



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, February 12, 2026

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

Last Epiphany

February 15, 2026

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Ann Kash

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Kash

Lector: Brett Donham

Usher: Kelley Kash

Vestry Announcer: Kelley Kash

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: Judy Weislogel

Eucharistic Minister: Andrew Donaldson

Lectors: Sara Sandberg & Judy Weislogel

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Sara Sandberg & Belinda Nields

Vestry Announcer: Martha Elliott

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

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



The Ash Wednesday services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 11:30am and 5:30pm

Lenten Friends for 2026: a practice of thankfulness, February 18-April 5

Lenten Friends is a secret pal-style practice for Lent. It involves getting paired with a person for Lent and writing a note to that person each week, (as faithfully as you can) letting them know you are thinking of them and include something you have noticed that week that made you see God in your world.

Those interested should either fill out a slip of paper, available in the atrium, with your name, address and phone number, and place it in the Lenten Friend box or you may send your address and phone number via email to Lili Pugh. The deadline to be included is Shrove Tuesday (February 17th). Names will be paired and you will be contacted by email or phone on Ash Wednesday (February 18th).

Don't reveal yourself to your Lenten Friend until Easter (April 5th). If you want to get a little gift for them for Easter that is fine, but it should be just a token. Maybe make it a gift of joy you want to share!

Online resources for Lenten practices from the Earth Keepers

Are you looking for daily practices or meditations this Lenten season? Here are a couple of suggestions from the Earth Keepers:

Episcopal Relief and Development <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/> has daily meditations for you to use. They are written by Sister Monica Claire, an Episcopal nun and TikTok star.

World Council of Churches <https://www.oikoumene.org/events/global-systemic-carbon-fast-a-faith-rooted-journey-through-lent> is encouraging all to take a carbon fast, praying, reflecting and acting to address our humanity's carbon footprint. You can find the details on the website.

United Thank Offering <https://unitedthankoffering.com/Lent/> is using the book *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer as a guide for their theme of Gratitude and Reciprocity.

Water Damage update:

Due to the burst pipe on January 29, the church office and the undercroft are temporarily off limits. The office has been relocated to the library. If you have a meeting scheduled in the library or the undercroft, please contact Ann to discuss alternate meeting sites. We are moving meetings to the atrium and the sanctuary. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Brett Donham Course continues at St. Andrew's

Brett Donham concludes his slide lecture series on the Italian Renaissance painter, **Piero Della Francesca**, in the sanctuary of St. Andrews Church on February 17 at 1:30 PM. Titled; **Piero Della Francesca: Painter, Mathematician, Philosopher, a True Renaissance Man** the lectures will focus on his religious paintings, including **Resurrection**, described by Aldous Huxley as "the best picture in the world". Sponsored by Coastal Senior College, the lectures are free to members of St. Andrew's.

Coffee Hour update

The Coffee Hour Host schedule for February is as follows (so far):

February 15

8am: Laura Blanchard

10am: Eleanor Krause & Sally Pearce

February 22

8am:

10am: Lili Pugh

As you can see, there are lots of opportunities to host Coffee Hour in the coming months. Hosts are responsible for set-up, keeping the coffee and tea water topped up, and clean-up. Members of the congregation are encouraged to bring sweet or savoury nibbles as the spirit moves them. If you would like to sign up to host, please put your name on the clipboard in the Undercroft or contact Sara Sandberg through the church office.

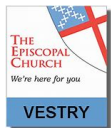


Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's Church

ANNUAL MEETING

On March 1, 2026, there will be a single 9:00am service followed by St. Andrew's Annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Reports: The deadline to submit reports for the Annual Meeting booklet are due to the office (via email) by Monday, February 16. Thank you.



Vestry Meeting Minutes

If you would like to read the vestry minutes from the December meeting, please click [here](#)



Winter Weather

In case of icy or snowy weather, please check your email or the church phone message

(563-3533) for any service changes due to the weather.

Book Club meeting February 19 at 2:30pm

The Book Club (originally started by the Knitters, but open to anyone who wants to read the book) will be reading Jane Austin's *Persuasion* for our February book. We'll meet on Thursday, Feb. 19th at 2:30pm in St. Andrew's atrium for a lively discussion. Again, we welcome any and all readers and look forward to hearing what you found in this book.

Carpooling

"The Earth Keepers are reminding us that as snow accumulates, car pooling to church is a wise practice. Let's have lower emissions and fewer cars competing for space. Some of us would appreciate not having to navigate a snowbank or walking a distance on slippery ground. Some of us no longer drive but would like to get to church. There's a car pooling sign up at the rear of the church. Or call someone you know who would appreciate your friendly transportation on Sunday morning."



St. Andrew's Church Calendar

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

CHIP and ECHP Benefit at success!

The benefit this past weekend at St. Patrick's Church generated \$8,100 with more donations still coming in and 61 tickets sold, for CHIP and the Ecumenical Council for Homeless Prevention. Sean Fleming, the Oyster Creek Fiddlers and the choir of Water of Life Church all performed and the silent auction generated nearly \$2,000. The organizers hope to repeat this fundraising event next October in advance of the 2027 heating season. Thanks to all who participated in this major fundraiser for addressing heating needs in Lincoln County.

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Weekday Worship

Compline: The Compline service held Monday evenings has been put on hold for the time being.

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, March 4.

Meetings

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.

Please Note: The Knitting Group will be meeting in members' homes until the church spaces are repaired. We'll send the regular weekly announcement around with information on location. If you'd like to be part of the group but are not on the email list, please contact Sara Sandberg for the schedule. You don't have to be a knitter (or crocheter or quilter or embroiderer or anything else) to join us. All that's required is enjoying one another's company on Friday afternoons from 2 to 4pm.

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, Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Nathan Hargreaves, Janice Roman, Beth, Tony Sousa, Joanne Sousa, Ian J., Emily Goodchild, Jennie Wildner, Elizabeth Lyon, Robin Schneider, Susan & Fred Murray, Nicole & Family, Susan O'Brien., Steve Busch, Lydia, Joe & Sherry Follayttar

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