



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, February 5, 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

## 5 Epiphany

February 8, 2026

### 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Altar Guild: Laura Blanchard

Eucharistic Minister: Malcolm Foster

Lector: Seth Stewart

Usher: Jim Swan

Vestry Announcer: Laura Blanchard

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: Nora Lundeen

Eucharistic Minister: Lili Pugh

Lectors: Fred Kraeuter & Martha Dodge

Livestream Operator: Bill Judd

Ushers: Fred Kraeuter & Martha Dodge

Vestry Announcer: Alex Pugh

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)

### **Vestry Opportunities**

Please consider serving your church community as a member of the Vestry. We need two more candidates to fill out our slate of four new members: three are regular 3-year commitments and one is to fill a 2-year slot, with possibility of running again in 2028 for another term.

Vestry duty involves eleven monthly meetings (August off!) and one Saturday in the year for a one-day retreat. Normally, a Vestry member would be expected to be active in one additional committee or activity of the congregation. We are a very congenial group and the meetings are rarely "heavy" and never contentious. If this sounds like something you would consider or if you know someone you'd like to nominate (with their agreement!), please be in touch with the church office or with Sara Sandberg with your questions or suggestions.

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

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### **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 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!*

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### **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.

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### **Brett Donham Course continues at St. Andrew's**

Brett Donham continues his slide lecture series on the Italian Renaissance painter, **Piero Della Francesca**, in the sanctuary of St. Andrews Church on February 10, & 17 at 1:00 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.

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### **Holy Women, Holy Men Cyril and Methodius Missionaries**

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 or 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 Cyril and Methodius. Please click [here](#) to learn more about them.

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### **Coffee Hour update**

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

February 8

8am: Margaret Coit & Les Foster

February 15

8am: Laura Blanchard

10am:

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.

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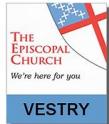


**Annual Meeting of St. Andrew's Church**

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.

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**Vestry Meeting Minutes**

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

**Stepping Stone Housing**

Thanks to your donations of plate cash and designated checks last Sunday, St. Andrews was able to send \$563 to Stepping Stone Housing to help support their mission.

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**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.

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**Fundraising Benefit for CHIP and the Ecumenical Council for Homeless Prevention this Saturday**

Join us at St. Patrick's Church Saturday, February 7 for a special event: a three-course meal, silent auction and concert at St. Patrick's Church on Academy Hill Road in Newcastle. The event starts at 6:00 pm and admission is \$25. Silent Auction items can be dropped off Friday, February 6 between 1:00 and 5:00 pm or at the door on Saturday before 6:00 pm. Donated desserts and baked goods are welcome at any time. Music from the Oyster Creek Fiddlers, Sean Fleming and the Water of Life Choir.

All proceeds will be shared equally between CHIP Inc. and ECHP to help address winter heating needs in Lincoln County. For further information contact Steve Ward at 563-8191. For more information please click [here](#)

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**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."

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## St. Andrew's Church Calendar

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

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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.

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### 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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Clerk: - Treasurer: Ed Ross

Organist: Sean Fleming - Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

Parish Administrator: Ann Kash

Ministers: All Members of the Parish

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