



NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S January—February 2022

Jay's Say:

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I had an 8.30 appointment with the Right Reverend Mark Beckwith this morning. We met at the base of the Sunapee Express, and in between ski runs, we chatted about Braver Angels and what it might offer St. Andrew's and our region.

At an online orientation last month, Mark was delighted to meet Woody Canaday, Jeannie Sperry and Jennifer Giles (who sang with his Mom Heidi in our choir and at Woodcrest Village during her final months). Our three other leaders (Peter Ruth, Penelope Whitman and David Balford) look forward to attending a similar workshop this month.

You don't have to wait for our initiative to get off the ground to engage with Braver Angels. Individuals can become members for an annual fee of \$12.

Jeannie has attended two workshops: Helping Loved Ones Divided by Politics and Depolarization Within. Among many other lessons, the first taught her that if you listen hard enough, it's often possible to find a shared value, while the second workshop is helping her deal constructively with stereotyping amongst fellow liberals.

Braver Angels aims for understanding rather than agreement. You won't be expected to compromise or water down your political beliefs. You will be expected to listen respectfully and to lay aside disdain, malice and arrogance.

I'm hoping that Braver Angels will engage those who lean Red (conservative) and Blue (liberal) and those who see themselves as purple somewhere in between. But I also hope that those who are deep burgundy and midnight blue will give Braver Angels a chance. If we patronize, shame or demonize those on the other end of the political spectrum, their reaction is often to double down which does our own cause no good.

Braver Angels shows us a different way. It's also the way of the Gospel.



Parish Updates

Funeral and Graveside Services

20 November

Andrew Jamieson

6 December

Dawn Rich

11 December

Mary Shepard

12 December

Betty Buzby



Some of these photos and many more may appear in the slide show to be presented at Annual Meeting on 30 January. Read more about this important event in the life of St. Andrew's on p. 7.



Jenna Wheeler	4
James Wassell	7
Loa Winter	8
Linda Miller	10
John Jevne	12
Peter Machen	12
Barbara Smith	12
David Marshall	16
Nancy Rollins	16
Tina Colehower	23
Diane Caldwell	25
Linda Barnes	26
Kate MacLeod	26
Natalie Stark	28
Kent Woodger	28
Jeanie Plant	30

Parish Birthdays



Candie Reynolds	3
George Jamieson	6
Natalie Davis	8
Bill Helm	10
Bill Sloan	11
Judy Wallace	14
Gardner Yenawine	18
Cynthia Canaday	19
Lou Sawyer	20
Terry Smith	27



The Outreach Commission has resumed meeting in person on the first Thursday of even-numbered months to receive and consider suggestions for our *Last Sunday* offering. We have agreed that our efforts should be focused on humanitarian needs, both domestic and international; and we welcome suggestions from parishioners. At our meetings we discuss potential recipients and decide who among us will do the required research and the writing.

Committee members are Elizabeth Lowell, Janet Heyl, Christine Kellett, Russ Potter, Tom Rubin, Becky Rylander and Karen Zurheide. Their contact information is in the 2018 St. Andrew's Parish Directory.



A Plea from the Outreach Commission and Shelly

Because checks are sent to Outreach recipients promptly during the week following the last Sunday of the month we ask you, please, to make your gift **on or before that date**, not afterwards.

We begin alerting you to the "Last Sunday" recipient early each month and hope that this is helpful to your planning. Donating online via St. Andrew's website is a very quick, easy and timely way to contribute. Thank you.

Thanks from Got Lunch Newport

To the Generous People of St. Andrew's Church,

As the Thanksgiving season begins, we are reaching out with appreciation to the donors who have enabled Got Lunch Newport to successfully reduce food insecurity in Sunapee, Newport, Goshen and Lempster. Your \$3,500 contribution truly made a difference in the lives of children and their struggling parents.

With Profound Thanks,

Charon Urban

Got Lunch Coordinator

Dear St. Andrew's,

On behalf of everyone at **Willing Hands**, I would like to express our deep appreciation for your 11/18/21 donation of \$3,220. Thank you!

Because of the support you and many others, Willing Hands is able to deliver fresh, healthy food to almost 90 recipient organizations in the Upper Valley including food shelves, shelters, healthcare centers, and income-eligible housing facilities. This nutritious food is making a real difference in the lives of more than 6,000 individuals per week. Cindy Stevens, manager of the Claremont Soup Kitchen, recently said: "Our guests are often lined up down the sidewalk on Friday waiting for the Willing Hands truck to arrive."

All of us at Willing Hands send our appreciation for your ongoing support of our mission. We look forward to staying in touch. Thank you deeply for this support!

Sincerely,

Gabe Zurheide

Executive Director

***Last Sunday* Looks Ahead – 30 January**
Tornado Relief via Christ Episcopal Church, Bowling Green, KY

We have all seen photos of the devastation left by the series of tornadoes on 10 December in a number of states in the south and mid-west - particularly in Kentucky. And we have heard how this devastation has been reflected in the lives of so many. There is no question that we need to bring what help we can to those in need from this natural disaster. The only question is how we, over 1000 miles away, can best do that.

A first step was to find a partner organization on the ground in the disaster area that knows the need firsthand. We found this partner through the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky. The Diocese recommended contacting one of the parishes in the affected area and providing financial support to it either directly or, if necessary, through the Diocese. That parish would, in turn, see that the money was used wisely in the best interests of those in need. We were led to Christ Episcopal Church in Bowling Green - in part because they are within an area of great devastation, in part because they are already a conduit for aid to the surrounding region. They are working closely with two school districts, in which many families with school-age children have lost everything. They are also working with St. John's Episcopal Church in Murray, the Episcopal church closest to Mayfield, perhaps the hardest hit community in the affected area.

One of the questions we discussed with the Christ Church Tornado Relief Coordinator Cindy concerned the timing of our financial aid. She indicated that they expect greater financial needs in the January-February period due to rental and utility bills and felt that receipt of funds in early February after a January Last Sunday Appeal at St. Andrew's would fit well with their relief effort.

This message from Cindy to all of us at St. Andrew's: "Your email brought tears to my eyes - your generosity is overwhelming and your caring even more overwhelming."

As always, there will be more information on Tornado Disaster Relief weekly throughout January, and your financial donation in this appeal will be matched.



Please make your gift on or before 30 January!

***Last Sunday* Looks Ahead – 27 February Dismas Home of New Hampshire**

“For 21 months I was just a number. When I left prison and came to Dismas Home, the staff helped me reclaim my name and my life.” – former DHNH resident

Dismas Home of New Hampshire (DHNH) is a state-licensed 90-day residential alcohol and drug rehabilitation treatment and transitional program for previously incarcerated women, located in Manchester that currently houses up to eight women. The program accepts women from every area of the NH criminal justice system and provides participants with residential support for a full year. Founded in 2016, DHNH is not just a house. It is a home that offers a second chance at life, with the support needed for recovery, family reunification and successful reentry into life outside of prison.

Generations of incarcerated women have faced enormous obstacles related to their rehabilitation and reentry due to gender discrimination. Overcrowding and lack of programming space, shortchanged education and vocational training, and lack of work and recreational opportunities complicate women’s ability to rejoin their communities. In 2020, 140 women were released from NH state prison. Statistically, 43% of previously incarcerated women return to prison. Since its opening, more than 62 women have participated in DHNH’s one-of-a-kind treatment program, and to date **none** has returned to prison or jail.

DHNH operates fully staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The trained and certified staff is responsible for alcohol, drug and mental health counseling. Additionally, volunteer work includes board participation, visiting the residents, cooking and serving communal meals, resource development and communications, financial training, transportation, shopping, home improvements and maintenance.

A faith-based organization, DHNH provides a path to a second chance at life. The women of DHNH who make the brave decision to “do the work” that will change their lives have been moved by God's love and have “seen the light” and been transformed. DHNH partners with its residents to rebuild, transform, reorganize and adjust their lives around recovery and sobriety so they may discover the joy of a healthy and empowered life. It takes time to recover, with a stepped-down phasing of structured programming to encourage and support successful recovery and transition/reentry.



DHNH’s vision is to serve at least 25 women at a time in its 90-day program and to add a second sober living home. This second home will offer more women a longer transition time to build life skills and independence. Additionally, DHNH’s goal is to expand programming by bringing its model to other NH communities.

On average it costs \$215 per day per resident to operate DHNH. Contributions from individuals, foundations, corporations and government entities directly support DHNH’s programs, services and special initiatives. With our help, DHNH can continue to slow the cycle of recidivism, rebuild broken families and positively support our NH communities.

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Wardens' Words

Happy New Year! Little did I know when I wrote those words as we approached 2020, that we would spend the next two years social distancing, wearing masks in public, unable to gather together in church and in other places, service trips canceled, etc., etc. ZOOM meetings became the new normal, as did worshipping on line! 2021 has not been much different. How lucky we are to be led by such a creative priest and this year that includes his tech-savvy family!

One of the things I did while taking Education for Ministry was to explore the prayer book and read the Catechism, which begins on page 845 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). If you haven't read it before, I suggest that you take the time now – and if you have read it, it is always good to take the time to review it as we begin a new church year. The questions and answers on the top of page 855 are particularly important to the church and its mission today. We have accepted the invitation of "Becoming Beloved Community." This past year many of us participated in the Sacred Ground program where discussions allowed us to come to grips with racism and white privilege in our own lives. This was not easy for some of us, but well worth the time and effort to discover "who we are and what things we have done and left undone regarding racial justice and healing."

2022 will give us a chance to learn and work together to depolarize our political discourse by working with Braver Angels. The mission of the church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ by promoting justice, peace and love, and all its members are to carry out this mission. Thank you to those who led the Sacred Ground groups and to those who will lead us in the Braver Angels program.

My time on the vestry is coming to a rapid end. I have been privileged to work with so many wonderful people over these last few years and I thank you for that opportunity. I leave you in the capable hands of Joe Daly and a new warden to be elected at annual meeting, and members of the vestry, old and soon-to-be new. I close with a paraphrased quote of C.S. Lewis that I found on the theepiscopal.org website: "We cannot go back and change the beginning... but what we can do is start where we are now and create a different ending." May those words guide us as we continue to follow Jesus in the way of love. – Marni Eaton

Our next visit to the **Friendly Kitchen** is Friday, **28 January**. Friendly Kitchen is one of St Andrew's longest running outreach projects. The kitchen has one purpose-to feed the hungry. Everyone is welcome, no questions or qualifications.

Let Janet Heyl know if you would like to help.



**Help Re-Stock the KLS
Community Food Pantry**

January: Canned Fruit

February: Large Juice (especially low sugar and 100% juice)

Paper towels, toilet paper, coffee (regular, decaf and instant), peanut butter and jelly, cake and brownie mixes and monetary donations are always welcome.

Calendar of Events

January

2 (Sunday) - Feast of the Epiphany

9 (Sunday) - Baptism of our Lord

28 (Friday) - Friendly Kitchen (*see p. 6*)

30 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, to benefit Tornado Relief (*see p. 4*); Annual Meeting, 4 PM (*see below*)



February:

27 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, to benefit Dismas Home (*see p. 5*)

Monday to Friday 12 Noon Midday Prayer (Healing Eucharist **Thursday**)

Mondays 6 PM Meditation (*resumes 24 January*)

Tuesdays 10 AM Craft Group

Thursdays 6 PM, Instrumentals, 7 PM Choir Rehearsal

NOTE: We currently are requiring masks and physical distancing regardless of vaccination status for indoor activities. Doors and windows will be open.

ANNUAL MEETING ON ZOOM, 30 JANUARY AT 4 PM

In consideration of a possible COVID surge, your Rector, Wardens and vestry decided to hold the annual meeting on ZOOM rather than in person this year. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at 4 PM on Sunday, 30 January. A link for the meeting will be sent by email in advance. You can also expect to be able to read the Annual Report for 2021 before we convene for the meeting.

A quorum of 50 parishioners is needed and we hope you will attend and help us conduct the usual business of accepting the minutes of the last annual meeting and the 2021 annual report, accepting the 2022 budget and voting for officers of the church. A committee has proposed the following slate and nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Vestry for three years – Russ Register and Billy Kelly

Vestry for one year – Clare Pace

Warden for two years – Karen Zurheide

Western Convocation delegates for three years – JoAnn Hicks and Barbara Smith

Western Convocation alternate delegate for one year – Alice Perry

The meeting will also include a slide show of pictures from the past year as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

A few days after I started as music director at Saint Andrew's, my friend Donald Cox gave me a hug and uttered the words, "Welcome home." Now, as I finish up my third month, not a day goes by that I don't feel grateful and blessed to be here.

Choir is growing steadily, but we always have room for more at 7 PM on Thursdays. Or, you could check out our new instrumental group, "Joyful Noise Makers," at 6 PM, where we learn basic rhythm and note reading, and bang on all sorts of exotic percussion instruments. We'd love to have you join in sometime, and here's to an amazing 2022!
 – Will Ogmundson



Faith and Issues

Recently a number of the books we have read over the years for Faith and Issues were donated to the church's lending library and placed in their own "F&I" space on the shelves. Alice Perry and Wendy Sloan undertook this labor of love, weeding and expanding (still in progress), and it is hoped that you will find a few books that you would enjoy from time to time.



Some of the books we in Faith and Issues have read were not donated because they are "keepers"! The following is a list of those "missing" books.

Borg, Marcus and John Dominic Crossan, *The First Christmas, The Last Week and The First Paul*
 Hochschild, Arlie, *Strangers in Their Own Land*
 McGhee, Heather, *The Sum of Us*
 Thurman, Howard, *Jesus and the Disinherited*

Feel free to check with me if you'd like to borrow one and I will either lend you my copy or ask another Faith and Issues participant. (You may also check your local library or bookstore.) Please also keep in mind that the list will keep growing, on and off the library shelf, as the group continues to meet, select, read and discuss titles. Watch this space and weekly parish emails for announcements of those new titles. – Katrina Wagner

Reminder to those wishing to donate books to the St. Andrew's library: please bring titles to the church office for review by Wendy Sloan or Alice Perry rather than placing them on a shelf. This will help us ensure the book is labeled for and placed in an appropriate category as well as help us eliminate duplicates, saving limited space for other new and important titles. – Thank you!

Dismas Home, continued

For us as Episcopal Christians, redemption is a core theme. Everyone deserves a second chance (or as many chances as it takes). Look for more information on DHNH weekly throughout February and know that your financial donation in this appeal will be matched.

"I am truly grateful for the simple fact that a complete stranger believed in me enough to help me follow my dreams. This single gesture has given me faith and confidence in myself and a belief that I won't fail. I've spent my entire life thinking I wasn't good enough to live a sober, happy and fulfilling life. Today, I know in my heart that I am finally on my way to where I'm supposed to be." – **Kathy, former DHNH resident**



To learn more go to <https://dismashomenh.org/>. Please make your gift on or before 27 February!



from deep roots

NEW LIFE

Diocesan Capital Campaign— From Deep Roots, New Life

As noted in a 10 December letter from Bishop Rob, as well as in earlier editions of the *Network*, the diocese has begun to prepare for a new capital campaign. In his letter the bishop noted this is to be "The first capital campaign in over 30 years, the funds generated by From Deep Roots, New Life will not go to brick-and-mortar endeavors . . ." The proposed initiatives focus on the development, building, and support of *people* – developing clergy and lay leaders, and evolving, robust worship communities.

A new website will launch early in January with additional information. Stay tuned!

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