members listed above.
- Special thanks as always to Kathy McPherson and Kate Riedel, who help our committee in many significant ways. We couldn't run the Stewardship campaign without their support!

**Have you pledged yet?** The Committee asks that if you still intend to send in your pledge for 2022, to please email the necessary information to:

**Kathy McPherson** [kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org](mailto:kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org)

# CLERGY

## The Reverend Charles Witke *Priest Associate*

In 2021, I attended via Zoom twelve staff meetings; celebrated one recorded Sunday and two public Sunday masses; two public Friday masses; and officiated at one Burial of the Dead.

Now retired, I would like to thank all in the parish who supported my thirty-two years of ordained ministry in this place.

*On Sunday, October 17, 2021, the parish celebrated Fr. Charles' nearly thirty-two years of ministry to St. Andrew's during the 10:00 am service.*

*As a retirement gift, parishioners donated nearly \$6,000. Fr. Charles used this gift to establish a new Organ Maintenance Fund.*



## PARISH STATISTICS

### In 2021 we had...

- 8** Baptisms
- 0** Confirmations
- 0** Weddings
- 13** Burials

### Our Parish Families

- 579** Mailing Units
- 66** Church School Families
- 123** Children Enrolled

# CHURCH SCHOOL



## OUR TEACHING TEAM

### Nursery

Eleanor Niman

### Early Childhood (PS - Grade 1)

Jessica Beemsterboer

Liz Halgren

### Grades 2 - 3

Steve Guest

Kyle Halgren

### Intermediate (Grade 4-6)

Linda Hastings

Melissa Atienza

Sandra Murchison

Michelle Evans

### Middle School (Grade 7-9)

Sarah Inwood

Mil Taylor

Britt Elder-Tennyson

Lucy Richert

### High School (Grades 10-12)

Steve Hastings

The Rev. Dcn. Eric Braun

## THANK YOU TEACHERS!

## Carol Andrews-Ferguson *Director, Children & Youth Ministries*

Focus, flexibility, and especially faith have been the watchwords for us this year! We remain focused on our mission and faithful to the Baptismal Covenant, while maintaining flexibility to support activities during these ever-changing circumstances.

The determination to pursue greater impact in our mission continues to be centered on the breadth and quality of our “connections”... connections to each other, to our parishioners, to our community and to the world we grow in. The call to adapt the way we connect has fostered new ideas and approaches to fulfilling our goals. We remain connected in our relationships, sharing in the Biblical narrative and God’s loving plan. This is our role as a Church School Family to see God in all things, advocate for our children and always have their best interest at heart!

We approached this year knowing that we needed both in-person and remote learning solutions. This added to the preparations required, but also enabled us to quickly adapt to changing circumstances. Despite the challenges, virtual meetings were amazingly creative and engaging. Teachers were especially imaginative in ways to hold the attention of children and youth. Playing games, reading scripture aloud, sharing screens and videos, doing a craft together on Zoom, sharing wows/pows, baking demonstrations, baking hands-on, and creating videos helped to keep us genuinely connected and spiritually centered.

### Teachers & Volunteers

The commitment and dedication of our volunteer teachers is a constant force of faith, hope and love at the core of this ministry. I am so appreciative of their willingness to try new things, beyond the classroom, to provide a meaningful learning experience now with the addition of virtual/remote learning. St. Andrew’s should be immensely proud of the effort and energy our volunteer teachers have invested in keeping our work effective, meaningful and spiritually connected.

A special thanks to all of our Classroom Assistants and substitutes: Roshayne Jaimon graciously helps even on a moment’s notice and substitutes for me when I am away. Young Adults Hayden Bier, Kevin Dutton, and Cas Collier have also assisted in the classrooms at various times.

### 2021 Overview

**Church School Family:** 66 families and 123 children are part of the Church School distribution list that includes families attending the 9:15 am Family Service. There were 11 High School graduates in 2021. We welcomed several new families while at the same time; eight of our high school seniors, as the youngest siblings in the family, graduated from the ranks of our Church School. We will miss them!

**Communications:** *Faith at Home* weekly communication are sent to Church School families year-round with lesson and reflection materials for children, youth and families of all ages. The *Faith at Home* email provides a variety of creative faith-based ideas and resources for families to worship and explore their faith at home. The information includes ideas for making connections, engaging in special time and serve as a complement to in-person classroom lessons.

### **January to June: Virtual Classes**

At the January 2021 mark we had several months of experience with virtual learning via the Zoom platform. Weekly Virtual Zoom classrooms were structured into five age groups. Early Childhood, Primary, and Intermediate students met on Sunday mornings and the three classes were held sequentially beginning at 8:45 to 10:30 am. Middle and High School classes met on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and 8:00pm respectively.

Student Bibles from our classroom inventory were personally delivered to the homes of intermediate and middle school students for use during virtual classes. High School students used Bibles given to them at earlier milestones.

A core group of students attended virtual/remote classes on a weekly basis: Primary (4), Intermediate (10), Middle School (10), and bi-monthly High School (4). Due to low attendance, the Early Childhood class moved to a pre-recorded format. The virtual classes for our Primary and Intermediate students were also recorded and shared to help reinforce the weekly lesson

and as a resource for those families not in attendance. Middle School classes were only recorded for special lessons and then forwarded to the entire class. High School classes were not recorded.

Monthly lesson packets included materials for each of the weekly lessons and were mailed to twenty-five Intermediate students. Seasonal and lessons packets were mailed to other classes as needed.

### **September to December: In-Person Classes**

On September 12, both the Family Service and Church School resumed in-person gatherings. To allow for the implementation of safety protocols, families registered online.

The Family Service and Church School attendance has been less than in previous years due to the ongoing pandemic. Participation levels for in-person Church School classes have been similar to those for our virtual classes, with the exception of the Early Childhood class which has increased in attendance.

## 2021 Curriculum

Lessons are supplemented with activities and content that complement the liturgical seasons and events at St. Andrew's. Highlights include All Saints', St. Francis of Assisi, our patron saint Andrew, along with special lessons for Advent, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord, Candlemas, St. Valentine, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Season of Creation, Día de los Muertos and St. Nicholas.



## **The mission of our Church School is to nurture the gift of faith as we share the good news of Jesus Christ.**

*The Children's Charter for the Church developed by the Office of Children's Ministries Episcopal Church Center calls for three responses to the children in our care.*

**Nurture of the Child:** to treasure each child as a gift from God.

*"Children are a heritage from the LORD, and the fruit of the womb is a gift." Psalm 127:4*

**Ministry to the Child:** to recognize and foster children's spirituality and unique gifts.

*"Then Jesus took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them and blessed them." Mark 10:16*

**Ministry of the Child:** to appreciate children's abilities and readiness to represent Christ and his church.

*"A child shall lead them." Isaiah 11:6*

## Worship and Wonder (PS/K/1)

A Montessori based interactive and sensory approach that shares Bible stories in an engaging manner, making use of simple figurines, supplemental scenery, and natural elements, (sand, water, light). Children are encouraged through shared wonderings to explore their thoughts, ideas and feelings about the sacred stories in imaginative and playful worship. A two-year cycle of weekly lesson plans has been developed from Sonya Stewart's books "Young Children and Worship" and "Following Jesus"® as well as Gerome Berryman's "Godly Play."®

## Episcopal Children's Curriculum® (Grades 2- 6)

A thematic curriculum designed to follow the overall Biblical narrative with Bible based and liturgically oriented lessons over a 3-year cycle. Lessons are structured on four foundations: Old Testament, New Testament, Sacraments and the Church. The lessons are seasonably compatible with the Sunday Lectionary but are not based on the weekly readings. The materials are structured for early readers through intermediate grades with age-appropriate Bible literacy.

## Journey to Adulthood® Youth Program (Grades 7-12)

We are thrilled to circle back to the now fully revised Journey to Adulthood curriculum. It is a wonderful complement to our Youth program. Centered on inclusive, relational ministry; it uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and outreach ministries arranged within three categories of Self, Society, and Spirituality. Middle and High School Youth Groups cover both thematic and scripture lessons that build upon and shape an evolving personal relationship with God. Discernment and discussion emphasize Christ as a living presence in their lives to help instill a growing faith.

**Other Curriculum and Faith at Home Resources:** Supplemental resources come from Building Faith from Virginia Theological School of Teaching, Children's Ministry, Episcopal Children's Curriculum, FORMA Faith at Home, Illustrated Ministry, Lesson Plans that Work National Episcopal Church, and Sermons4Kids.

## Seasonal Highlights

### Epiphany

**Valentine Card Service Project:** Students received packets to make Valentine cards with addressed

envelopes for mailing them directly to more than 60 homebound parishioners.

**Candlemas:** Special lesson materials provided for families and virtual Candlemas Middies lesson with flashlights.

### Lent/Easter

**Easter Packets:** Mailed to all children and youth with prayers, fresh palm, a forget-me-knot seed packet, and candy.

**Ash Wednesday:** Fr. Alan shared with the Middies class the history, beginnings, meaning, symbolism and how a young person can embrace spiritual renewal during this time of Lent.

**Bread Baking:** Fr. Alan joined the Middies class for a bread baking demonstration.

**Inspiring Women:** Rev. Sally shared with the Middies class the story of Deborah from the book of Judges to accompany the lesson on women heroines of the Bible and today.

**Holy Week:** Comprehensive materials were provided for families Faith at Home traditions.

**Easter Video:** We created the "He Has Risen" video (6 minutes) with many families and children reading scripture and sharing the resurrection message with abundant and fun energy. Check it out at: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uK1-aR44gjwhZ4m-PQLMi\\_pv6BlopGp0/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uK1-aR44gjwhZ4m-PQLMi_pv6BlopGp0/view)

### Late Spring

**Lawn Labyrinth:** Teachers created a labyrinth on the front lawn of the church as part of a lesson and in-person gathering for the Intermediate class.

**Painted Flowerpots:** The Middle School class painted flowerpots and planted flowers for a springtime "lift me up" activity on the front lawn of the church.

**Teacher Recognition:** Teachers were recognized on the front lawn and honored for their incredible dedication to the teaching ministry during this challenging time.

**High School Graduate Recognition:** Congratulations to the Class of 2021: *Ben Duncan, Noah Jackson, Temi Kolawole, Henry Lukela, Grant Murphy, Gab Nemecek, Eleanor Niman, Anders Ruiter-Feenstra,*

*Vincent Tremonti, Taisiya Tworek, Andrew Zwolensky.* Their families gathered on the front lawn for a brief litany and blessing with Fr. Alan. Mentors Jeanine and Monica shared the joys and blessing of their time together with our cherished grads. Gift bags, including handmade prayer shawls, were given to each graduate from our ever gracious and kind prayer shawl makers.

## Summer

**Marketplace Vacation Bible School:** After last year's hiatus, our annual VBS in partnership with First Presbyterian, First Baptist Church, and Blue Ocean Faith was held in-person at the end of June. The scaled back format still provided a wonderful engaging experience that embodied "Travels with Paul" set in the year 49 A.D. Our heartfelt thanks to our St. Andrew's volunteers: Group Leader Sarah Inwood, Shopkeeper Lucy Richert, and childcare providers Charlotte Bier, Meghan Kolb and Elle McCreadie.

**Shortbread Baking:** Middle School group enjoyed a Zoom hands-on baking demonstration. The teens prepped with a list of ingredients and followed along with their own baking as led by our own Chef Fr. Ailín.

**Art Fair Parking Fundraiser:** Middies youth's first ever fundraiser. Enjoyed exploring the fair.

**Outdoor Movie Night:** The Collier family hosted the Middies class at their home to watch an outside showing on a big screen of "Whale Rider."

**Summertime Faith Explorers:** Children enjoyed a story and accompanying craft on a number of early summer evenings on the front lawn. Thank you to Liz Halgren for sharing stories including "Let There be Light" by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and "Petook the Easter Story".

**Feast Day of St. James the Apostle:** Materials and resources were shared with families to facilitate learning about Spain's celebration of their patron saint with cooking traditions/recipes, crafting, prayers, beautiful photos, music and passport icons from the pilgrimage trail and Fr. Alan's experience.

## Fall

**Welcome Back:** September 12, 2021 was the first day of 'regular' in-person Church School since March 8, 2020! Classes were held on the front lawn through October,

as weather permitted. The 9:15 am Family Service also returned to weekly in-person services in the Chapel on September 12.

**Children's Entrance Hymn:** The monthly hymn provided by Deborah helps children to embrace and learn over time an important part of fellowship in the worship liturgy.

**Blessing of the Animals:** Furry friends and their families "pawed" to honor St. Francis on October 3.

**Community Walks:** The 7, 8 & 9 grade class members participated in CROP Walk and the AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk raising donations of approximately \$500 and \$1100 respectively.

**Middle School Social Outing:** Pizza, donuts and cider, fun, and getting lost in the dark at Dexter's Blast Corn Maze made for an exciting group outing.

**Rite 13 Ceremony:** This Journey to Adulthood celebration honored 7th, 8th & 9th grade class members. Youth explored the context and meaning of this special liturgy that recognizes the rite of passage from childhood into adulthood. Words of Wisdom from previous years, as well as new submissions, were a wonderful contribution to their Memory Book. We honored: *Safiya Andre, Atley Atienza, Giovanni Bickel, Charlotte Bier, Fan Burhenn, Violet Collier, Clara Freeth, Shayna Jaimon Simon, Grace Koch, Addison McCreadie, Elle McCreadie, Steven Merz, Natalie Nesbitt, Alex Nemecek, Charlotte Niman, Kate Niman, Cecile Piffaretti, Mahilet Ruitter-Feenstra, Irie Scrase, Sara Skaff, Beau Tennyson, John Paulo Pimentel Walker, Victor Pimentel Walker, Rylan Whaley.*

## Advent/Christmas

**St. Nicholas lesson:** We were unable to celebrate with our annual St. Nicholas party, but a special classroom lesson was the perfect opportunity to hear more about the saint and his good works. Children left their shoes outside the classroom during the lesson and found a delightful surprise in their shoes - a goodie bag from St. Nick himself!

**Christmas Service Project:** Ornaments and Christmas cards were made for homebound parishioners and included in the December gift bag for parish shut-ins.

**Knit Hats:** Mary Taylor (Mil's mother) for the fourth year and at 94 years of age, made over 100 knit hats

throughout the year. Most were given to Breakfast guests while those in children's sizes were donated to Orchards Children's Services. Bless you, Mary.

**Christmas Pageant:** We welcomed the return of a live pageant performance with "Good News of Great Joy" at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service. The enthusiastic cast members were the brightest stars of all!

**Kalid Nazif Abajehad:** Donations were received at Advent and Easter for our Church School foster brother in Ethiopia through Plan USA.

## Health & Safety

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We continue to prioritize and emphasize the importance of the health, safety, and the well-being of our children, youth, vulnerable persons, volunteers, and staff; both in the classroom and on digital formats.

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues, we take extra care in cleaning the facilities, rooms, and touch points. Allergy and medical alert lists are maintained and located in each classroom, an annual fire drill is conducted in October during Fire Safety Awareness week, evacuation instructions are posted in classrooms and toys are routinely sanitized.

The Safe Church Training Track designations offered by the diocese have been retired. Updated training offerings are in development based on the National Church's new, "Safe Church, Safe Communities" program. Staff and volunteers have attended training in accordance with the current Episcopal Diocese of Michigan policy. We are mindful of digital protocols in our interactions and practice the code of conduct behavior in the EDOMI Social Media Policy.

## Appreciation

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**Anonymous Donor:** We are incredibly grateful for the wonderful gift and blessing that afforded improvements to our Church School spaces. The classrooms were painted, and we have new flooring, area rugs, nursery crib, child-friendly mobile bookshelves, and freshly painted chalkboards.

**Theater Ministry:** Director Norm Richert provided a safe venue for children and youth to have fun and enjoy virtual theater with the reading of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* this summer. A virtual performance of *Spoon River Anthologies* in March raised funds for

youth pilgrimage. This fall, we enjoyed a live performance of *Our Scottish ConneXion* during the 10:00 am service. Director Catherine Carver brought us full circle with our annual Christmas Pageant *Good News of Great Joy*. We are so grateful for our co-director's leadership and enthusiasm to organize virtual theater and carry on our rich theater traditions. Bravo to ALL the cast members and their tremendous commitment, for keeping the faith with a new venue.

**Summer Teen Helpers:** The renovations on the second floor, endless moving of furniture, and never-ending clearing of closets created quite a dusty dishevel requiring an exercise in major purging. The entire second floor (closets, supplies, and furniture) needed cleaning and reorganizing. Over the summer Charlotte Bier, Hayden Bier, Charlotte Niman, Eleanor Niman and Kate Niman bravely tackled this project and put things in their proper place, decorated classroom boards, and readied the rooms for September.

**Prayer Shawl Makers:** Thank you to Alison Cooper, Lorraine Field, Julie Lewis, Patricia Lyndale, Barbara Mackey King, Elaine Mouradian, Lucy Richert, Donna Wessel Walker, JoAn Wetzel, and Carole Wortley for creating prayer shawls for our high school graduates. Their ever gracious and generous work are fulfilled in the warmth, care and prayers woven into this personal gift. Especially for this year, the shawls are made with a labor of love that extends well beyond the usual prayer of comfort and reflect great love from the whole of St. Andrew's for our beloved graduates.

## Closing Thoughts

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*"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28*

Thank you to each and every parishioner that has passed through these beautiful timeless doors bringing to life a warm and welcoming place of joy for our children and youth, helping them to know in their hearts, that St. Andrew's will always be their home. Thank you too for your encouragement, support, and your gifts of rich tradition and new beginnings that are a foundation for our children and youth to grow in God's gifts of faith, hope and love.

# MUSIC

## AT ST. ANDREW'S



Dr. Deborah Friauff  
*Director of Music*

2021 was a year that continued to provide ever changing challenges for the music ministry at St. Andrew's. There are two chapters of 2021 to discuss; the period of virtual worship from January-August, and the glorious resumption of in-person worship from September 12 onward. All who were involved showed courage, perseverance, patience, flexibility, and characteristic dedication throughout the vagaries of COVID time.

January-May saw a continuation of the Adult Choir Zoom rehearsals on Thursdays at 7:15 pm. The Choir prepared many fine anthems for our recorded Morning Prayer services, recording their individual parts at home which were then incorporated into a virtual choir video through the wonders of modern technology. Of special note were their anthems by Byrd and Tallis for the Candlemas service on January 31, the Easter anthem by William Mathias with Brass Quintet, and their final virtual choir films on Music Recognition Sunday, June 6, in which all of the St. Andrew's ensembles participated.

We were all very relieved and delighted when we could once again gather in September to rehearse in real time. The joy of singing and breathing together in our beautiful, acoustically improved space was beyond description. The choir quickly adapted to singing while masked, and we rehearsed every Thursday from 7:15-9:15 pm as usual, and prepared weekly anthems and service music for our Sunday Eucharistic Services. In addition, the choir had two opportunities to sing with a wonderful chamber orchestra in the fall: on November 7, we presented Heinrich Biber's *Requiem*, and on Christmas Eve we presented Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

Due to the surge of COVID cases in the early months of 2021, the St. Dunstan Handbell Choir took a hiatus from their socially distanced in-person rehearsals until after Easter. They were able to prepare lovely voluntaries recorded live in the chapel for our recorded Morning Prayer services on May 16, May 30, and June 6. They resumed in-person rehearsals in September and have since played beautiful monthly voluntaries for our Eucharistic services. Special thanks to Suzi Bender, Shirley Harden and Dave Hunsche for their wonderful leadership.

The Junior Hand Chime Choir, formed in Fall 2020 to provide an in-person musical learning experience for the members of the children's choirs, was also affected by the rising COVID numbers. Although we couldn't rehearse until after Easter, the children played two voluntaries for our June 6 Music Recognition service, assisted by Susie Lorand. I am grateful for the leadership of Shirley Harden and Dave Hunsche.

Beginning in September, the children's ensembles resumed their regular in-person rehearsal schedule; the Cherub Choir meeting on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:15 pm, the Junior Handbell Choir during the same time, and the Junior Choir from 5:15-6:15 pm. Due to COVID restrictions we have had to eliminate the shared snack time, much to the chagrin of the

ever-hungry children! The children continue to prepare fine voluntaries and anthems for our Sunday services, and although we have had occasional adjustments in the rehearsal schedule due to COVID concerns, we have persevered. I am so grateful for their beautiful spirits and inquisitive minds, and to their parents for their commitment to enabling their children to participate.

### Music for Meditation

Our Music for Meditation series, taking place 45 minutes before the 8:00 pm Compline service on the first Sunday of the month, resumed in October with a concert presented by the Rev. Alan Gibson and myself, featuring the *Art Songs of Peter Cornelius*. Our November concert, presented by the Adult Choir and Chamber Orchestra, featured The *Requiem in f* and *Balletti Lamentabili* of Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber. Finally, our December concert was a piano recital presented by our fabulously gifted choir accompanist, Minji Kim. Ms. Kim has been so generous with her time and talent, and I am deeply indebted to her for her gracious and generous presence at St. Andrew's.

### Evensong

Evensong continued online from January-August with links to music, and then resumed in-person on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm in September. I am grateful to Donna Wessel Walker for continuing to plan all the services, and to those who made the in-person services possible by chanting and officiating: Donna and Jim Wessel Walker, Celia Bridges, Cindy Glovinsky, Ann Garvin, Alan Gibson, Shirley Harden, Steven Whiting, Leslie Stainton, Minji Kim and the Junior Choir.

### Compline

The chanted service of Compline resumed in September on the first and third Sunday at 8:00 pm. I want to thank the dedicated singers who have assisted in leading this beautiful service this past year: Celia Bridges, Jonathan Gardner, Alan Gibson, Courtney Greifenberger, Jillian Greenberg, Robert Hamel, Joshilyn Hoisington, and Jeff Ringenberg. A quartet of Compline singers took tremendous leadership roles in our Holy Week services; they led the Palm Sunday service, a chanted Taizé meditative service for Holy Thursday, and the Solemn service for Good Friday. I am particularly grateful to Celia Bridges, Jonathan Gardner and Alan Gibson for their hard work and dedication.

### Family Service

The 9:15 am Family Service resumed in September and was blessed with the musical leadership of the Cherub Choir, Minji Kim, Mary Bates, Shirley Harden, and Becky Peterson. I am deeply indebted to them for their expert assistance and generosity of time and talent.

### Special Thanks

I would like to thank all of the many individual vocalists and instrumentalists who very generously offer their time and talent to enrich our services: David Ammer, Oliver Barron, Mary Bates, Celia Bridges, Nathaniel Cornell, Jonathan Gardner, Melissa Gardner, Elaine Gazda, Alan Gibson, Cindy Glovinsky, David Jackson, Barbara Mackey King, Minji Kim, Derek Lockhart, Susie Lorand, Gary Maki, Deborah Malamud, John McLaughlin, Kurt Melendy, Ryo Morita, Margaret Nesse, Andrew Pelletier, Jeremy Peters, Amy Porter, Mia Sanborn, Kiri Tollaksen, David Zerkel and Kristina Zlatarena. I am also grateful to Kate Riedel, who continues to produce beautiful posters, concert programs and service leaflets.

If 2021 started out a bit uncertain, we were given cause to celebrate closer to the end of the year when our long-awaited new organ built by Richards, Fowkes and Co. was delivered on November 1! It was first used to lead services on December 5, and although it remains only partially installed, it led us through the end of the year with much beauty and grace. Adjectives I have heard describe the organ so far are “warm” “rich” and “chocolatey”. As our organ continues to add new colors and grow in majesty, I look forward to hearing more wonderful adjectives! Perhaps equally edifying are the reactions I've heard to the acoustic improvements as well; descriptions of how the choir sounds more blended, words can be understood more easily, and best of all, how the sound of the organ surrounds and uplifts us as we join our voices together in praise. Our congregation took a great leap of faith several years ago when we decided to embark upon the journey of acoustic remediation and the commissioning of a new instrument to lead us in worship, and it is so marvelous that you are able to now be uplifted by the result of this excellent choice. Think of how many future generations will also be uplifted by your faith in role of beauty in worship!

I will never forget the joy of our first gathering to raise our voices in song with a hymn sing on September 12, after our long desert experience. I am so grateful for the music ministry we share together. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

# The Organ Project

## *Michael Field, Co-Chair*

We rejoice that we could begin to enjoy our new organ in the church this Advent and Christmas season! As of Christmas, we are using 20% of the instrument's capability and the sound is lush. A crew will be working over the next few months to complete the installation and voicing of the organ, and it should be fully functional by Easter of this year.

In 2015, after years of study and consideration of different options and a preliminary fundraising campaign, the Vestry authorized a full campaign and signed a contract for construction of our organ with the Richards, Fowkes and Co. of Ooltewah, Tennessee. However, building the organ could not begin for another three years due to projects ahead of ours in the builder's queue. During 2021, with Richard and Fowkes now at work on our instrument, extensive construction was undertaken in the church to prepare the site for the new organ and improve acoustics throughout the space.

Fundraising occurred in two waves. The initial campaign was very successful and supported the bulk of the project and related work. Just before the on-site construction and acoustical work started, we initiated a brief and very successful additional campaign to cover inflation in local construction expense. To date we have collected a total of \$2,085,500

toward this project. There are additional payments to the builder due in the next few months, but we hope to have a modest surplus of funds when all the bills are paid. This will form the basis of an organ maintenance fund, which has already been seeded with a \$6,000 gift.

We would like to thank everyone who made a gift to this project, and to express our particular thanks to:

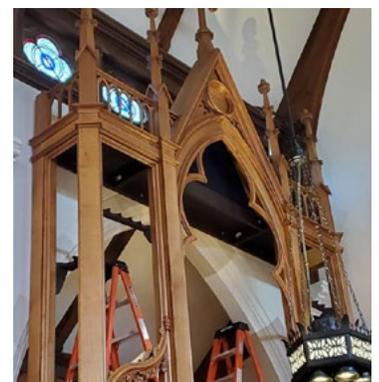
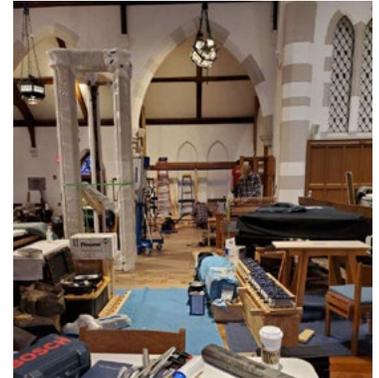
**The honorary chairs of our fundraising campaign:** Mary Matthews, Virginia Nordby, and Marina and Bob Whitman. Their support and advice were of immense value.

**The members of the Organ Steering Committee:** Chris Bickley, John Burhenn, Deborah Friauff, Fr. Alan Gibson, Frank and Karen Gordon, Derek Peterson, Dennis Powers, Norm and Lucy Richert, and Donna Wessel Walker. The campaign that resulted from their work was a resounding success.

**Parishioner Rodger Piehl:** Rodger served as client representative to the General Contractor performing the on-site construction. He oversaw everything from bid solicitation to the final punch list. The resulting project has been everything we had hoped for.

**Kathy McPherson & Kim Tucker Gray:** No project of this size can come to fruition without countless hours of extra administrative and financial support. Thank you.

Learn more about **The Organ Project** and the installation of our instrument: [standrewsaa.org/organ.html](http://standrewsaa.org/organ.html)



ABOVE: The sanctuary at Christmas, RIGHT, FROM TOP: Installation progress on November 2, 3, 4, and 5

# THEATRICAL MINISTRY



Norm Richert

Co-Director of Theatrical Ministries

The approach to public gatherings, and therefore live theater, continued to be cautious in 2021. In person activities at church did not begin until August, so our theater productions continued to be virtual until the end of the year.

## Winter

Toward the end of March we presented, *Spoon River Anthology*, a play based on selections from the poems by Edgar Lee Masters in his published anthology of the same name. The play consists primarily of monologues that are the individual poems. Each presents a particular character, who was based on one or more people that Masters knew. It turned out that a virtual presentation was very natural for the material. The eight actors and three musicians really stepped up to the task. The actors created interesting and diverse personas, complete with costumes and virtual backgrounds. The musicians performed beautifully, underscoring and advancing the spoken words. In the virtual production, imagery could be added that would have been difficult to accomplish in a live performance. The finished product was moving. Unlike the virtual plays of 2020, this play involved licensed material and quite different rules for presentation. The presentation on YouTube used for *Our Scottish ConneXion* and *Outside the Inn* was not an option. We used an online platform called On the Stage to sell tickets and accept donations toward the Young Adult Pilgrimage. Thanks to all those who contributed very generously. The use of the platform was certainly food for thought about how to facilitate giving, both for the theater program and other church programs.

## Spring

The normal spring musical was not an option as a live performance. Staging musical theater in a virtual format was beyond our technical capabilities, so *Peter Pan* was postponed for another year. To keep the faithful theater troupe engaged, we did some Zoom readings. In April and May we read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, by Roald Dahl. The idea was shamelessly stolen from a Zoom reading of *James and the Giant Peach* organized by the actor/writer/director Taika Waititi using a variety of well-known actors over ten sessions. (It is well worth checking out on YouTube.) Dahl created many interesting characters in his writing and every week we juggled parts, so it was a great opportunity for everyone to practice their chops in a low-stress setting. By coincidence, it turned out to be the 30th anniversary of the release of *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, so we watched some of the special features on an anniversary DVD.

## Summer

We all had such a good time reading *Charlie* on Zoom that we decided to try a play. We read *Arsenic and Old Lace*, by Joseph Kesselring. *Arsenic* was last performed at St. Andrew's in 2009.

We had another great time, reading a little of the play each week and juggling parts so everyone could take on a variety of roles over time. Our final reading session was live on the patio at Brookhaven Manor, so that Nancy Heusel could join us. Before COVID came crashing down on us all, Nancy and I had planned to stage a Readers Theater production of *Arsenic* at Brookhaven, using residents and a few "ringers" from the St. Andrew's Players. We were close to arranging all the details when suddenly it was impossible. Our reading was one way of carrying on the spirit of that plan.

## Fall

In November, with live church services in full swing, we produced a live version of *Our Scottish ConneXion* for the Sunday recognizing St. Andrew. We had all the familiar details of split personality bishops, a procession of flags and banners, and yellow rubber raft boat for sailing to England and Scotland, together with a wonderful bagpiper, Brandon Langford, who piped in and out for the service as a whole and for the play in particular. The play includes a segment depicting the founding of St. Andrew's Church. The Treasurer piece of me always finds it a little comforting to be reminded that money has been an issue at St. Andrew's since Day 1; yet, here we are. If you missed the service, you can still be there via YouTube: <https://youtu.be/vp07HYr5ndQ>. It was a great day!

## Christmas

Co-Director of Theatrical Ministries Catherine Carver directed a wonderful Christmas Pageant, *Good News of Great Joy*. Even with masked actors, it was encouraging and energizing to see so many children and young adults involved. Thanks to the contributions of all who were involved, including the faithful parents. This production is also available on the church YouTube site: [https://youtu.be/BQl\\_Kmt0hYQ](https://youtu.be/BQl_Kmt0hYQ).

## Looking Ahead

In Spring we will produce *Peter Pan*, one way or another, and perhaps we will do a Zoom reading while we wait for it.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the anonymous donor, many much-needed church infrastructure projects have been accomplished. One piece that is still in the works is to replace the now archaic stage lighting on the Nancy Heusel Stage in the Parish Hall. Theater lighting has evolved substantially since 1950, and it was time to move to the present. I had hoped that the project could be accomplished before *Peter Pan*, but alas, the familiar "supply chain" problems said no. I am excited about the enhancement to theater that modern lighting will provide in the future.

# THE SHOW GOES ON!

## *Our Scottish ConneXion*



Original Air Date:  
November 21, 2021

 [Watch Now!](https://youtu.be/vp07HYr5ndQ)

## *Good News of Great Joy*



Original Air Date:  
December 24, 2021

 [Watch Now!](https://youtu.be/BQl_Kmt0hYQ)

# PARISH LIFE



## Episcopal Health Ministry *Ann Garvin, Convener*

Our Episcopal Health Ministries celebrated sixteen years of effort in October. In 2021, due to COVID19, activities have been curtailed. However, the group's orders of business have been:

- to again offer blood pressure screening every Second Sunday
- to continue a Driving Ministry which provides parishioners with rides to health care appointments
- by utilizing the services of the Michigan Visiting Care, in 2021, we provided seasonal flu shots for 51 parishioners and members of the community
- along with the flu shots, we held a "Drug Dump" event, filling a couple of 5-gallon buckets with unwanted or expired medications, which were then appropriately disposed
- there is a link to "Episcopal Health Ministry" on the St. Andrew's website, with an updated link to the [Resource List](#), including Advance Care Planning

We always welcome new members! We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, in March, June, September and December. We returned to in-person meetings in September, 2021.

**Current Members:** Sue Bickley, Karen Bombery, Ann Garvin (*Convener*), Patricia Lyndale, Jeanie Mack-Powers

**Support Staff:** Chris Bickley and Steve Hastings

## History & Memorials Committee *Memorial Garden Interments*

There were 11 interments in the Memorial Garden in 2021:

- Edward H. Bick* (1922-2021)
- H. Donald Cameron* (1934-2021)
- Clarence Robert Copp* (1921-2018)
- Margaret Franco* (1949-2020)
- Marjorie Hungerford* (1921-2020)
- Steven Jones* (1958-2021)
- Nancy J. Krohn* (1923-2019)
- Susan D. Moulton* (1944-2020)
- Linda Sparrow* (1932-2011)
- Jason W. Vought* (1962-2015)
- Mary Ellen Vought* (1926-2020)

Their names have been added to the memorial plaque on the adjacent exterior wall of the Chapel.

# Social Justice Ministry

## *Donna Wessel Walker, Co-Chair*

The Social Justice Ministry of St. Andrew's works to pursue social justice of all kinds, including inter-racial and inter-cultural understanding, reconciliation, and healing through study, reflection, sharing, prayer, and action. We work with partners in the diocese, in other churches and groups, and in the larger community to strive for change in attitudes, behaviors, and structures that will build a more just society.

SJM worked throughout the year to provide on-going resources for the parish and community.

### Lawn Signs

Free to members of the parish, these signs carry the St. Andrew's name and logo, and bear the words "Black Lives Matter. We have work to do."

### Resource List

Available on the SJM page of the St. Andrew's website, this list of books, articles, and films is divided into topics, and then by genre. Anyone can submit a recommendation using the Google form also available on the SJM page; recommendations must be signed; SJM reviews them, and sometimes edits them for clarity and brevity before posting.

List of Black-owned businesses: Also available on the SJM page of the website. Additions can be made by emailing any member of SJM.

With the approval and support of the vestry, SJM mounted a large "Black Lives Matter" banner on the front of Lewis Hall facing Division St. Our commitment to social justice and anti-racism work is permanent, as we strive to keep our baptismal covenant to "respect the dignity of every person."

### 2021 Events

*(All meetings and presentations on Zoom)*

- **May 1:** Discussion of Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* (Zoom)
- **May, 4-week workshop:** "The History of Race and Racism in the Episcopal Church" led by Eric Braun
- **June 26:** "Healing of the Nations" Powwow, sponsored by The Turtle Island Dreamkeepers of Monroe.



Several SJM members attended this event, made contact with the Dreamkeepers, and are planning further activities and collaborations with them.

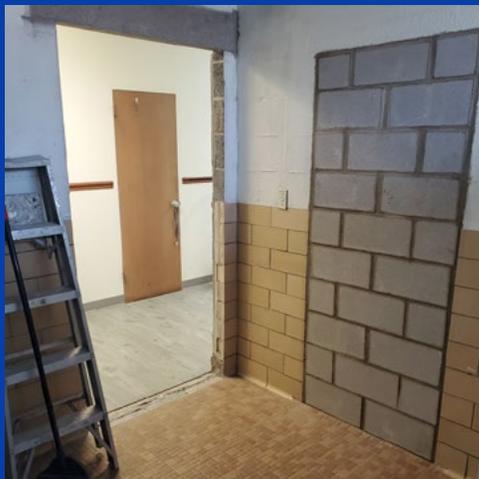
- **October 20:** Presentation by Fr. Alan on his trip to and reflections on the George Floyd Memorial in Minneapolis, followed by discussion
- **October 23 and 30:** Two-part discussion of Vine Deloria, Jr.'s *Custer Died for Your Sins*
- **November 15:** Presentation by Derek Peterson, "Working for Justice at the Uganda Museum," about his work to repatriate Ugandan artifacts from Cambridge University to the Museum of Uganda
- **In September,** SJM was awarded a diocesan grant to promote inter-generational and inter-congregational communication through a pen pal project. This will be a major focus for the coming year.

**Members:** Patricia Bard, Eric Braun, Catherine Carver, Bob Edwards, Shirley Harden, Marjory Luther, Barbara Mackey King, Harry McLaughlin, Leslie Stainton, Felicity Thompson, Chris Watson, Jude Wilson, Paul Wise, *Co-Chairs:* Jackie Doneghy and Donna Wessel Walker.

*The following ministries have no business to report for 2021 due to the ongoing limitations of in-person gatherings during COVID-19:*

Eucharistic Bread Baking  
Funerals & Receptions  
Meals Ministry

# BUILDING & GROUNDS



## Upgrades to St. Andrew's Physical Plant

*Kathy McPherson*

In 2021 St. Andrew's was incredibly blessed to receive a large unrestricted gift from a generous anonymous benefactor. This gift enabled us to do a number of things to "Henry Lewis" Parish Hall (the office and education wing) while the church was closed to in-person worship for the first 15 months of the pandemic. Most of the Parish Hall had not seen any significant upgrades for over 20 years and some had not been improved since it was built in 1948-49.

We couldn't be more grateful to our donor who allowed us to give this side of the building (and a few other areas) a much needed face lift that would not have been possible otherwise! Listed below are a number of things that we've accomplished, almost all of which were completed before the doors re-opened for in-person worship on July 28, 2021.

### *Entire Building*

**New burglar and fire alarm system**

**New coat racks in many areas of the building**

**New sanitizing stations**

(Placed at high traffic entrances to the building and Sanctuary)



### *Parish Hall*

**New cordless mini blinds** (Installed in the classrooms and offices)

**New tile flooring**

(Replacing the 72+ year-old brown tile and other flooring throughout Parish Hall)



« TOP: Plaster damage from a leaky pipe, MIDDLE: Network cables to be installed, BOTTOM: Doorway to the new bathroom

**New area carpets in classrooms, offices, and Lounge; as well as carpet runners in hallways**



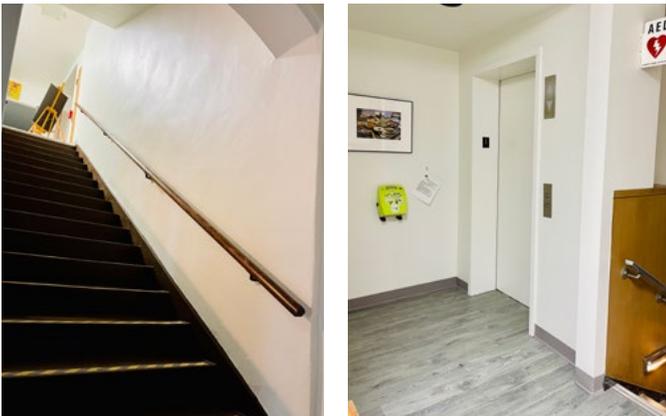
## *Lounge*

**New conference chairs**



**Plaster repair and interior painting of all levels of the Parish Hall**

(including closets, stairwells, doors, etc.)

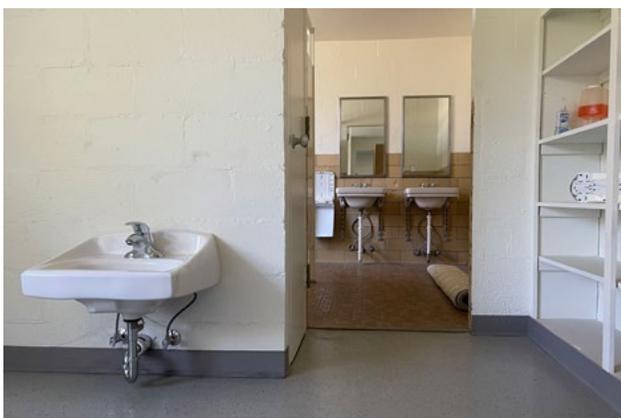


**New sofas and armchairs for the sitting area**



**New restroom on the first (office) floor**

(Located at the end of the hall, past Morning Glories classroom)



## *Chapel*

**New upholstery for seating**

(70 chairs were reupholstered, some of which are used in the Church's chancel)



## Sanctuary

New livestream equipment (cameras, laptops, etc.)

Additional safety railing at balcony



## Projects Still in Progress

Building-wide WiFi in all areas of the facilities

Sanctuary sound system upgrades

Parish Hall stage lighting upgrades

(Delayed due to supply chain difficulties)

New flooring in the Balcony

(New hardwood floor matches chancel flooring)



## Exterior

New granite 'St. Andrew's Episcopal Church' sign

(Granite currently delayed due to supply chain issues, sign base to match property wall has been completed)



# The New Saint Vincent de Paul Window

*In Memory of Anne Kathryn Piehl (1947-2016)*

A new window featuring St. Vincent de Paul was installed in the tenth window from the chancel on the south side of the church (S10) in December 2021.

Replacing the last of the leaded glass windows, the new St. Vincent de Paul window was commissioned and donated by Rodger Piehl in memory of his wife Anne.

Anne Piehl was a faithful weekly volunteer on Wednesday mornings at the Breakfast at St. Andrew's for many, many years, providing a warm space and hot breakfast to all who came to the door.

St. Vincent de Paul was a Catholic priest who was dedicated to serving the poor. In 1622 Vincent was appointed a chaplain to the galleys, working for some time among imprisoned galley slaves, he dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries, and founder of the *Congregation of the Mission* (Vincentian order) and *Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul*.

The top of the window features the University of Michigan's block M, the shield of the Breakfast at St. Andrew's, and a Dental Hygienist caduceus, representing Anne's alma mater, longtime volunteer work, and bachelor's degree. Depicted in a lower panel are three parishes that figured prominently in Anne's life - All Saints' Church in Pontiac, and St. Andrew's and St. Claire of Assisi in Ann Arbor.

