



NETWORK

The Parish Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Ordering Chaos – The Art of Creation and Making Space

When one looks at the original Hebrew in the first account of Creation one encounters a wonderful phrase: תְּהוֹמֵהוּ וְרָבָה. (*remember Hebrew is read from right-to-left*). This is transliterated as “tō-hū wā-bō-hū,”) and may be translated as “chaotic emptiness” or “formless and void”. As we continue reading this passage we discover that over this chaotic emptiness “the Spirit of God hovered (moved).” Then we arrive at the moment: God speaks. Thus, God sets in motion the creation of all that is good ~ all that is very good ~ from a seething mass of chaotic emptiness. Do you ever feel like life, or a current situation, is chaotic? or empty? Or chaotically empty? At some point, haven't we all been there? There are so many day-to-day demands on our lives. Unexpected occurrences appear at the most inopportune times. Just when things seem like they are making sense and running smoothly, chaos returns.

While we can't escape this, we can be prepared to approach this chaos with a different frame of mind. We can take an example from God and work to bring about order to the chaos: we can work to bring about a new creation for our lives. To do this, we must be willing to put in the effort to bring about something new.

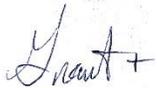
At the end of Creation, we are told that God rested – God took sabbath time. What we learn from this is that creating – making something new – It's hard work. We also learn that we must find times of refreshment and rejuvenation as an active part of creation.

Not all chaos is bad, but all chaos is exhausting. Take for example, the month of May: for some schools are ending, for others summer plans are taking shape. We have a number of events that demand our attention. From a worship perspective we have Ascension Day, Rogation Days, and Pentecost. The “program year” is concluding and the summer schedule is

being finalized – all good stuff, but stuff that can be demanding and appear chaotic leaving us feeling tired, stretched, and, perhaps, overwhelmed.

Take the time this year to breathe some new creation into the chaos of busy schedules. Speak to what really matters to you. Create space to both enjoy the many obligations and opportunities that you have and also create space to rest. Take time to be with God, individually and communally, to participate in the constant joy of making something new and bringing some order to a chaotic world. Take time to glimpse the Spirit of God hovering over you, guiding you in all this world sends your way.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grant" followed by a small plus sign.

“Come and See”. Go and Be.

WORSHIP NEWS

MAY’S SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

Join us on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. for our monthly Saturday evening service. Looking for a more contemplative service in a welcoming setting, this is for you.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE AND CONVERSATION AT THE BEAN

Looking for a midweek opportunity to gather for coffee and conversation? We have just the event for you. After the weekly midweek worship service, we gather at the Belmont Bean for coffee and conversation. Unable to attend the worship service, that’s OK – meet us there. We usually arrive at the The Bean around 10:45 a.m. Want to walk? Join Fr. Grant after the service to walk down (it’s ½ mile one-way)

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

We continue our Ascension Day tradition of gathering at Sam Lewis State Park for worship and a BYO picnic supper on the Feast of the Ascension. Worship begins at 6:00 p.m.

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST 2023

Get your red shirts ready – the Feast of Pentecost is Sunday, May 28. Let's all wear red as we celebrate the “coming of the Holy Spirit” at both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.
“Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire”

MONTHLY SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP RETURNS IN JUNE

Once again, we will gather on the first Sunday of each month (June – September) at 5:00 p.m. for an informal service and BYO Picnic at Sam Lewis State Park. Bring a chair. Bring a friend. Bring a picnic. First service is June 4.



Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 7th

5 Easter

8:30 a.m. Rite I

9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. Rite II

Sunday, May 14th

6 Easter Mother's Day

8:30 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

Saturday, May 20th

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, May 21st

7 Easter / Healing Sunday

8:30 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

4:00 p.m. Choral Evensong

Sunday, May 28th

The Day of Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

Wednesday Worship 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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.

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Scripture Readings for May



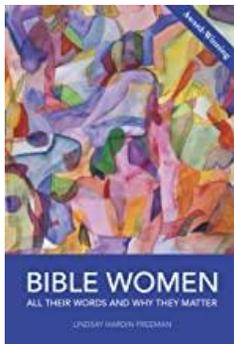
May 7	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 14	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:7-18	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 21	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 28	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:25-35,37	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23

SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG

All are invited to a service of Choral Evensong at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday May 21st at 4:00 p.m. This very beautiful and prayerful service is guaranteed to bring a sense of peace, which is something we all need in these trying times. The music will be provided by the Adult Choir and the St. Andrew's Choristers.

*Birthday Church offering for February & March
Crispus Attucks & Operation Understanding
Thank you for your generosity!*

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



Bible Journey

2nd and 4th Tuesdays May 9th and 23rd

@7:00pm via Zoom

We are working our way through the women of the Bible. We are on a journey to increase our understanding of the Bible. The book is available on Amazon.

Anyone is welcome to join us!

May 9 Readings pages 92-101, Priest of Midian's Daughters and Zipporah

May 23 Readings pages 102-107, Daughters of Zelophehad (Miriam)* and Rahab



Vestry Highlights

April 18, 2023

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- Financial report that as of March 31st, we are at 85% of our budget for the month.
- Treasurer reported that things stay the same. There was a question referring to a higher than usual water bill. Fr. Grant and Alma surveyed the nooks and crannies of the building and found nothing. Jr. Warden John, will do a follow up with this issue.
- Committee Reports:
 - ECW will have a Rummage Sale on 4/28 & 4/29.
 - Communications Ministry met and suggested that the Ministry Booklet designed last fall be placed in the pews for newcomers and visitors to look at or take-away. Also, to have Greeters to welcome guests to our parish. Lastly, pictures of events be taken on a regular basis. A Communication Ministry email will be established for pictures to be submitted.
 - Formation Ministry reported that they are focusing on getting children (ages 12-17) more involved and are working with St. John's in Lancaster with this. Also, they suggested all Ministry groups to start with a prayer at each meeting.
- Various & Sundry:
 - John thanked Fr. Grant and Alma for helping him navigate his new role of Jr. Warden.

- The lock on the front door was repaired.
- Fr. Grant will be on vacation 4/20-28.
- Jenn suggested that we have some type of information card that could be posted/and or given that would tell about our services and also highlighting handicap accessibility. We had a family come to our Easter service because their child was in a wheelchair and we had the access they needed to attend service. Barb said she would work up something with important information on it.

Rector's Report:

- Fr. Grant reported that there were 15 services during Holy Week. At the 5:45 service: 16 in person and 9 online; 8:30 service 56 in person; 10:30 service 90 in person. The average attendance weekly is 126 which includes in person and online. There are 30 views to the Wednesday morning service throughout the week.
- He would like to have people assigned as greeters at each service. Duties and start up to be determined.
- Fr. Grant mentioned that the Diocese Standing Committee endorsed Martha to move towards ordination.
- Vestry approved that Summer Hours for the Office would be the month of June thru August from 8AM -2PM with the office closed on Fridays.

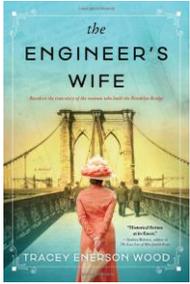
The next Vestry meeting will be on May 16 at 7 PM in the Great Hall.

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

Fellowship

“50 Shades of Grace”

On Monday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. all women are welcome at a game night in St. Andrew's Great Hall. We'll play a simple dice game called Bunco. If you don't know it, you can learn it in two minutes so don't let it keep you away. \$5 to get in the game and there will be cash prizes. Bring an appetizer or beverage to share. There will also be pizza available \$2 a slice. Please come and bring a friend for a fun social night out with church women.



5-BOOK CLUB

St. Andrew's Book Club next meets Sunday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss "The Engineer's Wife" by Tracey Enerson Wood. This is an historical fiction about building the Brooklyn Bridge, which took 14 years.

Anyone who reads the book is welcome.

Refreshments provided.



Theology at the Pub (TAP) is a forum for men to share their faith in an open and casual setting. May TAP is planned for May 13th at the Sign of the Horse Restaurant and Brewery, located at

16 N. Main St. Red Lion PA 17356 from 3-5 PM. Contact Dan Rooney at 717-817-0530 for more information or if you are interested in coming.

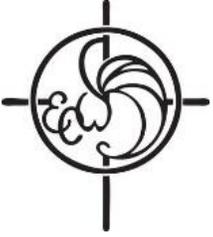


Bezalel Crafting Group

Will be meeting on the 4th and 18th of May. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of this month from 11:00 - 12:00. Anyone who likes to craft may join us, bring your craft to share with us. We love seeing how creative people are and sharing our

crafting challenges. We are Currently working many projects. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alma Rooney.

ECW NEWS



ECW
Business Meeting
Saturday May 13, 2023 @ 10:00 am



Blue Box Collection
Sunday May 28th

There will be a basket on the table at the back of the church for you to drop them in. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

ECW Calendar for 2023:

September: Fun Day 9/10

December: Parish Christmas Party 12/9

December: Cookie Sale 12/17



OUT REACH



St. Andrew's Men's Club- The Men's Club sponsors a monthly breakfast for students at Phineas Davis Elementary School using the "All-Pro Dad's" (APD) program. During this time, we discuss a wide range of family topics and offer resources to help improve family communication and to strengthen their relationship. Phineas Davis All Pro Dad attendance was 75 for April. The final breakfast for the school year is scheduled for May 18th. Contact Dan Rooney at 717-817-0530 if interested in finding out more information about this ministry.



PHINEAS DAVIS SUMMER BAGS ARE HERE AGAIN!!

It is a favorite Outreach project of St. Andrew's to provide bags of goodies for summer vacation to all of the 1st graders at the school across Ogontz. We will collect items and donations throughout May to fill the bags, which will be delivered in June. Be on the lookout for sample items in the lobby! Most of these things can be found at a Dollar store. Please send a check marked "Summer Bags" if you'd prefer to donate money and leave the shopping to us! This has always been a fun and rewarding ministry, and we thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, please call Susan Reardon at 717-495-0178, or email susan.p.reardon@gmail.com.



ANDY'S PANTRY



The Pantry is in need of some food and hygiene items. Food needs include canned fruit and soup, pasta, pasta sauce and peanut butter and jelly. Nonfood items include toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, fabric softener, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, razors, and toothbrushes. Thank you to all who have donated and to those who can help restock. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have the shopping done for you, please mark your check "Andy's Pantry", and we'll do the shopping for you. Thank you.

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.



Non-Collectable Items

St. Andrew's will no longer be collecting the following items:

- Soda Cans, Soda Tabs,
- Boxtops, Campbells Soup labels,
- Printer Ink Cartridges,

Thank you for supporting these fund raisers.



Summer Parish Office Hours
June 1st - September 1st.

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Friday - Closed

May Birthdays

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

01 – Michael Fritz
03 – Stephen Vanaman
04 – Dave Dunkel
05 – Mary Jean Wampler
08 – Priscilla McCaw-Jack
11 – Martha Alice Ambrose
11 – Stephen Francis
15 – William Reardon, Jr.
16 – Hugh Miller
19 – Frank Youkers
20 – Linda Woodside
21 – Sandra Mann
21 – Louise Manzella
23 – Annabelle Vecero
31 – Gabrielle Jeanmenne



May Anniversaries

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

10th Andy & Marbie Tarburton
11th Bill & Susan Reardon
16th Jon & Elizabeth Noel
22nd Robert & Kara Bowser
31st John & Mary Wampler



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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**

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Grant Ambrose
Rector
The Rev. Janet Brown
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Parish Secretary

Vestry Members

David Dunkel (2024)
Barbara Fleischer (2024)
Michael Massaquoi (2024)
John Opilo (2025)
Harry Snell (2025)
Eileen Sullivan (2025)
Jennifer Fimiani (2026)
Frank Youkers (2026)

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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.*

NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK

**May 15th for June
June 15th for July
newsletter**

**Please mark your calendars
and be respectful of these deadlines.**



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sunday, May 21st 6:30 p.m. Book Club Thursday, May 18th 6:30 p.m. Sam Lewis Park, Worship	1 "50 Shades"	2	3 10:00 a.m. Worship	4 11:00 a.m.—12:00 Bezalel Crafting	5	6
7 5 Easter Birthday Church 8:30 a.m. Rite I 9:30 a.m. Coffee Hr. 10:30 a.m. Rite II	8 Soup Kitchen	9 7:00 p.m. Bible Journey	10 10:00 a.m. Worship	11	12	13 10:00 a.m. ECW Meeting 3:00 p.m. -5:00 TAP
14 6 Easter Mother's Day 8:30 a.m. Rite I 10:30 a.m. Rite II	15 Newsletter Deadline Street Clean (N)	16 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting Street Clean (S)	17 10:00 a.m. Worship	18 6:30—8:30 a.m. APD'S 11:00 a.m.—12:00 Bezalel Crafting 6:00 p.m. Worship	19	20 5:00 p.m. Worship
21 Easter 7 Healing Service 8:30 a.m. Rite I 10:30 a.m. Rite II 4:00 p.m. Choral Eve.	22	23 7:00 p.m. Bible Journey	24 10:00 a.m. Worship	25	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost UTO Box Collection 8:30 a.m. Rite I 10:30 a.m. Rite II	29 Memorial Day  Office Closed	30	31 10:00 a.m. Worship			