



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.

Happy Groundhog Day!



The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Ann Kash
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash
Lector: Jim Swan
Usher: Kelley Kash
Vestry Announcer: Terry Marsh

The worship booklet for the 8:00am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Judy Weislogel
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Nancy Gault
Lectors: Jeanne Titherington & Martha Dodge
Ushers: Martha Dodge & Jennifer Meade
Livestream Operator: Kirk Holbrook
Vestry Announcer: Sara Sandberg

The worship booklet for the 10:00am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#). This service is also livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or recorded.

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)
You can get to our YouTube channel by clicking [here](#)
You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)

Readings for Sunday, February 5 can be found on the Lectionary Page website.

If you would like to access the website, please [click here](#)

Outreach First Sunday plate recipient: Haiti

St. Andrew's has had a long history supporting Haiti due in large part to the efforts of Susie and Frazier Meade. In addition to supporting Haiti by purchasing items at the many Haitian Art sales we have had, this month we are supporting Haiti as our Outreach First Sunday plate recipient. Frazier Meade writes:

"When you ask Haitians what they value most for their children, the answer is education. St. Andrew's Church has helped support a small school in the village of Figaro, outside the big town of Gros Morne, for nearly twenty five years. Despite the gang violence that has beset Haiti, the Episcopal parish priest, Pere Colbert Estil, has kept the school open and the children learning. Rampant inflation has stripped our ability to feed the children, but they do get a good education."

All plate cash at each service this Sunday will be given to support our mission in Haiti. If you would like to donate by check, please make it out to St. Andrew's Church with "Haiti Fund" in the memo line. (The bank will not deposit checks made out to the Haiti Fund directly). You may put your check in the offertory plate on Sunday or mail it to the church at PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553

Thank you.



St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, March 5

ANNUAL MEETING

9:00am, followed by the Annual Meeting in the undercroft.

St. Andrew's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, March 5 (snow date March 12). There will be a single service at

Please note: Annual reports should be sent to the office email: stasnew@tidewater.net and should be received no later than Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Undercroft Floor work to begin - We Need Your Help

The property committee is pleased to announce that the undercroft will receive a new floor beginning Monday 06 February. The project should take about 2 weeks to complete.

On Sunday, 05 February, immediately after the 10 am service's coffee hour, a variety of objects and furniture items need to be relocated. More hands will help make this work move quickly and efficiently.

Please plan on staying after the service and coffee hour to lend help as we prepare for the work crew arriving early Monday morning.

Speak with Jim Swan (310-628-1453) with any questions and we look forward to seeing you in the undercroft, Sunday morning following the 10 o'clock service and coffee hour.

Lenten Book Discussion

Breathing Under Water

By Richard Rohr

Led by Jeanne Titherington

Starting Sunday, February 28th after the 10am service

Breathing Under Water, by Richard Rohr is the most impactful book on spirituality that I have read in a long, long time. Its insights are meant as a challenge as much as a comfort and are presented to aid in our pursuit of a more fulfilling relationship with Christ.

Father Richard Rohr is a Franciscan priest living in New Mexico and is the founder of the Center of Action and Contemplation. Rohr is also a recovering alcoholic. In *Breathing Under Water*, Rohr uses AA's Twelve Steps as chapter titles and springboards for his essays. However, this is **not** a piece of AA literature. Rather, the book is meant to be a kind of road map for those of us wishing to find and follow the way of Christ.

You will need to purchase your own book (around \$12 in paperback). It is available at the bookstore or online. Please contact Suzannah if the cost is too much for you. The class will be held in the church library.



The Flower Guild is starting up again

The flower guild has been reorganized for 2023. If you would like to give flowers in memory or thanksgiving for someone special on a particular Sunday during the year, you may contact Sally Pearce (757-345-1502 or salpearce1943@icloud.com). You can let her know what type/color of flowers you would like along with who you are giving them in honor of. The cost is \$60/Sunday. The flower guild will get the information from Sally and arrange for the flowers and have them on the altar for your Sunday.

If you would like to be part of the flower guild ministry, please contact the church office. The guild arranges for the altar flowers and decorates the church with flowers at Christmas and Easter.

Ecumenical Food Pantry

The food pantry continues to gratefully accept food donations from the community. This policy has not changed. Their only requests are that packages have not been opened, and the product is not out of date. The best times to drop items off at the food pantry (Second Congo Church) are as follows:

Monday morning, 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Tuesday morning, 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Coffee Hours this Sunday

This Sunday, there will be coffee hours in the undercroft after each of the services hosted by Marilyn Cheney and Martha Elliott after the 8am service and by Gail Thompson after the 10am service. Please come for coffee, goodies and fellowship

New Pictorial Parish Directory

We are currently working on an updated pictorial directory for the church. If you would like to update your picture or any information on your profile, please send the changes to the church office by Monday, February 6. Thank you.



Snowy Weather

In case of snowy weather, please check your email or the church phone message (563-3533) for any service changes due to the weather.

NEW GATHERING/WARMING CENTER NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The 2nd Congregational Church will be the site of a new venture for our community. This is the collaboration of many local organizations, businesses and churches. The plan is to offer Companionship, Warmth and Food to anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 until 2:00. The idea is to have a "soft" opening on Monday, February 6th and continue until April 1st as a seasonal effort. Future efforts will be determined by the response.

Volunteers are needed for multiple roles, primarily as hosts at the Center, but also to provide snacks, desserts and lunch items. The Main Street Market has offered to provide ingredients but a coordinator for the lunches is still needed. If that role, hosting, or providing snacks or desserts is something you might be interested in, or if you have questions, please contact Edie Vaughan at evaughan@tidewater.net or 677-6085.

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM
Zoom Meeting ID:

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday
Zoom Meeting ID:

Intercessory Prayer List

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Alex Place, Mark Place, Donna Badgley, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Victoria, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, David Harris, Peter Blanchard, John Banta, The Sikora Family, Eileen, Tim Badgley

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