



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, September 28, 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

Care of Creation

October 1, 2023

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

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Altar Guild: Terry Marsh
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh
Lector: Jim Swan
Ushers: Jack & Carol Dexter
Vestry Announcer: Terry Marsh

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: Laurie Gray
Lectors: Jeanne Titherington & Fred Kraeuter
Ushers: Cindy Freese & Fred Kraeuter
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Vestry Announcer: Laurie Gray

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](#)

Lincoln County LGBTQIA+ Teen's event at St. Andrew's Church

"We are proud to host the first in a series of drop-in events for Lincoln County

**Lincoln County
LGBTQ+ and Ally Youth Meet
Up!**

Friday, September 29
5:00pm - 6:00pm
FAQs Here



Calling all Lincoln County LGBTQ+ youth and allies aged 14-18! Join your peers for a back-to-school social!

There will be free food, arts and crafts, and more! Reach out to your advisor with any questions!

All attendees agree to be safe and respectful of others.

LGBTQIA+ teens and allies. Friday, 29 September from 2:30 – 6:00pm in the undercroft and we need your help to support this group of amazing young people.

1. We're supplying snacks, drinks, and a sandwich bar. Food-stuffs for sandwich creation (loaves of bread, sliced meats and cheeses, lettuce, tomatoes, mustards, mayo, pickles....and of course peanut butter and jelly). Cookies, brownies, and other sweat treats are all welcome. Please drop your contributions off at the church kitchen Friday, 29 September between noon and 2 pm.
2. The kids would love to decorate the space they'll be hanging out in as well as create some unique arts and crafts projects. To that end we've created an Amazon Wish List which can be found at this link. Click on the link, select an item or two to sponsor, check out and the item will be delivered to Lincoln Academy's GSTA student advisor who will bring them with their students. <https://amzn.to/3LwPXjB>

For questions or for more information speak with Jim Swan at 310-628-1453." You may also click [here](#) to view the poster for the event.

October's First Sunday Outreach Recipient: The Haiti Fund

This Sunday, at both services, the plate cash and checks written to St. Andrew's Church with Haiti Fund in the memo line will be collected for Haiti. You may also send checks to St. Andrew's at PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. Please help us support this important outreach mission.

Note about the music for October 1

Hymnologist C. Michael Hawn offered a detailed assessment of Fred Pratt Green's hymn "For the fruits of all creation" (we will sing the singular "fruit") in *Sing with Understanding*, 3rd ed. (2022). Here are some excerpts:

Fred Pratt Green shifts the perspective from admiration of the natural created order. He focuses instead on the sustainability of creation, the interdependence of all nations, and the partnership between Creator and humanity in caring for the earth and each other. . . . [T]his hymn combines our gratitude to God for the bounties of the earth with our responsibility to care for our neighbor through "the harvests we are sharing." Green's concern for justice and a social gospel is often evident in his hymns.

Creation is an ongoing event in the theology of this hymn. God continues to be actively involved in the future of the planet through humans' sustainable activities and the natural resources stored for our "future needs." The poet replaces the nearly ubiquitous use of past tense present in earlier hymns—"God made"—with present participles in the first stanza, implying that creation remains ongoing on the living organism that we call earth. - Sean Fleming



Blessing of the Animals at St. Andrew's

October 3 (Tuesday) at 4:00pm - We will have an outdoor liturgy to celebrate creation, the life of St. Francis, and to bless the animals who are special in our lives. Please bring your pets or a picture of your pet to be blessed. We will meet in the St. Andrew's Church parking lot.



Altar Flowers

If you are interested in giving Sunday flowers in memory or thanksgiving for a loved one, please contact Sally Pearce to arrange the date you would prefer. You may choose type and/or color of the flowers and the flower guild will arrange for them. The cost is \$60/Sunday.

Coffee Hour

There are opportunities this fall to host coffee hours after the 8am and 10am Sunday services. The sign-up sheet is by the kitchen in the undercroft. If you are interested and have never hosted before, or would like to sign up via email, please contact Jim Swan or Sara Sandberg

Please note: There will be no Wednesday Healing Service this Wednesday, October 4.

Holy Women, Holy Men Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria

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 Euphrosyne/Smaragdus of Alexandria. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her/him.

John Dieffenbacher-Krall

The Executive Director of the Wabanaki Alliance, John Dieffenbacher-Krall, preached last Sunday at St. Andrew's 8:00 and 10:00 AM services. His topic was "Living into the Biblical Imperative to Do Justice: How Do We Stand in Solidarity with Wabanaki Nations?"

If you would like to read his sermon, please click [here](#)



Covenant for Care of Creation St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Newcastle, Maine

At its last meeting, St. Andrew's Vestry approved the Covenant for Care of Creation which was written by the EarthKeepers group at St. Andrew's. Below is the preamble:

Because we want to share our strong love of God and God's Creation, we will undertake activities in the 2023-2024 Creation Year like those proposed below. In July 2024 we will reevaluate the events specified in this current Covenant and revitalize our activities accordingly.

If you would like to read the covenant in its entirety, please click [here](#)

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

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays
All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.
Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced.

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, Nathan 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 & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, Beth, Shelby Owen, Peter Blanchard, Hester Stuhlman

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Junior Warden: Sara Sandberg - Clerk: Terry Marsh
Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash
Ministers: All Members of the Parish

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