



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, June 1 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.



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

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Guest Preacher: The Ven. Imad Zoorob

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash

Lector: Brett Donham

Usher: Kelley Kash

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Altar Guild: Laurie Gray

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sherrie Holbrook

Lectors: Martha Elliott & Kay Liss

Ushers: Ed Ross & Kay Liss

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Vestry Announcer: Lili Pugh

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).

The 10am service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or from a recording.

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

You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)

Readings for Sunday, June 4 can be found on the Lectionary Page website.

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

Once you are at lectionarypage.net, you may choose **NEW Resource:** [RCL Daily Readings](#). If you scroll to the bottom you can sign up to receive daily readings via your email.

Our Guest Preacher for this Sunday, June 4 is The Ven. Imad Zoorob

Please welcome The Ven. Imad Zoorob as our guest preacher today. He and his wife, Hind are here from Beirut, Lebanon to celebrate their son Ralph's graduation from Lincoln Academy.

First Sunday Outreach Recipient for June is [Trinity Jubilee Center](#)

The plate cash at both services this Sunday will be donated to Trinity Jubilee Center in Lewiston. Trinity's programs help people overcome hunger and homelessness by providing hot meals, healthy groceries, diapers, and shelter. You may also make a check out to Trinity Jubilee Center and place it in the plate or mail it to St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. Thank you.

Victoria Munsey Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service on Thursday, June 8, at 11:00am at St. Andrew's Church for Victoria Munsey, Suzanne Nelis' sister. There will be a reception in the undercroft following the service.

Note about the music for June 4:

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains" was written by John Thornburg (b. 1954), a United Methodist minister. In his words: "I got the commission just before traveling to Alaska, and while there, got to see all manner of things I'd never seen before including bald eagles, moose, salmon running, etc. I got to pondering the relation of the wind to the eagle's wing, and found myself saying, 'God, the updraft of the eagle....' When I got home, I disciplined myself on paper to write, 'God, the...'" and then to see how many things I could name. It all started with that. Interestingly, the original phrase didn't make it into the final draft."

Stanza one focuses on God, the Creator of the natural order. Stanza two summarizes God's acts of deliverance in *Exodus*. Stanza three draws upon images of food in the New Testament — "vineyard," "wheat," and "harvest" — leading ultimately to an image of the Eucharist.

The final stanza, beginning with "God, the unexpected infant," traces the birth and ministry of Christ in four short phrases. The author comments on this phrase: "I've been criticized for the use of the phrase 'unexpected infant' in stanza four, to the effect that some think I've never read the prophecy of Isaiah. I customarily respond, 'I have read the prophet Isaiah, but I've also read the Gospel of Luke, and according to Luke, Mary was surprised!'" - Sean Fleming

St. Andrew's Foyer Dinners: There is still time to sign up....

Foyer dinner groups are currently being formed to run from June to September. We hope to get as many people involved as possible. The Foyer dinners were a huge success before we had to discontinue them because of Covid, and many of us are looking forward to participating again. The program will be organized by the Vestry this year, in order to keep the whole task from falling onto one or two people. Each individual group will be led by a member of the Vestry, with the overall program being administered by Laurie Gray and Martha Elliott.

If you have already signed up, you should be hearing from your group leader soon. If you haven't signed up, there is still time. Sign up sheets are in the back of the church, and downstairs during coffee hour or you may contact the church office at 207-563-3533.

Holy Women, Holy Men Mechthild of Magdeburg, Mystic

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew's during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one of more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them

because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time.

This week we remember Mechthild of Magdeburg. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

Changes to our Programs at St. Andrew's

If you would like to read the letter that was previously emailed, regarding the staffing changes that will go into effect in July of this year, please click [here](#)

To summarize, as part of the ongoing effort to reduce the budget deficit, the finance committee recommended that the vestry cut the Christian Formation position and reduce the music program. The vestry decided to make the staff reductions over two years instead of one, for the sake of the people holding these positions. This left us with a deficit, but one which is much more manageable.

- The Christian Formation position will end at the end of June
- The choir will continue as it has before, except they will sing through the second Sunday in June instead of all the Sundays in June. They will resume, as usual, after Labor Day.
- Music at the 8:00am service will be reduced to one Sunday a month beginning in July

These changes were discussed and agreed upon through meetings with Sherrie, Sean, Linda, John and Suzannah.

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:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.

Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced. To be included on the email list for announcements,

Lincoln County Unity and Community Pride

Pride Celebration for Teens - The Skidompha Library is hosting a **Pride Celebration for Teens** next Wednesday, June 7th. View their Facebook post for more info: [Skidompha Pride Celebration](#)

Pride Parade - In celebration of Pride month, you are invited to join Lincoln County Unity & Community Pride parade, Saturday 24 June at 10 am starting at the Newcastle Veteran's Memorial Park. Following an opening prayer by our own Rector, Suzannah Rohman, and welcoming comments from the organizing committee the parade will start up main street, culminating at Rising Tide. Comments from the leaders of Lincoln County's LGBTQIA+ community will end the parade with an invitation to enjoy music, food, and tables of pride merchandise and information on being an empowered ally.

If you would like to view the poster for the **Unity & Community Pride Event** in Newcastle & Damariscotta on Saturday, June 24, please click [here](#)

Check out the calendar **Equality Maine** published for additional Pride events:
[Pride 2023 Calendar | EqualityMaine](#)

Upcoming concert

Tapestry Singers and St. Cecilia Chamber Choir
present: *John Rutter Requiem & Gloria*

Saturday, June 10 at 7:30pm

Sunday, June 11 at 4:00pm

Damariscotta Baptist Church

On Saturday, June 10 at 7:30 and Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 Tapestry Singers and St. Cecilia Chamber Choir will share the concert stage at Damariscotta Baptist Church. The choirs will perform two of the best-loved works of English composer, John Rutter, Requiem and Gloria. The choirs will be accompanied by full instrumentation and Sean Fleming on the organ.

Tickets are \$15. Advance purchase recommended on the website: tapestrysingersmaine.org

HABITAT 7 RIVERS MAINE CLEAN UP DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023

Habitat's Critical Home Repair program provides vital home repairs throughout the region to our neighbors in need. As one homeowner said of the repairs to her home, "Your hard work on winterizing our home and making it safe and accessible for my husband meant the world to us. Your support in such a difficult time in our lives was greatly appreciated."

We're organizing a cleanup effort on Saturday, June 17th, returning to some of the homes where we've made repairs to clean up debris (some from our work, some that preceded our team) from the yard. We need to form 2 teams of 6-8 people to help us accomplish this goal.

For more information, contact Debbie Atwood, Donor & Volunteer Engagement Specialist
debbie@habitat7rivers.org | 207-504-9334

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, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, David Harris, Peter Blanchard, John Banta, The Sikora Family, Eileen

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