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

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### Remember to Remember – the challenges of Advent and Christmas

A new favorite Advent hymn of mine is Martin Luther's adaptation of Ambrose of Milan's text *Savior of the Nations Come!* set to the beautiful hymn tune *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* and number 54 in our hymnal. This hymn helps us enter more fully into what Advent is all about. While, yes, Advent is about preparing for Christmas, Advent needs to be more about preparing to remember how God acted at Christmas and how God's actions change our actions. If all we do when we gather for worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is celebrate fond memories, then we are, in a large part, wasting our spiritual time. Our actions at Christmas are nothing if they do not bring about a change of heart, mind, and soul – drawing each closer to the tremendous love of God that broke into our world at the first Christmas and begs us to show that same love in our own lives.

Let's look more closely at the verse of the Advent hymn I noted earlier.

*Savior of the nations, come!  
Virgin's Son make here your home.  
Marvel no, both heaven and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.*

I dare to mention that well-worn cliché – home is where the heart is. Yet, it is appropriate here with our plea that Christ make “here” is home. Christ certainly did that, and Christ's heart was certainly given to creation. Christ's heart broke for each of us, and Christ's heart sang for each of us. God through and in and by Christ lived among us showing us what Godly love and Godly care and Godly action looks like. And that Godly action is fully and totally anchored in humility. The birth our Lord chose was one of desolation and destitution, of humility and fragility. And Christ never departed from these origins taking them with him into his full self at the resurrection. In this we find hope. In this we find redemption. In this we find the true love of God.

*Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child  
Of the Virgin undefiled!  
Mighty God and Mary's son,  
Eager now his race to run.*

Like a runner taking to the track, Christ emerged into our world ready to run the race set before him. A race that would take him through all the ups and downs of life. A race that took him to mountain peaks and valley floors. A race that took him from celebrations of brides and grooms, mourning of widows and orphans. A race that connected him with sinners and saints, and everyone in between. A race that intimately connected him with you and me. And this race was relay – and now, we have been handed the baton. Now we join Christ in the same race, experiencing the same landscapes, the same joys and challenges. As with any relay, we don't run by ourselves alone, but with all on our team. Christ still runs with us, urging us on, encouraging us one more lap, wiping our brow when we need a break.

*Thus on earth the Word appears,  
Gracing his created spheres;  
Hence to death and hell descends,  
Then the heavenly throne ascends.*


Christ lived among us to show us an alternative to worldly living. I don't mean life secluded from the world, but a life in the world that reflects the love and sacrifice of Christ. The Word that appeared spoke a very simple word – love God with all your heart, mind, body, and soul; love your neighbors just like you love yourself. Everything else that comes after must connect back to this fundamental statement. If it doesn't, then it is not of Christ. (Period).

*Come, O Father's saving Son,  
Who o'er sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall your kingdom be;  
Grant that we its glories see.*

Here we arrive at the second aspect of Advent – preparing for the return of Christ. Our plea is that we will see the glories of God: the promise is that we shall. The expectation is that we, within our capacity, will give glimpses of God's Kingdom by the living of our lives. We do a good job reflecting the brokenness of the world. We can do an even better job reflecting the love of Christ.

At the end of the day, this is what Christmas is all about. If we are moved by the story of the humble birth of Christ, then how can we be moved to embrace the world like Christ. If we can see the Good of Christ through the trees, the decoration, the tinsel and the wassail, then the world will remain broken and dark. But, when we glimpse again the glory of God revealed in the Incarnation Christ Jesus, the world will change, because we are changing – changing closer to the image that God has for each and every one of us.

Faithfully,



## WORSHIP NEWS

### DECEMBER'S SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE – CHRISTMAS MEMORIES

We will gather December 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. For many, the festive seasons are challenging. Those who are grieving the loss of loved ones or experiencing serious illness or life changes often find the holidays difficult. Our December Saturday evening service will focus on those who need special care and healing in the midst of the celebrations of Christmas.

### CANDLELIGHT CONCERT AND COMPLINE

Our next Candlelight Concert will be Sunday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. We will be joined by Victor Fields, organ, for an evening of Advent and Christmas organ music.

### ADVENT RETREAT 2022

We are starving for some peace and quiet. That's why you'll want to join us on Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for this year's Advent Retreat. More information will be available as we get closer to the date.

### PREPARE TO (AND) REMEMBER – THE GREAT GIFT OF ADVENT

Fr. Grant will explore why the Season of Advent is so essential to not only our understanding of Christmas, but also a defining aspect of our faith. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship with coffee and desserts. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. First session is Wednesday, November 30. We'll meet each Wednesday in December with December 14 being our last session.

### Next Month



Start thinking about getting your annual reports ready.

**Reports will be due no later than January 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>  
after the 9:30 a.m. joint service



## Worship Schedule

### *Sunday, December 4*

#### *2 Advent Birthday Church*

8:30 a.m. Rite I

9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. Rite II

### *Sunday, December 11*

#### *3 Advent*

8:30 a.m. Rite I

9:35 a.m. Adult Formation

10:30 a.m. Rite II

### *Saturday, December 17*

5:00 p.m. Worship

### *Sunday, December 18*

#### *4 Advent*

8:30 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

11:30 a.m. Greening of the Church

7:00 p.m. Concert & Compline

### *Saturday, December 24*

#### *Christmas Eve*

4:00 p.m. Family Service

7:00 p.m. Service

10:00 p.m. Service

### *Sunday, December 25*

#### *The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

9:30 a.m. Worship

ENTER TO LEARN. DEPART TO  
SERVE

Important dates to mark on your calendar. Parish office will be closed December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 3<sup>rd</sup> for Christmas/New Year's holidays returning Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Newsletter reminder: The January newsletter submissions need to be received no later than Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your assistance.



## Scripture Readings for December



December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:4-9	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
December 18 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-7,16-18	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4' (5-12)	John 1:1-14

**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**

## Reminder

### POINSETTIA SPONSORSHIP



How fast time flies. Poinsettia orders need to be in by Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Help to beautify St. Andrew's sanctuary with flowers of remembrance and honor. The pricing from last year has remained the same. \$15 for a 6" pot. Red, White, Pink You may pick up and take your flower home on Sunday, January 1st. Sign up in the lobby or call the church office with your request. Thank you.



## Vestry Highlights November 15, 2022

- Financial secretary reported that we have achieved 84% of our annual budget as of October. The incoming pledge amount for October was \$21,089. In addition, 45 2023 pledge cards have been submitted thus far. Susan will send out pledge reminders to members who have pledged in the past but have not submitted forms as yet.
- The treasurers report said we were on target. Also, that we are below “borrowing” from the Vanguard fund compared to last year.
- Harry reported that the finance committee met to put together a preliminary budget for 2023. They are still waiting for the final pledges to come in to determine what the budget will be. Some questions were asked but the Vestry will go in depth at the next meeting.
- Committee reports:
  - The ministry fair was a hit. People especially liked the Ministry Booklet that was put together. It was wise to leave it up for 2 weeks.
  - ECW is planning the Parish Christmas party for Dec 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-5. Their annual cookie sale will be on Dec.11. Signups will be going out for bakers and takers. They will also have a collection of cleaning products at the annual meeting.
  - Outreach has collected 40 thanksgiving bags for families at Phineas Davis school. Alma is securing turkeys for the bags. These items will be distributed on 11/17 at the school.
  - Outreach will also be doing the collection for the Bell Shelter in December.

### Junior Warden reported:

- She is getting estimates to repair the roof over the Church.
- The choir room repairs are almost finished
- The bell is not working. She has found another place who repairs bells and will follow up with them.

- The red doors will be painted by Eric Stambaugh providing the weather cooperates at this time.
- The Great Hall's floors got buffed
- Alma also spoke to someone who had done a kitchen island at St. John's. She has the business contact information. A base needs to be built so the stainless steel counter top can be made to fit. She has lined people up to help with this project. The cost will be a lot less than what originally was projected.

#### Rector's Report:

- St. Andrew's Day is this Sunday 11/20 with the piper at the 10:30 service.
- New altar linens are on order. The money will come from the Memorial fund.
- Fr. Grant was at a week-long Credo Conference in California. There were 18 clergy from all around the country who attended. Three main topics were discussed that included Health/Mental Health wellness, finances, and spirituality. Fr. Grant led the spirituality part of the program. This is part of his continuing education that the Bishop requires of clergy.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

All vestry minutes can be found on the bulletin board in the Great Hall.

## *Fellowship*



St. Andrew's Book Club next meets Sunday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "The Last Train to London" by Meg Waite Clayton. Like "Beneath a Scarlet Sky", this is a well-researched historical novel based on true events. It covers the rise of Hitler and the kinder transport of children out of Austria in the latter 1930's by a brave Netherlander woman.

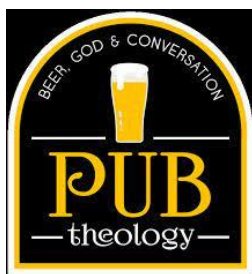
Anyone of any age who reads the book can join our one-hour discussion.





**“50 Shades”** The social fellowship group for all women always meets the first of every month. December 1st we, along with some women friends, are jump starting our Christmas spirits with the Christmas show at American Music theater. Those of us who attend that night will choose an activity for January 1st.

Theology at the Pub (TAP) is a forum for men to share their faith in an open and casual setting. Please join us for the December Theology at the Pub on December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm. The location is TO BE DETERMINED. Feel free to call or text Dan at 717-817-0530 if interested in attending or in learning more about TAP.



### Out To Lunch Bunch



First Wednesday of the month - December 7 at 12 Noon - Cracker Barrel 236 Pauline Drive, South York. Please sign up on the signup sheet in the church lobby or call or text Mary Jane Watt at 717-309-1065. All are Welcome - "The more the Merrier".



## General Fellowship Offerings:



Sunday December 18, 2022

After the 10:30 Service. We will gather for soup, salads and the greening of the church. This year we would like to use live greens wreaths and roping, if possible. For us to do this we are appealing to the congregation to make donations to the church for live greens. See Alma Rooney or Father Grant if you are interested in donating to this project. We will be De-greening the church on January 8<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service.

## Cookies, Cocoa, Carols, and a Camp Ring

December 21, 2022

6:00 pm

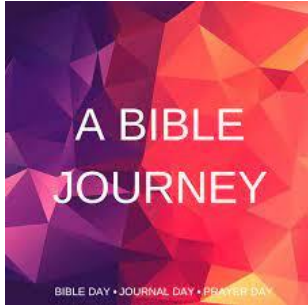
Mark your calendar now to join us during the holiday season for a fun time.



## Bezalel Crafting Group

Will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. of December. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, of the month from 11:00 - 12:00. Anyone who likes to craft may join us. We are currently working on many projects. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alma Rooney.

## FORMATION:



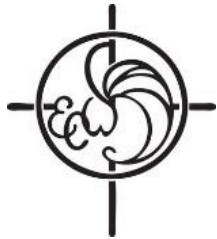
### **Bible Journey & Welcome To The Church**

December 6<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm

The two groups that have been studying this fall on Tuesday evenings will combine for one December meeting.



## ECW NEWS



### **Church Women of St. Andrew's ECW**

Business Meeting

Saturday December 10, 2022 @ 10:00 am

(Please note the change of date)



### **ECW Christmas Cookie Fund Raiser**

\$15.00 a Box

We are selling boxes of homemade cookies again this year! Pre-order sign-up sheet is in the lobby until December 4<sup>th</sup>. You can pick up the pre-ordered boxes on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

## ECW Christmas Party

Saturday December 17, 2022

3:00 – 5:00 pm

With Live Music

Please bring a finger food to share



## OUT REACH



*St. Andrew's Men's Club* held All Pro Dad's Breakfast for Phineas Davis School. We had a great All Pro Dad Breakfast on November 10th with 43 in attendance. We had 4 teachers join us as well and several new families! There is great energy and enthusiasm this year, so please join us for the next breakfast on 12/08/22 at 7:30am. Setup time for helpers is 6:30am. Please call or text Dan at 717-817-0530 if interested in finding out more about this ministry.

## CHRISTMAS BELL SHELTER PROJECT



We will be working with the Bell Shelter again to give gifts to people who are staying there over the holidays. The shelter provides temporary housing to families while they search for permanent homes.

Please look for the small tree in the lobby where the bells will be hung, indicating what items to buy for the families. Remember, you can share a bell with someone to participate in this holiday project! There will be a SIGNUP SHEET by the tree to write down which bell you have taken. This year we will also be decorating a hats and mittens tree to give warm items to the

Phineas Davis children. Thank you to the Bezalel Crafting ministry for their partnership on this.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with these projects, please contact Susan Reardon @ [susan.p.reardon@gmail.com](mailto:susan.p.reardon@gmail.com) or 717-495-0178. Thanks!

## BITS & PIECES

### 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 weekday between 9:00 - 2:00 Mon - Fri, 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.



### ANDY'S PANTRY



The Pantry is in need of some food and hygiene items. Food needs include canned tuna, fruit and soup, pasta, pasta sauce. Hamburg/Tuna Helper. Nonfood items include toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, fabric softener, shampoo, conditioner, razors, and toothbrushes. Thank you to all who have donated and to those who can help restock for the Fall months. If you would rather make a monetary donation the shopping can be done for you. Checks should be marked "Andy's Pantry". Thank you.



## December Birthdays

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

03 – Phillip Rooney  
03 – Jolene Kingston  
04 – Bill Brooks  
06 – Leah Deroche  
11 – Leigh Dalton  
11 – Steve Douglas  
11 – Henry Stambaugh  
18 – Ginny Sprengle  
18 – Susan Stiller  
19 – Donna Welty  
19 – Darlene Swartzbaugh  
21 – Kara Stambaugh  
22 – Noel Kraut  
22 – Jean Tasco  
23 – Ralph Dixon Jr.  
24 – Deb Donoghue  
24 – Elaine Douglas  
25 – Alexandra Strausbaugh  
29 – Ed Stogoski  
31 – Sallie Francis



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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.*

## December Anniversaries

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

01 – Ronald & Jennifer Fimiani  
30 – Stephen & Louise Manzella



**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](http://www.diocesecpa.org)**

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

**Deadlines for the NET X WORK**

**December 12th for January  
January 15th for February  
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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John Opilo (2025)  
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Eileen Sullivan (2025)

