



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, October 3, 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*

October 6, 2024

20th Sunday after Pentecost

***This Sunday will be the final Sunday of the Season of Creation
and we will also have the Blessing of the Animals at both services.***

***The 8am service will be held inside and the 10am service will be held outside,
under the tent***

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Indoor service without music
This service will be livestreamed

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Kelley Kash

Lector: Brett Donham

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Jack & Carol Dexter

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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

This week, the 8am service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or from a recording.

10:00am Communion with Creation Blessing of the Animals

(Outdoor service under the tent with music)

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Christine Benken

Lectors: Mark Freese & John Ward

Ushers: Cindy Freese & Jennifer Meade

Vestry Announcer: Laurie Gray

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

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. It 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.

First Sunday Outreach Recipient for October: 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. Thank you.

Wednesday Healing Eucharist

Beginning in October, 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.

Flooring Update

Capozza will be delivering the wood flooring for the atrium and the library on 10/16 and will start the installation on Monday, 10/21. The carpet installation will begin on 10/28.

Benedictine Group

The time for the Benedictine Group meeting has been changed to 10:00am on Wednesdays beginning in October. The meeting is on zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Fran Hargreaves.

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)

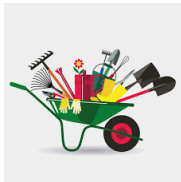
What we gleaned from the data was very encouraging and heartwarming. In general terms, today and in the future, we want to do more together, take care of each other, partner with others to provide needed services in the community, use our building and facilities more for family, youth, and other groups, 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.

Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy

The Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will be showing "Bad Faith: Christian Nationalism's Unholy War on Democracy", a new award winning documentary on the origins and rise of right-wing extremism in America on Tuesday, October 8, at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Theater in Damariscotta. Free and open to the public, visit uumidcoast.org or email events@uumidcoast.org for more information.

Holy Women, Holy Men

Therese of Lisieux

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 Therese of Lisieux. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.



The vestry met this week and approved the minutes from their August meeting. If you would like to read the minutes, please click [here](#). they are also posted at the church on the bulletin by the ramp door.



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)

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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