

# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, September 25, 2025

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

## 16 Pentecost - September 28, 2025

## 9:00am Care of Creation with Maine Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Pam Mott

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Altar Guild: Sarah Monaghan-Houghton Eucharistic Minister: Andrew Donaldson Lectors: Brett Donham & Brett Douglass Livestream Operator: Fred Kraeuter Ushers: Kelley & Ann Kash

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Vestry Announcer: Sara Sandberg

The worship booklet for the 9am Sunday service is available by clickinghere

You may also watch this service on St. Andrew's YouTube channel. (Live or recorded)

## **Upcoming Events: Care of Creation / Coffee Hour / Tidings**

September 28: Farewell to Pam: coffee hour host: Vestry & Parish

October 4: (Saturday): 4:00pm - Blessing of the Animals in the lower church parking lot



October 5: Welcome Back to Suzannah: coffee hour host: Vestry & Parish

October 11-13: Pumpkin Fest

October 18: (Saturday): 9-11am - St. Andrew's roadside clean-up on Academy Hill Road

October 19: St. Andrew's Grounds clean-up after church

October 31: Halloween Trick or Treat on Glidden St.



## Organizational Meeting for Pumpkinfest Fundraiser for Outreach

The group of parishioners that is raising funds for outreach programs, the Good Samaritans, will have an organizational meeting on <u>September 28 after the 9 AM service in the church library</u>. Pumpkinfest is coming up and St. Andrew's will be selling pies-by-the-slice, whole pies, pulled pork sandwiches and homemde pastries and cookies on Saturday October 11, beginning at 8:30 or so.

We will need a team of bakers, a team to set up and decorate the tables in the parking lot, a team to handle cold drinks (lemonade, bottled water and lots of paper cups), a team to handle the cash box and receive payments, and a team to clean up after we run out of food, Can you help?

On Sunday the 28th after Coffee Hour, come for a brief organizational meeting and help make this event a success. Please contact Steve Ward or Jim Swan with any questions.



# **Season of Creation Prayer Service**

St. Andrew's Earth Keepers Group organized a Season of Creation prayer service on September 21 that was well attended. Here congregants from four local churches weave a web of life to celebrate Creation Care, outdoors at the Second Congregational next to the river.

## **The Contemplative Garden**

Our little Corner Garden at St Andrews has a new name, The Contemplative Garden. Take a walk to the back lawn of our church, to the far left corner you'll spot a pleasant informal plot, full of a variety of lush plants. You'll also see a new memorial bench. We invite you to take time to sit, contemplate, listen to the rushing water of the Damariscotta River, take in the refreshing breezes. The Contemplative Garden was created by a group of volunteers. Some volunteers are from the community, as well as our parish. These include, Patty Alfieri, Rosemary Brantel, Sarah Monaghan Houghton, Fred Kraeuter, Catherine Lyons, Belinda Nields, Gaby Patterson, Sally Pearce, Ed, Sandra Ross. The garden is our gift to St Andrews, for all to share.



#### St. Andrew's Book Club Meeting

Our next book will be "A Gentleman From Moscow" by Amor Towles. We'll meet on Thursday October 16th at 2:30pm in church library. All are welcome!



# Wear your Jeans to Church on October 19

The Property committee has scheduled a grounds clean-up day for Sunday, October 19 after the church service. We will start weeding and pruning after coffee hour so wear your work clothes to church. Bring any tools and equipment you think we might need: barrels, buckets, rakes, pruners, lopping shears, weeding hoes, etc. All are welcome!

# **Sunday Single Service Assessment**

As we reach the fourth month of our six-month trial for a single Sunday service, the vestry is eager to hear your thoughts. We truly value your feedback on this initiative. In October, once Suzannah returns,

we plan to hold at least one feedback session after the service. We understand this format may not be ideal for everyone, especially our seasonal members who might leave before then. Please feel free to share your impressions—good or bad—by approaching a vestry member or emailing the church office at stasnew@tidewater.net. Rest assured, your inputs will be kept confidential. Thank you!



#### 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: Mondays at 8:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, October 1

## <u>Meetings</u>

Benedictine Group: 10:00 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting

Senior Choir rehearsal: 7-9pm Thursdays

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between. Meeting in the church library 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, Phil Bartley, Val Gorrill, Tom Belanger, Dick, Tyler & Christine, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Zerges, Elizabeth Lyon, Bill Namestnik, Robin Schneider, Charles, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family.

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Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard
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