



2024 Annual Reports

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

306 North Division St., Ann Arbor, Michigan

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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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2024 Annual Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 28, 2024

1. Prayer

The Rev. Paul Frolick, *Rector*

2. Organization

- Certification of Quorum
- Appointments: Secretary, Parliamentarian
- Minutes of the 2023 Meeting
- Introductions

3. Elections

Lorraine Field, *Senior Warden*

- Briefing on Nomination and Election Procedures
- Nominations to the Vestry, class of 2027
- Nominations for Delegates to Diocesan and Deanery Conventions, class of 2027

4. Reports

- Senior Warden: Lorraine Field
- Stewardship: Dave McCreadie
- Breakfast Director: Sue Nishi
- Rector: Paul Frolick

5. Gather - Transform - Send

The Rev. Paul Frolick, *Rector*

6. Report on Elections

7. Acknowledgments

8. Matters Arising

9. Adjournment

ON THE COVER: Acolytes (*from left*) Chris Rochman, Dave Hunsche, and Ann Scott lead the Rogation Sunday procession to the front lawn of the church

PHOTOS: Shannon Floyd (16), Teresa Fulimeni (22); Linda Hastings (16, 18, 20, 22, 23); Betsy Henrichs (12); Roshayne Jaimon (13, 14); Nancy Johnson (18); Ginger Kinney (18); Mike Mouradian (6, 8, 24); Sue Nishi (25); Melissa Reyes (11); Lucy Richert (Cover, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23); Kate Riedel (2, 3, 14, 18, 20); Donna Wessel Walker (18); Mary Wessel Walker (20)

2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, January 29, 2023
Carmela Brown, Clerk of the Vestry

The Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor, was called to order at 11:25 am on Sunday, January 29, 2023 by Rev. Wayne Rollins. The 2023 Annual Reports were posted to St. Andrew's website. Rev. Wayne Rollins offered opening prayers.

Quorum

Rev. Wayne Rollins recognized the presence of a quorum. Approximately 72 people attended in person. He then appointed Leah Tremonti as parliamentarian for the meeting and Carmela Brown as clerk.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting were accepted unanimously.

Introductions

Rev. Wayne Rollins introduced staff and thanked everyone for their participation in the ministry of the church.

Elections

Briefing on nomination and election procedures: Ballots were distributed to those present at the meeting. Directions were given to vote for no more than four candidates for Vestry and one for the Diocesan Delegate/Huron Valley Area Deanery. Ballots were tallied and shared at the end of the meeting.

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Lorraine Field (chair), Carol Bernard, Catherine Carver, Dave Hunsche and David VanWagenen 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 2026: Sarah Baird, Elizabeth Calhoun, Jonathan Gardner, Scott Gerstenberger, Shirley Harden, Kay Wade

Nominations for Delegates to the 2023 Diocesan Convention and Representative to the Huron Valley Deanery: Elizabeth Halgren, Philip Holt

Reports

Senior Warden, Lorraine Field: See full report in the 2023 Annual Reports. This has been a year of transitions:

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. We said farewell to Fr. Alan Gibson and welcomed interim priest, Rev. Wayne Rollins.

One of our biggest challenges is the continued struggle with the pandemic. We gradually implement a phased approach to relaxing COVID protocols, while bearing 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 continue to have.

We continue to manage and anticipate changes, challenges, and opportunities involving 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. Together with our dedicated teachers, the exceptional program Carol created over the last 8 years continues to flourish.
- 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. Her help, love, and support have been invaluable to all of us.
- Our Financial Administrator, Kim Tucker-Gray, is resigning to pursue other endeavors. For over 8 years Kim has taken good care of us, making sure that the bills were paid, and accurate records were kept.

Breakfast at St. Andrew's: Shannon Floyd, Director, shared the annual report for the Breakfast program. This year marked the 40th Anniversary of the Breakfast Program at St. Andrew's. In September, a celebratory breakfast commemorated this anniversary. Dec 1, 2022, the Breakfast Program moved back inside after 2 ½ years. A generous donation allowed the group to purchase two air scrubbers to be used to improve the air quality in the space. Donations continue to be strong which keeps the program viable despite the rising costs of food prices. Many thanks to those who support the program with finances and time.

Search Committee: Members of the committee: Dave McCreadie and Harry McLaughlin, co-chairs, Mary Wessel Walker, Sarah Inwood, Sandra Murchison, Luke Thompson, and Liz Sweet. Dave McCreadie shared the process:

- The CAT survey (Church Assessment Tool) was completed in September. The CAT gave us a good look at

ourselves and highlighted many of our challenges and opportunities.

- The Parish Profile was completed along with the Office of Transition Ministry questionnaire to the Diocese.
- The profile will be posted online the first week of February and remain open for two months.
- The Committee will review the applications that have been pre-screened by the Diocese in April.
- Confidential interviews will be conducted.

Interim Rector, Wayne Rollins: Rev. Wayne Rollins started his ministry at St. Andrew's on August 1, 2022. There appears to be a sense of urgency to return to normal. "Normal" is being redefined. Rev. Rollins shared his observations from his time at St. Andrew's:

- Staff transitions - we will need to look at our needs and resources. We will most likely struggle to discern new expectations for the staff positions based on our current and anticipated finances.
- Job descriptions have been updated. It has been difficult to fill impending positions due to the economy.
- Need to rethink how to utilize parishioners particularly in the areas of pastoral ministry.
- Opportunities for committees and groups: Grief and Loss, Dealing with Chronic Pain, Buildings and Grounds, Legacy Giving.
- Most of our budget goes to staff salaries.
- Need to answer and contemplate: Where is God calling us at St. Andrew's in Ann Arbor? We need to envision the future that will be unclear and messy... Where is God as we prepare the way, so that in the future, it can be said, "Well done all you good and faithful servants."

Finance

Finance Treasurer Norm Richert presented commentary on the complete financial reports, including income and expenses for 2022 and the 2023 budget found in the annual report.

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. 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 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.

Acknowledgements

The Rev. E. Wayne Rollins, Interim Rector acknowledged various groups within the congregation and the individual written group reports. The 2023 Annual Reports were posted to St. Andrew's website.

Report on Elections

Class of 2026: Sarah Baird, Jonathan Gardner, Scott Gerstenberger, and Kay Wade

Delegates to the 2023 Diocesan Convention and Representative to the Huron Valley Deanery: Liz Halgren

Matters Arising

None.

Norm Richert moved for adjournment, seconded by Jackie Doneghy, and the meeting ended at 12:27PM.



PARISH STATISTICS

In 2023 we had...

- 12 Baptisms
1 Adult,
11 Children
- 3 Weddings
- 11 Burials

Our Parish Families

- 548 Mailing Units
- 27 Church School Families
- 49 Children Enrolled

Dear friends,

It's hard to believe it has been just five months since I joined St. Andrew's! I wake up every morning and go to sleep each night feeling blessed to be part of this congregation, and I'm excited about our work and ministry in the years ahead.

I believe gratitude is a central spiritual practice, and here are just some of the things I'm grateful for here at St. Andrew's:

- Dave McCreadie, Harry McLaughlin, and the Search Committee. There's a book on clergy search processes called *Like Dating, Only Worse*. That wasn't the case from my perspective in this process. I enjoyed getting to know the search committee and vestry members during the interview process, and you all did a wonderful job of making me feel welcome when I got here.
- The leadership and service of Lorraine Field as senior warden during this transition. Lorraine saw us through two years of nearly constant transition and change. I am grateful for her counsel and support, and I know I speak for our entire congregation when I thank her for her sensitive, compassionate, and steady leadership.
- John Burhenn as junior warden and the entire Vestry. This group works hard providing oversight and direction for our congregation, and has done an excellent job during a challenging time of transition. I'm grateful for their support as I came aboard last fall, and for their leadership through the year.
- Norm Richert, our treasurer, John Floyd, assistant treasurer, Scott Gerstenberger, chair, and members of the Finance Committee. Our finance team has faced challenges this year with staff transitions and outdated accounting software and has responded with clear-headed, non-anxious leadership and a lot of hard work.
- Dave McCreadie, Harry McLaughlin, Scott Gerstenberger, Norm Richert, and Marty Gillen, our Stewardship Committee. The 2024 Annual Giving campaign was a tremendous success, thanks to their faithful work and the generosity of our new and longtime members. As of this week, we have received 204 pledges, totaling \$807,042, representing a 18% increase over last year's giving, which puts us in a very good financial position going into the 2024 budget year. We still face the challenges of any church our size: how do we fund all the ministry that God is calling us to, pay our hardworking professional staff a living wage, and care for our historic buildings, but I am confident we are on a good path for the future. Thank you for your generous giving and support of our mission and ministry!
- Jackie Doneghy, Donna Wessel Walker, and our Social Justice Ministry. Since 2018, this committed and visionary group has been focused on addressing racism in Ann Arbor, planning and leading dozens of programs engaging our congregation and the wider community. Thank you to Jackie and Donna as they step away from leadership after good and faithful service over the last six years. This spring we'll be doing some discernment on SJM's future ministry.
- Scott Gerstenberger and our acolytes; Jude Wilson, Susan Wakefield, and our Altar Guild; Mary Edwards and our ushers; Bob Westveer and our Lay Eucharistic Ministers;



Mary Bates and our Lectors and Intercessors; Elaine Mouradian and our Bread Bakers. It takes a small (non-violent) army to plan and lead our inspiring worship, and ours works like a well-oiled machine (sorry for the mixed metaphor).

- Mark Hassett and Chris Bickley, our YouTube streaming gurus. Hard to believe that just a few years ago, sharing our worship online wasn't even an idea, and now it's just part of our ministry. Mark and Chris run a top-notch stream which keeps our congregation connected even when folks can't make to church in-person.
- Betsy Henrichs and our Lay Eucharistic Visitors. The Lay Eucharistic Visitors take communion to our members who can't attend church in-person, keeping them connected to St. Andrew's and to God through the sacraments.
- Claire McLaughlin, our hospitality coordinator. The lovely receptions for funerals, staff transitions, and other events help strengthen our connections as a congregation.
- Phil MacBride and Rodger Piehl, who used their woodworking skills to build a handsome new table for the chapel and posts for the altar rail to provide support for folks on the stairs.
- Ann Garvin and our Episcopal Health Ministries. This group seeks to address health and healing in a spiritual context, providing monthly blood pressure screenings, rides to medical appointments, and other resources for our congregation and the community.
- Our Revs. Sally Boelter, JoAnn Kennedy Slater, and Walt LaBatt, our associate priests. They assist with worship, provide pastoral care, and lead worship when I'm away. I'm grateful for their support and good spirits.
- Sue Nishi, our Breakfast Program director, and our dozens of volunteers. As you know, the Breakfast is an amazing ministry of St. Andrew's. This year we thanked Shannon Floyd for her second tour of duty as director, and welcomed Sue Nishi on board. In the few months she has been here, the Breakfast has expanded our menu options, provided additional services for our guests, and continued to develop our volunteer corps.
- Dr. Deborah Friauff, our director of music and organist, and our choirs and other musicians. Week after week, our music inspires our hearts and souls and leads us to a deeper connection with God. From my first Sunday here, I've been in awe of the quality and breadth of our music program, and I'm grateful for all the hard work that makes it happen.

• Norm Richert and Catherine Carver, our directors of theatrical ministries. Carrying on the legacy of Nancy Heusel, Norm and Catherine help our actors of all ages tell stories about our faith and our history. This year's *Scottish Connexion* and Christmas Pageant were terrific, and I'm looking forward to many more productions.

• Kate Riedel, our director of communications. Kate keeps us connected and informed through all sorts of media, and does it with a good spirit, flexibility, and patience (as she waits on the rector who regularly misses deadlines...).

• Jonathan Gardner, our new parish administrator. Jonathan oversees all the details of scheduling and coordination with skill, quiet calmness, and compassion. I'm grateful for his help and support, and his knowledge and history of St. Andrew's.

• Rev Graham, our new bookkeeper. Rev has been working very hard with our finance team to strengthen our financial reporting, while making sure our bills and payroll are paid on time.

• Linda and Steve Hastings, our directors of children and youth ministries. Linda and Steve are dedicated to St. Andrew's and our young people and creative in their ministry of helping form them as Christians. I know I speak for our congregation when I say how grateful we are for their willingness to step into this role during this transitional time.

• Matt Marsh, our sexton, and Jeff Sharp, our housekeeper. Keeping a building as large and historic as ours functioning, safe, welcoming, and clean is an enormous task. Matt brings a wealth of knowledge and skill to keep the building systems running, and Jeff works hard week in and week out to make sure we're ready to host all of our worship services and other events.

• Our congregation. I'm still getting to know people here (and names, thank you for your patience!), and I'm struck by our faithfulness, commitment, engagement, and openness. St. Andrew's is more than our building, more than our history: we are a community of faith and service.

I am so grateful that we have been called into ministry together, and so curious where God is leading us in the year ahead.

Peace,

Paul

Senior Warden *Lorraine Field*



Last year, when I spoke to you at the Annual Meeting, I talked about the many changes, challenges and opportunities that are part of any transition.

This past year has seen many farewells, welcomes, retirements, hirings and a few surprises along the way. We have said goodbye to old friends and welcomed new ones.

A successful Transition is a cause for joy and celebration for a parish, and St. Andrew's has much to celebrate. We were very fortunate to have the Rev. Wayne Rollins, a dedicated and experienced Interim, take care of us and keep us going during the transition. The strengthening and renewal of our many programs and ministries continues to provide support for our members and for those in our wider community. We said a fond farewell to the Rev. Rollins last August.

In September we welcomed our new rector, the Rev. Paul Frolick, and it is truly a joy to have him with us. We are so grateful to our Search Committee: Harry McLaughlin, Dave McCreddie, Sarah Inwood, Luke Thompson, Sandra Murchison, Liz Sweet, and Mary Wessel Walker. We thank them for all their hard work.

We are also grateful to all those who continue to do so much to care for and support this parish:

- Jonathan Gardner, our new Parish Administrator, and Kate Riedel our Communications guru, with help from our many volunteers, keep the office running and make sure we are all up to speed on all the various happenings. All the materials you have this morning as well as weekly messages, the Network, Sunday bulletins and more are produced by Jonathan and Kate.
- Sue Nishi joined us in September to serve as the Director of the Breakfast Program, and Rev Graham is working hard as our new Bookkeeper.
- Linda and Steve Hastings continue to manage our thriving Christian Education programs. It is wonderful to see the involvement of our young people.
- Deborah Friauff provides a rich and rewarding music program for us all; nurturing the growth of all our singers and ringers, as well as visiting musicians from the wider community.
- The Saint Andrew's Players, under the direction of Norm and Lucy Richert, and with the help of Catherine Carver, provide wonderful opportunities for all of us to enjoy the pleasures of live theatre performances. Their most recent production, the Christmas pageant, was a special Christmas Eve treat.
- We are grateful to all our Acolytes, Lectors and Ushers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and members of the Altar Guild who make sure that our services run smoothly, including a weekly Evensong service, and a monthly service at Glacier Hills.

*Warmest thanks to
Carmela Brown,
Clerk of the Vestry.*

**The Vestry Class
of 2027 bios are
available on the
parish website.**



**SCAN or CLICK the
QR code to meet
the candidates!**

- We are fortunate to have the assistance of our ‘retired’ Priest Associates - Rev. Sally Boelter, Rev. Walter LaBatt, and Rev. JoAnn Slater.
- Matt Marsh and Jeff Sharp are on the job, making sure that this lovely old building is clean and safe for all of us.

In just a few more years, St. Andrew’s will celebrate our bicentennial. I have said it before - St. Andrew’s is a force for Good in the world. We need that force now more than ever.

I want to personally thank all of you for your care and support over the last two years. I’ve heard many jokes about being the Senior Warden during a transition – and it is certainly an interesting time, but I have gotten to know so many of you and learned so much about why this church is such a thriving and valuable part of our community. It is because of you!

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee 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 28, 2024.

The Committee presents the following as worthy candidates for the Vestry Class of 2027: Pelham Barron, Marty Gillen, Sarah Inwood, Ian McCaul, Lisa Osbeck, Kevin Vander Tuig

And the following as worthy candidates for the Convention Delegate/Alternate: Lorraine Field, Paul Wise

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:

Lorraine Field
Lisa Osbeck

Chris Watson
Bob Westveer

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

Pelham Barron

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 2025 | JANUARY 2026 |
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| John Burhenn | Sarah Baird |
| Claire McLaughlin | Shirley Harden |
| Ann Scott | Scott Gerstenberger |
| Jim Wortley | Kay Wade |

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

| JANUARY 2025 | JANUARY 2026 |
|---------------|--------------|
| George Watson | Liz Halgren |



REPORT OF ST. ANDREW'S STEWARDSHIP

2024 Annual Giving Campaign *Dave McCreadie, Stewardship Chair*

Committee Members: Marty Gillen, Scott Gerstenberger, Harry McLaughlin, Norm Richert, Fr. Paul Frolick

The 2024 Annual Giving Campaign was a pivotal moment for St. Andrew's financial stewardship, as giving shortfalls from previous years had begun to significantly erode St. Andrew's financial health and sustainability. As a consequence, the theme of the 2024 Annual Campaign was "Rise to the Challenge" – a call to Reflect, Pray, and Stretch towards increasing each person's giving amounts, as they are able. Specifically, a target of 15% increase per household was requested, as a way to begin to reinforce and strengthen St. Andrew's operational finances going forward.

In-person meetings were held in early October, to inform St. Andrew's members of the sober realities of our situation, years in the making, but finally at a point where significant spending cuts for church operations and services/ministries was imminent unless we achieved at least a 15% increase in our collective giving levels. Written and spoken messaging throughout the campaign echoed these points.

Not surprisingly, the St. Andrew's membership community has indeed Risen to the Challenge, and the Stewardship Committee and church leadership is deeply grateful. Of course, we are hopeful that this improved performance is sustainable and not a single year blip. Spreading pledging/giving participation to more of our member families (100% is the goal) is the best way to ensure the sustainability of St. Andrew's finances, and we will continue our focus on this objective.

As always, your gifts of stewardship in its other forms besides financial (your time and your talents) are deeply appreciated 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 2023 and pledges to do for 2024.

Activities

- A. *Network* articles October – January 2024 for campaign awareness and upcoming events.
- B. Compose, print and mail campaign tri-fold and pledge card; mailings to seek and solicit pledge responses for 2024 campaign.
- C. In-person meetings in early October to raise awareness of challenges for this year's campaign.
- D. Beautiful bulletin covers on successive Sundays in October - November (special thanks to Kate Riedel and Jonathan Gardner for these!).
- E. Pulpit talks – thank you to Rodger Piehl and Sarah Inwood!
- F. Pledge Card Sunday with easier ways to turn in your pledge card (photo and email) – thanks to Jonathan Gardner and Kate Riedel!
- G. Multiple phone and email campaigns to families who had not yet pledged (November - January 2024).

Current Status

As of 1/17/2024, 204 pledges have been received for a total of \$807,042. At the same time last year, we had 213 pledges for \$684,768. This is an overall increase of 18% from last year, and we are currently at just over 89% of our goal of \$900,000.

Overall Summary

- The Committee is grateful for the continued generosity of the members of St. Andrew's.
- A large number (35%) of the members at St. Andrew's continues to sustain financial stewardship.
- As Committee members look ahead to the work for the next Campaign (2025), 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 to Jonathan Gardner and Kate Riedel, who help our committee in many significant ways. We couldn't run the Stewardship campaign without their support!

REPORT OF MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S

Deborah Friauff
Director of Music



Dave Hunsche

Writing this yearly report always gives me pause for much reflection on how quickly time passes, and how fleeting life can be. This year we lost a man who was integral to the music ministry and so many other facets of our parish life. Dave Hunsche was a member of the Adult and Handbell Choirs, he co-directed the Junior Handbell Choir, and he was co-music librarian. Before Covid, he cooked dinner for his beloved St. Dunstan Handbell family every week. He took over putting hymn numbers on the hymn board when I re-injured my shoulder and took it upon himself to make new and improved numbers and placards for the hymn boards. He made sure all music ensembles had pencils, stickies, clips- whatever they needed. He set up the bell choir tables, cushions and music. On top of this, he served as Acolyte, Crucifer and Junior Warden, and was very active in the American Guild of Organists and the civic handbell ensemble Classical Bells. Dave was the embodiment of a cheerful giver and quietly gave of himself at every opportunity. I Sing a Song of the Saints of God, and Dave Hunsche is one too. I rejoice that he is helping in heaven now, but we miss him dearly here on earth.

Concerts

February through April of 2023 saw the completion of the inaugural year of recitals on our beautiful Richards, Fowkes and Co. Op. 25 organ. February's concert was presented by me, and featured works by 20th century composer Jehan Alain, as well as those dedicated to his memory. Amy Porter graciously assisted with two works of Alain; it is always such a privilege to work with an amazing musician such as herself. The March recital was a varied program elegantly played by Nicole Keller, a new Professor of Organ at University of Michigan. The final concert featured the St. Andrew's Adult Choir performing Franz Liszt's *Via Crucis*, which alternates choral movements with organ solo movements to poetically portray the Stations of the Cross. In addition, Ms. Mi Zhou entered the scene as our new choral accompanist, making her St. Andrew's debut by playing Liszt's virtuosic *Prelude and Fugue on the name of B.A.C.H.*. Our Easter Sunday services also featured our new organ in the prelude and postlude which included two *Organ Concerti* by G.F. Handel, expertly played by our then choral accompanist, Minji Kim.

We resumed our Organ Recital Series in October on the first Sundays of the month at 7:00 pm, followed by the service of Compline. Our first recitalist of the new season was Dr. Thomas Strode, former Organist and Choirmaster of St. Andrew's. The November concert was played by Karl Osterland, Organist of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church in Detroit, assisted by Alana Meeker, Flute. Finally, our December concert was played by Oberlin College Organ Curator, David Kazimir, who presented a recital of North German music for Advent.

In addition to the above-mentioned events, the St. Andrew's Adult Choir was involved in two other concerts during 2023. On May 7, the Adult, Junior and Compline Choirs were featured in the Ann Arbor American Guild of Organists program entitled "Te Deum", featuring organ and choral works of the same title. On November 12 we had a special opportunity to present J.S. Bach's famous *Cantata (BWV 140) "Wachet auf"*, joined by members of the Vocal Arts Ensemble and a Chamber Orchestra comprised of University



CHOIR REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Wednesdays

4:30-5:15

Junior Handbells
Cherub Choir

5:15-6:15

Junior Choir

6:30-8:00

Handbell Choir

Thursdays

7:15-9:15

Adult Choir



LEFT: The Women's Choir in rehearsal,
RIGHT: Dr. Deborah Friauff conducts the Nov. 12 *Bach* Concert



of Michigan students. The orchestra also performed Bach's *Orchestral Suite no. 1 in C Major* to round out the program, generously sponsored by J. Parker Lapp in honor of his parents, John and Dorothy Lapp.

Our building and musical instruments are often made available to civic groups such as the Vocal Arts Ensemble, The Academy of Early Music and the Ann Arbor Grail Singers as well as students from the University of Michigan and other musicians. For some years now, the church has generously waived building rental fees if the individual or members of the ensembles will give back to our faith community by way of participating in our Sunday services or special concerts. As mentioned above, members of the Vocal Arts Ensemble joined us in the November 12 Bach performance, and members of the Grail Singers have joined our women's chorus on Sunday mornings. This has been a wonderful reciprocal arrangement that has benefited both the Ann Arbor community as well as our faith community.

The Adult Choir

The Adult Choir continues to rehearse every Thursday from 7:15-9:15 pm and has prepared weekly anthems and service music for our Sunday Eucharistic Services. Since September, we have been experimenting with splitting the choir into men's and women's choirs on two Sundays of the month, thereby giving each chorister one Sunday a month off. So far, it seems to be working nicely, and gives everyone the opportunity to sing some repertoire that they would not have otherwise encountered. The choir has also sung in several other special events throughout the year, including the chanted service of *Tenebrae* on Wednesday, April 5, the Easter Sunday presentation of the *Klein Orgelmess* and *The Esterhazy Te Deum* by F.J. Haydn with Chamber

Orchestra, and our Christmas Eve special prelude presentation, featuring music of Ralph Vaughan Williams, most notably his *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* and the orchestral piece *Fantasia on Greensleeves*. Many thanks to parishioners Mary Bates and Amy Porter for also sharing their talents at the late Christmas Eve service.

The Adult Choir is always happy to welcome new members, and this fall we were blessed with several new singers in our choir family! Thanks to "The Rev. Alan Gibson Choir Scholar Fund," we are also able to continue to provide scholarships for a few music students who assist our ministry by singing with the Adult Choir. This year, we have one choir scholar in the alto section, Haley Olson, who is a Doctoral student in composition at U of M, and one in the tenor section, Jack Moeser, who is finishing his undergraduate degree in French Horn at U of M. This has been a wonderful way to support a student's pursuit of musical studies as well as fortify our own choir ministry.

We were sad to bid our long-time accompanist, Dr. Minji Kim, farewell at the end of April as she completed her course of study, but were very blessed to be able to welcome Dr. Mi Zhou as choral accompanist in May. Dr. Zhou finished her DMA in organ performance in August and is in increasing demand as an organ recitalist across the globe. I have been very grateful for several years for an anonymous donor's special support of extending the choral accompanist's role to include the Adult Choir (the children's choir accompanist having been part of the budget for many years). It is visually, sonically, and pedagogically beneficial for the choir for me to be able to conduct them away from the console, and I am truly indebted to the generosity of our donor.

Handbell Choir

The St. Dunstan Handbell Choir continues to rehearse on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm, and always plays beautiful monthly voluntaries for our Eucharistic services. Their musical offerings at both the Lessons and Carols service and the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service were greatly appreciated! They are currently in need of a few more volunteers to fill out their ranks, so if you are curious about ringing, please contact me or Suzanne Bender. Special thanks are due to Suzanne 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 has 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 the January - April leaders, Shirley Harden and Dave Hunsche, and our September - December leaders, Liz Halgren, Suzanne Bender, and Mary Jane Medlock for working with the children and helping them to develop 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. This year at the Christmas Eve 4:00 pm service, both choirs played a major role in the musical Christmas Pageant, *Twas the Year Before Christmas*. All of the choristers have developed into confident leaders, and 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 6:00-6:30 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, Paul Frolick, Ann Garvin, Jeff Ringenberg, Wayne Rollins, Steven Whiting, Leslie Stainton, Minji Kim, Mi Zhou, and the Junior Choir.

Compline

The chanted service of Compline resumed in October and is now offered on the first and third Sunday evenings of the month at 8:00 pm, followed by our organ recital series on the first Sunday. I want to thank the dedicated singers who have assisted in leading this beautiful service this past year: Celia Bridges, Jonathan Gardner, Noah Gardner, Katy Miller 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

The 9:15 am Family Service has been blessed with the musical leadership of the Cherub Choir, Minji Kim and Mi Zhou, Mary Bates, Shirley Harden, Becky Peterson, Ray Shuster and Paul Frolick, alternatively. I am deeply indebted to them for their expert assistance and generosity of time and talent.

Hymn Sing

The Social Justice Ministry planned and hosted their second *Multicultural Christmas Hymn Sing* on Sunday, December 10. Thanks to Donna Wessel Walker, Shirley

FROM LEFT: Junior Choir Recognitions in June, the Junior Handbell Choir perform for the Church school, Drs. Friauff and Zhou at the organ



Harden, and Jackie Doneghy who planned and led the event, as well as Jonathan Gardner who assisted with the accompaniment.

Special Thanks

I would like to thank all of the many individual vocalists and instrumentalists who have very generously offer their time and talent to enrich our services over the past year: Oliver Barron, Mary Bates, Celia Bridges, Josh Burdick, Jennifer Cresswell, Jonathan Gardner, Melissa Gardner, Cindy Glovinsky, Catherine Gispert, Barbara Mackey King, Minji Kim, Derek Lockhart, Deborah Lonergan, Susie Lorand, Deborah Malamud, John McLaughlin, Margaret Nesse, Amy Porter, Meg Rohrer, Jennifer Rohs, Katie Sucha, and Kiri Tollaksen.

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, Julian Murchison, Norm Richert); to the choir librarians who have kept music distributed and organized (Lucy Richert and Dave Hunsche); to Dennis Powers and Donna Wessel Walker for writing their weekly thoughts on hymns and anthems; to our Communications Coordinator, Kate Riedel, who continues to produce beautiful posters, concert programs and service leaflets; to our Parish Administrator, Jonathan Gardner, who assists in scheduling the many musicians and musical events in the parish; and thanks to all of you, for your faithful participation in holy worship and support of prayerful and beautiful music both for our parish and the wider community.

May the God of beauty continue to richly bless us!

FROM LEFT: Junior Choir recognitions, Junior Choristers sing during the Christmas Pageant, Dr. Friauff directs the Junior Choir



2023 SINGERS AND RINGERS

St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Deborah Friauff, *Director*

Minji Kim (through April 2023) • Mi Zhou (May 2023 -), *Accompanists*

Soprano: Danielle Augsburger* • Robin Berry • Celia Bridges • Sharman Galazewski • Hilary Garton • Aileen Gatten • Susie Lorand • Hannah Resnick **Alto:** Julie Cunningham • Lorraine Field • Kimberly Hudolin • Ally Norris • Haley Olson • Lucy Richert • Pam Watts • Donna Wessel Walker **Tenor:** Christopher Bickley • Jonathan Gardner • Alfred Hero • John McLaughlin* • Jack Moeser **Bass:** Stephen Bates • Michael Field • David Hunsche • Parks Mason • Derek Peterson • Norm Richert • Ray Shuster • Nathan Sten **Soloist*

St. Andrew's Junior Choir

Theodore Bales • David Ciorciarri • Rory Fitzgerald • Benjamin Halgren • Samuel Halgren • Collin Murchison • Dean Murchison • Addy Peterson • Nora Prescott • Elliot Ringenberg-Carr • Shayna Simon Jaimon

Cherub Choir

Julia Ciorciarri • Eleanor Floyd • Luke Genteel • Addy Jacobsen • Quinn Miller

Junior Handbell Choir

Under the direction of:

David Hunsche • Shirley Harden (January - May 2023);

Liz Halgren • Suzy Bender • Mary Jane Medlock (September 2023 -)

Theodore Bales • Rory Fitzgerald • Elliot Fitzgerald • Benjamin Halgren • Samuel Halgren • Collin Murchison • Dean Murchison

St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

Suzanne Bender, *Director*

Suzanne Bender • Mary Black • Liz Hagemeister • Liz Halgren • Shirley Harden • David Hunsche • Mary Jane Medlock • Kevin Ross • Suzanne Schluderberg

Compline Choir

Deborah Friauff, *Director*

Celia Bridges • Deborah Friauff • Jonathan Gardner • Noah Gardner • Deborah Malamud • Katy Miller • Jeff Ringenberg



REPORT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Linda & Steve Hastings
Interim Directors

A busy year for Interim Church School Directors. Activities for the year chronologically include:

- Making an Alleluia banner during the Annual Meeting to bury during Lent.
- Lent in a Bag. New this year. A family weekly devotional.
- Bake Sale for Episcopal Relief and Development.
- Obstacle Course to remind us that Lent is a long-term endurance test.
- Two Easter Egg Hunts, one after 9:15 and one after 10:00 am services.
- Dinner for *Narnia* Supper Theatre prepared by J2A.
- Summer Church School based on Bible stories about water.
- Escape Room adventure for J2A.
- Children's Christmas shopping store to buy or make presents for their families.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Reception resumed after a 3 year pause. This year included a dinner for the first time besides the cookies and punch.



Besides these events, we also have regularly scheduled activities that include:

- Pen Pal Ministry four times a year to our shut-in members
- Youth serve in church as acolytes, lectors, and ushers on the 3rd Sunday of the month
- J2A serves at the Breakfast Program once every other month

But our main purpose is presenting our faith to the children. In the elementary grades we study the Old Testament in the fall, New Testament in the winter, and the Episcopal Church in late spring. We returned to a previously used curriculum in 2023, Weaving God's Promises. It means more preparation for the teachers as the lessons cover a broader picture instead of a short vignette each week. They have to know stories to present them because they cover too many chapters of the Bible to just read to the children. Rite 13 and J2A have a different curriculum geared toward growing in their faith as young adults.

We are constantly looking for ways to draw the children in. We try to plan meaningful and fun lessons. We are still battling the attendance drop post-Covid but we continue to add new students.

We are ever grateful for our dedicated teachers and helpers who are consistently here each Sunday to provide God's word and love.

We are so proud and happy with our new rector, Fr. Paul. He has modified the Family Service to appeal more to our young attendees, and they gladly participate. He is sensitive to the needs of so many areas in the church and we thank God for him.

CHILDREN & YOUTH SCHEDULE

Sundays
9:15 am
Family Service

9:45 am
Church School
Childcare

TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS

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

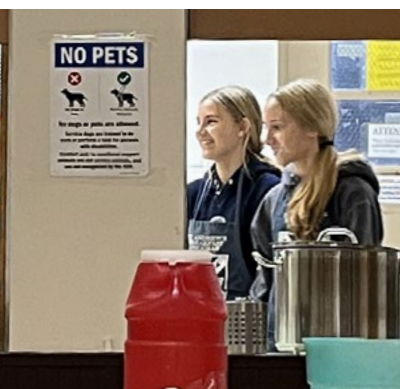
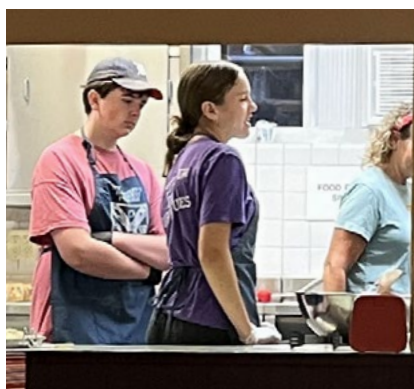
Teachers:

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| Nursery | Charlotte Niman |
| Preschool | Becky Peterson, Jessica Beemsterboer, Liz Halgren |
| Primary | Merilynne Rush, Marilyn Shuster |
| Intermediate | Kyle Halgren, Ginger Kinney |
| Rite 13 | Steve Guest, Sandra Murchison, Sue McCreadie, Mil Taylor |
| J2A | Pelham Barron, Britt Elder-Tennyson, Steve Hastings |

Helpers:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Patricia Bard | Mary Jane Medlock |
| Mark Beemsterboer | Hallie Prescott |
| Bill Bryan | Margot Spera |
| John Floyd | Stacey Swennes |
| Cady and Chris Johnson | Mary Wessel Walker |
| Jason Kiernan | Mary White |

FROM TOP: First day of classes in the preschool room, Children's Christmas Shop, making connections, J2A volunteers at Breakfast, Children's Christmas Shop, a special interactive handbell lesson, Summer Church School lessons, children gather for the dismissal after the *O Antiphons* service



Episcopal Health Ministry

Ann Garvin, Convener

Our Episcopal Health Ministries celebrated eighteen (18) years of effort in October. In 2023, activities previously curtailed, 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 2023, we provided seasonal flu shots for 21 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
- We were able to resume offering AED/CPR classes to the parish; this year, we trained 6 people. Our expectation is to offer this training annually.
- To continue work on parish emergency readiness
- Resuming our Medical Decision-Making Events, in November we offered "An Intro to End-of-life Doula and Green Burial," with parishioner Marilynne Rush as speaker.
- We continue to promote suicide awareness, including encouraging participation in the "Out of the Darkness" walk in September. The 988 Mental Health Hotline is an important resource for the community
- Supported "St. Andrew's Gets Outside," an outdoor walking group.
- 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*), Steve Hastings, Patricia Lyndale, and Jeanie Mack-Powers

Support Staff: Chris Bickley

Funeral Reception Committee

Claire McLaughlin, Chair

In our parish life it was a year to celebrate transitions as well as lives that were well-lived and ended. We provided cookies and beverages for Bishop Bonnie Perry's visit in February and in August we said farewell to our Interim Rector Wayne Rollins. We

OTHER MINISTRIES

Acolytes

Altar Guild

A/V Team

Bread Bakers

Intercessor

**Lay Eucharistic
Ministers (LEMs)**

**Lay Eucharistic
Visitors (LEVs)**

Lectors

Ushers

Bible Study

Coventry Suppers

Gardeners

**Intercessory
Prayer Group**

**Millennial+Z
Social Group**

Meals Ministry

**Church Office /
Finance
Volunteers**



also welcomed our new rector, Father Paul Frolick on September 10th.

Receptions following services were held for Carole Wortley, Bruce Arden, Bernie Pelland, Lois Dentel, Connie Rinehart, Jack Peirce, and Nancy Heusel.

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 beautiful silver pieces, and clean up afterward. Sometimes after a funeral service the family chooses to have the reception catered and then we work together with the caterer. We also coordinate display of mementos and flowers. And sometimes the reception is held off site and we don't have any responsibilities. During the pandemic there were no receptions. The Breakfast purchased air-scrubbers in December 2022 which allowed us to resume hosting events. Helpers this year were Lucy and Norm Richert, Phil MacBride, Patricia Bard, Mary Bates, Liz Sweet, Michael and Lorraine Field, Jeanie Mack-Powers, Nancy Johnson, Susan VanWagenen, Jude Wilson, 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

The History & Memorials Committee, following parish and diocesan records retention policies, stores some of the parish's history at the Church and places other items in the special care of the UofM Bentley Historical Library. Committee members in 2023 included Kathy Cox, *chair*, Ann Garvin, Nancy Becker Johnson, and Phil MacBride.

The Committee acknowledges and applauds the leadership and service provided by Mark Hildebrandt. While he stepped away from active committee work in 2023, Dr. Hildebrandt remains a special advisor to the Committee.

The History & Memorials Committee will be busy providing support for St. Andrew's participation in the City of Ann Arbor 200 celebration (2024) and the

Church's own bicentennial activities in 2027. Another key project will continue the work begun in 2023 to identify the individuals in the many photographs of the St. Andrew's choirs, dating back to the 1920s. Thanks to present and past Adult Choir members for their help to date.

There were 7 interments in the Memorial Garden in 2023:

Susan Adamson (1926-2023)

Thomas Adamson, Jr. (1924-2016)

Jane Wilson Coon (1942-2023)

John C. (Jack) Peirce (1933-2023)

Constance Rinehart (1922-2023)

Janet Warrick (1930-2023)

Woodward Warrick (1922-2008)

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

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

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.

We meet every 6-8 weeks as needed to discuss issues arising, plan events and activities, and to support our efforts. Members propose and lead events, and SJM always welcomes ideas and suggestions from members of the parish.

2023 Events

In 2023, the Social Justice Ministry held 9 events and sponsored 3 on-going projects.

- **January 21:** A workshop with Julie Woodward, yoga instructor and healing activist. Twelve participants engaged in body work focused on racial equality,



justice, healing, and love. The response was warm and positive and SJM hopes to do more workshops like this.

- **February:** Members of SJM volunteered with Justice Indeed, a local group based at UM Law School to research restrictive covenants in Ann Arbor's neighborhoods. So far, no one has employed our help.
- **March 10:** *Readers' Theatre presentation of "In White America."* This play, written in 1963 from original sources documenting the experience of Black Americans, is still powerful in its immediacy and emotional impact. Held at the Ann Arbor Civic Theater as part of its "Community Reads" program, this unrehearsed reading of the play was powerful for the 15 participants, as it involved stepping into someone else's shoes in a vibrant way.
- **March 15:** *End Gun Violence Michigan rally in Lansing.* SJM recruited and coordinated rides for 8 parishioners to attend the rally on the Capitol steps; Bishop Bonnie Perry spoke, along with leaders in the state government. Marjory Luther serves as our liaison to EGV-MI in the diocese, to bring to our attention on-going efforts and events.
- **March 29:** *Service of Remembrance and Reconciliation.* For a second year, SJM organized and held a service to commemorate Black people who had been killed by police in the previous year, 224 total. In addition to reading their names while the bell tolled, the service included prayers and laments, readings and hymns. 27 people participated.
- **Pen-pal Project:** This is an intergenerational project to connect youth & elderly through individual postcards written by youth in the church school & sent to members on the parish calling list. Church school children write postcards during their class several times per year. SJM designed and purchased the postcards, and pays for the postage.
- **June 17+24:** *Book Discussion: "In My Grandmother's House," by Yolanda Pierce.* Jackie Doneghy and Marjory Luther led a discussion of this womanist exploration of what it would mean to engage more deeply with the stories and traditions of women of color in the Bible and the Church. Eight people engaged in this discussion.
- **October 1:** *UMMA Exhibit, "Hear Me Now: the Black Potters of Old Edgefield, South Carolina".* 11 people attended, including two parishioners who served as docents, Jeannie Powers & Claire McLaughlin.

We went at our own pace with audio guides & then gathered to share reflections. A profound & beautiful exhibit, well-curated and displayed, a good experience for all.

- **October 21:** *Presentation by Dean Hilda Alcindor, Haitian Nursing Foundation.* Thom Bales brought Dean Alcindor to St. Andrew's to give a presentation about the nursing school in Haiti (part of the Episcopal University of Haiti). Nine people attended. Personal ties with parishioners who have been involved with the Nursing School were the best part of the meeting.
- **November 4:** *Democracy & the Church program.* Co-sponsored with St. Aidan's (we called the collaboration StA²), with the Bishop presenting, this event was a half-day event. Approximately 50 people were there, from St. Aidan's and St. Andrew's, Incarnation, St. Clare's, St. Paul's, Toledo, and St. Paul's, Flint. The Bishop's presentation gave us a "trust model" for thinking about how we relate to other people, listen well, and show empathy. Her talk had political examples but little overt political content. The day included small group discussion and personal reflection, morning coffee, fruit, and bagels, and a boxed lunch. We gave out resources for action, and a commitment card asking people to do one thing. We got 21 cards back. The event was well-received and there is interest in follow-up events. Many participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to meet people from other parishes.
- **December 10:** *Multi-cultural Carol Sing.* For the second year, SJM gathered people in the Chapel to sing Christmas carols from a wide variety of cultural and historical backgrounds. Led by Shirley Harden, Deborah Friauff, Jonathan Gardner, and Carol Bennett, we sang carols, call-and-response songs, and spirituals. The group of 35 included many children and several visitors to the parish. This is a happy gathering of singing, sharing, and fun for all.

Members: Patricia Bard, Jackie Doneghy, (*co-chair*), Bob Edwards, Shirley Harden, Roshayne Jaimon, Susie Lorand, Marjory Luther, Barbara Mackey King, Ian McCaul (*treasurer*), Harry McLaughlin, Leslie Stainton, Felicity Thompson, Chris Watson, Donna Wessel Walker (*co-chair*), Jim White, Paul Wise

REPORT OF THE THEATRICAL MINISTRY

Norm Richert
Co-Director



Nancy Heusel

In November of 2023, Nancy Heusel, the creator of the theater ministry at St. Andrew's, passed away. The celebration of her life at her memorial service provided an opportunity for telling many good stories about her and about the influence she had on so many over 50 years.

Spring

On May 20 and 21, we staged *Narnia* in the Nancy Heusel Theater of the Parish Hall. The play was preceded by a wonderful supper prepared by the J2A group. It was a great performance, with so many memorable moments. Thanks to all those who contributed, in so many different ways. The wardrobe still decorates the Parish Hall near the stage. Nancy was present at one of the performances, and her daughter told me later how energized she was just to come into the room and see all the beautiful decorations that the J2A group and provided for supper portion of Supper Theater, the concept she launched in 1993. We were all happy that she could have this experience. We again used the OnTheStage ticketing site, and the generosity of all of those who donated was amazing. We are a generous parish, and OnTheStage provides an easy path to exercising that generosity. The bulk of the proceeds again went toward the J2A Pilgrimage



Summer

Over six Mondays in June and July, we had an outdoor reading experience of the first book in the Lemony Snicket series, *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. These are drop-in experiences, so there is a lot of opportunity each week for taking different characters. In this story, the juicy part was the evil Count Olaf. (Spoiler alert: the "famous" playwright, Al Funcoot, is really just an anagram of Count Olaf.) We'll have another reading experience this summer. Stay tuned for details.



**COMING
SOON!**

SPRING 2024

Oliver

Performances:

May 18 + 19

Fall

On the Sunday recognizing St. Andrew, November 26, we presented *Our Scottish ConneXion* as part of the 10:00 am service. The five vignettes that make up the play provide an opportunity for many different contributions. It has become a bit of a tradition to do this every fall. Any excuse for a bagpiper! As we near the bicentennial of our parish, the final little story, describing a bit of the early history of St. Andrew's, takes on special significance. If you weren't able to be at the service, be sure to [check it out on the church YouTube site!](#)



Christmas

Deborah Friauff and Catherine Carver directed the wonderful, musical Christmas Pageant, *'Twas the Year Before Christmas*. The children's choirs had worked hard through the fall on the songs making up the musical portion, and the combination with speaking parts and staging was delightful. The congregation was the largest for the family Christmas Eve service in many years. As are all of the regular church services, [a recorded version is on the church YouTube site](#). Both the Pageant and *Our Scottish ConneXion* were dedicated to the memory of Nancy Heusel.



Looking Ahead

On May 18 and 19, 2024 we will present *Oliver* for our Supper Theater offering. As always, there are parts and other opportunities available for everyone who would like to take part. Costumes, props and parental support are always needed.

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(LINE)!

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

Our Scottish ConneXion



Original Air Date:
November 26, 2023

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'Twas the Year Before Christmas



Original Air Date:
December 24, 2023

[Watch Now!](#)

REPORT OF THE **BREAKFAST AT ST. ANDREW'S**

Sue Nishi
Director

Dear friends,

It has been an exciting year of renewal and growth for the Breakfast Program. We resumed indoor dining last December, so 2023 was our first full year of cooking and serving inside since the pandemic began almost 4 years ago. There were some adjustments as volunteers got used to working inside again, but we have fully settled in now, and the Program is thriving.

In September, Shannon Floyd made the decision to step down from her position as Director to spend more time with her young children. Shannon started with the Breakfast Program as a volunteer many years ago and has served as Program Director twice. She was instrumental in keeping the Breakfast Program going during the pandemic, and she advocated for a safe transition back to indoor dining as the pandemic slowed down. We thank her for her hard work, compassion and long-term commitment to the Breakfast Program.

In April, we began the process of working with the health department to upgrade our license. We made changes in our kitchen and in our operating procedures so we could get fully licensed as a commercial kitchen. (Our original license allowed us to cook only hot cereal and boiled eggs.) The health inspector made his final visit in October, and our new license is now proudly displayed on the kitchen wall.

With this new license, we are able to cook a greater variety of nutritious foods. We have begun adding meat and other new items to our offerings on most days. Our guests seem to particularly enjoy the addition of sausage, ham, pancakes and scrambled eggs. We could not provide this expanded menu without the generous donations from the St. Andrew's parishioners and others in the community. Thank you all for your continued support. We would also like to thank Food Gatherers whose regular food donations help us stretch our budget.

In May, we had another successful benefit concert featuring Rosanne Cash. Once again, Jim Cain planned and organized the event. We are grateful for Jim's expertise and hard work. He is currently working on arrangements for another benefit concert this spring, and we are looking forward to announcing the name of this year's talent.

During the Covid pandemic when we were serving breakfast outside, attendance at the Breakfast fell significantly. We are happy to report that over the last year, we have seen more guests returning to our dining room each morning. On a typical weekday now, we serve as many as 100 guests, and the attendance numbers appear to be going up. As we work to provide for a larger group, we are grateful for the continued support from all of you at St. Andrew's. And we are touched by the way in which the greater community comes together along with St. Andrew's to support the Breakfast Program. We have many new volunteers from Ann Arbor and surrounding areas. The Kiwanis Thrift Shop sends us warm clothing donations once a month. The Ann Arbor Thrift Shop, Mott Hospital, Greenhills School, and Harvest Mission Community Church have also donated clothing. And we are blessed to have the continued support of the Love Thy Neighbor program at the First United Methodist Church which delivers 400 "to go" bags of food each month for our guests.



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I began volunteering at the Breakfast last February and started as the Director in September. I feel blessed and so very grateful for the opportunity to start each day in the company of our Breakfast guests and dedicated volunteers. I am looking forward to the continued growth of our Program as we work together to nourish and strengthen all those who come through our doors.

With gratitude,

Sue Nishi



Thank you for your support!

