



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, September 5, 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 8, 2024

16th 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: Ruth Piper
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sara Sandberg
Lectors: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard
Ushers: Rita McKinney & Allen Guignard
Vestry Announcer: Ruth Piper

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

10:00am Communion with Creation: Pray

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman
Organist: Sean Fleming
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
Altar Guild: Maryanne & John Ward
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Ann Kash
Lectors: John Ward & Martha Elliott
Ushers: Ed Ross & Alex Pugh
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd
Vestry Announcer: Alex 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](#)

Season of Creation Events

St. Andrew's will be celebrating the Season of Creation throughout September with the following events. Everyone is welcome and heartily invited to join in:

9/7 (Saturday) 10am: Beach Clean-up at Pemaquid Beach

-----Meet at 10:00am at Pemaquid Beach to participate in the Coastal Cleanup

9/8 (Sunday) 11:15am: Meatless Potluck and discussion of the book " Not the End of the World" by Hannah Ritchie.

Please join us after the 10am service for the (second annual!) Meatless Potluck. We'll enjoy one another's company, share some delicious food, and take a look at the book, "It's Not the End of the World". If you haven't read the book yet, come anyway; we're simply delighted to get together!

9/14 (Saturday): CHIP Community Cares Day: Join parishioners and others in this community effort to help with small home repairs, winterizing, and chores.

9/15 (Sunday) 3pm: Ecumenical Prayer Service for Creation Care:

A group of local parishioners from different churches in Lincoln County have planned an ecumenical service to celebrate the Season of Creation and to address climate change. You are all invited on September 15 at 3:00 pm outdoors on St. Andrew's lawn next to the Damariscotta River. Please click [here](#) to view the poster.

9/22 (Sunday): Labyrinth walk after church and Terra Divina at the Edgecomb Congregational Church. Bring a bag lunch and participate in a contemplative practice.

9/28 (Saturday): Workshop - Give Light: Spiritual Support for Climate Engagement

The Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Second Congregational Church and St. Andrew's Earth Keepers would like to invite you to participate in a workshop led by Rev. Fred Small entitled *Give Light: Spiritual Support for Climate Engagement*. It will be held at the Second Congregational Church. The cost of the workshop is \$20. For more information see the flyers posted at the church or contact Jill Linzee at jlinszee@comcast.net or click [here](#) to view the poster.

9/29 (Sunday): Labyrinth rain date.

10/6 (Sunday): Blessing of the animals. Bring your animals (and plants) to be blessed during the services.

Month of September: Get to Church another way. Carpool, bike, scooter, boat – take a photo of your “other way” and share it with us.

For more info, ask a member of the Earth Keepers team: Ann Creamer, Laurie Gray, Bill Judd, Kay Liss, Marek Pruski, Lili Pugh, Sara Sandberg, Steve Ward

Stewardship

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 (stasnew@tidewater.net) 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.

Vestry Minutes from the July meeting

The July vestry meeting minutes were approved at last week's vestry meeting. If you would like to read them, please click [here](#). They are also posted on the church bulletin board just inside the ramp door.

First Sunday Plate Outreach Recipient for September is:

Ecumenical Council on Homeless Prevention (EHP)

Thanks to your generous donations last Sunday, we were able to send \$318 to Damariscotta Baptist church earmarked for the Ecumenical Council on Homeless Prevention (EHP).

Music Note for Sunday, September 8

A big thanks to Brent Douglass for playing for services in August and on September 1.

For the prelude on September 8, I will play "Love Ballade," a beautifully expressive jazz piece composed by the renowned Canadian pianist. Oscar Peterson. -Sean Fleming

Weekly Wednesday service and lunch

St. Andrew's has a number of parishioners who are no longer able to drive, and therefore are not able to be with us on Sunday mornings but are still a vital part of our community. In order to provide in person worship for more people, I am exploring moving the Wednesday service to 11:30 am and holding a lunch following the service in the Atrium. This is likely a better start time for those for whom getting up and going in the morning takes some time. (we would order sandwiches, provide drinks and take a freewill collection)

I would like to hear from you if you are someone who would like a ride to this service and luncheon. I would also like to hear from those who would be willing to be drivers for those who can no longer drive. The goal would be to create a rota large enough that no one is on call to drive every week. I would imagine the time commitment would be about 2 1/2 hours from pick up to drop off. You could stay for the service and lunch or leave and come back at 1 pm.

And of course, anyone would be welcome to come to the service and the luncheon, even if you are not able to be a driver or are able to drive yourself. The service is a Eucharist with a short sermon and healing prayers at the altar for those who wish to receive them for themselves or someone they love.

Please e-mail me (stasrector@tidewater.net) or call me (207-563-3533) if you are interested in receiving a ride, being a driver, or just have questions.

Peace,

Suzannah

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Sometimes, due to illness, infirmity or age, members of our parish are not able to attend church in person, but church does not have to happen in the actual church. Communion can be brought to those who are unable to come out to worship. As a priest, I bring communion to many of these members and to those experiencing hospitalization but you do not have to be a priest to bring communion to members of the parish. Lay people can be licensed as Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV). With a little bit of training in the ministry and the completion of Diocesan safe church training, any member of St. Andrew's can become a LEV.

St. Andrew's has had Lay Eucharistic Visitors in the past but the ministry has been dormant for a few years. I would like to restart this ministry. I believe there are members of this parish who are called to this ministry. The time commitment would be a once a year in person training, yearly safe church training, and one Sunday a month visit to someone who would like to receive communion. My aim would be to have enough visitors that everyone who would like to receive communion at home would have a visitor once a month.

If this is a ministry that interests you and/or if you have any questions, please contact me (Stasrector@tidewater.net or 207-563-3533).

Peace,

Suzannah

Holy Women, Holy Men Katharina Zell Protestant Reformer and Writer

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 Katharina Zell. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.



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 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.

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.



Sean Fleming performing on the 1906 EW Lane tracker action pipe organ at the First Congregational Church of Searsport

Damariscotta organist Sean Fleming will present an organ recital at the First Congregational Church of Searsport, 8 Church St., on Sunday, September 8 at 3:00 p.m. Featured on the 1906 E.W. Lane pipe organ will be Bach's Concerto in G Major, BWV 592, the chorale prelude on Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele, BWV 654 by Bach, the Mendelssohn Prelude and Fugue in G Major, Op. 37, No. 2, Franck's Offertoire in E Flat Major, CFF 36B, "Concert Variations on The Star Spangled Banner" by the Maine-born composer John Knowles Paine, and more. As a special treat, an excerpt from Dvořák's "New World" symphony will be played, featuring the tune well-known as "Going Home." Admission is by donation at the door. For more information contact Sean Fleming at sean68@email.com, [facebook.com/seanjamesfleming](https://www.facebook.com/seanjamesfleming), or seanfleming.org.

A piano and organ recitalist who has performed throughout the United States, Fleming studied organ and piano with Ray Cornils, John Doney, Michael Lindsey, and Gerald McGee. He was the recipient of a 2009 St. Botolph Club Foundation grant award. He also works with numerous choral groups and theater organizations throughout Maine.

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., Allison Rose, Drew Havens, Emily Goodspeed, Anne Ogden, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa.

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Clerk: Terry Marsh - Treasurer: Mark Freese
Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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