

NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S November—December 2022

Jay's Say:

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I'm writing after a busy All Saints' Sunday. In the morning we gathered to celebrate the Eucharist and savor our communion with the church departed before enjoying each other's company at coffee hour. In the afternoon we learned how to depolarize family political conversations in our Braver Angels workshop. In the evening, dozens gathered for God 101 to reflect on the core conviction of our faith: God is gloriously disclosed in Jesus of Nazareth. Complaine brought All Saints' Sunday to a sublime close as our simple service was joined, as always, to the magnificent worship of the whole company of heaven around God's throne.

Like All Saints' Sunday, the Bishop's visit is a high point in the year of any Episcopal parish, doubly so when the visit comes on our patronal festival. The Right Reverend A. Robert Hirschfeld will preach and preside at the Holy Eucharist (which will include the rite of Confirmation) on the Feast of Saint Andrew at 7 PM on Wednesday, 30 November. Those who have not been baptized would be baptized and confirmed as part of this compelling liturgy.

The service of Confirmation (page 413 in the Book of Common Prayer) includes provision for those being received into the Episcopal Church. Reception is especially appropriate for those who were confirmed by a bishop in a different tradition (e.g. Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist).

On St. Andrew's Day, we shall all renew our baptismal covenant. Bishop Rob will pray over all the candidates for confirmation and reception. And then he will address each candidate by name, lay his hands on their head, and pray, "Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *Jane* with your Holy Spirit; empower *her* for your service; and sustain *her* all the days of her life."

Please speak with me ASAP if you are interested in being baptized, confirmed or received. These are powerful events not just for the candidates but for the whole church. Every member of St. Andrew's is invited to attend. Actually, you're expected to attend!



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Parish Updates

Funerals

2 September

Theodore Brown

25 September

Nancy Curran

24 October

Mary Lou Dufault

29 October

Kathy Minaert



Don Boxwell	3
Wendy Sloan	3
Gene Venable	3
John MacLeod	5
Ayla Frenkiewich	7
Pat Hall	9
Pam Morland	13
Yvonne Kun	14
Clare Bennett	16
Michael Quinn	18
Allen Ivey	19
Mark Kellett	19
Sam Kelly	18
Jean Nye	22
Karen Shepherd	22
Jim Ransom	23
Joanne Schuyler	23
Caroline Macdougall	28
Chris Major	28

Parish Birthdays



Devun Jevne	2
Betsy Horn	6
Elizabeth Kellett	6
Carolyn Lockhart	6
Marni Eaton	7
Leni Gillespie	7
JoAnn Hicks	7
Ben Greenbaum	10
Bethany Greenbaum	10
Nancy MacLeod	11
Emory Sanders	11
Michael Salo	13
Charlie Tirrell	13
Alice Perry	14
Emmy Potter	15
Mary Eysenbach	19
Marilyn Paradis	19
Froncie Quinn	22
Judy Ackroyd	25
David Spina	25
Cynthia Marshall	28

Did you know?

Music after the closing blessing in the Sunday worship service is called the Postlude. *It is customary to remain standing while the presider exits.* If you choose to sit to listen to the postlude, please do so *after* Jay has walked down the aisle and left the sanctuary.



United Thank Offering

The UTO ingathering is during the Diocesan Convention, 4-5 November. The grant focus in 2023 will address all aspects of worldwide incarceration.

If you haven't sent a check yet, please do so. Make it out to Diocese of NH with UTO in the memo and send it to: The Episcopal Diocese of NH, 63 Green St., Concord, NH 03301. With gratitude, *Anne Hall, Diocesan UTO Representative*

Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi, resident of Wilmot, will discuss her new book, *Figuring Jerusalem: Politics and Poetics in the Sacred Center*, in conversation with Rev. Cindy Johnson at the Morgan Hill Bookstore on 13 November at 2 PM.

She will also be signing copies of the book.

St. Andrew's and Braver Angels

Braver Angels is a national organization that seeks to bridge the partisan divide and strengthen our nation. Because so many Americans no longer see their political opponents as simply wrong or misguided but as enemies to be loathed and defeated at all costs, Braver Angels has developed effective tools to lower polarization, to facilitate the effective exchange of views, and to discover common values and beliefs.



The St. Andrew's Braver Angels team hosted a workshop on Sunday, 30 October to discuss "Families and Politics – How to Talk with Loved Ones Across the Political Divide."

Presented by Jeannie Sperry and the team, 27 Saint Andrew's parishioners and friends participated in an engaging afternoon of learning communication skills developed to promote thoughtful listening and discussion of challenging topics with family and friends across the political spectrum.

This well-received workshop marked the fourth Braver Angels learning session held at St. Andrew's in 2022. The Braver Angels team – in addition to Jeannie Sperry, members include Woody Canaday, David Balford, Jennifer Giles, Peter Ruth, and Paul Catsos (replacing Penelope Whitman who has left the area) – plans to continue this series of workshops throughout the new year to serve the Saint Andrew's community. The team plans to invite other local faith communities to participate, eventually reaching out to the wider New London area community. Look for Saint Andrew's Braver Angels learning opportunities throughout 2023.

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.

Christmas at Sea is an annual St. Andrew's outreach project sponsored by the Seaman's Church Institute. Hand-crafted hats and scarves and – new this year – vests, are given to mariners around the world who are many miles from their homes at holiday time. We have sent off one box of hats, scarves and vests already and will mail another box in mid-November. There is still time to start and finish a project. A collection box can be found in the church office and patterns can be found online at

<https://seamenschurch.org/programs-services/christmas-at-sea/>



***Last Sunday* Looks Ahead – 27 November
Clinique Saint Esprit**

Our *Last Sunday Outreach Offering* recipient is Clinique Saint Esprit in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti. St. Andrew's has helped to support the annual \$20,000 stipend of a pediatrician here for the past decade, ever since Kathleen Rusnak and Claire Pace first visited the clinic. The annual \$250,000 operating budget provides for over 100,000 patient visits. Fees are what one can pay, if anything. There is more information about this remarkable facility at www.haitimedicalmissionsofmemphis.org.



News from Haiti is grim: gang violence, kidnappings and killings. Amid this backdrop, Clinique Saint Esprit remains open, a beacon of hope in the neighborhood which treasures the medical staff and their life-giving work. Physicians risk their lives to come to work, but come to work they do. And with gasoline at \$29.00 a gallon - when one can get it - transportation is an arduous work-around. But, people still need health care; and the entire health care community in Haiti is doing their darnedest to deliver it. The U.S. Ambassador to Haiti, Rick Barton, said in a phone call last week that the United States recognizes that the voice of the health care community is the true voice of the Haitian population and, as such, is deeply respected.

So, this month, we have the opportunity to touch lives, indeed, to save lives. Because a serious Covid outbreak in Memphis occasioned the cancellation of the annual Haiti Medical Missions of Memphis fundraising run, our help is needed more than ever. As we ponder our many blessings this Thanksgiving, please share generously of your gifts with Clinique Saint Esprit so that this beacon of hope may continue to shine brightly. Generous donors will match whatever you contribute.

Note: Our Last Sunday program takes a vacation in December.

Faith and Issues – A Reading and Discussion Group

Our current "Issue" book is *Of Boys and Men: Why the Modern Male is Struggling, Why It Matters, and What to Do About It* by Richard V. Reeves. We'll wrap up our discussion on 10 December and break until 14 January. Meanwhile, there are Advent and Christmas reading suggestions available on the St. Andrew's website under the *Learn* tab.

Our next "Issue" book, slated to begin in January, will be *Embrace Fearlessly the Burning World: Essays* by Barry Lopez.

I'd love to hear from you if you have suggestions, questions or might be interested in joining Faith and Issues. We meet regularly on Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:30 via Zoom. You are most welcome to come for a specific book or for all of them! – *Katrina Wagner*

Wardens' Words

It Takes a Parish!

It takes an entire parish, including you, to support all that St. Andrew's is and does. That's true as we worship, when lay participants play key roles and the entire congregation provides a meaningful shared context. It's true for our beyond-worship activities, supported and often led by volunteers. And it's true when it comes to funding what we provide through St. Andrew's for each other and the larger community.

This is the season of our annual "campaign" to confirm financial support of our next budget. In recent years we have minimized the intensity and duration of that effort. Thanks to your past prompt and generous pledge responses, we are repeating that low-key format.

You will soon receive a letter (if not, please inform the office) describing our \$435,000 pledge goal, an 8% increase over last year's pledges, and what we believe is needed from the parish to accomplish our ministries in the coming year. Basic "operating" costs are going up, and to expand our work as outlined in the referenced letter, we will need this modest additional funding.

Thank you for past giving! Looking ahead, we ask that you make your 2023 pledge soon, which will aid our planning. If renewing a prior pledge, please consider an increase of at least 8%, should your household finances allow.

On Sunday, 4 December we will bless our pledges in worship, as we look forward to a well-funded 2023 for St. Andrew's.

In other news, our three Vestry working groups are focused on these initial actions, all of which invite your participation:

*Christian Formation – Post-worship sermon conversations and five weeks of "God 101"

*Engaging Young Families and Children – Monthly Messy Church

*Supporting Older Church Members – Restart of Eucharistic Visitor program

Note that Joe will soon conclude his Warden term. His personal message to Rector, Vestry and parish: "It has been my great privilege to serve with you all. Thank you for our work together, as we continue on a loving path of faith, learning, service and fellowship." Karen adds, "Out front when necessary and behind the scenes more than anyone really knows, Joe has worked tirelessly for our parish these past two years. Thanks for your wise and steady leadership, Joe!"

Grateful to serve – and give – alongside you, – *Karen Zurheide and Joe Daly*

** For more information about these three groups dedicated to "vestry priorities," and their progress to date, please see pp. 6-7*

Our Work So Far on Parish Priorities

Christian formation - Chuck Thompson, Joe Daly, Mike Quinn, Alice Perry

- ⇒ Foster improved biblical literacy amongst church members
- ⇒ Offer education programs that reach people in and beyond our church community
- ⇒ Develop short course on Christian basics for those new to faith

Christian Formation is the lifelong growth in the knowledge, service and love of God as followers of Christ, through the study of Scripture presented in a manner that captures and piques interest and fosters a lifelong curiosity in the word of God.

There are many resources available to accomplish the goals of Christian formation, so many that trying to sort out useful ones could be a daunting, time consuming and possibly discouraging task. In that interest, the Vestry has investigated those sources most available and narrowed down the options for ease of access, use, timeliness and broad appeal. We offer a menu approach. *Please see p. 7.*

Engaging children and families - Billy Kelly, Karen Zurheide, Lin Potter

- ⇒ Build monthly Messy Church congregation

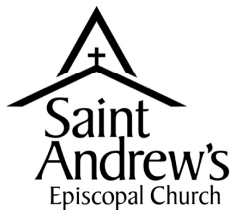
Engaging children and families can take many shapes and forms as we've seen with the "Dodge, Drum, and Sing" after school program we started last year. Out of that program came a desire to develop and expand a Messy Church program at St. Andrew's. Given the attendance we've seen, we are going to continue with this as a new worship service we offer once a month and are committing to it for the coming year. If you are interested in helping with Messy Church on a regular basis, please contact Jay.

Additional goals for children and families are to provide them with resources and support for faith formation at home, improving community connections and communications through social media.

Pastoral care of older people - Claire Pace, Russ Register, Karen Zurheide, Morris Edwards, Nonie Reynders

- ⇒ Listen attentively to discern needs and discover gaps in provision
- ⇒ Renew program of Eucharistic Visitors

There are times when due to illness or increasing frailty, people are not able to come to church and be part of weekly church life. Navigating changing circumstances in life is never easy and we believe that the church has a role in providing support to its members. We are currently working on resuming the role of Eucharistic Visitors as our first priority. We plan to then continue our process of discernment with the intention to implement additional support strategies. Feedback from all of you in helping us with our process of discernment is greatly appreciated.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Christian Formation Menu



Appetizers

Daily online resources

Pray as You Go

12-minute prayer session with music,
scripture and questions for reflection
<https://pray-as-you-go.org>

Forward Day by Day

Daily meditations on lectionary readings
Pocket paperbacks available in church or
<https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd>

Brother, Give Us a Word

A snippet of wisdom from an Episcopal
monk in Massachusetts via email
<https://www.ssje.org/word/>

Daily Bible Study

Four passages and commentary that take
you through the Bible in a year via email
donweathersonbiblestudynotes@gmail.com

Main Courses

God 101

5 sessions offered periodically on basic
Episcopal belief and practice
Sundays 6-7:15pm from 23 October 2022

The Chosen

View seasons 1-3 about the life of Christ
and join us to discuss the issues raised
Fridays 12:30-2pm in Lent & Eastertide 2023

Faith & Issues

Weekly discussion alternating between
books on social issues and books on religion
Saturdays 9-10:30am via Zoom

Imaginative Contemplation

We step into the scene of a Bible story to
encounter the living Christ
Coming in 2023-2024

Weekly Bible Study

A leader provides insights and we discuss
what the passage means for us today
Tuesdays 7-8pm via Zoom

Education for Ministry

A four-year course of theological education
in small groups to equip us for service
Coming in 2024-2025

House Specialities

Eucharist: Sunday morning, Thurs at noon
Messy Church: first Sunday of the month

Midday Prayer: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri at noon
Monday Meditation at 6pm

Desserts

Pilgrimages to **El Hogar** in Honduras, along **Cuthbert's Way** in Britain, and
to **St. Christopher's Mission** in Utah are being cooked up for 2023 - 2025

Calendar of Events

November:

6 (Sunday) - Messy Church, 4-6 PM (*see p. 10*)

6, 13, 20 (Sunday) - God 101, 6-7:15 PM

13 (Sunday) - Book discussion, Morgan Hill Bookstore, 2 PM (*see p. 2*)

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

27 (Sunday) - Last Sunday to benefit Clinique St. Esprit (*see p. 4*)

30 (Wednesday) - St. Andrew's Day service with Bishop Rob Hirschfeld, 7 PM

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December:

4 (Sunday) - Ingathering of pledges, 8 and 10 AM

4 (Sunday) - Messy Church, 4-6 PM (*see p. 10*)

24 (Saturday) - Christmas Eve services at 4, 6 and 10 PM

25 (Sunday) - Christmas Day, 10 AM

27 (Tuesday) - Departure for Israel pilgrimage



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

Mondays 6 PM Meditation

Tuesdays 10 AM Craft Group

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

Saturdays 9 AM, Faith and Issues via Zoom

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

Our next visit to the **Friendly Kitchen** is Friday, 25 November. 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.



November: Cereal

December: Hearty soups and stews

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

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

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 Chidwey 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)

PLANNED GIVING AND THE LEGACY SOCIETY

George Jamieson, chair of the Legacy Fund Committee, asks about the list of names read during our All Saints' Day service on 30 October – Does *your* name appear there? And if not, he suggests, you can fill out an enrollment form after visiting our website at <https://www.standrewsnl.org/legacy-fund.html>


MESSY CHURCH – CHURCH BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT

On the first Sunday of every month we gather first in the parish hall for a variety of theme-related activities, then the sanctuary, and back to the parish hall for a meal together.

Here are photos from October's event where we celebrated our Creator God, and notice of what's to come in November is below.

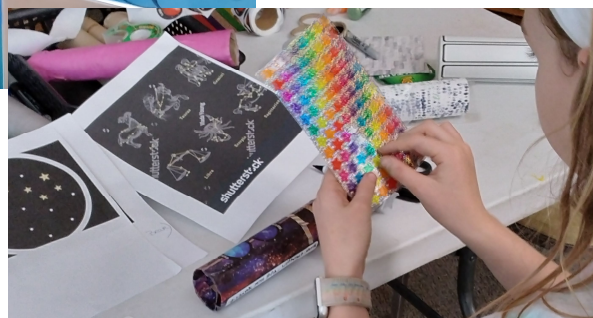


Blown Trees



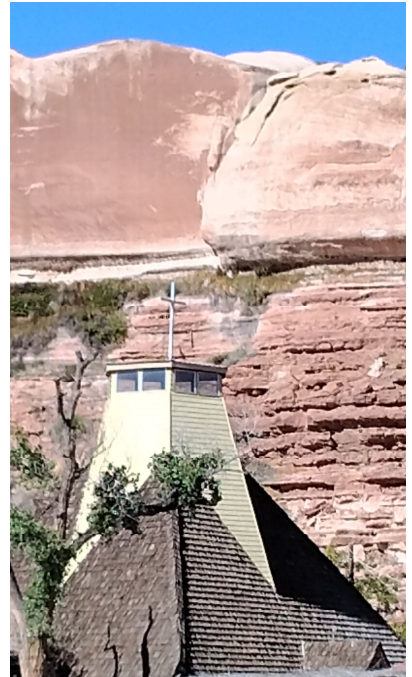
Other than people and God, trees are the most mentioned living thing in the Bible.

God breathed life into the first human being. Can you blow a tree trunk and branches and dab your tree with leaves of different colors?



Our next Messy Church takes place on Sunday, 6 November from 4-6 PM. Entitled "Make Your Mark," our Messy worship is based on Isaiah 6.8: "Then I heard God's voice saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am, send me!'" Participants -- young and old -- will explore how God is calling them to make a difference in the world. Please be in touch with Jay if you'd like to lead one of the eight activity stations or if you're willing to help with the simple meal that concludes Messy Church.

Our "pilgrimission" to St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah was highlighted by outdoor morning prayer at sunrise and service projects – from gardening to laying a hearth, from helping with altar candles and linens to putting cabinets together. We learned some history and made good friends, and did some sightseeing too. Here are a few photos from that trip – for more, please visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Standrewsntl>.



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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

Joe Daly (expires Jan. 2023)

Karen Zurheide (expires Jan. 2024)

Treasurer

Mike Quinn (expires Jan. 2023)

Vestry Members

Term Expires Jan. 2023

Nonie Reynders

Chuck Thompson

Term Expires Jan. 2024

Morris Edwards

Alice Perry, Clerk

Linda Potter

Term Expires Jan. 2025

Billy Kelly

Claire Pace

Russ Register

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Term Expires Jan. 2023

Pat Goodwin

Karen Shepherd

Term Expires Jan. 2025

JoAnn Hicks

Barbara Smith

Term Expires Jan. 2024

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Susan Schweizer, alternate

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