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The Parish Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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From the

**Rector's
Desk**

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, July 10th, I spoke of the recent incidents of mass deaths of LBGT people in Orlando, and the five police ambushed in Dallas. I shared how these words are forever tied to words such as Newtown, Charleston, Paris, Brussels, etc. I mentioned the deaths of black men by police in Baton Rouge and St. Paul MN. Also, that on the July 4th holiday weekend the city of Chicago witnessed 60 shootings!

I mentioned that the horrific figures, such as Orlando Dallas and other mass killings, account for less than one half of 1% of all the annual deaths by guns in this country. In other words, there are literally thousands of deaths by guns that we never hear about unless it is in our neighborhood.

During some quiet reflective time, I decided to expand my thoughts upon this grave (literally) social matter. As I was mulling over thoughts and how to present them, I turned on the radio. I heard the horrific news of a driver in Nice France taking his truck through a crowd. A few days later as I was proofreading this article, I heard of three police being shot and killed in Baton Rouge.

The media constantly feeds us stories of mass murderers and of foreign and homegrown terrorists. We read of how some are recruited and easily turn into accepting rigid ideology. Those who are recruited sometimes joined because they felt bullied, alienated or rejected. In being indoctrinated into a terrorist sect, they gain a sorely lacking sense

of community and belonging – a belonging which, in some cases, makes them human bombs.

We see explosive violence at sporting events (Boston), peaceful demonstrators (Dallas), fireworks shows, (Nice), people going to work or traveling (Brussels), attending movies (Aurora CO), or church (Charleston). And sadly, we see far too many major violent acts in schools, colleges, etc.

We live in a society filled with much domestic violence – bullying, child abuse, rape, partner abuse, elder abuse and murder. Despite strong and increasing actions and efforts to promote reform, many of these problems do not seem to be abetting.

These incidents and numerous Middle East battles are constantly on the news. We are surrounded by violence. Did you know that America leads the world in the percentage of people jailed?

These terrible situations of terrorism, wars without borders, mass murders, individual murders and domestic violence, leave us aghast and cause us to consider many questions. One of the most common questions is “What is going on in our society?” Let’s look at three responses to this question.

First, there are no easy answers to this question. This confronts us because we are becoming hardwired to expect quick and easy answers for everything. In part, we might say it is because we are evolving in this manner that we are forgetting to give time and energy to exploring questions and issues! The drive to seek quick and easy answers is rampant in destroying human relationships, the decline of the church, and distrust of governments

and institutions. Not only do we desire quick answers but we are so overloaded and burdened with busy lives that we often forget the answers we just heard. Perhaps part of our personal issues and societal issues are that shallow lives leave us dissatisfied with life.

Historically, the church used to give people answers and guidelines on how to live life. Template answers were easy in an uncomplicated society. Then the world changed and became very complicated. Instead of responding to the changing social fabric and world stage, the church was slow in reacting, or chose to ignore the evolution and continued to give answers without seemingly realizing that questions change. Instead of asking the question of "How do I get to heaven?" people shifted and began to ask questions such as "How do I live my life?" This is a much more complicated question. The answers of the past are not easily applied to situations in our complex world.

Second, we live in the global village where there are no borders. This is also true for relationships! But first, some nations around the globe have created or are considering borders and/or blockages between themselves and others. Or they are withdrawing from economic unions. Thoughts of political isolationism are a growing global reality. Second, at the personal level, some couples clash in dysfunctional marriages and thus may seek to isolate themselves. Sadly, with social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, etc., there is no privacy. Being isolated as nations or as individuals is little more, in my view, than veiled efforts to withdraw and deny dealing with deeper issues! Sadly, couples and nations often seek easy solutions to complex matters.

Third, I suspect that if we were able to compile deep personal information of terrorists, mass murderers, murderers, bullies, those with a history of domestic violence and those in jail we would come to the common theme of anger. In these noted situations, the anger escalates to rage and then to action.

While we live in complex times that require complex, time taking answers, we can say, in part, that in response to the question, "What is going on in our society?" is that we are angry.

People are angry at politicians for a variety of reasons. People are angry at the church for a variety of reasons. For example, I have heard people say, "The church did not meet my needs" only to find that the people had a difficult time articulating their needs.

Anger breeds racism and bigotry. It is easier to select a minority and cast them as the ills of our society. We like to blame blacks, illegal immigrants, the poor, the gays and Moslems for social woes. Yet, do we take time to consider that the black man, illegal immigrant, the poor, the gays and the Moslem are reacting to our racism or bigotry?

Some are angry because poverty-related matters are unresolved, ignored, dismissed or explained away. For example, we sometimes say, "The poor could find jobs if they really wanted to work." This is dismissive and elitist. Some are angry because of the lack of equal educational opportunities. Is it wrong to say that colleges exploit minorities by offering sports scholarships to blessed athletes in order to raise the college's reputation while ignoring subsidizing academically viable students at the same school?

Jesus was about loving minorities and the poor. Jesus broke many written and unwritten societal laws. He gave dignity to those that society ignored and dismissed. As Christians, we like to note how we care for the homeless and poor by feeding them, but what do we do about changing their homeless status? How do we speak up for minorities? Jesus was about unconditional love—that means all people in all places in all circumstances; to love without ceasing.

As always, I remain,

David +

Worship News

Sunday, August 7

12 Pentecost / Birthday Church

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II/Family Service

Sunday, August 14

13 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, August 21

14 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday, August 28

15 Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesdays — 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

1st Wednesday of each month includes Laying on of Hands Healing Service



Scripture Readings for August



August 7	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 14	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 21	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
August 28	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14

Message from Bishop Audrey



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Dear Clergy of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania,

The events of this past week in Baton Rouge, St. Paul and Dallas have been disturbing and difficult to process. The escalating violence in our own country, layered with tragic and almost daily loss in the global arena- Paris, Brussels, and the Middle East- is overwhelming for us as individuals and, even more, as leaders who teach peace, justice and the love of God.

Please know that my prayers, support and love are with you as you minister to and with your congregations in these days. I urge you not to try to make sense or reconcile these horrific events-for that is the work of our awe-some God - but to find the courage to simply stand with your people in the place of hurt, bewilderment and sorrow, and hold the center Gospel message of love.

Pray the words of St. Paul:

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God.

Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

I will be with you all in prayer tomorrow as you gather with your congregations for worship.

With Hope in the resurrection and gratitude for all of you-

+Audrey 9 July 2016

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Children & Youth Education



"We will never change the world by going to church, we will only change the world by being the church." My name is Lee Ann Reardon and I am the current Nursery Attendant. Beginning in the fall, I will be the Director of Children & Youth. I am looking for volunteers who are interested in becoming Sunday School teachers, nursery attendants, or door greeters for the 2016-2017 school year. I will provide all of the training and curriculum needed to get started.

If you would like to get involved with our Children's Ministry and Christian Education Program, please contact me at 717-659-3130 or through email at leeanrdon@gmail.com.

Thanks,
Lee Ann

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Safeguarding Training August 4th — 7 p.m.

As part of background check information, the diocese requires **all volunteers working with youth as well as staff and vestry members**, to complete "Safeguarding God's Children" training. This training will be offered at St. Andrew's Thursday, August 4th at 7:00 p.m.



Every three years, this training must be renewed. If you have previously completed this course, the training may be renewed online. For further information about that process, please contact Lee Ann Reardon—717-659-3130 or through email at leeanrdon@gmail.com.

Music News

Fall Choir Schedule – Rehearsal Start Dates

New Choristers – Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Older Choristers – Thursday, September 8, 2016

Adult Choir – Sunday, September 11, 2016

Fellowship

Pool Party for “50 Shades” Monday, August 1st – 6:30 p.m.



“50 Shades of Grace”, the social fellowship group for all women, is invited to Christie Bracher's for a pool party Monday, August 1st at 6:30 p.m. The address is 1171 Fairview Drive, York 17403. Bring snacks and/or drinks to share. Christie said she'll be home if anyone wants to come earlier and swim before eating. Rain or shine.

“50 Shades” is a purely fun group open to all women, so it's okay to bring a friend. We meet the first of every month, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. Those who attend on August 1st will decide the activity for the following month. Please contact me for more information.

*Lynne Kearnan
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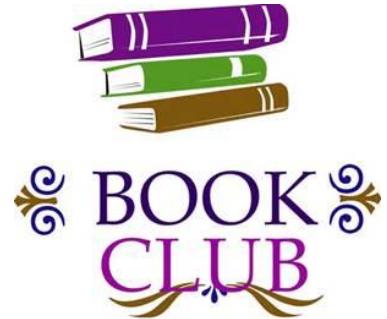
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5-Book Club

Do you like to read? The *5-Book Club* will meet at St. Andrew's Sunday, September 18 at 6:30 p.m. for discussion.

Attendance is open to every interested reader. All you have to do is read "*Inside the O'Briens: A Novel*" by Lisa Genova about a family with Huntington's disease. There are several copies available from York County libraries, also in audio and e-book formats.



The Book Club will read five (5) books between September and May. Attend one meeting or all five, but please READ the book if you do attend. The next book selection will be proposed and decided by those attend.

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Outreach News

Birthday Church Offering – July Our Daily Bread, York Soup Kitchen

Your gifts totaled \$124.50
Thank you for your generosity!

Birthday Church Offering – August Rector's Discretionary Fund

Your gifts will be received Sunday, August 7th

The purpose of the Birthday Church is to supplement or support various identified ministry needs in the diocese, our community and congregation.

Bits & Pieces

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for every person who contributed in every way to making our 50th wedding anniversary celebration such a special occasion. For 40 years, the community of St. Andrew's has been our spiritual anchor. We have certainly been blessed by being part of this faith community and enjoyed having the opportunity to share our joy.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane & Tom Watt



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RECENT ATTENDANCE

June 22 – Meditative Service		7:00 p.m.	3	
June 26	8:00 a.m.	20	10:30 a.m.	45
July 3	8:00 a.m.	26	10:30 a.m.	42
July 10	8:00 a.m.	25	10:30 a.m.	74
July 17	8:00 a.m.	23	10:30 a.m.	80

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ARE NOW PRINTED IN THE BULLETIN

If there is someone you would like to include in the Prayers of Intercession,
please call or email the Parish Office by 12 noon the Wednesday before.

Their name will remain on the list for three weeks.

843-3868 – secretary@standrews.org

Some Spiritual Thoughts to Ponder

In Western Society I perceive much of our deep societal sadness, (which fosters increasing levels of racism, elitism and segregation and levels of hate), is people failing to take the time to stop, read and reflect. Inside of taking the time to think beyond ourselves, or inside ourselves, we turn on the television which Buckminster Fuller correctly called, "chewing gum for the eyes." And if we do not turn on the television, we likely turn on our addicting smartphones and become lost in mindless chatter. Part of the Christian faith calls us to think of the gospel and our lives. Here are some images to ponder!

Quotes from author Anne Lamott

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace

- only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.

You can safely assume that you've created God in your own image
when it turns out that God hates all the same people you do.

Hope begins in the dark,
the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing,
the dawn will come.

You wait and watch and work: you don't give up.

I go to church every Sunday,
which is like going to the gas station once a week and really, really filling up.

My coming to faith did not start with a leap
but rather a series of staggers from what seemed like one safe place to another.
Like lily pads, round and green,
these places summoned and then held me up while I grew.
Each prepared me for the next leaf on which I would land,
and in this way I moved across the swamp of doubt and fear.

Quotes from the late "lover of life professor" Leo Buscaglia

Your talent is God's gift to you.

What you do with it is your gift back to God.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch,
a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment,
or the smallest act of caring,
all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

The fact that I can plant a seed and it becomes a flower,
share a bit of knowledge and it becomes another's,
smile at someone and receive a smile in return,
are to me continual spiritual exercises.

I have a very strong feeling that the opposite of love is not hate
- it's apathy. It's not giving a damn.

—David+

Parish Directory Updates

Baptism

*Oswin Florence Grothe
daughter of
Chris & Erica Grothe,
great-granddaughter of
Helen & Ralph Dixon Sr.
July 17, 2016*

NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK

August 15th for September newsletter
September 15th for October newsletter
Please mark your calendars
and be respectful of these deadlines.



If you have not been receiving the newsletter electronically and have a current email address, please email the Parish office so that we may

update our records. Copies of the newsletter are also available for pick up on the table in the parish lounge. Thank you.

Paula

secretary@standrewsyork.org

Flowers, Bulletins and Ambry Light Sponsors Needed!



This is a great way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special event. Opportunities remain for the following dates:

Flowers: Sept. 11, Oct. 9 & Nov. 13

Bulletin: August 7, 21 & 28

Ambry Light: Sept., Nov. & Dec.

Please check the signup sheets posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Office to reserve your special date!

August Birthdays

If your birthday is not listed, please call the parish office.

- 01 - Rochelle Jeanmenne
- 03 - Sarah Myers
- 04 - Coen Beamesderfer
- 04 - Phyllis Soldano
- 05 - Andrew Breault
- 05 - Bob Frey
- 05 - Dennis Heinle
- 06 - Mary Jane Watt
- 08 - John Wampler
- 09 - Katherine Leigh-Streeter
- 11 - Karen Rutter
- 13 - Norma Bankenstein
- 13 - Dorrie Frey
- 14 - James Gemmill
- 14 - Abbi Tarburton
- 15 - Robin Chamberlin
- 15 - Collin Raborn
- 15 - Nancy Young
- 16 - Harry Snell V
- 16 - Samuel Rooney
- 16 - Mary Stevenson
- 17 - Cordell Kline
- 18 - Linda Flores
- 19 - Bill Reardon
- 22 - Charles Kraut Jr.
- 23 - James Clark
- 23 - David Strausbaugh
- 25 - Diane Folkenroth
- 25 - Andy Krebs
- 25 - Kathleen Raborn
- 26 - Connie Simons
- 27 - Skylar Newman
- 29 - Charles Kraut III
- 30 - Chandler Miltsch

August Anniversary

If your anniversary is not listed, please call the parish office.

- 22 - Frederic & Mary Stevenson
- 22 - Larry & Dorothea Troutman
- 24 - Steve & Donna Welty



Should you have any changes in your address, email or phone numbers, please call the parish office (843-3868) or email Paula at secretary@standrewsyork.org. We like to have our records as accurate as possible!

The Rt. Rev. Audrey C. Scanlan Bishop Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

Diocesan Mission Statement

We are partners in Christ with the love of God on our lips and in our lives.

Diocesan Web Site
www.diocesecpa.org

St. Andrew's Mission Statement

It is our purpose to serve Christ and his people through faithful worship, study, ministry, and mission, so as to reflect God's love for all.

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A newsletter by and for the St. Andrew's community

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