

Formation & Ministry



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH • MORNING PRAYER

"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

- 1 Peter 4:10

This summer our 2020 graduates were able to enjoy a taste of normalcy during their drive-in recognition service complete with prayer shawls and homemade cupcakes.

In recent weeks, children at St. Andrew's have returned to classes in virtual spaces thanks to our volunteer teachers and their creative adaptations.

Vigorous discussions are again being held during Thursday Bible study on Zoom and flu shots are scheduled to take place on October 18.

Through it all, the Breakfast continues to serve a meal seven days a week thanks to their quick transition to carry-out meals and same-household volunteer teams.

We've been busy with: Formation & Ministry



Virtual Church School: Classes are held on Zoom each week for children and youth of all ages



Faith at Home: Weekly emails are sent to Church School families with lessons and activities for all ages



In June we held a **drive-in service** for our 2020 graduates



Rehearsals for the fall play are underway on Zoom



Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 10am on Zoom



On August 16 the Breakfast celebrated **38 years of serving anyone in need**



Virtual **spring/fall food drives** raised **\$6,554** for Food Gatherers - that's almost 20,000 meals!



Social Justice Ministry is holding events virtually

Watch this service on YouTube

Sunday, October 11
at 10:00 am

SERVICE LINK:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkK2EnnuhP_EECpxvjO_zw

Then join us for Coffee Hour on Zoom!

Sunday, October 11
at 10:45 am

Log-in information for this Zoom meeting can be found in the Saturday 'Service Links' email or you can send an email to Fr. Alan: agibson@standrewsaa.org.

Navigating this Service: A "full text" pdf of our Morning Prayer is available [HERE](#) or you can follow the service using the Book of Common Prayer, starting with page 75.

Prelude: *Adagio (Sonata no. 4 in a minor, Wq. 70.4)*

Carl Phillip Emmanuel Bach (1714-1788)

Stewardship Talk

Luke Thompson

Introit: *Change Ring*

The St. Andrew's Cherub and Junior Handchime Choir

Opening Hymn: *We the Lord's People*

Hymnal, no. 51

1 We the Lord's peo - ple, heart and voice u - nit - ing, praise him who
 2 This is the Lord's house, home of all his peo - ple, school for cre -
 3 This is the Lord's day, day of God's own mak - ing, day of the
 4 In the Lord's ser - vice bread and wine are of - fered, that Christ may
 called us out of sin and dark-ness in - to his own light,
 faith - ful, ref - uge for the sin - ner, rest for the pil - grim,
 a - tion, day of re - sur - rec - tion, day of the Spi - rit,
 take them, bless them, break, and give them to all his peo - ple,
 that he might a - noint us a roy - al priest-hood.
 ha - ven for the wea - ry; all find a wel - come.
 sign of hea - ven's ban - quet, day for re - joic - ing.
 his own life im - par - ting, food ev - er - last - ing.

Opening Sentences

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 78

Confession

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 79

Preces

Hymnal, no. S-33
Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80



New Avenues for Ministry

Many of our ministries and committees have returned to 'business as usual' with **virtual meetings and socially distant events**. Coffee Hour, Bible Study, Church School, Youth Groups, Vestry and Finance Committee meetings (*and many others!*) have all shifted to online gatherings for the time being.



Faith at Home

During the 2019-20 school year, **the Church School had more than 100 children and youth enrolled**. When in-person classes were no longer possible Carol Ferguson began a weekly Faith at Home email with multiple curriculum options for all ages, crafts and activity sheets, and additional resources for families.



Serving Breakfast

As it has for 38 years, the Breakfast continues to serve meals every morning. Utilizing same-household volunteers, meals of a granola bar, cold cereal, milk, fruit, hard boiled egg, sweet and coffee are **packaged for guests to 'grab and go'** each morning to help protect the health of our guests and volunteers.



Protecting Yourself & Others

Masks are required and social distancing is observed while on church property. The building is cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis paying special care to high-touch areas such as door handles. A donation of masks and face shields from General Motors, arranged by Jim Cain, greatly assist our safety efforts.

Invitatory

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 80

Venite

Enriching Our Worship, no. 159



Come, let us sing / to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of / our salvation.
Let us come before God's presence / with thanksgiving
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.

The sea is yours, / for you made it,
and your hands have mold/ed the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and / bend the knee,
and kneel before the / Lord our Maker.

For you are a / great God;
you are great a/bove all gods.
In your hands are the caverns / of the earth,
and the heights of the / hills are yours also.

For you / are our God,
and we are the people / of your pasture
and the sheep / of your hand.
Oh, that today we would / hearken to your voice!

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,



2019 "In-Kind" Outreach Giving

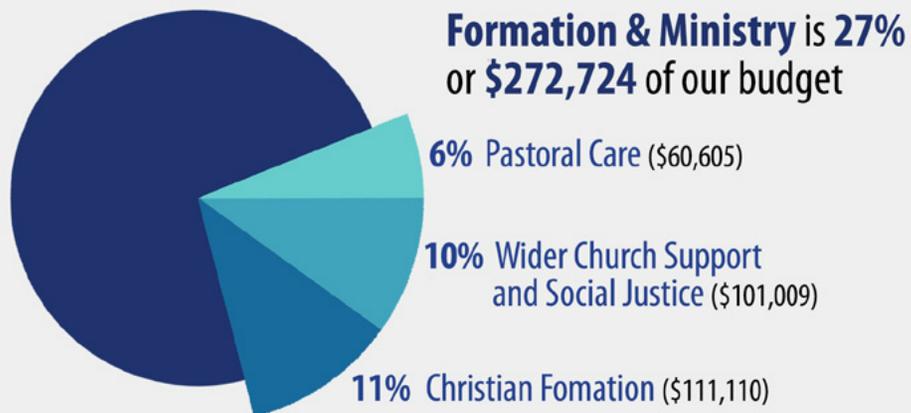
Monies and goods contributed by the parish throughout the year

Ann Arbor Community Center <i>(54 adult gifts @ \$60 & 268 kids gifts @ \$50)</i>	\$16,640
Food Drive for Food Gatherers <i>(cash donations, 2x/year + estimated retail value of food items)</i>	\$10,000
CROP Walk <i>(Fall 2019)</i>	\$442
Episcopal Relief and Development <i>(approximate)</i>	\$300
United Thank Offering <i>(First Sunday in Advent, 2019)</i>	\$170
Breakfast Donations from Individuals <i>(May and November Fundraising Letters)</i>	\$38,196
Bishop of Jerusalem Good Friday Offering	\$236
Habitat for Humanity Build <i>(Fall 2019)</i>	\$3,000
Winter Personal Care Items Drive <i>(approximate)</i>	\$2,000
Spring Sock/Footcare Item Drive <i>(approximate)</i>	\$2,000
TOTAL <i>(estimated)</i>	\$72,984

2019 Gift Ingathering

Your pledge dollars at work

For every dollar spent at St. Andrew's 27¢ goes to Formation & Ministry



Formation & Ministry pays for: Parish Health Seminars · Shut-in Flowers · Diocesan Apportionment · Social Justice Ministry Events · Children & Youth Director Salary · Nursery Caregivers · Drama Productions · Rector Salary · Coffee Hour · AED Maintenance · Confirmation Materials **and much more!**

you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Canticle: *The First Song of Isaiah*

Hymnal, no. S-213

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 86

The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Sermon

Fr. Alan Gibson

In the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Perhaps by necessity, or maybe it was just the unanticipated wake-up call, but the Covid pandemic has caused individuals, institutions and governments to look carefully at how we spend what we have, and how to plan for the best use of resources that may or may not be available in the near and long term. For the foreseeable future, we will spend our money only on what is important. Of course, that will mean different things for different people. Which means we will learn a lot about ourselves, as what we value most is revealed. The decisions we make, and the actions they lead us to, will shape our priorities and hopes for a long time to come.

Today's assignment: Talk About Money, or to put it in more polite terms, Preach the Annual Giving Appeal Sermon. Not wanting to add to any sense of panic that may be brewing, let's just take a deep breath, state the obvious, and move on. Money is tight, the future is more uncertain than ever, we are all worried -- which changes nothing; and life will continue. As we go forward, much of what we do will have to be done in new and different ways. We will adapt and do the best we can. With each of life's challenges, that's what we've always done. That will not change.

As a way to maintain your worship discipline, some of you have been watching the Sunday morning live stream from the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. It is my favorite place to visit in our nation's capital. Like most churches it was built and is maintained by gifts large and small. You can hardly turn in any direction without being confronted with a piece of history, and those who made it who have been memorialized there by someone who remembered them.

Each flying buttress, each stained-glass window, each chair, and prayer book are given in memory of someone. On one trip I made notes of some of my favorites, such as the sprinkler system in the Bishop's Garden, given in memory of Frank Gardiner Wisner. Very practical. But the memorial I seek out each time I've visited is a carving in a wall in one of the other gardens. It reads:

*An azalea bed planted A.D. 1943
By All Hallow's Guild in memory of
James E. Freeman, DD, LLD, DCL
Third Bishop of Washington*

I know nothing of James E. Freeman, his life or his ministry, except that a group of women, and they had to be women, since most able-bodied men were off at the war, which in the spring of 1943 was not going too well for the allies; these women thought enough of James E. Freeman to plant some azaleas in his memory, and have a stone carved to commemorate the effort.

The azaleas are gone now. On a J2A Pilgrimage, I saw that in their place there is now a manicured lawn and a row of well-tended, ornamental trees. But the stone, worn by nearly eighty years of exposure to the elements, is still there.

What fascinates me about this, is that at a time of global strife and uncertainty, with the future looking pretty grim, a group of people got together and took what they had, which couldn't have been much after a decade of the Depression and wartime rationing, to do something for the church they loved, and to remember an individual who was a vital part of a community's life that they shared and continued.

I've never seen any other memorial to Bishop Freeman, and in the years to come, what's left of this modest one will wear away. The azaleas of 1943 are gone, as are probably most of the women who planted them. But they are not forgotten, because they left a legacy. Their hands planted other gardens, and cooked church suppers, and taught Sunday School lessons, knitted prayer shawls, held hymnals, babies, and the hands of sick friends, polished silver, poured coffee, played pianos, wiped away tears, wrote checks, made phone calls, sent notes, were open to receive the sacrament, and fervently clasped in prayer. They used what they had, whatever God gave them, to praise God and do God's work in the world in their time.

Do I know them? No, but God does and so does someone who calls that big monument of a church in Washington, DC, their spiritual home. Because someone on a spring morning in 1943, with a husband somewhere overseas, a small child to care for, and a million other things to tend to and worry about on her own, took the time to plant some azaleas, or to do something, as an act of prayer and thanksgiving to God. Because someone gave, someone else is closer to God for it. That's true in every church, be it a monumental cathedral, a remote rural chapel, or our own St. Andrew's.

We all leave something of ourselves behind that we create out of the gifts God has given us, that reflects our priorities and our hopes. Each of us is here because of something someone gave of themselves to make this place, and our presence here, even virtual, possible. We are their legacy and they live on in us. Each day we stand as a monument to God working in people's

lives. What we give of ourselves now, as we face our own uncertain future, to support the work of this church, will have an impact today and farther into the future than we can imagine.

For those who have already submitted a pledge card to indicate your support for the coming year, I thank you. For those who haven't, I ask that you prayerfully consider not only what your circumstances will allow, but what hopes you hold for the future and where St. Andrew's and this community fit into those very personal priorities. What we do here, if it is truly a response to God working in our lives, will not only be important to us and to those who come after us, but it will be important to God, too.

Apostles Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 96

The Prayers

Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Voluntary: *Canterbury Chimes*

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Concluding Versicle

Hymnal, no. S-54

Closing Hymn: *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*

Hymnal, no. 345

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise
*2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;
4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day;
peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;
thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Postlude: *A Joyful Ring*

Barbara Kinyon (b. 1929)

St. Dunstan Handbell Choir

Calendar

Sunday, October 11
Virtual Church School
8:45 am on Zoom

Morning Prayer
10:00 am on YouTube

Virtual Coffee Hour
10:45 am on Zoom

Wednesday, October 14
Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 pm in the Church

Virtual Youth Groups
7pm MS / 8pm HS on Zoom

Thursday, October 15
Bible Study
10:00 am on Zoom

Cherub Handchimes
4:30 pm in the Church

Jr. Handbell Choir
5:15 pm in the Church

Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:15 pm on Zoom

Sunday, October 18
Flu Shots
8:30-11:30 am in the Chapel

Virtual Church School
8:45 am on Zoom

Morning Prayer
10:00 am on YouTube

Virtual Coffee Hour
10:45 am on Zoom

Masks are required for all in-person events



2021 ANNUAL GIVING

We have heard from 84% of our Early Givers.
A total of 37 families have committed \$278,138
for 31% of the \$900,000 goal for 2021.

Upcoming Events

Send In Your Pledge Card!

Next Sunday, October 18 is Stewardship Sunday; if we were in church this would be the day you completed and turned in your pledge card. **We ask that you take time this week to prayerfully consider your gifts and how you can respond, as generously as you are able, to help maintain our church home and ministries with a pledge to the 2021 Annual Giving Campaign.** There is no deadline for turning in your pledge, but doing so soon will help us save postage on follow-up mailings.

Sign Up Now for Coventry Suppers!

Coventry Suppers have a long history in the Episcopal Church. During World War II, bombings nearly destroyed England's Coventry Cathedral. As a way of keeping their community together, parishioners held evening suppers in their homes. They are a great way to get to know other parishioners, and to strengthen relationships with parishioners already known. This year, because of social distancing, each group will start as a Zoom gathering but may eventually progress to in-person gatherings.

Those who are interested will be assigned groups of approximately eight people. The dates and times of meetings will be decided upon by group members each time they meet. Meetings could go many directions: they could be shared conversation over a glass of wine and appetizers or simply coffee and dessert.

If you are interested in joining this annual St. Andrew's tradition of fellowship and shared meals contact Susan Wakefield (susan.e.wakefield@gmail.com) by Monday, October 12.

Discussion Groups on *White Fragility*

This book seems to be on everyone's reading list right now. We are happy to offer you the opportunity to study the book in a small group led by a peer.

Each group will meet for three weekly sessions on Zoom; you must commit to coming to all three. Daytime and evening groups will start before the end of the month. Contact Shirley Harden (shirley.e.harden@gmail.com, 734-674-0951) to ask questions, register and choose your time preference for the three-meeting series.

LEARN & SHARE with SJM

Beginning this month, the Social Justice Ministry will offer a series called LEARN & SHARE, to provide opportunities to explore issues of racism and social injustice, by reading and talking together. As a Christian community, we want and need to become more informed and learn how we can help change racist patterns. Books and articles on the topics are plentiful— but with so much information available, it's hard to know where to start. The LEARN & SHARE series is dedicated to helping each other get started.

Our goal in learning and listening together in this series is to help each other recognize and understand and eliminate attitudes and behaviors that keep racism alive: in our own personal beliefs and experience, and in our social, political, economic, and educational structures.

Our first book selection is STAMPED: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds. It is designed as a starting point, particularly intended for young adults, and appropriate for adults of all ages. The online discussion for this first session will take place on Saturday, November 14 from 10-11:30 am.

To sign up for this first LEARN & SHARE session on STAMPED: Racism, Antiracism, and You, and for information on finding the book, please get in touch with session leaders **Jude Wilson** (judelwilson@gmail.com, 734-604-1627) and **Patricia Bard** (PBard460@aol.com, 734-677-4548).

Supporting St. Andrew's

Once you've submitted your pledge card for 2021, we have several different methods of financial giving!

Automatic Withdrawal of Offerings (ACH)

ACH withdrawal is made once per month from your bank account. If you are interested in establishing ACH as your giving method please visit standrewsaa.org/donate.html.

Give Online with WeShare

Did you know you can pay your pledge or give a general offering to St. Andrew's online? Visit standrewsaa.weshareonline.org to set up recurring or one-time donations!

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

If you are 72 years old or older, have an IRA, and pay taxes, you can make pledge payments directly from your IRA to St. Andrews via QCD. Contact Kim Tucker-Gray at ktuckergray@standrewsaa.org to get started.

Traditional Payments

Pledge payments and other financial giving can still be sent to the church by mail. Please indicate in the memo line of your check if your gift is for your pledge payment.

Did you receive your 2021 Pledge Card?

Campaign materials were mailed to the parish in mid-September. *If you haven't received a pledge card:* Please contact Kathy McPherson at kmcpherson@standrewsaa.org.