



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, January 2, 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



January 5, 2024

Epiphany (observed)

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Altar Guild: Ruth Piper

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Sara Sandberg

Lector: Brett Donham

Ushers: Jack & Carol Dexter

Vestry Announcer: Tanya Albert

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

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Maryanne & John Ward

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Kelley Kash

Lectors: John Ward & Mark Freese

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Ed Ross & Kay Liss

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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

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First Sunday Plate Recipient for January - The Haiti Fund

Today, at both services, the plate cash collected will go to support St. Andrew's outreach mission to support the towns of Figaro and Gros Morne in Haiti. You may also write a check made payable to St. Andrew's Church, with "Haiti Fund" in the memo line.

The checks may be placed in the offertory plates or mailed to St. Andrew's at PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. Please help us support this important outreach mission.

Pledge Envelopes for 2025

If you have requested pledge envelopes for 2025, they are available in the atrium. If you would like envelopes and do not see them in the box, please contact the office and we can get you a packet.



Christmas Flowers are available to be adopted!

The Christmas poinsettias and cyclamen are available after the service today to go to new homes. Please take one for yourself and/or to someone you know... Maybe to some of our parishioners who do not drive and cannot make it in to church. Many thanks to all who donated towards the flowers in memory of or thanksgiving for

loved ones and friends.

Music Note for Sunday

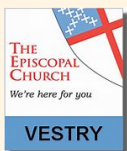
Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) wrote both words and music to two of the most famous Lutheran chorales, "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" ("How brightly beams the morning star") and "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme" ("Wake, awake, for night is flying"). These two chorales have been the basis for several Bach cantatas, countless organ pieces, and other musical works.

Nicolai was not a professional musician. He was a Lutheran pastor at Unna in Westphalia, serving a parish of several thousand people. While he was there, the great plague struck, devastating the population. Many hundreds died over a short time. Nicolai conducted dozens of funerals and comforted countless grieving families

According to John Julian's Dictionary of Hymnology, Nicolai wove an acrostic into each of these two hymns. The first letter of each stanza in the original German is W E G U H Z W, which stands for "Wilhelm Ernst, Graf und Herr zu Waldeck." Wilhelm was one of the victims of the plague. He was the 15-year-old son of the local countess, and Pastor Nicolai was the boy's tutor. These two monumental chorales were written as meditations in memory of Wilhelm. -Sean Fleming

Wednesday Service with luncheon

We welcome all to the Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers this Wednesday, January 8 at 11:30am. We will be serving lunch for all after the service.



Vestry Meeting Minutes

If you would like to read the vestry meeting minutes from the November 26 vestry meeting, please click [here](#). They are also posted on the bulletin board just inside 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
Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, January 8

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, Beth, Dennis C., Drew Havens, Emily Goodspeed, Anne Ogden, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jean Donaldson, Lee & Mike.

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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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