



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, September 26, 2024

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

September 29, 2024

19th Sunday after Pentecost

**The Season of Creation will be celebrated in liturgy, prayers and hymns
at both services through the month of September**

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Laura Blanchard

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh

Lector: Laura Blanchard

Usher: Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Terry Marsh

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

10:00am Communion with Creation: Act

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Nora Lundeen

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Lili Pugh

Lectors: David Blanchard & Martha Dodge

Ushers: Martha Dodge & Fred Kraeuter

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Vestry Announcer: Kirk Holbrook

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](#)

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Sunday October 6: Season of Creation, Celebration of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 6 will be the last Sunday of our celebration of the Season of Creation. Will end with a remembrance and celebration of St. Francis of Assisi and a blessing of the animals. You are invited to bring your own beloved animal family member to be blessed by Suzannah at either service. The 10 am service will be held outside under the tent, so if your animal companion is more vocal or energetic, this might be the service for you. You can also simply name your animal or bring a picture. Children are welcome to bring a favorite stuffed animal if they prefer.

Please note: There will be no music at the 8:00am service on Sunday, October 6 but instead, there will be music at the 8:00am service on Sunday, October 13. There will be music at the 10:00am services on both Sundays.

Wednesday Healing Eucharist

Beginning on Wednesday, October 2, the time will change for our Wednesday Eucharist to 11:30 am. On the first Wednesday of every month the church will provide lunch in the atrium following the service (a freewill donation can be made by participants to offset costs). On the first Wednesday volunteer drivers will be picking up some members who are unable to drive to bring them to the service and lunch. All are welcome to join either or both the service and the luncheon. We also can use more volunteers to drive those who cannot. Please contact Suzannah Rohman (stasrector@tidewater.net) if you would like a ride or would like to give others rides.

Letter from the Parish Needs Discernment Committee

Dear Parish Family,

This letter is to inform you of the work by the PNDC completed over the last year. The vestry established the special committee to oversee the process of identifying the needs, desires, and priorities of St. Andrew's for the next 5-10 years to determine the scope and size of a capital campaign in the future. Committee members included Margaret Coit, Rob Flory, Bill Judd, Rita McKinney, Suzannah Rohman, Ed Ross, John Ward, Sara Sandberg, and Kelley Kash.

The framework for collecting inputs from the congregation was a "future visioning" exercise, identifying what aspects and features would help make St. Andrew's the thriving, successful, and spirit-filled parish we aspire to be. The committee's goal was to provide an opportunity for everyone to be heard. Starting in January, we conducted 14 focus group sessions, with nearly one-third of the 140 active member households participating in the process! That is statistically significant. We also received write-in submissions from several members.

The PNDC carefully reviewed over 250 comments, suggestions, and ideas in its analysis. The following areas received more than six comments each.

1. Children's programs (14)
1. Communications/PR (14)
1. Building accessibility (14)
2. Partnering with other churches (13)
3. Pastoral care (12)
3. Ample staff (12)
4. Community involvement (11)
5. Adult formation (10)
6. Building is a community resource (9)
7. Variety in music (8)
7. Variety in liturgy (8)
7. Increase in fellowship opportunities (8)
8. Opportunities to bring the 8 am and 10 am services together (6)

What we gleaned from the data was very encouraging and heartwarming. In general terms, today and in the future, we want to do more together, take care of each other, partner with others to provide needed services in the community, use our building and facilities more for family, youth, and other groups, and to expand our resources and effectiveness. We also care deeply about music and worship. Additionally, while making the building fully accessible and welcoming to all, we want to preserve St. Andrew's architectural history and tradition.

The PNDC concluded its work with a final report on its findings to the Vestry in September. The Vestry will now use the results and comments at its strategic planning retreat in October to begin developing action plans and timelines. There will be periodic updates to the general membership, including at the

annual meeting early next year.

The PNDC members wish to thank the Vestry and Parish Family for their trust to serve in this important step in helping define the future vision of St. Andrew's Church.

Most Sincerely,

The Parish Needs Discernment Committee



All Parish Work Day – Saturday, October 19

Please consider joining us on October 19 from 9am -1pm to help pull weeds, prune, haul debris, etc. on our beautiful and growing church grounds. It should be a good and rewarding time. There will be coffee and may be donuts. If you are interested, please bring your favorite gardening tools, a rake and a tarp if you have one.

Holy Women, Holy Men

Lancelot Andrewes
English Bishop and Scholar

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 Lancelot Andrewes. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

A Message from the Stewardship Committee

Our weather is turning (a little) fall-ish and we are looking ahead to the months of October and November when St. Andrew's conducts its annual stewardship campaign. This may not be foremost in your minds, but it is a time for which we should prepare. As a parish we need to reflect and pray about how we can better serve the mission of our church in the months and year to come. Are there issues and themes that are on your mind that we should consider as we move forward? Do you have ideas about how we ought to conduct our stewardship campaign? Are you interested in joining the stewardship committee or serving as a go-to person, ready to help in some way? If so, would you contact John Ward or Kelley Kash and share your thoughts? It will be a wonderful time to express our hopes, our gratitude and our commitment of St. Andrew's Church's mission.

A Message from the Property Committee

Exciting Changes are coming.

At the August Vestry meeting, the Property Committee's recommendation for new carpet and flooring was unanimously approved. The Property Committee developed their recommendation after several months of research guided by the following principles:

1. The selections should complement not compete with existing fenestration
2. In the Worship space the aisle treatment should visually connect the font to the altar
3. The Worship space selection should be distinct from the offices and hallways/stairs
4. In keeping with Earth Keepers concepts, the selected materials should be natural and renewable
5. The materials should be durable

The recommendations that resulted were the selection of 100% wool carpet and Maine sourced prefinished red oak wood. The Worship space will receive Bloomsburg Caravan Tweed Dune, the Hallways/stairs and 1st Floor office will receive a complementary color of Bloomsburg Caravan Grey Shale. The Atrium and Library will receive Maine Traditions 2 ¼ " red oak natural finish (prefinished). Capozza Flooring out of Portland will do the installation. Funds for this project are available under the capital improvements portion of the annual budget.

It is anticipated that the installation will begin in mid-September and proceed in four phases:

1. Phase 1 – Hallways and stairs: 5-7 days
2. Phase 2 – Offices: 2-3 days
3. Phase 3 – Atrium and Library: 2-3 days
4. Phase 4 – Worship space: 1 day

Samples of the materials are available for view in the Atrium.



Coffee Hour

There are opportunities this summer 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



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

St. Andrew's Church calendar is available online. If you would like to access it, please click [here](#)

Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 8:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am (beginning October 2)

Meetings

Benedictine Group: 10:00 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.

St. Andrew's Choir Rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:00pm. Please contact the choir director, Linda Blanchard or the organist, Sean Fleming if you are interested in more information about the choir.

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, Val Gorrill, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Shelby Owen, Peter Blanchard, Beth, Dennis C., Drew Havens, Emily Goodspeed, Anne Ogden, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa.

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Senior Warden: Sara Sandberg - Junior Warden: Kelley Kash
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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