

# NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S May—June 2023

## Jay's Say:

When Rosie Best and Lisa Gover churned up the soil and weeded the raised beds of the community garden at St. Christopher's Mission (SCM), they were doing more than they realized.

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In 1864 the American military removed the Navajo from their homeland and marched them to Fort Sumner where many perished from starvation. Kit Carson employed a scorched earth policy and slaughtered their livestock, destroyed their dwellings and burned their peach orchards.

The Long Walk and their brutal internment were meant to turn the Navajo into sedentary farmers. In fact, they had agricultural expertise honed over generations, and their displacement meant that they lost their indigenous strains of fruits and vegetables.

Seeds of Hózhóji, SCM's garden project, brings white and Diné (as the Navajo refer to themselves) communities together as they learn from one another how to live more sustainably with the earth, produce their own fruits and vegetables and combat food scarcity.

Yesterday we sat down to homemade minestrone soup (thank you, Patsy Catsos) alongside SCM staff and volunteers. Reagan Wytsalucy dandled 6-month-old Micah on her knees as she explained how her Diné ancestors, through inbreeding and crop selection, created peach trees adapted

to the local desert climate and alkaline, sandy soils. The trees bore small, yellow peaches with white, freestone flesh.

A scientist with Utah State University, Reagan told us that her great grandfather, Hoskinini, was one of the Diné who avoided capture by the U.S. Army in 1864 and took refuge in the wilderness west of Bluff near Bears Ears. Hoskini and fellow fugitives had few possessions but one thing they did carry with them were peach seeds.

Pursuing an advanced degree in plant sciences, Reagan Wytsalucy undertook oral history research with Diné elders to try to locate traditional peach trees and to document cultural practices. But here she ran into another problem.

We had already heard after Morning Prayer from Walter, SCM's groundsman, and from Margaret, the senior warden, about being separated from their families and shipped off to boarding schools. The Bureau of Indian Affairs required Navajo children to attend these schools (many of them church-sponsored) where they were prevented from speaking their native language and performing traditional practices.

Apart from social and cultural dislocation, this resulted in loss of traditional knowledge about peach culture. But some elders managed to avoid the boarding school *(continued on p. 2)*

Jay's Say, continued

system and became Reagan's best sources of information about distinctive Diné methods of cultivation. Tribal elders also entrusted Reagan with peach pits from traditional peach trees. Peaches tend to hybridize through cross pollination, but genetic testing showed the traditional Diné peaches to be remarkably distinctive with 30 percent more calcium and potassium than modern varieties.

Now Reagan is helping to re-establish traditional peach orchards and rejuvenate traditional farming techniques. When Rosie and Lisa lent a hand in the SCM community garden, they were helping to repair the breach arising out of the historical trauma inflicted upon the Diné by the U.S. government and the church. That's why this visit to SCM is as much pilgrimage as mission trip. Yes, we are here to replace church windows, to paint tiny houses and to weed, but we are also here to listen to stories and hear hard truths. As parish priest Joe Hubbard says, "Come and see. Come be a part of our community as we begin the work of mutual listening, learning and transformation."



Parish Birthdays



Mary Bayerl	1
Patricia Stewart	2
Charlie Giles	5
Karen Zurheide	9
Lyman Smith	14
Sonya Chiarella	18
Kathleen Rusnak	18
Sue Venable	21
Gail Goddard	23
Harvey Best	24
Mary Ivey	27
Bill Colehower	28
Jim Oates	31



Brenda Tirrell	1
Lynn Salo	3
Bernadette Seifert	4
Linda Potter	5
Nick Eaton	6
Dick Sawyer	6
Jeffrey Seifert	6
Whit Smith	6
Jeanine Berger	10
Connie Appel	11
Lisa Gover	14
Chuck Thompson	14
Greg Potter	15
Tanner Boucher	16
Herb Hansen	16
Kelby Frenkiewich	17
Lisa Kelly	17
Woody Canaday	18
Brian Frenkiewich	18
Joseph Daly	19
Tina Helm	19
Susan Schweizer	19
Kent Wheeler	26
Gretchen Crandall	28

There is lots of **Building & Grounds** activity this spring season as we worked to get contracts in place for exterior projects at our churches. As you have seen, the roof of our Gould Road church has received new shingles after 20 years of weather exposure. At this same time, we plan to have a solar array installed on the roof section over the Parish Hall.

Another major restoration project is the rebuilding of the patio and exterior stairways facing Gould Road. The stone masonry will be restored or replaced as needed. The concrete steps will be replaced with granite steps and the patio walking surface will consist of interlocking paver blocks. Water drainage will be handled by underground piping. Please take extra care as you walk about the property during the construction process

Also, Paul Debow of Debow Wildlife Services has recently worked to block bats from moving into Old St. Andrew's and roosting in the rafters. With summer 8 AM services at OSA planned to commence on 19 June, the timing of the work was critical as state law prohibits disturbing bats between 1 May and 15 September. -- Harvey Best

## St. Andrew's and Braver Angels Partnership Celebrates Its First Year with a Visit from Bishop Mark Beckwith



At morning services on Sunday, 23 April – one year after the Palm Sunday on which he helped St. Andrew's launch its partnership with Braver Angels (BA) -- the Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith (Ret'd) preached, with passion, about the urgent need to reduce polarization in our public discourse. BA is a national volunteer organization dedicated to this same cause. In the afternoon, he joined as a participant in the sixth BA workshop that St. Andrew's has hosted.

The workshop, *Depolarizing Within*, was the fourth to be ably moderated by Jeannie Sperry, with the organizational and administrative support of team members David Balford, Woody Canaday, Jennifer Giles, Peter Ruth and our Advisor, Jay MacLeod. With 40 people in attendance, this was

the first with a majority from outside of St. Andrew's – a result of our reaching out to the broader community through emails and personal conversations, as well as word spreading from previous events, complemented by ads in The Kearsarge Shopper and flyers in strategic locations. Conversations in the breakout sessions were robust, as can be seen in this photo (*above*).



Participants were also joined by Doug Teschner, head of the New England Region BA Alliance, and initiator of several workshops that have been held for NH Legislators at the State House in Concord. Prior to the workshop, the team met with Mark and Doug to discuss Braver Angels' major programs.

Mark volunteers with the Braver Network, in which BA partners with local and national organizations including houses of worship. St. Andrew's is a leading church organization within the network, and Mark is encouraging other Episcopal churches to join. To this end, we will join him in a zoom meeting with Episcopal church leaders of St. Matthew's in St. Paul, MN and St. George's in Milford, MI on 7 May.



*Workshop leaders – Front row (l to r) Peter Ruth and Jeannie Sperry. Back row: David Balford, Jennifer Giles, Jay MacLeod, Mark Beckwith, Doug Teschner and Woody Canaday.*

Doug works with Braver Politics, to empower elected officials to bridge the partisan divide and improve communication with colleagues and constituents. BA offers programs designed for this purpose, applicable to city councils and town boards - a workshop was held recently for the Lebanon, NH city council. Team member Paul Catsos (away for this session) joined for the most recent workshop at the NH State House on 13 April.

St. Andrew's BA team will meet again soon to debrief on the most recent workshop and discuss next steps. We welcome your comments and suggestions! --

Woody Canaday, [wcanaday@braverangels.org](mailto:wcanaday@braverangels.org)

***Last Sunday* Looks Ahead – 28 May**  
**American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)**

**Spring is the season of renewal and hope.** For the families of Palestine, Israel and Jordan their hope is fed by the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. The AFEDJ is a non-political nonsectarian 501c3 organization dedicated to raising financial support for schools, hospitals and centers for children with disabilities. St. Andrew's pilgrims visited one of these facilities in 2018 and saw the great work AFEDJ is doing first hand. The children at the AFEDJ facility were well cared for, happy and their families were grateful for the opportunities afforded to their children.

Travel restrictions and a crippling blockade are a daily reality for Palestinian refugees in Gaza. That access has been even more challenging due to the West Bank raids in the city of Jenin that began in January 2023.



In the midst of the extreme poverty in Gaza City, Ahli Arab Hospital stands out as an institution whose leaders and staff - in partnership with community-based organizations at work in the poorest neighborhoods and refugee camps - bring free healthcare to those in need with love, compassion, and professionalism. This hospital is the only healthcare option for Palestinian refugees to seek care.

Eileen Spenser, the new director of the AFEDJ, addressed the supportive care the hospital has provided in these challenging times, noting that "Ahli Hospital is a safe haven of peace and compassion in the midst of chaos for Palestinian refugees."

Our support through St. Andrew's parish Last Sunday Outreach has provided AFEDJ with funding to minister to the Palestinian refugees. Please help however you are able to support AFEDJ's ministry. Your donations, matched by our generous, anonymous donors, will keep programs like those at Ahli Hospital serving with compassion and ministering to the displaced Palestinian refugees.

To learn more about the work of AFEDJ watch this video on YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05KleU-\\_aKE&t=14s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=05KleU-_aKE&t=14s)



**To respond to Last Sunday appeals on these two pages,** you can place your gift in the offering plate prior to or on the last Sunday of the designated month, send your check marked for Outreach to St. Andrew's Church, P. O. Box 294, New London, NH 03257, or make an online donation at <https://www.standrewsnl.org/giving-on-line.html>. Your generous support will be matched by our anonymous donors. The Outreach Commission and their identified organizations are grateful for your support.

*Please also see p. 5 for an expression of thanks from a prior recipient.*

## Last Sunday Looks Ahead – 25 June Navajoland

As this newsletter arrives in your mailbox, Jay and nine parishioners are already hard at work at St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah. They are replacing ten widows in the church building itself, painting - red - the exterior of seven "tiny houses" (right) and possibly doing some gardening as time and muscles permit. They are living the relationship between St. Christopher's and St. Andrew's with work, yes, but also with the daily interchange of worship and meals and storytelling which are an integral part of the Truth and Reconciliation Center at Bluff.



It is this Truth and Reconciliation Center which our June Last Sunday offering will support. As Bluff becomes the place where indigenous people tell their stories, maintenance-deferred buildings need updating – to meet code, hold community meetings, provide meals and house guests. Diné come from far and wide to use the 100-acre campus which, among other services, offers free potable water to all comers.

The former community center, now the vicarage, is finished! St. Christopher's vicar, Joe Hubbard, and his family, moved in last month. The church itself has a new roof, so leaks have ceased. The next facility focus will turn the old clinic into a community center. Our gifts will help to purchase building materials and perhaps St. Andrew's next trip to Bluff will include updating that building!

Bishop Dave Bailey will pass his crozier to Bishop Barry Beisner (retired of Northern California) on Saturday, 20 May. This service of Recognition and Investiture will be live-streamed at 1 PM Eastern time. If you wish to view it, go to <https://youtube.com/live/ZM-WBZZkpnHM?feature=share>

February recipient Dismas Home has written to us in thanks for our gift this year, noting "... our deepest appreciation for your gift of \$6380.00.



"2023 is an exciting year for Dismas Home as we look to expand our services... we are pleased to be in a position to expand and help more women reclaim their lives. And we wouldn't be here without your help and support.

"... A selfless act of love, such as the support you give, affects our residents profoundly and helps spur them on their journey toward reuniting with their families and the community. THANK YOU!"

### Planned Giving and the Legacy Society

Our planned giving program has reached the "quiet" phase. We believe that you are all aware of the benefits of a planned gift to St. Andrew's and the financial strength that your gifts will create for our future. It's important to remember that this program is not a campaign but a state of mind that we should all adopt. We all give to support St. Andrew's mission during our lifetime and a legacy gift will ensure that we continue to do so even after we've left this earth.

Thanks, *George Jamieson*,  
Planned Giving Committee chair

#### St. Andrew's Legacy Society

##### In Memoriam

Grace Handford Birdsall 1962	Philip T. Cate 1999
Eleanor B. Lovett 1970	John Deacon 2000
R. Stanley Erskine 1970	Madeline Miller 2001
E. Strong Burtis 1971	John Madden 2005
Ruth Kenyon Johns 1972	Helen DeLong 2007
Ruth E. Keith 1972	Catherine Bogardus 2008
Marian Chidvey 1975	Mary Jarvis Graham 2010
Ted Kirk 1975	Robert Kelsey 2011
Jardine estate 1976	Jane Graham 2012
Lyman Cook 1978	Esther Osgood 2015
Carroll estate 1978	Mayland Morse 2016
Dorothy Bemis 1979	Jane Landenberger 2016
Mary Louisa Mattoon 1980	Nancy Draper 2019
Kim Robinson 1982	Richard Haines 2019
Dorothy A. Johnson 1988	Ellen Schauff 2019
Ida Spear 1989	Robert Freitas 2020
Frances T. Cate 1999	Hank Otto 2020
Lena Peck 1994	Karla Sanders 2021
Grace Poor 1994	Mary Shepard 2021
John Wastcoat 1998	Bruce Avery 2021

##### Joined St. Andrew's Legacy Society in 2022

Shirley Avery	Dick Munn and Holley Eaton
John Chiarella	Knowlton Reynders
Becky and Charlie Forbes	Wendy and William Sloan
Anne Hall	Leslie and Lois Smith
George and Kristyn Jamieson	Katrina Wagner
Jay MacLeod and Sally Asher	Anonymous (2)

## Wardens' Words

As members of the St Andrew's community and now as wardens, we have been continuously inspired by the spirit of caring, loving kindness and service to others – qualities that are present in our faith community of St Andrew's.

Care and service to others are at the roots of our Christianity, traditions grounded in the Jewish concept of "Tikkun Olam" – "healing the world."

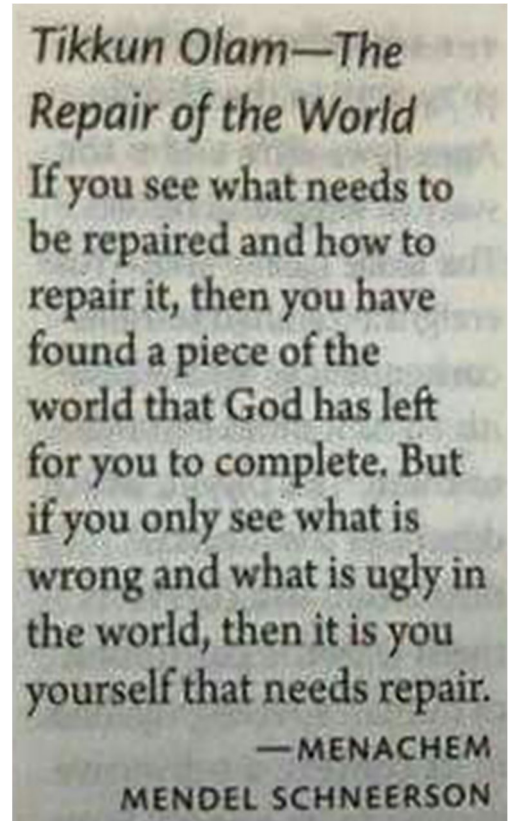
The concept of Tikkun Olam charges all persons to heal the world by actions intended to improve the world through service to others and in a spirit of inclusion of others.

What does healing the world mean to us now? How is it experienced at St. Andrew's Church?

Throughout the year this is visible at St. Andrew's: serving a joyful luncheon for people age 80 or more; bringing communion to members who can no longer attend weekly services; hosting joy-filled worship services for families with young children (Messy Church); implementing a monthly "lunch bunch" for those who are alone; gathering for picnics on week-day evenings during the summer for fellowship; working together and having fun at our summer fair; being part of the St. Andrew's choir; assisting at weekly worship; serving with the building and grounds team; tending church gardens; working in the thrift shop; donating to St Andrew's outreach organizations; participating in prayers for those in need; choosing to go on a church pilgrimage; attending educational programs/studies offered at the church – these are some examples of how we care for each other, grow in our faith and create a "world" that is caring and healing.

We are not called to do something impossible, but to respond and serve those we are blessed to touch in our community.

We are called to be active participants in the process of healing the world. Whenever a group of two or more gather and there is joy, love and caring in the encounter, there is healing. This is visible at St. Andrew's. With joy and loving kindness we go forth as a community of faith. – *Claire Pace and Karen Zurheide*



Please come and join us for a **Mother's Day Brunch** on **Saturday, 13 May at 11 AM** in the parish hall. Women of all ages are invited to come to celebrate all mothers. You do not need to be a mother to be part of the celebration! — *Rosie Best and Janet Heyl*



## Calendar of Events

### May:

7 (Sunday) - Messy Church, 4 PM (*see p. 11*)

13 (Saturday) – Mother's Day Brunch, 11 AM (*see p. 6*)

26 (Friday) - Friendly Kitchen (*see below*)

28 (Sunday) - Last Sunday to benefit AFEDJ (*see p. 4*); Lunch Bunch (*see below*)

### June:

4 (Sunday) - Messy Church, 4 PM (*see p. 11*)

18 (Sunday) - Old St. Andrew's opens for 8 AM summer worship (*through 3 September*)

20 (Tuesday) - Informal outdoor weekly cookouts commence, 5:30 PM (*through 29 August*)

25 (Sunday) - Last Sunday to benefit Navajoland (*see p. 5*)

**SUMMER FAIR ALERT – 1 July.** Find out how you can help us get ready for this big event and be sure to come and enjoy the sales and action on the Green on the day!

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

**Mondays 6 PM Meditation (resumes 16 January)**

**Tuesdays 10 AM Craft Group**

**Thursdays 7 PM, Choir Rehearsal (in choir room downstairs)**

*NOTE: We continue to recommend masks and physical distancing regardless of vaccination status for indoor activities. Doors and windows will be open.*

Let's get the "Lunch Bunch" back in gear with the last Sunday in May, the 28th. We'll have a pot luck meal in the Parish Hall. A spiral cut ham leftover (and frozen) from our initial Christmas Day gathering with the appropriate condiments such as raisin sauce and tangy mustard will be featured. Please sign up to bring salad and a starch and veggies, and of course dessert. — Janet Haines

Please give a look at the open opportunities to provide **hospitality** – refreshments – after each of our Sunday morning services. The two Janets (Heyl and Haines) are the contacts for this important way of sending the message of WELCOME to new folks and each other. You've likely enjoyed the gifts of others -- maybe now it's your turn. Please sign up on the hall table.

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

**May: Canned Fruit**

**June: Large Juice (especially low sugar & 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.

Our next visit to the **Friendly Kitchen** is Friday, 26 May. Friendly Kitchen is one of St. Andrew's longest running outreach projects and is *looking for new leadership*. The May visit would be a good opportunity to show what is involved in leading it. The commitment is three to four hours of time once every other month plus some planning. If you are interested please contact Janet or Chris Heyl .



## *Parish Updates*

### Memorial Services

*22 April*

*Peter Hope*

*Libby Phillips*



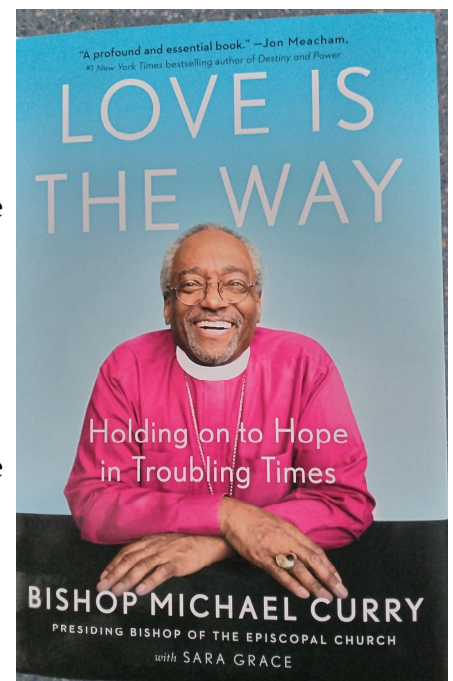
*The Outreach Commission* meets in person on the first Thursday of even-numbered months to receive and consider suggestions for our *Last Sunday* offering. We have agreed that our efforts should be focused on humanitarian needs, both domestic and international; and we welcome suggestions from parishioners. 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 2022 St. Andrew's Parish Directory.

The *Faith and Issues* reading and discussion group will take the first three Saturdays in May off and resumes on 27 May to discuss *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* by Ed Yong (a Pulitzer Prize-winning science journalist). John Walsh has generously offered to lead what promises to be a complex and fascinating discussion of this Issue-related book. Reading assignments for each week can be found on the website under the Learn tab. All are welcome to join via Zoom from 9 to 10:30 on Saturday mornings. Contact the church office for more information.-- *Katrina Wagner*

Thanks to Loa Winter who brought a book to the church office, wishing to donate it to the parish library. The book *Love Is the Way* by Bishop Michael Curry is autobiographical (and labeled and shelved as "Biography") but it is so much more. Much of his own life illustrates significant changes in his and our lifetimes and he uses that to illustrate how to live "the way of love." For example, he stresses the differences between "protest" and prayer. Referring to one occasion, he states, "We were there to seek higher ground and discover common ground. We were not protesters but protectors of Jesus' love."

A few other donated books just appeared alone on a shelf . . . Please remember to do with books you wish to donate as Loa did – to leave it in the office so it can be checked to avoid duplication (we have limited space) and to also be labeled and shelved by category. We try to keep the area in front of the lower bookshelves clear so that books shelved there can be easily browsed. Given our limited space please consider for donation only books of a recent publication date. Thanks!





**Note:** In the tradition of providing brief biographies of current vestry members, you can read on these pages those of newly-seated members Fifi Mitchell, Russ Potter and Nancy Rollins. Other vestry now serving have been profiled previously and many of those can be found in past editions on the website under the Inform tab.

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*Fifi Mitchell was elected to the vestry for a three-year term in January. A member of the altar guild, a Lay Eucharistic Visitor and a frequent presence at midday prayer, she lives in Wilmot with her cat Mimi.*

I was born and raised as a Roman Catholic in Brooklyn, New York (two brothers, one sister) where I attended a convent school run by cloistered nuns. It was there that my faith was nurtured and my belief and love for the Holy Trinity was instilled. I consider myself a retired catholic, however, and in my many decades of life, I have attended Episcopal, Lutheran, and New England Baptist churches. About seven years ago I came to a service at St. Andrew's and was moved by the extent of the church's outreach and mission work. I have since joined the altar guild, organize the annual Blessing of the Animals, help out at the thrift shop, and most importantly to me, attend as many midday prayer services as I can. I am a prayer warrior including as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor!



I am a retired registered nurse. I began my career as an operating room nurse at New York Hospital and later switched to school nursing. My two daughters, Danielle and Jacqueline, live in New Jersey and Florida respectively and I have recently become grandmother to precious Eloise.

I had two incredible parents and was blessed to be raised in a loving home filled with adventure and music. My mother was an accomplished Juilliard-trained pianist, and although I grew up hearing hours of classical music as she played, my love of music extends from Bach to Puccini to The Rolling Stones and just about everything in between. My parents loved to travel and took us on many trips both here and abroad. We spent Christmas vacations skiing in Vermont and New Hampshire and I remember loving the landscape and promised myself that I would, one day, have a big old farmhouse with a red barn. In 2004, I took early retirement and did just that . . . purchased an old house with a barn and did a renovation/restoration. It was indeed a money pit but I didn't mind because I was living my dream. I now live in a small home in Wilmot with my cat Mimi. I love to travel, ski, hike, kayak, swim, walk, read and pray. I love antiques and I love to bake. I love flowers, birds, mountains, forests, oceans and lakes, but most of all I love Jesus.



Our event on 2 April centered around the last week in Jesus' life with the theme "Surprised by Love."



*Russ Potter is serving a two-year term on the vestry, completing a term left vacant when Claire Pace was elected Warden. Also a member of our choir singing tenor, a lay reader and serving on the Outreach Commission, Russ and his wife Susan moved to Enfield in 2021 to be near a daughter and her family.*



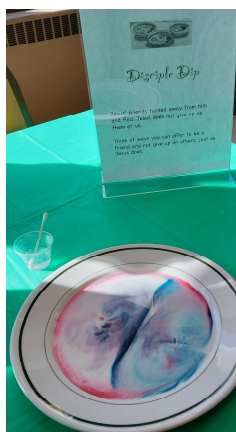
I am a child of the mid-west — born and raised in West Virginia followed by four years in college in central Ohio. After a year in the Air Force in Florida and six years in graduate school (geochemistry) in California, I moved back to central Ohio to do research and development as a glass scientist for Owens Corning. I worked on all kinds of things there, but the most interesting and worthwhile was developing an understanding of the health effects of glass fibers and ensuring that they are safe to manufacture and use. Understanding the environment and physiology of the lung is not quite geochemistry, but at the Owens Corning research center one never knew what might come next, which made the work lots of fun.

In December 1986, mutual friends arranged an hors d'oeuvre party with the secret goal of introducing Susan and me. It worked. Less than a month later we married. By 1990 we had two children, Hugh and Ruth, and were living in Castleton, Vermont, where I taught geology and chemistry at (then) Castleton State College. It didn't take me long to realize that there was not nearly enough of my time to allow me both to teach as I wanted and to be the husband and father that I wanted to be. So I was soon back at Owens Corning, continuing where I had left off until I retired in 2015 (I think it was). And there we stayed, on 77 acres of hayfields and woods with an assortment of animals. Susan and I figured we were there for the duration.

Then in mid-2021, after our daughter and family had settled in Enfield, New Hampshire, we were talking with a friend. "Have you thought of moving near Ruth and her family?" he asked. Russ: "I have thought about that, but I think Susan is not ready yet." Susan: "I though YOU weren't!" In early October that year we moved into our house in Enfield. about 15 minutes from Ruth and her family.

Susan has Anglican roots from Canada; I have Presbyterian from growing up and Episcopal from my undergraduate college, Kenyon. We are similar in having a degree of uncertainty about our religious beliefs. But while I am comfortable with that coexisting with the creeds of the church, Susan is not. In Ohio, I stayed with St. Luke's Episcopal. Susan shifted to the Friends meeting and their less-defined beliefs. And as choir responsibilities at St. Luke's allowed, I joined Susan at the Friends meeting. As we settled in Enfield, I explored Episcopal and other possibilities, and, primarily because of St. Andrew's strong commitment to outreach to those in need, ended up here. Susan is still searching.

More from  
2 April —



*Nancy Rollins was elected to a three-year-term on the Vestry, has been attending St. Andrew's since 2010 and received into the Episcopal Church at a service of reception last fall. A native of New Hampshire, she spent the early years of her career in social work in Massachusetts before returning to New Hampshire.*

I was born and raised in Manchester, New Hampshire. My mother was French-Canadian and brought up Roman Catholic. My father was a (non-practicing) Methodist. I was brought up Roman Catholic and attended 12 years of Catholic education. I went to undergraduate school at Springfield College in Western Massachusetts. Upon graduation I worked several years for a then-fledgling outdoor company, Eastern Mountain Sports in Amherst, Massachusetts.

Shortly after, I began my professional social work career in children's mental health. Through the mental health center we provided therapeutic adventure-based programming in western Massachusetts and the Adirondacks for youth living in housing projects in Holyoke, Chicopee and Springfield. While there I pursued my Masters of Social Work from the University of Connecticut, where I focused on Public Policy, Administration and Community Development.



After 18 years in western Massachusetts, I returned to New Hampshire to be closer to my aging grandparent and parents. I was caretaker and support to all three in their later years. I also began what would be a 27-year career with the NH Department of Health and Human Services. My career encompassed numerous leadership roles in the areas of children's mental health, child welfare, child protection, juvenile justice, substance abuse, disability and aging services.

Upon retirement, I worked first for Goodwill Industries of Northern New England as Strategic Development Officer in New Hampshire; and, then as Chief Operating Officer at Easterseals of NH, VT, ME and Farnum Center. Prior to full retirement in 2022, I returned for a final year with the NH Department of Health and Human Services as a part-time consultant for aging and disability services.

During this time, I lived in Bradford, and then Andover before moving to New London in 1994 with my partner Kathy Minaert. We have loved living in this area as it affords many opportunities for biking, kayaking, cross-country skiing and hiking. We both loved travel, theater and movies, and raised three generations of dogs that all brought us much joy. Sadly Kathy passed away unexpectedly on 29 September 2022. Currently I live with our border collie Willie and sheltie, Nora.

After being an infrequent parishioner at Our Lady of Fatima, I decided to attend St. Andrew's in 2010. I have been a member ever since. I enjoy the faith community – its opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth and community outreach. I was honored to have been received into the Episcopal Church this past October. I look forward to being a member of the Vestry.

Our next Messy Church will be Sunday, 7 May, with the theme "Wonderfully Made" (Psalm 139.14). We look forward to new friends and old engaging with us in this next episode of "church but not as you know it." The Messy Church team, under the leadership of our newly-minted Missioner Zach Gobeil, is also making plans for the 4 June event. Watch for notices of this monthly event that takes place on the first Sunday of each month from 4 to 6 PM.



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**The Rev. Canon Jim Ransom**

**The Rev. Alice Roberts**

**The Rev. Dr. Kathleen Rusnak**

**The Rev. Leslie Smith**

**The Rev. Charlie Tirrell**

**The Rev. Dr. Katrina Wagner**



**The Vestry**

**Wardens**

**Karen Zurheide** (expires Jan. 2024)

**Claire Pace** (expires Jan. 2025)

**Treasurer**

**Mike Quinn** (expires Jan. 2026)

**Vestry Members**

*Term Expires Jan. 2024*

**Morris Edwards**

**Alice Perry, Clerk**

**Linda Potter**

*Term Expires Jan. 2026*

**Fifi Mitchell**

**Nonie Reynders**

**Nancy Rollins**

*Term Expires Jan. 2025*

**Billy Kelly**

**Russ Potter**

**Russ Register**

**Western Convocation Delegates**

*Term Expires Jan. 2024*

**JoAnn Hicks**

**Barbara Smith**

**Susan Schweizer, alter-nate**

*Term Expires Jan. 2025*

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