



2023 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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2023 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Prayer

The Rev. E. Wayne Rollins, *Interim Rector*

2. Organization

- Certification of Quorum
- Appointments: Secretary, Parliamentarian
- Minutes of the 2022 Meeting
- Introductions

3. Elections

Dave Hunsche, *Junior Warden*

- Briefing on Nomination and Election Procedures
- Nominations to the Vestry, class of 2026
- Nominations for Delegates to Diocesan and Deanery Conventions, class of 2026

4. Reports

- Senior Warden: Lorraine Field
- Breakfast Director: Shannon Floyd
- Search Committee: Dave McCreadie, Harry McLaughlin
- Interim Rector: Wayne Rollins

5. Finance

Norm Richert, *Treasurer*

- Year End Financial Results
- Presentation of the 2023 Budget

6. Acknowledgements

The Rev. E. Wayne Rollins, *Interim Rector*

- Written Reports
- Groups within the congregation

7. Report on Elections

8. Matters Arising

9. Adjournment and Dismissal

The Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, was called to order at 8:40am on Sunday, January 30, 2022 by David Hunsche. After the 10:00 am service, parishioners met in person for the business portion of the meeting. The 2022 Annual Reports were posted to St. Andrew's website.

The Rev. Sally Boelter offered opening prayers.

Quorum

Trent Collier recognized the presence of a quorum. Eighty-three ballots were submitted and approximately 55 people attended in person. He then appointed Steve Feenstra as parliamentarian for the meeting and Carmela Brown as clerk.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were accepted unanimously.

Elections

Briefing on nomination and election procedures:

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 (see the bulletin for contact information), 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.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Sandra Muchison, Luke Thompson, Susan Wakefield, Dave Hunsche and chairperson Trent Collier wish to submit this list of candidates for the open positions of the Vestry and Convention Delegate/Alternate. We thank the members of the nominating committee and all those who responded to the invitation to stand for office.

The Committee presents the following:

Nominations to the Vestry, Class of 2025: John Burhenn, Claire McLaughlin, Lisa Osbeck, Ann Scott, Leslie Stainton

Nominations for Delegates to the 2022 Diocesan Convention and Representative to the Huron Valley Deanery: Lucy Richert, George Watson

Reports

Annual Report of the Breakfast at St. Andrews: Shannon Floyd shared the annual report for the Breakfast program.

Organ Committee Updates: Harry McLaughlin and Michael Field, Co-Chairs of the Organ Steering Committee, shared the history of the organ project and thanked all of the people instrumental in bringing the project to fruition. The organ will be commissioned on October 2, 2022.

Finance

Finance Treasurer Norm Richert presented commentary on the complete financial reports, including income and expenses for 2021 and the 2022 budget found in the annual report. He stated that the finances are in a solid position at the end of 2021 due to an unbudgeted Small Business Association (SBA) Payroll Protection Program (PPP) forgivable loan.

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. While we are in good financial shape for 2022, we will need to carefully plan for 2023.

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

Report on Elections

Class of 2025: John Burhenn, Claire McLaughlin, Ann Scott, Leslie Stainton

Delegates to the 2022 Diocesan Convention and Representative to the Huron Valley Deanery: George Watson

Matters Arising

None.

The business meeting ended with the singing of the Doxology, *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*. Bob Westveer moved for adjournment, Robin Berry seconded, and the meeting ended at 12:23 pm.

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VESTRY

The Vestry Class of 2026 bios are available on the parish website.

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

Senior Warden
Lorraine Field

What a year this has been! We are going through a transition, and this year has seen many of the changes, challenges, and opportunities that are part of this time in the life of a parish: farewells and welcomes, growth and loss, joys, and sorrows. We rejoice in the new faces among us even as we grieve the loss of those who were such a constant presence in our parish for so many years.

The transition began as we said farewell to Fr. Alan on a beautiful spring morning with a reception on the lawn to wish him well as he starts this next chapter in his life. He is making good use of his retirement: walking the Camino, enjoying Operas in Austria, and flying down the ski slopes in Taos, New Mexico.

The Vestry was quickly introduced to the Parish Transition process by the transition ministers from the Diocese and scheduled a presentation for the parish on May 8th. We learned about the process and expectations for the Vestry and the parish. The Vestry's first job was to commission a Search Committee to take charge of the search for a new permanent rector. We are grateful to have a generous, capable, and hard-working committee to fill this vital role. We thank: Dave McCreadie and Harry McLaughlin co-chairs, Mary Wessel Walker, Sarah Inwood, Sandra Murchison, Luke Thompson, and Liz Sweet. They arranged for us to complete the CAT survey (Church Assessment Tool) in September. The CAT gave us a good look at ourselves and highlighted many of our challenges and opportunities.

The wardens were also able to hire our wonderful interim Rector, the Rev. E. Wayne Rollins. He began his ministry with us on August 1, and he has proven to be a caring, compassionate, and dedicated priest who has quickly stepped in to guide and manage the parish.

We dedicated our new organ, Opus 25, early in October with a wonderful concert by Aaron Tan. Deborah Friauff, our amazing Director of Music, has arranged an inaugural year of celebration to welcome this wonderful instrument into our parish life, and the life of the wider Ann Arbor community. Through concerts and recitals, as well as on Sunday mornings, the sound of this beautiful instrument enriches our worship and nourishes our spirits.

October also saw the commissioning of our Social Justice Ministry. This dedicated group of parishioners will continue the effort to provide opportunities for education and engagement around issues of social justice. St. Andrew's is a force for good in the world, and we have work to do.

This year also marked the 40th Anniversary of The Breakfast Program at St. Andrew's. Director Shannon Floyd has worked tirelessly with all the volunteers to continue providing a warm meal for all, 365 days a year. In December they were able to move the Breakfast back inside after

almost three years. The Breakfast Program purchased air scrubbers to safely clean the air in the Parish Hall, allowing our guests to once again gather indoors, out of the cold, sit around tables and share a meal in dignity and comfort.

Norm Richert and Catherine Carver, together with all the St. Andrew's Players entertained us with *Peter Pan*, last spring, *Our Scottish Connexion* for St. Andrew's Sunday, and a fantastic Christmas Pageant – complete with a host of angels. Thank you all. And thanks also to those who make it possible to have our worship services each Sunday: Readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. Members of the Altar Guild, Acolytes, and all the singers and ringers in the Choirs and the Bell Choirs, are all a vital part of what we treasure at St. Andrew's.

A special thank you to Kate Riedel, our amazing communications guru, who has kept us all informed through the publication of the bulletin each Sunday, bi-monthly publications of the Network, special brochures for concerts and other events, the management of our website, and more.

And a thank you to Matt Marsh and Jeff Sharp who make sure that our spaces are clean, safe, and well maintained, icy sidewalks are salted in winter, and the grass is mowed in the summer

One of our biggest challenges is the continued struggle with the pandemic. We learned from the CAT survey that we have work to do to become the truly welcoming and hospitable place we are called to be. We long to share social activities, and we look forward to warmer weather when we can open windows and doors, increase air circulation in the sanctuary and perhaps be able to remove our masks. The day will come when we can smile and sing and laugh and enjoy the beauty of the faces around us. As we gradually implement a phased approach to relaxing COVID protocols, we constantly bear in mind the relative levels of risk. Our first cautious efforts to gather socially are so welcome, and yet we must be respectful of the concerns that some of our members may have. For now, all are welcome to worship together, safely masked, and hear the music and the spoken word, while being able to choose to engage in fellowship after the service in the Parish Hall where the air is filtered and masks are no longer required.

Some of those changes, challenges, and opportunities I mentioned earlier also involve our staff. Carol Andrews Ferguson announced her retirement last September and

arranged for Linda and Steve Hastings to step in and manage the Children and Youth Ministries during the transition. Carol couldn't get away quite as smoothly as she had envisioned, but after a few unforeseen setbacks, Linda and Steve are now back up to speed. Together with our dedicated teachers, the exceptional program Carol created over the last 8 years continues to flourish. The classrooms are humming and the busy little bodies at the family service in the chapel on Sunday morning continue to gladden our hearts with their energy and excitement.

Kathy McPherson, our Parish Administrator, is also planning to retire. She has been the steady and reliable force that has managed every aspect of our parish life for the past 18 years: clergy transitions, building maintenance and improvements, staffing changes, and so much more. Her help, love, and support have been invaluable to all of us.

And our Financial Administrator, Kim Tucker-Gray, has let us know that she plans to resign to pursue other endeavors. Kim has worked closely with clergy and staff, the Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Vestry. She has managed all the myriad tasks required to take care of all our financial transactions. For over 8 years Kim has taken good care of us, making sure that the bills were paid, and accurate records were kept.

These changes in our staff present us with both challenges and opportunities. The Personnel Committee: Dave Skaff, Susan VanWagenen, and Harry McLaughlin, is working with Wayne, me, Kathy and Kim to figure out what might be possible. There has been a significant decrease in our pledging income, and we have a responsibility to look closely at how we do things and figure out ways to streamline and reorganize our staffing structures. Kim and Kathy have both assured us that they will be with us through the process of hiring and training new staff.

So – lots of changes, many challenges, but also lots of opportunities for growth and renewal. We do have work to do and – as the old hymn says – Go Forth For God, Go to the World in Peace. Be of good courage (Hymn 347).

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Carol Bernard, Catherine Carver, David Hunsche, David VanWagenen, and chairperson Lorraine Field 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 29, 2023.

The Committee presents the following as worthy candidates for the Vestry Class of 2026: Sarah Baird, Elizabeth Calhoun, Jonathan Gardner, Scott Gerstenberger, Shirley Harden, Kay Wade

And the following as worthy candidates for the Convention Delegate/Alternate: Elizabeth Halgren, Philip Holt

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:

Carol Bernard Dave Hunsche
Catherine Carver Dave VanWagenen

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

Nathan Sten

The thanks of the congregation, the Vestry, and Interim 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 2024	JANUARY 2025
Lorraine Field	John Burhenn
Lisa Osbeck	Claire McLaughlin
Chris Watson	Ann Scott
Bob Westveer	Leslie Stainton

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

JANUARY 2024	JANUARY 2025
Pelham Barron	George Watson

PARISH STATISTICS

In 2022 we had...

12 Baptisms
1 Adult, 11 Children

4 Confirmations

3 Weddings

16 Burials

Our Parish Families

573 Mailing Units

50 Church School Families
80 Children Enrolled



STEWARDSHIP

2023 Annual Giving Campaign *Dave McCreadie, Stewardship Co-Chair*

Committee Members: Scott Gerstenberger, Norm Richert, Harry McLaughlin

The 2023 Annual Giving Campaign presented St. Andrew's with numerous challenges on several fronts, one being significantly-lower numbers compared to our typical giving over the last several years. The under-performance was large – ~\$80,000 (about 10% of St. Andrew's total operating budget), and attributable to several reasons – some clear and others less so.

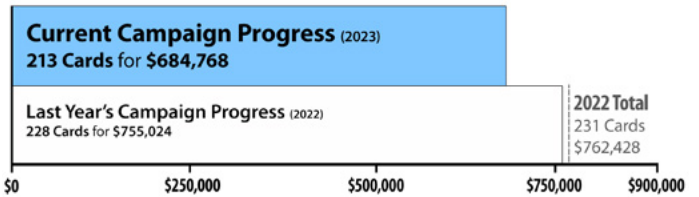
This shortfall will create a strain on St. Andrew's finances; the 2023 operating budget will require an excessive and unsustainably-large withdrawal from St. Andrew's investment savings. We are hopeful that this stewardship shortfall is a temporary blip resulting from a compound of factors (deaths, economic recession, church leadership transition, etc.) and that St. Andrew's financial resilience will return going forward.

The Committee is deeply grateful, not only for the financial gifts pledged and received for the Annual Giving Campaign, but your gifts of stewardship in all of its forms as well, in support of St. Andrew's ministries and mission in the world. We are thankful for what the St. Andrew's family has done in 2022 and pledges to do for 2023.

Activities

- A. Network articles September – January for campaign awareness and upcoming events
- B. Compose, print, and mail campaign tri-fold brochure and pledge card
- C. Mailings to seek and solicit pledge responses for the 2023 campaign
- D. Colorful stewardship bulletin covers on successive Sundays in September-October (special thanks to Kate Riedel and Kathy McPherson for these!)
- E. Pulpit talks - thank you to Nathan Sten and Lucy Richert!
- F. Pledge Card Sunday with easier ways to turn in your pledge card (photo, web form, email) – thanks to Kathy McPherson and Kate Riedel!
- G. Multiple phone and email campaigns to families who had not yet pledged (November & December 2022, January 2023)

Annual Giving Comparison as of January 25, 2023



Current Status

As of 1/25/2023, 213 pledges have been received for \$684,768. This includes \$15,510 in new pledge dollars not received in 2022. At this same time last year we had 228 pledges for \$755,024. This is an overall decrease of 9.3% from last year and we are currently at 76% of our \$900,000 goal.

Overall Summary

- The Committee is grateful for the continued generosity of the members of St. Andrew's.
- 37% of the members at St. Andrew's continue to sustain financial stewardship.
- The shortfall to our target of \$900,000 will cause St. Andrew's to excessively and unsustainably draw against its investment savings in 2023. We must try to increase our pledge giving – or make necessary reductions in our operations/ministry spending to balance our budget. These reductions will, unfortunately, impact our mission.
- As Committee members look ahead to the work for the next Campaign (2024), 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 2023, to please email the necessary information to:

Kathy McPherson kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org

REPORT OF THE

CHURCH SCHOOL

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



Linda & Steve Hastings *Interim Directors, Children & Youth Ministries*

After 9½ years of service, Carol Andrews Ferguson tried to retire the summer of 2022. Her interim replacement, Linda Hastings, had bypass surgery in October causing Carol to come back out of retirement. Many thanks to her.

The reason for the Interim Church School Director being interim at this time is because we want to let a new Rector choose his/her own Christian Education Director. So until that time, Linda (with elementary grades) and Steve Hastings (Rite 13 and J2A) have been leading the Church School. There was a tremendous amount to learn in the beginning and they are only part time, so they can't do all that Carol was doing.

The Church School, as well as the Church, is in a rebuilding time after the Covid experience. Our numbers are still down as people got out of the habit of attending. It's easier to watch the service on the computer in your pajamas with a cup of coffee, than get the kids fed and dressed and in-the-car to get to church by 9:45. We have been trying to make Church School something the kids don't want to miss, so that they'll bug their parents to get them here.

Church School usually starts with light activity. Free play in the youngest ages, games, puzzles, crafts, activities in the older grades. Then the lesson, which is Godly Play for the preschool, a hands-on demonstration of the lesson on the floor in a circle with props that the children can see and touch.

We support our foster child in Nigeria with children's collections during Advent and Lent.

Curriculum

The elementary grades use The Episcopal Children's Curriculum that is a 3-year cycle with Old Testament in the fall, followed by Advent and Christmas and Epiphany. Then New Testament in the winter, followed by Lent and learning about being Episcopalian through the study of the Prayer Book, the service itself, and the Eucharist.

The Rite 13 and J2A have their own curriculum centered on their growing self-development and attention to focusing on others with fundraisers for CROP, suicide awareness, and contributing to caring for our shut-in members. The J2A uses the lectionary to discuss that Sunday's gospel.

Attendance is recorded to let the ushers know how many people will be coming in for communion. I remember the good-ole-days when that number was around 100. But nowadays it is usually around 35.

« TOP: Family Service Baptism, MIDDLE: Confirmands with Rev. Sally, BOTTOM: Holy Week lessons

Teachers & Volunteers

Our teachers have been very dedicated with many other adults assisting each week.

Teachers:

Nursery Eleanor Niman
Preschool Jessica Beemsterboer, Becky Peterson
Primary Kyle Halgren
Intermediate Sandra Murchison, Melissa Atienza, Trent Collier, Merilynne Rush, Ginger Kinney
Rite 13 Steve Guest, Mil Taylor
J2A/Capstone Britt Elder-Tennyson, Pelham Barron, Steve Hastings

Helpers:

Patricia Bard Mary Jane Medlock
John Ciorciari Hallie Prescott
John Floyd Margot Spera
Bob and Carly Hatcher Susan Wakefield
Cady and Chris Johnson Mary Wessel Walker
Jason Kiernan Mary White

And special thanks to Roshayne Jaimon for filling in on Sunday mornings and helping with the Christmas Eve candlelight reception.

Due to Safe Church guidelines, we are required to have two adults in each classroom, and several hours of on-line training in how to have a safe class.

Family Service

The 9:15 am Family Service in the Chapel continues to be a draw for families with young ones who need to move around during the service. They experience the story and the Eucharist while maintaining some freedom to be God's littlest people.



≈ **BELOW:** Current and former Family Service attendees gather to bid Fr. Alan farewell ≈ **ABOVE:** Rev. Sally reads a story to Family Service attendees, Children observe a Family Service baptism





≈ ABOVE: (Left) 2022 Confirmands and their families with Bishop Perry, (Right) Angels wait in the wings during a Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal

Carol Andrews-Ferguson

Retired Director, Children & Youth Ministries

Dear friends,

Thank you for many years of support, your generosity and hearts of gold. Please take a moment to reflect on this endearing poem in honor of our volunteers and staff in appreciation for the work of the Church School ministry. God Bless.

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers

by Rhonda Barner

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
Who tell the children the truth about Jesus,
For they will be called the teachers of God.

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
Who love and hug the children,
For they will be embraced by God's glory.

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
Who endure the talkative children and their ear-piercing screams,
For they will hear God's joyful laughter among them.

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
Who behave and play like the children around them,
For they will receive youthful vigor for the next 10-15 minutes.

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
Who listen to the children's concerns,
For God will reveal His heart to them.

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
Who teach the children to pray,
For they will experience God's power through answered prayer.

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
Who lead one of the children to saving grace, through Jesus Christ,
For they will have treasures in heaven.

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...
Who call on God for wisdom in teaching His Word,
For the Holy Spirit will speak the truth in love through them

REPORT OF

MUSIC

AT ST. ANDREW'S



Dr. Deborah Friauff
Director of Music

In 2022 all of us at St. Andrew's witnessed many changes influencing our communal worship, most notably in the retirement of our beloved Rector, Alan Gibson, and the completion of our long-awaited Richards, Fowkes & Co. Opus 25 organ. Fr. Alan was a stalwart supporter of and participant in the music ministry at St. Andrew's, singing faithfully with the Adult and Compline choirs, presenting solo recitals, encouraging the allocation of funds to expand our choral offerings with orchestra, personally funding the first season of the choral scholar program, and, of course seeing the new organ project through to the end. He left all of us with a legacy of the components needed for a solid music ministry for generations to come, and his devotion to beauty and contemplative spirituality through music left an indelible mark on us all.

Dedicating the New Organ

Our beautiful Richards, Fowkes & Co. Opus 25 organ was completed just in time for Easter Sunday, when it was heard for the first time in its full glory with Louis Vierne's *Carillon de Westminster*. The local chapter of the American Guild of Organists presented a guild member recital on Sunday, May 15.

Our organ was officially dedicated on Sunday, October 2, at the 10:00 am service, featuring a commissioned anthem by Pamela Ruiter-Feenstra and other organ and choral repertoire by Vierne, Franck, Duruflé and Dupré. The same afternoon at 4:00 pm, Dr. Aaron Tan launched our Inaugural Concert Series and played a brilliant Dedication recital to a large crowd and was lauded with thundering applause. Our Organ Dedication service, Dedicatory Recital program, letters and advertisement for the Inaugural Concert Series are preserved and memorialized in our beautiful Organ Dedication booklet, which was produced over several months of labor by several key people, but I particularly want to thank Kate Riedel and Kathy McPherson for their tireless work, keen eyes and amazing talents, without which our beautiful publication would not exist!

Concerts

Our second concert of the 2022-23 season on Sunday, November 6, featured organist Naki Sung Kripfgans accompanying the Adult Choir with chamber orchestra on Maurice Duruflé's *Requiem*, in addition to my own playing of his *Prelude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain* to round out the "Evening of Duruflé" program. Our featured artist in the third recital on Sunday, December 4, was Jeremy David Tarrant, organist of St. Paul Episcopal Cathedral in Detroit, who presented a delightful program of varied music. The Inaugural Concert Series will continue with three more performances in 2023.

« LEFT: A junior choirister gets a new ribbon for a year of service, Deborah Friauff conducts the choirs, Opus 25's keyboard

Earlier in 2022, our Music for Meditation series provided two concerts; on Sunday, March 6, baroque violinist Phoebe Gelzer-Govatos presented a concert of early music, assisted by Debra Lonergan and Pamela Ruitter-Feenstra. The final concert of this series was on Sunday, April 3, and featured the St. Andrew's Compline Choir and the Ann Arbor Grail Singers presenting choral motets of the Renaissance and Baroque periods for Passiontide.

All of our wonderful musical ensembles had two opportunities to join forces last year; on Sunday, February 13, we presented a concert of music by African American Composers, with works by Hailstork, Hogan, Burleigh, Dillworth, Smallwood, Thomas, and many fine arrangements of Spirituals. Special thanks to trombonist David Jackson and clarinetist Sandra Jackson for their beautiful solos. Our annual service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 18, also contained seasonal music offerings by the Adult, Junior, Cherub, Junior Handbell and St. Dunstan Handbell Choirs. The service was well attended, and Christmas carols rang the room - we are so blessed with such fine and dedicated musicians in our parish!

The Adult Choir

In addition to the above-mentioned events, the St. Andrew's Adult Choir continues to rehearse every Thursday from 7:15-9:15 pm and prepared weekly anthems and service music for our Sunday Eucharistic services. Other special events for which they sang included the chanted service of Tenebrae on Wednesday, April 13, the Easter Sunday *Credo Mass* by W. A. Mozart with Chamber Orchestra, and our Christmas Eve special prelude presentation on Ottorino Respighi's *Lauda per la Natività del Signore*, accompanied by piano four hands (thanks to Minji Kim and Mary Bates), triangle, and a fine woodwind sextet comprised mainly of U of M music faculty.

During the Covid lockdown time, several long-time members of the Adult Choir retired from singing, and so we are always glad to welcome new members! This is a loving group of very dedicated people devoted to bringing God's word alive through their musical offerings; please consider joining us. Thanks to the establishment of The Rev. Alan Gibson Choir Scholar Fund, we are also able to provide scholarships for a few music students who assist our ministry by singing with the Adult Choir. This year, we have two wonderful singers in the alto section, Haley Olson and Catherine Gispert, both

of whom were featured in our last issue of *The Network*. We are also continually blessed with the expert accompaniment of Minji Kim, who occasionally delights us with her tour de force solo piano playing. Minji has been an extraordinary gift to all of us.

Handbell Choir

The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir continues to rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm, and always play beautiful monthly voluntaries for our Eucharistic services. This year for the first time they elected to play at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service rather than the later service, and I know their music was greatly appreciated at this service! Special thanks to Suzi Bender, Shirley Harden, Kevin Ross and Dave Hunsche for their wonderful leadership.

Children's Choirs

The Junior Handbell Choir continues to rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:15 pm and have presented periodic musical offerings for Sunday worship and special events. It's wonderful to watch the skill of our young ringers grow, and I am grateful for the leadership of Shirley Harden and Dave Hunsche for developing their gifts!

The Cherub Choir continues to meet on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:15 pm and the Junior Choir from 5:15-6:15 pm. The children continue to prepare fine anthems for our Sunday and special services, and the Junior Choir also leads Wednesday Evensong several times a year. I am so grateful for their beautiful voices and spirits, and to their parents for their commitment to enabling their children to participate.

Evensong

Evensong continues to be chanted on Wednesday Evenings from 6:15-6:45 pm. I am grateful to Donna Wessel Walker for continuing to plan all the services, and also to those who have chanted and officiated: Donna Wessel Walker, Celia Bridges, Cindy Glovinsky, Ann Garvin, Alan Gibson, Wayne Rollins, Steven Whiting, Leslie Stainton, Minji Kim and the Junior Choir.

Compline

The chanted service of Compline resumed in October and is now offered on the first Sunday evening of the month at 8:00 pm, following our organ recital series. I want to thank the dedicated singers who have assisted in leading this beautiful service this past year:

Celia Bridges, Jonathan Gardner, Noah Gardner, Alan Gibson, Courtney Greifenberger, Jillian Greenberg, Robert Hamel, Joshilyn Hoisington, and Jeff Ringenberg. I am also grateful for their leadership in the Good Friday service for several years now, where they chant the Gospel interspersed with choral responses and special motets. Their voices add so much beauty and solemnity to that Holy day.

Family Service

On Sunday mornings the 9:15 am Family Service is blessed with the musical leadership of the Cherub Choir and Minji Kim, Mary Bates, Shirley Harden, and Becky Peterson, alternatively. I am deeply indebted to them for their expert assistance and generosity of time and talent.

Hymn Sing

A nice innovation this year was spearheaded by the Social Justice Ministry, who planned a multicultural Christmas Hymn Sing on Sunday, December 11. Thanks to Donna Wessel Walker, Shirley Harden, and Jackie Doneghy who planned and led the event, as well as Jonathan Gardner and George Watson who assisted with the accompaniment.

Special Thanks

I would like to thank all of the many individual vocalists and instrumentalists who have very generously offered their time and talent to enrich our services over the past year: David Ammer, Oliver Barron, Mary Bates, Celia Bridges, Jennifer Cresswell, Jackie Doneghy, Jonathan Gardner, Melissa Gardner, Alan Gibson, Cindy Glovinsky, Elizabeth Hildinger David Jackson, Sandra Jackson, Barbara Mackey King, Minji Kim, Derek Lockhart, Susie Lorand, Deborah Malamud, John McLaughlin, Margaret Nesse, Becky Peterson, Derek Peterson, Amy Porter, Meg Rohrer, Jennifer Rohs and George Watson.

Many people contribute behind the scenes to our music ministry: thanks to the streaming team for helping our message go out to the wider public and to homebound parishioners (Mark Hassett, Chris Bickley, Chris Watson, Nate Sten, Norm Richert); thanks to the choir librarians who keep music distributed and organized (Lucy Richert and Dave Hunsche); thanks to Dave Hunsche for taking over the hymn board duties; thanks to Dennis Powers and Donna Wessel Walker for writing their weekly thoughts on hymns and anthems; thanks again to our Communications Coordinator, Kate Riedel, who continues to produce beautiful posters, concert programs and service leaflets; and thanks to all of you, for your faithful participation in holy worship and support of prayerful music.

≈ **BELOW:** The October 2 Organ Dedication service, from top left - Harry McLaughlin gives his remarks from the pulpit, Director of Music and Organist Dr. Deborah Friauff and Choir Accompanist Minji Kim, Deborah playing the new organ, Deborah conducts members of the Adult and Junior Choirs. *Photos courtesy of Lon Cooke.*



REPORT OF THE ST. ANDREW'S

THEATRICAL MINISTRY



Norm Richert Co-Director of Theatrical Ministries

In 2022, as life in general wobbled toward whatever “normal” is, we tried to re-energize all the actors out there.

Spring

In May we were finally able to stage *Peter Pan*. It seems so long ago that we were gearing up for a Spring 2020 production. First we delayed for a year, back when it seemed like nothing could go on so long. It took another year to get to a place where the rehearsal schedule and performance made sense. We were not able to continue the supper theater tradition, but we had two wonderful performances. The OnTheStage ticketing site, which had been used to great effect in both selling tickets to and presenting the performance of *Spoon River Anthology* in 2021, was used to sell tickets. Again, people were extremely generous in adding contributions to their tickets, the bulk of which went toward the youth pilgrimage. There were new actors and new musicians added to the troupe, which contributed to the overall energy levels.



Summer

Building on the success of the readings of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Arsenic and Old Lace* the previous year, in July and August we had a reading of Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*, stretched over 6 weekly meetings. It was a hybrid model, with some meetings on the church's front lawn and some on Zoom. The lawn meetings included some people on Zoom, which worked surprisingly well. There was no obligation to attend all the meetings, so the cast was different each week, which added to the fun. One of the interesting aspects of the lawn meetings was that I realized that I didn't actually know what some of those who acted in *Peter Pan* looked like without a mask. It was good to see them “whole”.

Fall

On November 20 we reprised a live version of *Our Scottish ConneXion* for the Sunday recognizing St. Andrew. Father Wayne was trained in the role of a split personality bishop. We were once again able to employ the bagpiping services of Brandon Langford, who was part of the 2021 production. 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

« FROM TOP: Performances of *Peter Pan*, *Our Scottish ConneXion*, and *Good News of Great Joy*

since Day 1; yet, here we are. If you missed the service, you can still be there [via the church YouTube](#). It was a great day!



Christmas

Co-Director of Theatrical Ministries Catherine Carver directed the wonderful Christmas Pageant, *Good News of Great Joy*, for the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. The number of participants was close to 50. It was a very hopeful indication about what the church might look like post-COVID. Thanks to the contributions of all who were involved, including the faithful parents. If you were not able to attend the Christmas Eve service you owe it to yourself to see this play. You can [see it on the church YouTube site](#).



Looking Ahead

On May 20 and 21, 2023 we will present *Narnia*. It is a wonderful musical, based on *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis. Although Lewis disliked the work being considered allegory, the parallelism with the story of Christ is there. There is room for anyone who would like to join us. The first reading will be on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 10:00 am in the Rainbow Room.

The new theater lights in the sanctuary were used in the Christmas Pageant and added pizzazz to the production. Thanks to Chris Bickley for designing the cues and to Julian Murchison for running the light board. In *Narnia* we will be able to try out the new lights in the Nancy Heusel Theater of the Parish Hall.

There is a master email list containing all those who might have an interest in theater at St. Andrew's. If you would like to be on this list, please let me know at nrichert@comcast.net. The Theatre Ministry at St. Andrew's is a great way to get involved and get to know people.

Remembering, recounting, and meditating on stories is integral to our faith. The Theatre Ministry is one of many vehicles at St. Andrew's for getting involved with storytelling.

THE SHOW GOES ON!

Watch select performances by the St. Andrew's Players on YouTube

Our Scottish Connexion



Original Air Date:
November 20, 2022

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Good News of Great Joy



Original Air Date:
December 24, 2022

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REPORTS OF THE
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PARISH LIFE



Episcopal Health Ministry *Ann Garvin, Convener*

Our Episcopal Health Ministries celebrated seventeen (17) years of effort in October. In 2022, curtailed activities (due to COVID19) are being resumed. The group's orders of business have been:

- to 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 2022, we provided seasonal flu shots for 23 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
- continue to promote suicide awareness, including participation in the "Out of the Darkness" walk in September. The 988 Mental Health Hotline is an important resource for the community
- 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 after the 8 o'clock service on the 1st Sunday of the month in March, June, September and December.

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

Support Staff: Chris Bickley and Steve Hastings

Funeral Reception Committee *Claire McLaughlin, Chair*

The funeral receptions committee "meets" very sporadically, that is, we are only active when the need arises, and in 2022 we had four receptions, all in the last two weeks of the year, after a pandemic-driven hiatus that began in March 2020. The last reception we hosted was February 29, 2020. Purchase of air scrubbers for the Parish Hall made resumption possible. There was one very special outdoors reception for Sharon MacBride who passed away in August. Sharon had coordinated receptions for many years.

What we typically do is set up the parish hall or lounge (depending on the number of people expected) with white tablecloths and a buffet table, bake cookies, serve refreshments and beverages using St. Andrew's

« **TOP:** Gift ingathering, **MIDDLE:** The Rev. Eric Braun celebrates, **BOTTOM:** The Breakfast's 40th anniversary celebration

beautiful silver pieces, and clean up afterward. Sometimes the family chooses to have the reception catered and then we work together with the caterer. We also coordinate the display of mementos and flowers. Sometimes the reception is held off site and we don't have any responsibilities.

Some of those helping regularly in the past are no longer available. Since we resumed in December helpers have been Lucy and Norm Richert, Phil MacBride, Patricia Bard, Mary Bates, Liz Sweet, Michael and Lorraine Field, Jeanie Mack-Powers, Nancy Johnson, and Harry and Claire McLaughlin. We have additional parishioners who regularly contribute cookies. If you would like to add your name as a helper or cookie provider, please call me at (734) 604-4953 or email at clairesmclaughlin@gmail.com.

History & Memorials Committee

Kathy Cox, Chair

After a two-year covid pause the Committee started meeting in May.

The Docent Manual was updated for future church tours with a copy given to the Senior Warden. The History Brochure was updated with the help of Kate Riedel for self-guided tours of our historic church.

The committee maintains parish records and transfers them to the Bentley Historical Library. The materials in the Acolyte room were sorted by Ann Garvin, Nancy B. Johnson, Phil MacBride, Kathy Cox, Mark Hildebrandt and Rodger Piehl and eight boxes were taken to the Bentley Library.

Sadly, longtime members John Lapp and Jim Wessel Walker passed away in 2022. Rodger Piehl resigned but plans to work with Kate Riedel on an updated volume of "The Windows of St. Andrew's".

Everyone interested in church history is welcome to join our committee, which meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:00 pm in the Acolyte room. Contact Kathy Cox at (810) 845-3292 for more information.

There were 7 interments in the Memorial Garden in 2022:

Amal Biswas (1933-2022)

Mary Love Hunter (1938-2022)

John G. Lapp (1926-2022)

Sharon D. MacBride (1936-2022)

Ernest McCarus (1922-2022)

James Callan Gray Wessel Walker (1939-2022)

Susan Gay Wright (1946-2022)

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

Social Justice Ministry

Jackie Doneghy, Co-Chair

Mission Statement

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.

2022 Events

- **March - April Lenten Series:** "Bearing Witness: The Making of a Black Forensic Psychologist" presentation by Dr. George Watson; Film Series: *No Way Out, Just Mercy, The Best of Enemies*; and Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation
- **In June** SJM members attended the Turtle Island DreamKeepers Powwow
- **In September** a gathering of representatives from St. Aidan's, St. Clare's, Church of the Incarnation, St. Luke's, and St. Andrew's for the purposes of discussing, sharing, discerning, and determining resolutions to racism on all levels. Known as the "Anti-Racism Collaborative Project," this group will meet quarterly
- **October 9:** Social Justice Ministry Commissioned a Social Justice Ministry Banner hung on the sanctuary wall

- **In October** the “Shackled No More” CD project was completed
- **December 11:** Parish Carol Sing with songs from many cultures in celebration of the holiday season

Upcoming Events

- **January 2023:** “Body-Centered Practices to Heal Racial Bias and Trauma” yoga workshop with Julie Woodward for the purposes of discussing, sharing, and healing the outcomes and residual effects of racism
- **Ongoing:** Pen Pal Postcard Project

Members: Patricia Bard, Catherine Carver, 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 2022 due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on their activities:

Eucharistic Bread Baking
Meals Ministry
Parish Callers

YOU'RE THE BEST!

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for continuing to connect, grow, reflect, worship, build community, and support our church community.

Have an idea for an event, workshop, or ministry?

Let Fr. Wayne know!

Want to get involved in an existing ministry?

Contact the church office to be connected with ministry leaders.

**Enrich your spirit,
Grow your faith,
Give to others!**

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