



# NETWORK

## The Parish Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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March 2022



### To the observance of a holy . . .

The title of this reflection is taken from the Ash Wednesday liturgy wherein “I Invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent [..]” (BCP 265). While this specific invitation is to the observance of a holy LENT, I wish to expand that invitation to the observance of a holy LIFE. The great gift of the season of Lent is that Lent provides a period of time where we intentionally focus on our spiritual life. The great problem with Lent is it gives the false impression that the observances of Lent are only applicable for 40 days a year, when in reality, the disciplines we engage each Lent are to be taken with us the remaining 325 days as well.

As the Ash Wednesday Liturgy continues, we hear that we are to mark Lent with a self-examination and repentance; prayer, fasting, and self-denial, by the reading and meditating on God’s holy Word”. These are disciplines that we need to apply to our daily lives not just for a season of the year.

One of the most important disciplines is self-examination. Self-examination is challenging – if done well. With self-examination, we take an open and honest look at all aspects of our life. Self-examination is not an invitation to validate all that we do. Rather, self-examination is to ask the hard question of what do I need to do to tune my life closer to imitating the life of Jesus Christ. While I hope you will each find aspects of your life to validate as “worthy of the life of Jesus Christ”, I also know that we all have areas of our lives that stray from a life worthy of Christ. It’s hard work; it’s wholesome work; it’s Godly work.

This notion of self-examination extends beyond individuals. Communities and organizations are well served with regular “self-examination”. We, as the Parish Family of St. Andrew’s York, are continuing to live into a period of self-examination. As we slowly emerge from the pandemic years, we have a lot of work to do to become the Church that is needed at this time. This will be an ongoing process. This will be a challenging process, and much like our own individual self-examination, it will be a rewarding process.

What follows is excerpts from a document I shared with the vestry at this month’s meeting. I’ll be sharing the complete document in the fullness of time, but wanted to go ahead and give you a glimpse of the direction we are going to head as we begin to take on new life.

## **Charting a Course Forward**

**St. Andrew’s York**

**February 2022**

*(Begin by reading Philippians 3:13-16)*

Now is the time to begin to seriously answer the question: how will we be the Body of Christ at our time and in our place? The events of the last two years have placed in stark contrast the truth that the “way we’ve always done things” cannot be the way that we continue to do things. I apply this broadly and not exclusively to our common life at St. Andrew’s. Before I launch into what I mean by this, let me assure you of things that will remain constant: our worship, outreach, formation, and fellowship. While these remain, we may see additions and adaptations to what we currently offer. We will experiment, explore, and engage new possibilities.

Now comes the exciting part: becoming a new creation. *(Please read 2 Corinthians 5:17-6:1)* The opportunities to engage the world with the love of Christ abound. We just have to do the work to identify them and discover where we as a parish are called to go. This will be grounded in what we collectively call “outreach”. This will be a major component of our work as a vestry, a faith community, and on an individual level. So, where and how do we begin with conversations.

Over the next several months, we will be gathering various groups within the parish to begin these conversations.

### **Leaders’ Retreat – February 26**

The first step is gathering some of our leaders to begin some initial conversations. On

2/26, the wardens, vestry officers, and clergy will gather. Points that emerge during this time of retreat will be shared with the vestry.

Following the retreat, the vestry will gather for a retreat in the late Spring. As we enter the fall, we will expand these conversations to the entire parish in a variety of formats.

### **What's Next Winter 2022 into 2023?**

God knows: we just have to discern and listen and trust. We cannot rush this; we cannot sit idly by and expect it to happen. We have work to do, and we will do that work. We will do this work without any pre-conceived notion of what we want the next steps to look like. This will be frustrating to some, but this is the only way that we can begin to make sense of the unknown and put together a program that responds to the needs of the unknown rather than expecting the unknown to respond to "the way we've always done it". One thing is certain, the unknown rarely embrace "the way we've always done it".

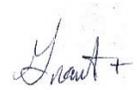
### **What about the Alter Project?**

The Alter Project is still very much key to our developing identity. The three core areas that the Alter Project initially noted provide the central structure of our work going forward: Worship, Mission, Administration. The Spirit of the Alter Project is the guiding spirit of this work - altering how we are the Church that meet the needs of the World in our current, contemporary context keeping relevant the ancient traditions that have fed and sustained humanity throughout the ages.

*(Conclude by reading Matthew 28:16-20)*

Have a restful and rejuvenating Lent. We're going to need it.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Grant", followed by a small cross symbol.



## SETTING THE TABLE

Lent is a season in which we are exhorted to practice self-examination, an activity we often associate with identifying sinfulness and negative things about ourselves. The reality is that this practice helps us experience the freedom of bringing those problems into the light of God's presence and mercy. The accountability that we practice in self-examination, confession, and repentance helps us lighten our burdens and maintain an ongoing personal relationship of sharing and openness with God. The personal relationship which we develop with God is, at first, private, then perhaps shared with a few family members or friends. We speak of community in church so frequently that it's easy to lose sight of how we actually create and sustain community. As we emerge from the shadow of the pandemic, when the time is right, as we share in ministry, worship, and learning together, I hope that we can begin gradually to share personal experiences of God's presence in our lives with each other. When I initially entered the St. Andrew's church building last February, I felt welcomed by the sign from 1 John 4:19: "We love because he first loved us". God's love for us, shown in Jesus' relationship with his disciples, is irresistible. When we experience this love, we can't sit still. We are moved to Go Forth to carry its healing and creative power into the world around us.

In gratitude and service,  
Deacon Jan



# WORSHIP NEWS

## **Monthly Family Service in March**

Our monthly Family service is scheduled for Sunday, March 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the Great Hall. See you then!

## **Monthly Saturday Evening Service in March**

Join us on Saturday, March 19, at 5:00 p.m. for our monthly Saturday Evening Worship Service.

## **Lent 2022**

*Please see the separate publication "Lent 2022" that is available online and at the parish office. This document provides all the information needed for our Lent worship, programs, and opportunities.*

## **Ash Wednesday 2022**

Join us as we enter the Season of Lent on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. We will have two opportunities to worship on Ash Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Both services will be the Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes.





## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, March 6th

#### *1 Lent Birthday Church*

8:30 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

### Sunday, March 13th

#### *2 Lent*

8:30 a.m. Rite I

9:30 a.m. Adult Formation

10:30 a.m. Rite II

### Saturday, March 19th

5:00 p.m. Worship

### Sunday, March 20th

#### *3 Lent*

8:30 a.m. Rite I

9:30 a.m. Adult Formation

10:30 a.m. Rite II

10:30 a.m. Rite II

### Sunday, March 27th

#### *4 Lent*

8:30 a.m. Rite I

9:30 a.m. Adult Formation

10:00 a.m. Family Service

10:30 a.m. Rite II





## Scripture Readings for March



March 6th	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91: 1-2,9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 3:1-15	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

**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 on Wednesday.

Their name will remain on the list for three weeks.

717-843-3868 – [secretary@standrews.org](mailto:secretary@standrews.org)

**Wednesday Worship 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

# Lent



# Annual Meeting Highlights

## January 30, 2022

### Meeting

- Father Grant thanked the vestry for continuing flexibility in this time of transition from Covid 19.
- Thanks to Deb Donohue and Linda Woodside who are leaving vestry . Thanks to Leigh Dalton who will continue to serve as Sr Warden.
- New vestry members are Harry Snell, John Opilo and Eileen Sullivan.
- Diocesan Convention delegates elected are Betsy Carmelite, Lee Ann Reardon, Cricket Webb, and Dan Rooney.
- St Andrew's Cross was awarded to Alma Rooney.
- We were reminded to look for giving statements and envelopes in the lobby for pick-up.
- There was a good response to the pledge drive. We have 54 pledges currently.
- We are reminded that we continue to take more money out of our endowment fund than is sustainable over time.
- Committee reports from the Altar Guild, ECW, Children and Youth Ministry, Men's Club, Fellowship, 5 Book Club, 50 Shades of Grace, Church Music, Outreach, and Eucharistic visitors were given and are on file.
- Fr. Grant thanked everyone for cooperation with Covid Precautions, and for maintaining a positive attitude this year.
- Fr. Grant encouraged us to be joyful and love God and our neighbor as we learn to be Church in a post-Christian society.
- We will be looking to see our path forward this year. There will be a retreat for vestry leaders soon, with a presentation for the full vestry this summer.
- There were small group discussions at the end of the meeting.

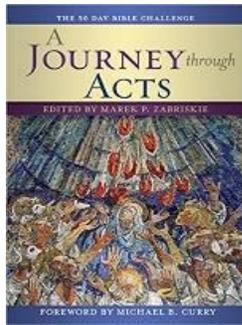
• **Complete vestry minutes can now be found on the bulletin board in the Great Hall near the kitchen.**





## The Bible Journey Study Group

Will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm currently via Zoom. I have listed the readings below.



### March 9

Day 16 Acts 8:1-8  
Day 17 Acts 8:9-25  
Day 18 Acts 8:26-40  
Day 19 Acts 9:1-31  
Day 20 Acts 9:32-13

### March 23

Day 21 Acts 10:1-16  
Day 22 Acts 10:17-33  
Day 23 Acts 10:34-48  
Day 24 Acts 11:1-18  
Day 25 Acts 11:19-30



# Fellowship

## Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

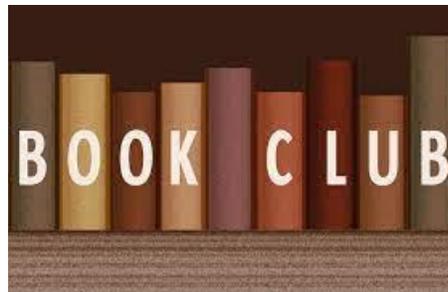
A time for fellowship for our congregation

First Seating 5:00 p.m.

Second Seating 6:00 p.m.

Includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, and beverages

There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby and a Survey Monkey sent out for you to sign up for one of the seatings. We will also need help setting up, serving, and cleaning up. So, let's all dig in and celebrate Fat Tuesday together before the reflective season of Lent. Contact Alma Rooney if you have any questions.



St. Andrew's Book Club next meets Sunday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. Check the Sunday bulletins or contact Lynne Kearnan for the selected reading.

Lynne Kearnan



### March Theology at the Pub

Theology at the Pub will be March 12th from 3-5 pm. It will be held in the Great Hall at church. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks to share. Please call or text Dan at 717-817-0530 if you are interested in attending or if you have questions.

The St. Andrew's hiking club will hold its next hike Sunday, March 13th at 1 pm. We will be hiking the King and Queens Chair Loop trail at Rocks State Park in Harford County Maryland. The trail is a 3.2 mile loop with a scenic view. Please contact Bill Drusedum with a text (717)-817-9349 or email([drusedum1@comcast.net](mailto:drusedum1@comcast.net)) if you are going to join us so we can keep you informed of meeting spots or any changes in plans.



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## *Bezalel Crafting Ministry*

The Bezalel Crafting Ministry (BCM) meets the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month, Labor Day – Memorial Day.

### March Meeting Times

**Dates: March 3rd, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Location: Parish Hall/Zoom**

**All are welcome, no matter what skill level or craft!**

### ATTENTION:

St. Andrew's is starting a new outreach program – the Mat-Work Net-Work. This is an opportunity to make waterproof sleeping mats for our unhoused neighbors out of “plarn” (plastic yarn). It will take many hands to turn plastic grocery bags into loops for crocheting or knitting them into the sleeping mats. While everyone is invited to join in this project, no one is required to participate in it. Feel free to continue with your own crafting projects, as they are also part of our care for the community.

Anyone who would like to help with this project, especially with crocheting or knitting the mats, should contact Martha Ambrose.

The First Mat-Work Net-Work gathering will be **Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm**. Come and help for one hour, for three hours, or for the whole day, whatever your schedule might allow. Lunch will be provided.

All meetings continue to offer both in-person and virtual options of gathering. Please let Martha or the church office know you want the Zoom link by noon on the Wednesday before the group is set to gather. Meetings are held in the Parish Hall so we have plenty of space for everyone to attend in-person. As with Sunday morning services, our group will continue to follow current CDC guidelines for in-person participants. We will keep you posted if anything changes. Hope to see you at the church or on Zoom!

For more information, questions or ideas to share, please contact Martha Ambrose – [MarthaARose@gmail.com](mailto:MarthaARose@gmail.com) or Alma Rooney – 717-817-0529 (text or call).

# ECW NEWS



A heartfelt thank-you to everyone who contributed to the ECW SPCA collection this year. Your generosity makes out project a huge success. These items will be taken to our local SPCA in York to help our furry friends.



Can you help? You certainly did! Thank you to everyone who brought items for Andy's Pantry the day of our Annual Meeting. A permanent crate has been set up in the lobby for donations to this worthy outreach projects



## Episcopal Church Women Meeting Saturday March 5, 2022 10:00 A.M. in the Great Hall



### ECW Soup Sale:

Lent begins 2 Mar 2022 and is less than one month away.

The ECW wants to help you with your devotionals as you prepare for Easter. Fr. Grant (in the Lenten Guide) has reminded us that 'giving up' is not necessarily the most helpful way to prepare for Easter. Our soup sale is not focused on the giving up of meat, but on giving back time to your day. Time that you can devote yourself to 'stretching yourself to see God's Kingdom in new, [and] challenging ways.'

The ECW is selling 5-bean Dry Soup kits for Lent. Pre-orders will be taken after both services and the cost of the kit is \$10.00

## OUTREACH NEWS



*St. Andrew's Men's Club* held **All Pro Dad's Breakfast** for Phineas Davis School on Thursday February 10th. There were 58 students and parents in attendance.

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.

Our next breakfast will be on **March 10th at 7:45am**. Our Topic will be: "Optimism." Please call or text Dan if you are interested in helping or if you have questions. For more information, contact Dan Rooney via email [danrooney33@msn.com](mailto:danrooney33@msn.com) or phone 717- 817-0530.

## BITS & PIECES



### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN.....

Here we are once again in the season of Lent, just weeks away from Easter.

We are going to continue with the sponsorship of Easter Flowers for the Easter Services on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Your donation of \$15.00 will be the cost this year.

There is a shortage of what is available, and ordering and payment must be made by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

You may sign up in the lobby or call the parish office to place your order. **Again, orders and payment must be made by the March 25<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

We will once again list sponsorship in our Easter bulletins.



10" potted Tulips \$15.00  
10" potted Daffodils \$15.00  
Single Easter Lilies \$15.00

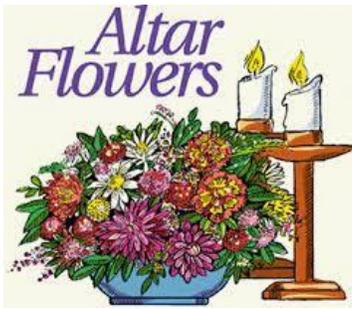


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of or Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Flower Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Please be sure to state In Memory or In Honor. Thank you.



## SPONSORS ARE NEEDED FOR FLOWERS, BULLETINS & AUMBRY LIGHT

Opportunities are once again available.

**You may sign up on line or call the Parish Office.**

This is a great way to give glory to God, remember a loved one or celebrate a joyous or special occasion. Sign up early to reserve your special date!

The price is \$50.00 for flowers  
\$5.00 for bulletins or aumbry.

## COFFEE HOUR GIFT CARD SALES



Just a reminder that Food Gift cards are available the first Sunday during our Fellowship gathering in the Great Hall or any week day between 9-2 in the church office. The cards are for both Weis and Giant Supermarkets in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100. We take both cash and checks.



## March Birthdays

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

01 – David Deliz  
 03 – Wanita Clark  
 04 – Melissa Bailey  
 09 – John Carmelite  
 12 – Graham Bowser  
 14 – Beth Davis  
 16 – Kelly Ann Arcieri  
 19 – Kara Bowser  
 20 – Andy Tarburton  
 22 – Timothy Dalton  
 24 – Grant Ambrose  
 24 – Betsy Dunkel  
 25 – Eric Stambaugh  
 27 – Cherie Garrett  
 28 – Laura Strausbaugh  
 28 – Wilson Carmelite  
 28 – Harriet Carmelite  
 29 – Samara Dalton  
 29 – Marbie Tarburton  
 30 – Ralph Dixon



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## 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.*

## March Anniversaries

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

01 – Daryl & Cricket Webb  
 17- Charles & Barbara Hoopes



## 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.diocesepa.org](http://www.diocesepa.org)

**NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline**  
 Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

**Deadlines for the NET X WORK**

**March 15th for April  
 April 15th for May  
 newsletter**

Please mark your calendars and be respectful of these deadlines.

## NET X WORK

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

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