



# The Network

The newsletter for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

306 N. Division, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 • (734) 663-0518 • standrewsaa.org

Summer 2021

Volume 47, Issue 3

Above, Below: The Memorial Garden in bloom · K. Riedel

Dear friends:

Summer is upon us, and as good and right as it is to enjoy this gift of refreshment and re-creation, it is hard to ignore the reality of the troubled and hurting world around us. Nor should we; to do so would simply be an act of utter selfishness. But it is sometimes equally hard to know what to do, how to respond to the tidal wave of pain and suffering engulfing our world. This is not the first summer that humanity has found itself in this position. Nor, sadly, is it likely to be the last.

One thing we can do is to acknowledge and give voice to the sins of the world and to honestly search our own hearts for any part we may have had in them. The meditation below, now 45 years old, was written by an Anglican cleric who saw his share of the sins of the world and their consequences. In 1942 George Appleton escaped the Japanese invasion of Burma after 20 years of service in that country. He would later become the Archbishop of Jerusalem. His words offer a stark truth as well as a message of hope for us. I commend this to you as a prayer to take with you into this summer. It's not a walk on the beach, but if taken to heart it might bring some of the refreshment and re-creation we all need.

God bless, *Fr. Alan*



**The sins of the world, such dreadful sins. Not just the personal sins but the solidarity of sin greater than the total of individual sins, nuclear evil in endless fission, O Lamb of God.**

**The sin of racial pride that sees not the faith that all men are divinely made nor the riches of pigment in portrait faces, the same psychology and religious search, that each is the sibling for whom Christ died.**

**The burgeoning greed that never heeds the needs of others involved in a merciless system, looking only at profit and dividend, the last of possessions that cannot accompany us at our last migration: Take away these sins, O Lamb of God.**

**The massive sin of war, millions of lives impersonally destroyed, billions of pounds wasted on weapons, bombs, truth enslaved, the hungry still unfed, grief stalking unnumbered homes: Weep over us, O Lamb of God.**

**The sin of the world, alienation from thee not just weakness but evil intention, organized and unrestrained with its own momentum leading to death: O Lamb of God, take away this sin.**

**Begin with me, O Lamb of God, forgive my sins, cleanse my heart, disarm my will and let me fight armed with thy truth, righteousness and love with thy cross of love incised upon my heart, O Lamb of God.**

from "The Word is the Seed" (1976)  
by George Appleton



## Updated Covid-19 Protocols

May 30, 2021

The bishops of the four Episcopal dioceses in Michigan have issued a revision to the Covid-19 protocols for our churches and institutions. The bishops will continue to regularly confer and modify these protocols as the public health situation changes. You can find the entire directive at: <https://www.edomi.org/covid-19-guidelines/>. For now, the bishops are taking a more conservative approach than State authorities.

**While some restrictions have been lifted, the limitations on the number of people who can gather for worship and other activities to allow for social distancing, and the requirements for sanitizing spaces after use, remain unchanged from previous directives.** For St. Andrew's this means that most of how we do what we do will also remain unchanged. (Like I have said before, I never thought having too many people coming to church would be a problem).

- **Worship and most meetings will remain online** through YouTube and Zoom.
- **The Breakfast will continue to serve in the take-out mode** it switched to 15 months ago. With the help of wonderfully adaptive volunteers and the generosity of some local restaurants who provide hot breakfast sandwiches at a deep discount, we have been able to provide a balanced, nutritious meal to our guests every morning without missing a day.
- **The members of the staff who can work from home will continue to do so**, but someone will be in the office every weekday to process mail and care for the buildings and grounds.
- **A mask mandate remains in place for all church properties, regardless of an individual's vaccination status.** So, if you are coming to the church for any reason, bring and wear your mask.

Restrictions have been eased that will allow for our annual Marketplace Vacation Bible School, which will be offered on the grounds of First Presbyterian Church. (You will find registration information inside this bulletin). Our Children and Youth minister, Carol Andrews Ferguson, has planned for small gatherings of individual classes throughout the summer. We also hope to expand the musical offerings in our YouTube services by having small groups of masked singers join us to help lead the hymns. While the (virtual) choir takes a summer break, our Music Director, Deborah Friauff, has lined up several musicians to offer their talents in the weekly liturgies.

It has been a long time since we have been together, but the public health situation is getting better. We need to be patient and see this crisis through to a healthy conclusion. Thank you for your support and continued participation in our common life at St. Andrew's. I look forward to fully opening our doors and seeing you all in the not-too-distant future.

God bless, *Fr. Alan*



## Operating Revenue and Expense

January 1 to April 30, 2021

	Actual Year-to-Date	Budget Year-to-Date	Over/Under +/- YTD Actual vs. YTS Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Plate Offerings	10,182	11,664	-1,482
Pledge Payments	290,598	281,668	8,930
Other Income	145,333	14,668	130,665
Designated Funds Transfer	0	0	0
Deficit Reduction Withdrawal	0	0	0
Prior Year Surplus	61,085	60,000	1,085
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>507,198</b>	<b>368,000</b>	<b>139,198</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Salaries and Benefits	241,708	245,672	-3,964
Maintenance & Overhead	40,904	41,056	-152
Office Expense	15,074	13,452	1,622
Stewardship & Miscellaneous	257	200	57
Church Programs	5,864	10,336	-4,472
Diocesan Pledge	33,050	33,051	-1
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>336,857</b>	<b>343,767</b>	<b>-6,910</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>170,341</b>	<b>24,333</b>	<b>146,108</b>

*The \$130k PPP2 advance is provided to support salary expenses during this difficult period.*

## HAVE YOU . . .

*remembered*

*St. Andrew's*

*in your will?*

It is important that every adult make a will providing for the distribution of their assets to the people, causes and institutions they love. **If you would like to make a provision in your will to leave a bequest to St. Andrew's, the wording should read:**

*I give to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan the sum of \_\_\_ dollars or \_\_\_ percent of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate.*

**A bequest to St. Andrew's is a way to ensure the continued ministry of this parish church in our community.** The rector, vestry and wardens thank you for your consideration of such a gift.

## Directory Updates Needed!

*In the last year, did you or members of your household...*

**Move to a new house, apartment, or condo?**

*Let us know your new mailing address!*

**Disconnect your landline?**

*Please be sure to give the office your cell phone number so that we can reach you.*

**Switch to a new cell phone number?**

*Don't forget to tell us whose cell phone it is.*

**Have a child?**

*Congratulations on your new addition!*

*We'd love to know their name and birth date.*

**Change your preferred email address?**

*If you'd like to be added to our email list for parish announcements and eService Bulletins, please contact Kathy.*



**If you need to update any part of your directory listing please email Kathy at [kmcperson@standrewsaa.org](mailto:kmcperson@standrewsaa.org).**

*Congratulations*  
**CLASS OF 2021!**



*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.* - Jeremiah 29:11



# Church School Happenings

Dear families,

Thank you to our families and friends for your presence, participation and standing with us as we tackled this year of remote learning and virtual classes in the Church School ministry. I never expected to be writing at this time reflecting on 16 months of more adjustments, new norms, and a spectrum of loss that has touched most of our lives in some way. My “silver lining” comment from last June remains at the heart of this past year as we worked to learn new avenues to engage with our children and youth. It has been a joyous and enriching experience to witness God’s love and presence so evident within them, revealed in their resilience, care and support for each other, their great faith and abundant love. They are a source of hope that “all shall be well.” Week over week in our classes when we reflect on the light of the Christ Candle, we are reminded that God’s light and eternal love is everywhere for all to see and for all to embrace.

**Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.**

*Deuteronomy 32:2 (NIV)*

## Thank You to Our Church School Teachers!

Our heartfelt thanks to our volunteer teachers. They honor the call of their Baptismal Covenant, doing God’s work, generously sharing their time, talents, and nurturing the children and youth of St. Andrew’s. They have faithfully worked to learn and adapt to serving with new approaches and technologies. You are a blessing!

## Church School Teachers 2020 2021

**Morning Glories Preschool:** Jessica Beemsterboer

**Grades K / 1 / 2:** Liz Halgren, Steve Guest, Kyle Halgren (*assist*)

**Grades 3 / 4 / 5:** Linda Hastings, Melissa Atienza, Sandra Murchison, Michelle Evans (*assist*)

**Middle School:** Sarah Inwood, Lucy Richert, Mil Taylor (*assist*)

**High School:** Steve Hastings, Carol Ferguson

**Capstone/HS Seniors:** Monica Dering, Jeanine Diller

**“... all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.”**

*Revelations of Divine Love,  
Julian of Norwich*

## Summertime & Faith at Home

We are planning to offer a few outside activities for children and youth throughout the summer months. Similar to last summer, a variety of faith formation materials and resources will be emailed weekly for families to use with your Faith at Home customs. If you have a particular need to help support the most meaningful reflection and interests of your child and family, please let me know. Stay tuned and check the Friday announcements as we prepare with hopeful anticipation for our traditional Sunday Church School resuming in September.

## In the Virtual Classroom

### *Preschool through Intermediate Learners*

During late spring as we come to the close of our Church School year, we hear stories from the Book of Acts with the beginning of the Christian Church introducing Peter as the church leader and God’s call for a new leader in Paul.

Early, primary and intermediate learners reflect on how God wants us to spread the “Good News” just as Jesus called his disciples to do. Before Jesus ascends to his Father, he reminds his friends of the old stories and how the prophets foretold God’s promise of his son to save the people. Jesus assures them he will be with them forever and God will send the special gift of the Holy Spirit to help them share with the world all the things that Jesus taught them.

The 3rd – 5th grade class have the opportunity to explore the gift of the Holy Spirit when they gather outside on the church grounds for a Pentecost and Labyrinth activity hosted by the teaching team.

*In faith, hope and love,  
CAROL ANDREWS FERGUSON*





**June 21, 22 & 23**

at First Presbyterian Church  
1432 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor

This year's Vacation Bible School is a scaled back format for health and safety protocols but still features all the great traditions of past years.

The theme of "Travels with Paul" guides children as they travel back in time to 49 A.D. in the days of the early Christian Church. They journey as people of the great cities, Antioch, Corinth, Philippi, Tarsus, and others learning about St. Paul's conversion and travels as a missionary in the Roman world. Enjoy crafts in the "Agora" Marketplace, Olympic games, engaging storytelling, music and movement.

Please feel free to bring a friend to this free event. They will have an amazing time! We partner with our friends from First Baptist, Blue Ocean Faith and our wonderful hosts for over 30 years, First Presbyterian Church. Their beautiful grounds are the perfect place to enjoy a fun Bible time adventure and indeed a wonderful way to start the summer!

Both traditional elements and a few new activities (enhanced music and movement) make this summer kick off so much fun for children and volunteers:

- **Registration Required:** Limited number of participants - approximately 45 per session. Register by June 7!
- **Entirely outside, masks required, no open food, sanitizing stations**
- **Two Daily Sessions:** Morning (10am – Noon) and afternoon (1pm-3pm)
- Fewer children (5-6) in each City Group with the group leader role greatly simplified
- Rotations to Storyteller, Secret Garden, Games and Marketplace for crafts (Approximately 90 min. Total)
- 15 minute pre-rotation gathering and 15 minute closing circle gathering
- **Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed** as small group leaders and assistant leaders, crafters in the marketplace, games, and storytellers.



*Visiting the Marketplace (2019)*



*Gathering as a Tribe (2019)*



*Enjoy crafts in the Marketplace (2019)*



*Volunteers dressed for Bible times (2019)*

**Volunteers Needed!**

**Registration now available!**

**MARKETPLACE VBS EVENT FLYER**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

**CLICK HERE TO VOLUNTEER**

# Tales from the Journey

In late spring our middies youth group explored various well known inspirational scriptures transcending time for each young person to make a connection in their own lives. They reflected on embracing a lifestyle of kindness beyond the concept of random acts and contemplated what it means to be made in God's image found in Psalm 139 "fearfully and wonderfully made." A closing lesson on the changes we have adapted to over this challenging year are opportunities to share our feelings of loss, revere our faith in God's love and hope for the future. A fun game night and an outside activity painting clay pots and planting flowers wraps up our school year. Look to the summer for several youth group activities including a hands-on baking lesson with

Fr. Alan, first-time fundraisers for a future pilgrimage, and a few local/regional outside adventures.

The high school youth group has spent much of this year exploring God's presence in their lives through scripture and the ways we intentionally make a more meaningful personal relationship with God. How do we approach our system of belief and how does this help us to notice and embrace God as part of our faith journey? Topics of discussion include weekly Gospel reflection, faith, doubt, resilience, friendship and prayer. Our intention and hope is our discussions serve as a foundation for more meaningful discernment and spiritual enrichment.

## Senior High School Graduate Recognition

*Sunday, June 6 at 11:30 am on the Front Lawn of the Church*

It has been a wonderful journey with God's guidance that has brought you this far and a privilege and honor for all of us to share in this with you. As you graduate, continue to trust in God to help shape and direct your future. Don't be afraid to fail, it's God's way of saying: "Excuse me, you're moving in the wrong direction."

Wherever your path may lead you, know that St. Andrew's is your home, and we will always be here for you. We wish you hope and happiness this day and pray that God's goodness will follow you throughout the promising years ahead. Congratulations to our 2021 High School Graduates:

***Ben Duncan, Noah Jackson, Temi Kolawole,  
Henry Lukela, Grant Murphy, Peter Nemecek,  
Eleanor Niman, Cody Ross, Anders Ruitter-Feenstra,  
Vincent Tremonti, Taisiya Tworek, Andrew Zwolensky***

Our senior high school grads, their families and guests are invited to a celebration on the front lawn. We'll share a few memorable words for our cherished grads, ask them to share their post high school plans, and welcome Fr. Alan's blessing in this next chapter. We also have gift bags for each graduate including prayer shawls from our ever gracious and kind prayer shawl makers. Look to our website and the June 13 eService Bulletin for a special reflection shared by the graduates.

Blessings and much thanks to the staff, teachers, families, and parishioners for being a vital part of the faith community and creating an environment where children and youth come to know God's love. Thank you for all that you do. May the summer months bring you peace, courage, renewed spirit, a time to reflect on continued silver linings and the joy of God's creation. ✕

## A Special Thank You!

**Thank you to our prayer shawl makers**  
*Alison Cooper, Susan Darrow, Lorraine Field, Julie Lewis, Patricia Lyndale, Barbara Mackey-King, Elaine Mouradian, Lucy Richert, Donna Wessel Walker, JoAn Wetzel, Carole Wortley.*

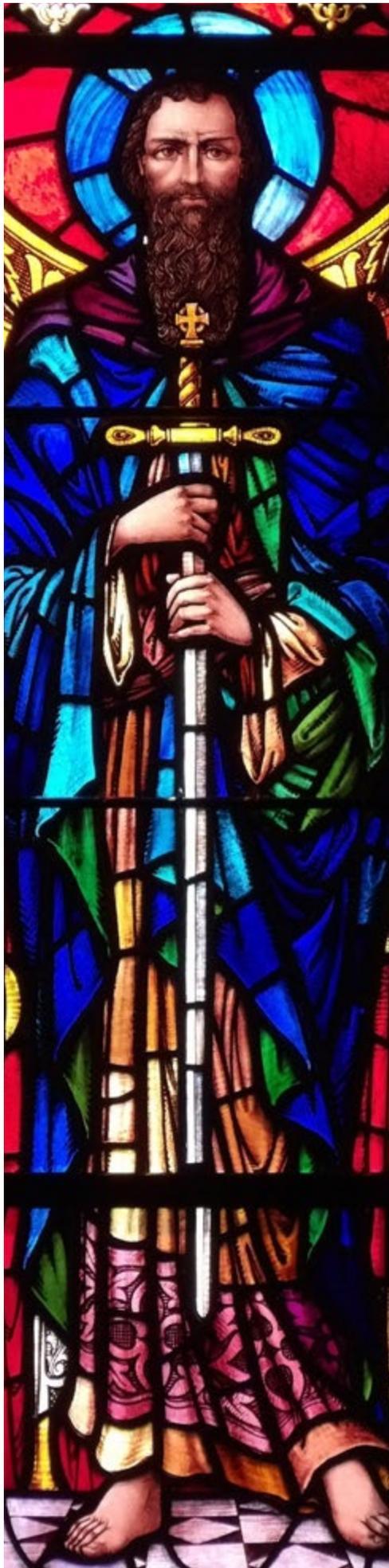
Our knitters have spent the last year creating the shawls and their ever gracious and generous work are fulfilled in the warmth, care and prayers woven into this personal gift.



Especially for this year, the shawls are made with a labor of love that extends well beyond the usual prayer of comfort.

We hope you treasure the shawl and shawl makers whose hearts reflect great love from the whole of St. Andrew's for our beloved graduates.

**CAROL ANDREWS FERGUSON**  
*Director, Children & Youth Ministries*



## Theologically Speaking on Choices

ERIC BRAUN  
*Seminarian Intern*

Going back to school later in life is an interesting experience. I've done it before, maybe you have too. Since graduating from EMU in 1995, which still feels like yesterday even though it clearly was not, I've gone back to school several times. I went for vocational training at the Specs Howard School, I went for a Masters Degree at CMU, and now I'm doing it again in Seminary.

There are lots of things that people won't tell you about the seminary experience, and to be sure, what I'm going through is different than those who have come before, and this Covidtude has only made that more apparent. That's not a criticism. I appreciate the reality that we're all living in, and the choices that my fellow students and seminary colleagues have had to make. But things aren't the same as they were. I miss my friends. I miss sitting with my instructors face to face, and I miss going out together after class. Part of me even longs for an overly-romantic cloistered existence, shuffling back and forth between a dim, candlelit library and one Gothic building or another, but those days are long gone (probably for the better), and in any case, God willing, this fall, things will be different.

I heard someone say years ago, before I ever even thought that ordained ministry would be in my future, I don't remember where, that seminary will either re-affirm your faith, or crush it. That seems pretty stark, and I'm glad to be able to tell you first hand that it's not true. However, what seminary will do is make you question your choices and beliefs, and make no mistake, belief is a choice, but we don't make it all alone.

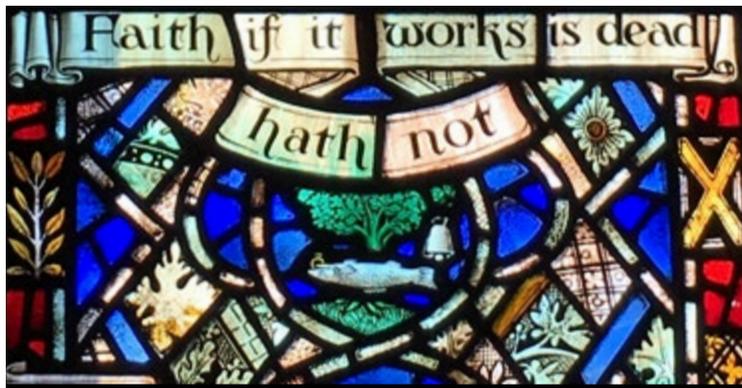
When we're younger, most of us inherit the beliefs of those around us. It starts with family, then we begin to be influenced by our community. Our friends at school, our teachers, and the people we work with, and perhaps most importantly, the people we choose to spend out time with. At some point though, we're confronted with a choice: If each of us is a person of faith, do you believe because you believe? Or because that's what you were taught?

That's not an easy question, and I'll tell you something else about seminary, "What do you believe?" Is the question I've been asked the most. On a good day, I'm happy to answer that question and engage in spirited debate of who said what, what they meant, and what it means today. On a bad day, I want to roll my eyes and wonder why I have to answer that question again.

The thing is that our relationship with faith is always changing. To me, that means that engaging, and re-engaging, wrestling with faith, like Jacob wrestling with God is something we chose to do, or not, and the ability to make that choice is a gift.

At other times, in matters of faith, choices may feel forced upon us, and society doesn't help. I often feel like I have to pick a side: U of M or State? Coke or Pepsi? Marvel or DC (This one still vexes me!)?

Consider one of the classic debates in theology: Paul vs. James.



In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes this:

**<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God- <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.**

(EPHESIANS 2:8-10)

Later, of course comes James, who wrote the following:

**<sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. <sup>24</sup> You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone.**

(JAMES 2:17, 24)

Some people see these lines in opposition to each other. Paul says one thing, James says another, and now we, as believers have to choose between the two. I, however, would like you to consider another option. As we're fond of saying at Bexley-Seabury; "Jesus is a 'both and' kind of guy."

While it might seem that James is contradictory, I see James' observations as a natural extension of the faith that Paul wrote about. Just as our understanding of faith changes, as we continually engage and re-engage, hopefully finding new insights, faith also changes us. I think what James is articulating here is that living our salvation through faith, just as Paul said, means that our hearts are changed, and we might then be motivated, not compelled by an outside force, but moved from within, to go and do.

Faith is not a choice between one thing or the other. Faith often means finding another way. If that sounds daunting, that's because it is, but we don't go through it alone. By the grace of God we can do more. ✕

**Save the Date for . . .  
Flu Shots / Drug Dump Event**

**Sunday, October 17, 2021  
8:30 to 11am at the church**



## Director's Chair

Our virtual production of *Spoon River Anthology* in March was a great success. The material turned

**NORM RICHERT**  
Co-Director, Theater Ministries

out to be imminently adaptable to the Zoom meeting style of virtual production. In some ways, for this play it was even better than in-person theater, because the focus on the individual speaker is so much more narrow, which allows for effective use of facial expressions and gestures. My hat is off to all our wonderful actors—Danielle Augsburger, Rachel Baird, Pelham Barron, Sally Boelter, Eric Braun, Sarah Inwood, Nathan Sten, and Chris Watson—and musicians—Elizabeth Hildinger, Erik Hildinger, and Margaret Nesse. The online presentation also facilitated the fund-raising effort for the 2023 Youth Pilgrimage. Thank you to all the very generous patrons and donors. The production grossed over \$2,000!

My hope had been to follow up *Spoon River Anthology* with a virtual production of *Peter Pan* in June. It became clear after a little reflection that the step to virtual musical theater, with the associated ensemble singing, was simply too steep for us. With sadness and regret, our virtual production for May was canceled. We have rescheduled for May of 2022. Last spring, a year in the future seemed very distant. Who knew? We will take it all a step at a time as things reopen.

It has been important to me to keep the company of Players engaged. What we are doing in lieu of a spring musical is an activity strictly for fun. Each Monday evening some of us gather on Zoom to read through Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Each week we reshuffle the various parts, so besides just enjoying the story it is like a little actor's workshop. We have an amazing collection of actors, who never fail to amaze me.

The recent passing of Steve Jones was a shock to all of us in the St. Andrew's theater community. Steve was a faithful and loyal Players participant since long before I became involved in theater. His presence and wry humor will be dearly missed. His recent performances that come to mind include the Stage Manager in *Our Town*, which seemed to be written for him, and roles in *Diary of Ann Frank* and *Annie*.

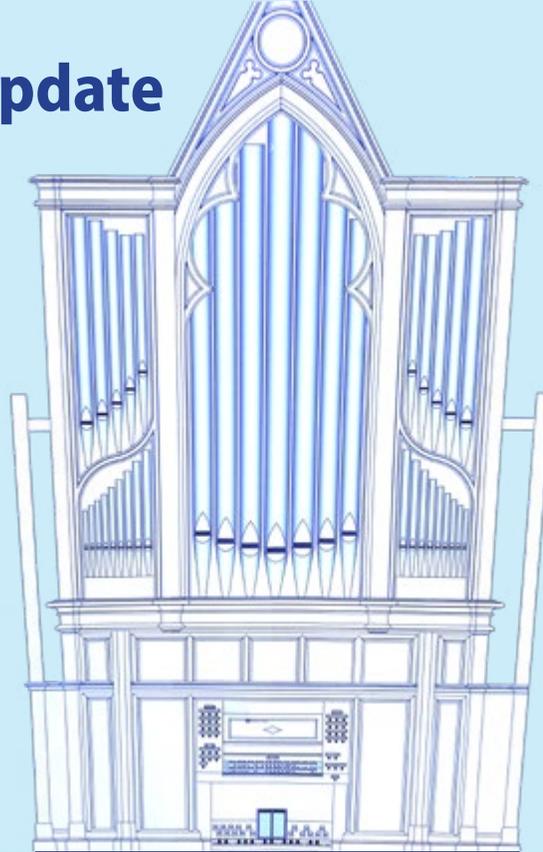
*Requiescat in pace*, Steve. You are a reminder of how what we love about our St. Andrew's family is built on the efforts of those who have gone before. Your contribution will not be soon forgotten. ✕

# Organ Project Update

MICHAEL FIELD & HARRY MCLAUGHLIN  
for the Organ Committee

During the time when we were not able to be in the church building, the renovation and acoustical enhancement of the church have been nearly completed, and the result has been on display in our Sunday morning video services.

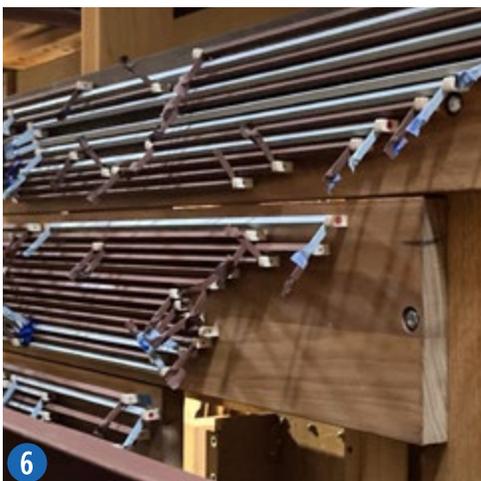
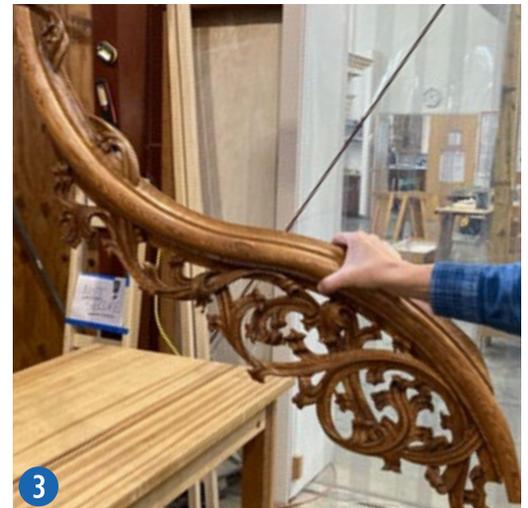
Throughout the pandemic the organ builder in Tennessee continues to work. The organ case and pipes are nearing completion; the keyboards are in; most components are ready. Like many businesses they have had to adapt to working under Covid



restrictions, and their supply chain for the few items they do not manufacture themselves has been disrupted. These disruptions are being slowly resolved.

At this point the installers still do not feel safe traveling. As soon as we know more an announcement will be made to the parish. As eager as we are to see and hear the new instrument, the organ builder is equally eager to get it to us.

We appreciate your patience and continued support. ✕



## PHOTO CAPTIONS

### This Page

- 1 Lead sheets for pipes
- 2 Completed pipes
- 3 A piece of trim
- 4 Pipe fittings
- 5 Straight Linkages
- 6 Tracker linkages
- 7 The box for the windchest

### Next Page

- 8 Mechanical key action for Great & Pedal
- 9 The organ case
- 10 Pipes for the low notes
- 11 A space for the registers (keyboards)
- 12 Completed pipes in storage
- 13 A pipe maker at work
- 14 Treble pipes in progress
- 15 Pedal linkages



8



9



10



11



12



13



14



15