



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, May 7, 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.



## Happy Mother's Day!

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*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

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### 6 Easter

May 10, 2026

#### **8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I**

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Altar Guild: Terry Marsh  
Eucharistic Minister: Terry Marsh  
Lector: Brett Donham  
Usher: Jim Swan  
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: Ann Kash  
Eucharistic Minister: Fred Kraeuter  
Lectors: Steve Ward & Cynthia Garrels  
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd  
Ushers: Chris & Becky Powers  
Vestry Announcer: Marek Pruski

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)

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### Suzannah's Sermon from last Sunday

If you would like to read Suzannah's sermon from last Sunday, May 3, please click [here](#)

## Diaper Drive – Mother's Day (May 10) – Father's Day (June 21)

The Ecumenical Diaper Bank is in its eleventh year and has distributed tens of thousands of diapers to help babies in low income households remain clean, dry, and healthy. It still a completely volunteer organization and all of the collected funds are used for diapers, pull-ups, and the paper bags they are distributed in. Diapers are distributed through the Ecumenical Food Pantry in Newcastle and the Waldoboro Clothes Closet.

In 2025, close to 15,000 diapers were distributed. Again this year, especially due to the fact that government programs like SNAP do not pay for diapers and wipes, the need for diaper aid in our community remains high. Our biggest need is for **funds** to purchase in bulk, larger diapers (size 3 and up) and pull-ups. If you are interested in donating to help support the diaper bank, checks can be made out to "Damariscotta Baptist Church" with "diapers" on the memo line. You may bring the check to church and put it in the plate or drop it by the office. If you wish to mail your check directly, you may send it to St. Andrew's Church or to Midcoast Friends Meeting at PO Box 714, Damariscotta, 04543.

Donations can also be brought to any of our supporting churches: Damariscotta Baptist Church, Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Midcoast Friends Meeting, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Second Congregational Church, Twin Villages Baptist Church, and Water of Life Lutheran Church.

Thank you for your support.

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### Music Note for Sunday, May 10

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains" was written by John Thornburg (b. 1954), a United Methodist minister. In his words: "I got the commission just before traveling to Alaska, and while there, got to see all manner of things I'd never seen before including bald eagles, moose, salmon running, etc. I got to pondering the relation of the wind to the eagle's wing, and found myself saying, 'God, the updraft of the eagle....' When I got home, I disciplined myself on paper to write, 'God, the...'" and then to see how many things I could name. It all started with that. Interestingly, the original phrase didn't make it into the final draft."

Stanza one focuses on God, the Creator of the natural order. Stanza two summarizes God's acts of deliverance in Exodus. Stanza three draws upon images of food in the New Testament — "vineyard," "wheat," and "harvest" — leading ultimately to an image of the Eucharist.

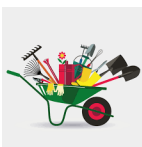
The final stanza, beginning with "God, the unexpected infant," traces the birth and ministry of Christ in four short phrases. The author comments on this phrase: "I've been criticized for the use of the phrase 'unexpected infant' in stanza four, to the effect that some think I've never read the prophecy of Isaiah. I customarily respond, 'I have read the prophet Isaiah, but I've also read the Gospel of Luke, and according to Luke, Mary was surprised!'"

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### Reconstruction in the office and undercroft

The Undercroft continues to be closed for gatherings and meetings. The kitchen and restrooms are accessible but please use caution when going to and from these areas. The inconvenience is a necessary part of the recovery process. We look forward to returning to normalcy soon. Thank you for your patience as the work progresses.

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### Garden Clean-Up Day - Sunday, May 17

The property committee is planning to have a garden clean-up day on Sunday, May 17, with May 31 as a rain date. We will have coffee after the 10am service and then prune, rake, pull weeds, etc. Please wear work clothes and bring gardening hand tools, barrels, buckets and tarps. If you have questions, please contact Belinda Niels or Richard

Monkman.

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### Coffee Hour update

Please sign up for coffee hour in April and beyond! 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 you name on the clipboard in the Atrium or contact Sara Sandberg through the church office.

May 10: 8:00am Jack & Carol Dexter  
10:00am Bob & Nora Lundeen

May 17: 8:00am: Ruth Piper  
10:00am: Kay Liss & Belinda Nields

May 24: 8:00am: Seth Stewart  
10:00am: \_\_\_\_\_

May 31: 8:00am: \_\_\_\_\_  
10:00am: Stephanie Stephenson, Christine Taylor, Cynthia Garrels

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**Holy Women, Holy Men**  
**James Solomon Russell**  
**December 20, 1857-March 28, 1935**  
**Priest and Educator**

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 James Solomon Russell. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

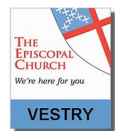


**St. Andrew's Book Club next meeting**

Our May book is going to be "The Great Gatsby". We meet at St Andrews on May 21 at 2:30. All are welcome!

**First Sunday Outreach Recipient for May: Trinity Jubilee Center**

Thanks to your donations of plate cash and designated checks last Sunday, St. Andrew's was able to send \$234 to Trinity Jubilee Center to help support their mission.



**Vestry Meeting Minutes**

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

**Forward Day by Day**

The new Forward Day by Day: Daily Devotions for Disciples booklets for May, June and July have arrived and are located in the atrium and the counter next to the ramp door. Please feel free to take one for yourself and for anyone you think might like one. They are also available in large print.



**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**

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 11:30am

**Please note: The next luncheon after this service will be on Wednesday, June 3**

**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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**Torren Nehrboss Senior Harp Recital - May 31 at 4:00pm at St. Andrew's Church**

Torren (our next-door neighbor) will be graduating from Lincoln Academy in June. She has frequently been a Sunday musical guest during summers at St. Andrew's. Torren and her family have extended an invitation to all who would like to attend her harp recital on Sunday, May 31 at 4:00pm at St. Andrew's Church.

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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, 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, Anne, Betsy.

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