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The Parish Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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From the
**Rector's
Desk**

Dear Friends,

In the past few decades, it seems that Jesus is trotted out every time there is a presidential election. We see candidates pandering for religious votes. Many religious organizations offer political views. In turn, we see a steep rise of religious activism. Some of this involves comments such as "We must return to biblical values," or "We need to uphold the Christian values on which this nation was founded." We need to examine these images. And of greater relevance, we must look at Jesus' interaction with the political world of his time.

For me, when I hear people saying, "We must return to biblical values," or "We need to uphold the Christian values on which this nation was founded," it easily translates to "Everyone needs to conform to my views for they are the right and only views." Let me explain.

When people say that America should be a biblical nation, it often implies a top-down, self-righteous, imposing view. But we must ask what biblical views? All too often the list is selective. If we were to adopt biblical views, does it mean that we adopt slavery as it was common at the time of Jesus? Does it mean that men who have un-reproductive wives seek out concubines? Does it mean that wives and all women are second-class people? Does it mean we have the right to stone LBGTQ people? These issues are not discussed. Instead, this lobby promotes no abortion options for women, and that marriage is only male-female. This definition of marriage supports male superiority; thus, implies that the husband is the head

Jesus and Politics

of the household. Yet, the rate of the two-parent household is in great decline. Also, what message does this give to the countless single parent families? Does it imply that they are substandard? Also, this position erodes women's rights which are still largely ignored. Abortion and marriage are complex issues and cannot be reduced to simple right/wrong, black/white answers. While Jesus spoke against divorce, his comments directed men to be better husbands. Jesus did not want women to be treated as property but as people. This religious, political position of Jesus was considered countercultural or radical from pervasive views of that day. We must be cautious when we make blanket and broad statements about imposing or restoring biblical views. Instead of asking people to think and act like Jesus, the intention of those seeking biblical values, while genuine, seeks to have us return to a time and age in which they think were pristine and perfect. It was not. In turn, does this quest call inclusivity or does it seek exclusive rules? What do you think? Please remember Jesus was inclusive.

The opinion, "We need to uphold the Christian values on which this nation was founded," assumes that the nation was founded on Christian values. This statement is often based on the idea that the pilgrims who came to this land to escape religious oppression brought religious idealism with them. Sadly, the evidence seems to suggest that the oppressed pilgrims established their own oppressive religious guidelines. Likewise, while most of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence belonged to Christian churches, some emerging research indicates that

many rarely attended church! In reality, the suggestion that we return to founding values is an interpretative opinion telling all that we must conform to a narrow selective view of society. In part, we might say those seeking "Christian values" are sincere in their belief that they see the value they hold dear eroding. Rather than explore the changing moral, social religious landscape around them, they seek to retreat to the safety of what they perceive was an ideal setting. Unfortunately, the quest to make people conform to this perceived ideal often involves blaming and scorning those who do not believe as we do.

In many ways, these two images reflect the political world of Jesus. Given the oppression of Rome, the Pharisees, in an effort to preserve their Jewish way of life, became entrenched in their view of the law. As often noted in the stories of Jesus, they were so fixated on the law that they were oblivious to acts of love, compassion, and healing Jesus held before them. Jesus never gave up trying to open their eyes and hearts to a world beyond narrow, fixed views. Jesus never gives up trying to open our eyes and hearts to the world around us. Sometimes in gospel stories, we read how Jesus alluded that this effort seemed to be a waste of time. He never gave up trying to change the world from closed-minded laws to God's grace. In Jesus' time the Pharisees could not shake their opinions. They stalked Jesus, they distorted his actions, and in time became so consumed with the notion that he was a threat that they manipulated a mock trial and execution.

Consequently, those in the election season who promote biblical and/or Christian values often neglect

seeing Jesus as valuing women. He was a rare person who embraced the un-embraceable – lepers. Can we translate this into modern parlance as gays dying of AIDS? Jesus met the medical needs and spiritual need of many. Jesus healed everyone who asked! What do we do? Also, how did Jesus deal with immigrants? In his early years, Jesus also was a "displaced person." While Samaritans were seen by the Pharisees and others as second class people, Jesus' longest interaction was with a Samaritan woman. Several times Jesus made these outcast people living in Israel the heroes of his illustrations. Jesus did not condemn wealthy people for being rich. However, he noted his displeasure about wealthy being indifferent to the plight of the poor. How do we deal with the poor? What priority do we give them? Since the poor typically do not vote, should politicians address their plight or continue to ignore them because it might cost votes from the middle class?

Jesus was not a politician! But Jesus was political. He spoke and acted for justice for all people. He championed the plight of all forms of discrimination, racism, and bigotry. Jesus desired people to shift from being self-absorbed and entitled to being open to seeing the situation of others. His mission to heighten awareness to these social, political and religious causes cost Jesus dearly! Thanks be to God that after the dear price was paid, Jesus rose from the dead and continued to champion the cause of those in need.

As always,
David +

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St. Andrew's Treasurer

After nearly 12 years of yeoman's service, I would like to share the news that Andy Krebs is stepping down as our church treasurer. Andy was wonderful in keeping the books current and offered much insight and thoughts. It is not an easy volunteer job! I am thankful for his ministry. David Strausbaugh resigned his vestry position in order to take on this position. While working with Dave, Andy will continue as treasurer through December.

Worship News

Sunday, November 6

*All Saints' Day
Birthday Church*

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

Sunday, November 13

26 Pentecost

UTO Fall Ingathering

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

Sunday, November 20

Last Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 27

1 Advent

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

Advent

Advent is a four-week liturgical season. It is the beginning of the church year. In this beautiful liturgical season, we sing, "Alleluia, He is Coming" at St. Andrew's 10:30 a.m. service. It is a wonderful contemporary hymn. It begins with the refrain and image of – "He is coming" This refers to the birth of Jesus. The next image is that – "He is weeping," a reference to Jesus on the cross. Third, "He is dying;" Fourth, - "He is arising." These three references make this hymn appropriate for Holy Week and Easter. The final refrain again notes that –"He is coming," that He is coming again. Thus, referring to the new Advent, that Jesus will come again!



The word Advent is derived from old-French, and in turn from the late-Latin word that means coming or the arrival. In early usage it quickly became associated with Christianity. Thus, this means "The Coming of Christ." In fact, Advent looks at two arrivals. The readings and context of arrival discussion focus on the birth of Jesus while also pointing or directing us to consider the second coming of Jesus.

To meet these two goals, the readings of the four Sundays in Advent use the themes of peace, joy, love and hope. In turn, we now use the color blue instead of the historical penitential purple, thus capturing thoughts of heaven, hope and the Virgin Mary who is always represented by this color. Yet on the third Sunday of Advent, called "*Gaudete*" Sunday (coming from the first word of the Latin - "Rejoice") the liturgical color may be rose (or pink!) instead of blue. This is the Church's way of further heightening our expectation as we draw ever nearer the Solemnity of Christmas.

In Advent, we also light special candles to show that we are moving from darkness to light. Thus each week becomes a tad brighter until we reach Christmas. In life we need to move from our darkness to light. That is our goal. In life we need to hear stories or illustrations to help us move to light, and stories of peace, joy, love and hope. I appreciate Advent because it helps to shape my thinking about the Jesus who came for humanity and me (note: I intentionally did not write, me and humanity because I desire to avoid the "me first" theology that is permeating Christianity), and to consider the image of how I can be involved in the world to help prepare it for that glorious day when Jesus comes again!

David+



A Service of Remembrance *Saturday, December 10 – 2:00 p.m.*

Grief is a reality. Grief has no time frame. At times grief seems low and at other times it is large. Typically, grief arises around special events such as anniversaries and birthdays. It is also often poignant at Christmas. Consequently, every year I offer an opportunity for those grieving to come to a wonderful spiritual gathering called the Service of Remembrance. This service includes music, silence, prayer, meditation, and the lighting of candles. We attempt to contact people who experienced a funeral at our church last year. Yet, there are many more people who are feeling grief. Please consider passing the message of this healing service to your family and friends.

- David+



Scripture Readings for November



November 6	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
November 13	Isaiah 65:17-25	Canticle 9	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
November 20	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Canticle 4	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
November 27	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

Children & Youth News

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS!!

The Christian Education committee is pleased to announce the dates for 2 Movie Nights in the Parish Hall:



Friday, November 11, 2016 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. The Book of Life

Friday, December 9, 2016 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Suggestions Welcome

Unless there's a conflict, there will be a Family Movie Night the second Friday of each month. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Watch your Bulletins and Newsletters for further dates!

Contact Lee Ann Reardon with questions: leeannrdon@gmail.com or 717-659-3130.

Holiday Party / J2A Auction

Once again this year, ECW and J2A are teaming up. The ECW/J2A Christmas party and auction will be held Sunday, December 4th at 6 p.m. J2A requests your help with donations to the live and silent auctions. Please contact Kelly Arcieri at kellyarcieri@gmail.com if you have an item or items to donate. Thank you for your support!



Adult Education Opportunities

BIBLE AND BAGELS

This adult education forum meets in the Great Hall Sundays at 9 a.m.
for about an hour and fifteen minutes.

Lectionary Scholars Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Godly Play Room

Facilitators: Eileen Sullivan & Kathleen O'Malley

*Our first meeting in November, we will select
the topic for our next series.*

*For further information, please contact Eileen at
804-248-7744 or Kathleen at 571-228-2534.*

All are welcome.

Fellowship

“50 Shades of Grace”

Tuesday, November 1st the fellowship group for all women will be dining out at First Post on East Market Street at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Lynne Kearnan by Sunday, October 30 so we can reserve a table large enough for everyone.

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5-Book Club

The Book Club will meet at St. Andrew's on Sunday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "Leap of Faith", the memoirs of Queen Noor of Jordan. Anyone of any age who reads the book is welcome to attend. A book will be chosen for the January meeting at that time. Please contact Lynne Kearnan to arrange a ride.

Lynne Kearnan
(717) 845-2087
Email: l_kearnan@hotmail.com

Stewardship

A steward is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will be called to give an account for how we have managed what the Master has given us.

This is the maxim taught by the Parable of the Talents. God has entrusted authority over the creation to us and we are not allowed to rule over it as we see fit. We are called to exercise our dominion under the watchful eye of the Creator managing his creation in accord with the principles he has established.

Like the servants in the Parable of the Talents, we will be called to give an account of how we have administered everything we have been given, including our time, money, abilities, information, wisdom, relationships, and authority.

We will all give account to the rightful owner as to how well we managed the things he has entrusted to us.

Source: Bill Peel - from an essay entitled "Leadership is Stewardship"

Outreach News

Birthday Church Offering – October The Episcopal Home in Shippensburg

Your gifts totaled \$312.12.

Thank you for your generosity!

Birthday Church Offering – November United Thank Offering

Your gifts will be received Sunday, November 6th.

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

UTO

Our Change Changes

The mission of UTO is to encourage each household to have and use a UTO Blue Box throughout the whole year. Everyone; women, men, children and families are encouraged to use the Little Blue Box to say thank you for their blessings. As daily prayers of thanks are given and coins are dropped into the Box it becomes an outward and visible sign of thanks to God for his many blessings.



Once or twice a year the coins are collected and given to provide money for the various grants given yearly. Every penny from the Little Blue Boxes is given back in the form of Grants. For 2016 over \$1.1 million dollars were given.

This year at St Andrew's we will have our UTO Ingathering on **Sunday, November 13, 2016**. Please make checks payable to St Andrew's and put UTO in the memo line, or make use of a UTO envelope so that all monies collected can be properly recorded and then these funds come to me as the Coordinator for the Diocese. The parish treasurer will write one check for all donations which I forward to the Diocese.

Thank you for your support of UTO (United Thank Offering)

Alyce Peiffer
UTO Coordinator – Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

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St. Andrew's Men's Club continues to sponsor the **All Pro Dad's Breakfast for Phineas Davis School**. Thirty-eight youth and their male role model were served in October. Our third breakfast for the 2016-17 school year will be Thursday, November 3rd. The theme for November's breakfast is "Words."

All Pro Dad's Breakfast is a simple idea with a profound impact. This breakfast, served in the Great Hall once each month September through June, is held before school creating an opportunity for children and their male role model to meet with others. During this time, they discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and are equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship.

For more information, or if you are interested in helping with this outreach project, please contact Dan Rooney via email danrooney33@msn.com or phone 817-0530.

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ST. ANDREW'S PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



**Food
Pantry**

The church office is often solicited to provide for those with an urgent need—parish members or not. Currently, there is need to restock our pantry. We especially need canned soups, chili, ravioli, cold cereal, tuna, canned chicken, spam, spaghetti sauce, tea bags, laundry detergent, toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner, deodorant and bar soap. (We have lots of pasta, macaroni & cheese and peanut butter.) Flip top cans are greatly appreciated.

Most of us cannot imagine being that destitute. If you are able to help us continue to serve those less fortunate in our parish and community, your donations may be placed on the table in the Lounge. Thank you.

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

Bits & Pieces



Dear St. Andrews' family,

Thank you all so much for the cards of support, treats and plants. It sure brought joy to my heart. Every time I see my porch brings a smile to me. I love it so much!! Your compassion and care are what makes St. Andrews special.

Ideally I'd love to respond to each of you, but that is too difficult for me right now. Hope this will do.

Please know Jake and I feel blessed to know you all.

Thank you,
Donna Peterson

Parish Directory Updates

Address Change

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NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK

November 15th for December newsletter

December 15th for January 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



**A blessed Thanksgiving
to you and your family!**

In observance of the holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25.



A REMINDER:
Turn your clocks
BACK one hour before going to bed
Saturday, November 5th



We really don't want to think about snow, but winter is upon us!

In the event of inclement weather, please turn to WGAL-News 8, WGAL.COM or the church website for up to the minute closings and schedule changes.

A Patriotic Musical
November 6, 2016
7:00 p.m.



Presented by:
Christ Lutheran Church of Spry
2385 S. Queen Street
York PA 17402

COMING SOON!

St. Andrew's
New Website!

Watch for further details!

St. John's Concert Series
Sunday, November 6, 2016
4:00 p.m.

The Choir of St. John Episcopal Church will present a Choral Evensong in honor of All Saints' Sunday where we remember those who have gone before us in the faith.

Following the service, a recital will be presented by Victor Fields, Music Director/Organist at St. Paul's Lutheran & Organist at Temple Beth Israel, both in York.

Free-will offerings will be accepted at each event. Reception to follow.

St. John Episcopal Church
140 N. Beaver Street
York PA 17401

RECENT ATTENDANCE

October 2	8:00 a.m.	19	Blessing of the Animals-15	10:30 a.m.	35	Wed.—10:30 a.m. 11
October 9	8:00 a.m.	24		10:30 a.m.	81	Wed.—10:30 a.m. 10
October 16	8:00 a.m.	23		10:30 a.m.	72	Wed.—10:30 a.m. 9
October 23	8:00 a.m.	27		10:30 a.m.	65	Wed.—10:30 a.m.

November Birthdays

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

03 - Dixie Heller
03 - Judith Richard
04 - Robert Deroche
06 - Matthew Manzella
06 - Luther Wise
07 - Lorenzo Mendez
09 - Doris Ropp
09 - Julia White
11 - Dorothy Devitt
12 - Doris Smits
13 - Matthew Arcieri
16 - Lynn Robson
16 - Tom Watt
16 - Lee Ann Reardon
19 - Hannah Fyfe
20 - Bill Drusedum
21 - Chris Miltsch
22 - Seth Douglas
23 - Margaret Jasitt
23 - Janet Fleming
24 - Steve Welty
29 - Lynne Eitel
30 - Creighton Miltsch

November Anniversaries

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

06 - Gerry & Beth Davis
11 - Daniel & Alma Rooney
14 - Betsy & Don Carmelite
20 - Karl & Sheressa Rice
22 - Ed & Dora Stogoski
24 - David & Laura Strausbaugh

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.



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!

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

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the Rev. Charlene M. Leigh-Koser, *Assistant Priest*

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