

# NET WORK

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

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December 2019

### *From the Rector's Desk*

#### Out of Silence

Musicians will often note that one of the integral parts of any musical work is the pauses, the breaks, the rests – the moments of silence, if you will. People often tell me that December is one of the “noisiest” months for them. We quickly lose count of the obligations that we set and are set for us in December. Though we may tell ourselves that this year will be different, many find themselves falling back into the same ol’ trap of the holidays once again only to make a New Year’s resolution to be more mindful of time (and we all know about those resolutions, don’t we?). We all fall victim to the “noises” in December; we all do our part to perpetuate this noise in our own lives and, perhaps, in the lives of others.

As we begin to turn our attention to the Nativity Story at Christmas Eve, I’m often struck by the moments of “silence” in the story. What silence you may ask!? I don’t read of any silence in Luke 2. But there is and two episodes come to mind.

Episode 1: So, there they were out in the fields keeping watch o’er their flocks by night – the shepherds. Imagine what it must have been like to hear the voice of Gabriel boom forth awakening us to God’s action. Imagine what it must have been like to see the heavens adorned with the glory of God’s angels and to hear their voices proclaiming in great song the birth of God’s Son, Jesus, the Messiah. Now imagine the silence after all this ceased.

Episode 2: It had been a very long journey – probably about 108 miles on foot and donkey’s back. Having just arrived, and finding no comfortable place to stay, you give birth to your first child with only your husband and the resident animals of the stable present. Then, bursting into your presence come all these people you’ve never seen before, telling you things that they had seen that for anyone else would have been too fanciful to believe, and telling you things that only you thought you knew about your son. Then, after it all, everyone leaves, the animals fall asleep. You, and Joseph, and Jesus, sit in the silence. Imagine that silence.

We do not stay in this essential silence, however. What is key in both episodes is what happened next. The shepherds did not just continue in their fields with their flocks allowing time to dull what had just happened. They got up. They went to see their salvation. And having seen their salvation, they, according to Luke, “made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child” (Luke 2:17). Mary and Joseph did not stay in the stable. They left to fulfill God’s purpose for them as the parents of God’s only son. They protected him, cherished him, set him on the earthly path of his heavenly purpose.

My prayer for each of you and for the world this Christmas Season is that we will find ways to allow God’s silence to interrupt the noise of this world. My prayer is that as we are bathed in that silence we will not only hear God’s voice but feel the Spirit’s nudge to go out of silence and proclaim with all that we are the love of

God that we hold and embrace in the Stable. My prayer is that we will be so convicted by God's love and sacrifice for us that not only will our lives once again be changed, but also we can help change the direction of this world to once again emerge from the Stable knowing that we have stood in the presence of a loving God. Then go, tell the world.

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# Worship News



## ***Sunday, December 1st***

*1 Advent*

*Birthday Church*

*8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II*

## ***Sunday, December 22nd***

*4 Advent*

*8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II*

## ***Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>***

*2 Advent*

*8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II*

*6:30 p.m. Lessons and Music*

## ***Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>***

*4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant/Holy Eucharist*

*10:45 Music Prelude*

*11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service*

*Holy Eucharist*

## ***Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>***

*9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service*

## ***Sunday, December 15th***

*3 Advent*

*8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II*

*Healing Services*

## ***Sunday, December 29th***

*1 Christmas*

*8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I*

*10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II*

## ***Saturday, December 21st***

*5:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service*





## Scripture Readings for December



December 1	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalms 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
December 8	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
December 15	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalms 146:4-9	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
December 22	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
December 29	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalms 147:13-21	Galatians 3:23-25, 4:4-9	John 1:1-18

### 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 the Wednesday before.

Their name will remain on the list for three weeks.

843-3868 – secretary@standrews.org

### RECENT ATTENDANCE

Oct. 27	8:00 a.m.		10:30 a.m.		Wed. 10:00 a.m.	06
Oct. 31	8:00 p.m.				All Hallows Eve	11
Nov. 1			.		All Saints	11
Nov. 3	8:00 a.m.	26	10:30 a.m.	62	Wed. 10:00 a.m.	10
Nov. 10	8:00 a.m.	22	10:30 a.m.	63	Wed. 10:00 a.m.	06
Nov. 16	5:00 p.m.				Saturday Service	14
Nov. 17	8:00 a.m.	20	10:30 a.m.	65	Wed. 10:00 a.m.	07

**Wednesdays — 10:00 a.m.**  
**Holy Eucharist - Rite I with Healing Service**

By HIS  
WOUNDS  
we are  
HEALED

# Advent and Christmas 2019

## St. Andrew's

York, PA

*We hope that you will join us for a full and wholesome Advent and Christmas Season. There are a variety of offerings, and we pray that you will join us for as many of these as possible.*

### Advent Quiet Morning

People always note how busy the "holiday" season can be. Well, take charge and don't let it be the usual "crazy time" of year. Join us on Saturday, December 7, for an Advent Quiet Morning (mini retreat). Our focus will be waiting expectantly. We'll use Elizabeth/Zechariah; Mary/Joseph as our guides. The morning begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes by 1:00 p.m. Simple lunch will be served.

### 3-Part Advent Supper and Program

St. Andrew's and St. John the Baptist will offer a joint Advent Supper and Program series. Join us on Wednesday Evenings in Advent as we explore the great Advent Collects.

Simple supper provided.

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:15p.m.

December 4 at St. Andrew's

December 11 at St. John's

December 18 at St. Andrew's

### Coffee, Bible, Conversation: an Advent Bible Study

Let's help this Christmas be even more special: let's explore the bible stories of Jesus' birth. We'll gather Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. for coffee, conversation, and encountering baby Jesus. Meeting dates are 12/4; 12/11; 12/18

### ECW Christmas Party-12/8

Join St. Andrew's ECW for a Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 8, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Service of Advent Lessons and Music (Carols)-12/8

Let us prepare to once again go to Bethlehem and behold the glory of God sleeping in a manger.

Please join us for this wonderful service of readings and music of the Advent Season.

Sunday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m.

### **Come Get your Christmas Cookies! - 12/14**

This year's cookie walk will be from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 (or the cookies are gone) on Saturday, December 14

### **The Greening of the Church - 12/22**

Ready to help get the church ready for our Christmas celebrations? Join us after the 10:30 a.m. service to "Green" the church.

Who knows, we may sneak in a carol or two ☺

Lunch provided.

### **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**

4:00 p.m. - Children's Nativity Play and the Holy Eucharist

11:00 p.m. - The Solemn Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ with Procession to the Crèche.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE -- 9:00 a.m.**

*For more information, contact the church office.*



Our annual Christmas Pageant will be on December 24th at 4:00 PM.  
All participants are asked to arrive by 3:30 PM for costume dressings



We will have rehearsals with lunch provided immediately following the 10:30 services on the following dates:

December 8<sup>th</sup>  
December 15<sup>th</sup>  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>

If you are interested in volunteering as a cast member or assistant with the pageant, please contact Lee Ann Reardon.



*Hanging of the Greens with Soup & Sandwich lunch  
December 22 following 10:30 service.*

# Standing FIRM in the FAITH

Standing Firm in Your Faith:  
*Continuing the Apostles' Teaching*  
Sunday Morning Adult Formation

Join us as we restart our Sunday Morning Adult Formation. We'll gather from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. on the couches in the great hall area for a variety of conversation, study, and prayer. Period of structured formation will be coupled with less structured times to explore "faith in our time".



**The Bible Journey** (formerly called The Bible Challenge) meets the first and third Mondays of each month. The December meetings are on December 1th and 15th at St. Andrew's, from 7:30pm to 9pm.

We have extra Bible Challenge books if anyone is interested. Feel free to join us even if you haven't read or completed the reading for that day. There is always much to discuss!! Please contact Leigh Dalton at [dalton.leigh@gmail.com](mailto:dalton.leigh@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## *Fellowship*



### *Bezalel Crafting Ministry*

The Bezalel Crafting Ministry (BCM) meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. We gather in the sitting area near the restrooms in the parish hall.

Thank you to all who made blankets for Project Linus! If you were working on one and unable to finish in time for this collection, keep working on it. We are looking for a spring blanket drive to join to donate additional blankets.

### Christmas Party

Our December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a Christmas party lunch! At our December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting we will discuss/decide how we want to organize the party (have a potluck or eat out, etc.)

Final plans for the party will be announced in the Sunday bulletin on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### December Meeting Times

**Date:** December 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Location:** Parish Hall

**All are welcome, no matter what skill level!**

Special note for January - We will only meet once in January, on January 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday).

For more information, questions or ideas to share, please contact Martha Ambrose - [MarthaARose@gmail.com](mailto:MarthaARose@gmail.com) or Alma Rooney - 717-817-0529 (text or call).



## 50 SHADES OF GRACE

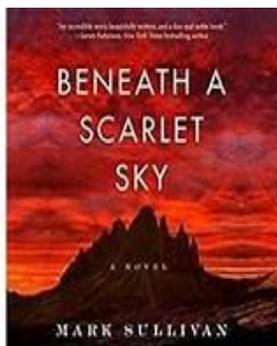
### 50 Shades goes Christmas Shopping

On Sunday, December 1st, the 50 Shades of Grace fellowship for all women will carpool from St. Andrew's after the 10:30 service and coffee hour to Gettysburg for an afternoon of Christmas shopping. Join us!



## THEOLOGY AT THE PUB (TAP)

Theology at the Pub (TAP) is a forum for men to share their faith in an open and casual setting. Please join us at [Stony Run Brewhouse](#) on Saturday December 7th from 3-5 pm. The address is [3600 E. Market St. York, PA. 17402](#)



## 5-BOOK CLUB

St. Andrew's book club is reading *"Beneath a Scarlet Sky"* by Mark Sullivan for discussion on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This incredible true story of a teenager in Italy during WWII is an example of Christian faith in action and the ending will leave you wondering. Our county libraries have 8 copies available - and the book is for sale in paperback also. Read the book and join our discussion. As always, refreshments are provided including the Book Club signature cookie.



## Church Women News

### ECW

#### 2019/2020 Calendar

December 8	Christmas Party/Silent Auction 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
December 14	Cookie Walk 10:00 – 12:00 (or until the cookies are gone)
January 4	General Meeting 10:00 a.m.
February 2	Pretzel Sandwich Sale



### The Episcopal Home

#### Shippensburg Episcopal Home Visit

If you attended either service on October 27<sup>th</sup> you heard Alma or myself give a brief recap of our visit to the Episcopal Home in Shippensburg. There is more to this story that I would like to tell.

Alma, Debbie and I set out on a beautiful fall Saturday for the drive to Shippensburg. We brought with us the donations from St. Andrews along with two dozen donuts and Munchkins. People from St. Andrews had not visited the Home in several years, so we did not know what to expect. We were pleasantly surprised and warmly greeted by Mary Grace, the director and about 12 residents who were in the activity room. We visited with them for about an hour eating donuts and drinking coffee. What wonderful conversations and friendships we made.

Mary Grace gave us a tour of the facility. There are currently 27 residents who live as independently as possible. The average age is 89. They have their own single bedroom with a bath or a shared bath. There are double rooms available. The facility has comfortable sitting areas to visit with family or friends; an activity room and a large dining room where the resident eats family style. The food is prepared on-site. That day they were having spaghetti, green salad, and peach pie! Mary Grace has been there since 1986 and her staff is also vested in the care of the residents. There is not a turn-over of staff members.

While the residents were having lunch, we asked Mary Grace what St. Andrews can do to help? The ECW has put together a new list of items (see below) that we will ask our parishioners to put aside for our next visit. I personally have set aside a box for this collection. The ECW would like to develop two teams (Fall & Spring) of people interested in visiting the residents and bringing our donations. If you are interested in being a team member contact Alma. The residents are given an allowance of \$80 each month to pay for their personal needs which might include, cable, haircuts, etc. They are mainly supported by the Church.

During this time of Stewardship please consider making that \$25. donation to the Home. To learn more about the Episcopal Home go on to their web site:

[www.episcopalhome.com](http://www.episcopalhome.com). I'm looking forward to my next visit with the residents.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Fleischer

**Items to start saving:** Magazines with lots of pictures, Cards (birthday, Xmas, sympathy, etc) Books of stamps, jig saw puzzles, adult coloring books & colored pencils, prizes for bingo, knick knack, note pads, jewelry that can easily slip on over neck and wrist, carton of mini cans of diet soda, bars of bathing soap, pump hand lotion (not travel size).

### ECW Cookie Walk Explained

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has undertaken several fundraising projects to renovate the Great Hall kitchen - an expensive proposition but necessary to meet Health Dept. code. Saturday, December 14th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. we're holding a *Cookie Walk* in The Great Hall.

Bake and donate at least three (3) dozen Christmas cookies for the Cookie Walk. The cookies must be delivered by 9 a.m. on December 14th. They can be brought to St. Andrew's on Friday, Dec. 13th or contact Lynne Kearnan for pickup service! Reminders of these deadlines will be sent! We need everyone's participation for this fundraiser because it has been advertised to the public.

On December 14th, the cookies will be laid out on the tables in the Great Hall.

For \$15, one can fill a box with assorted cookies to take home and enjoy.

So, we're asking you not only to bake and donate cookies, but come buy an assortment for your family to enjoy in the holiday season. Contact Lynne Kearnan at

[l\\_kearnan@hotmail.com](mailto:l_kearnan@hotmail.com) or cell (717) 309-4597 if you have any questions about this fundraiser.



We are beginning to collect information for the new church directory. We have had several changes and are in much need of a new directory. The office staff and Fr. Grant will be working towards a new directory to be available as soon as possible. **Please pick up a form and make or add any changes to your information, names, addresses, emails phone numbers.** If you have any changes or updates please email to: [secretary@standrewsyork.org](mailto:secretary@standrewsyork.org) or complete a form and drop off at the church office. Your help is greatly appreciated and we don't want to miss anyone in the upcoming directory. ☺

## Outreach News

*Birthday Church Offering – November  
United Thank Offering*

Your gifts totaled \$141.00  
Thank you for your generosity!

*Birthday Church Offering – December  
Rector's Discretionary Fund*

**Your gifts will be received Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.**

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



**St. Andrew's Men's Club** continues to sponsor the **All Pro Dad's Breakfast for Phineas Davis School**. November's attendance was 28. December's Breakfast will be Thursday, December 5th. The theme will be "Service".

All Pro Dad's Breakfast is a simple idea with a profound impact. This breakfast, served in the Great Hall once each month September through June, is held before school creating an opportunity for children and their male role model to meet with others. During this time, they discuss a wide range of family topics, spend time together, create fun memories, and are equipped with resources to strengthen their relationship.

For more information, or if you are interested in helping with this outreach project, please contact Dan Rooney via email [danrooney33@msn.com](mailto:danrooney33@msn.com) or phone 817-0530.



## **OUTREACH NEWS**

### **HALLOWEEN**

Thank you to all who donated items and their time for the Halloween Open House, which was a great success despite the change to Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The families who paraded through our lobby in costume enjoyed the event, and everyone who helped had a good time, too. We served approximately 350 children and many of their family members. Thanks so much to all of you!

### **PENGUIN PATCH**

Phineas Davis School has requested our help with the Penguin Patch, a Christmas shopping experience for their students. If you're available to give an hour or two, I'm sure it will be fun and rewarding. The children will be allowed to shop (they will need help choosing and budgeting) and have their items gift wrapped. The school is looking for volunteers between the hours of 8:30 and 3 on December 5-6 and December 9-11.

Please contact me if you're able to help. I will place a sign-up sheet in the lobby so you can choose a time slot. No clearances will be required, as you will be with a staff person at all times. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help our friends across Ogontz! The students and staff really appreciate our assistance!

### **BELL FAMILY SHELTER CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

The Bell Shelter is a facility that provides temporary emergency housing for homeless families, most of whom are able to find a permanent place after a short stay. Bell provides beds, food and clothing to many people who are struggling with basic needs for a variety of reasons. Sadly, some people are at the shelter on Christmas, and the staff and volunteers provide gifts to every resident, adults and children alike. This makes their holiday a bit brighter! Various organizations provide the gifts by taking bells and fulfilling the wish lists on them. We will have between 20 and 30 bells this year. Please look for the Charlie Brown tree in the lobby, take a bell if you'd like, and **WRITE DOWN WHAT BELL YOU HAVE**. It's a great way to keep the true meaning of Christmas in your heart! If you have any questions, please call or email me. Thank you!!

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### ***HOLIDAY HOURS FOR PARISH OFFICE***

*Parish Office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> - December 27<sup>th</sup>*

*December 31<sup>st</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>*

***Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!***

## December Birthdays

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

03 – Philip Rooney  
03 – Jolene Kingston  
04 – Bill Brooks  
04 – Terrance Kline II  
06 – Leah Deroche  
11– Leigh Dalton  
11 – Steve Douglas  
11 – Henry Stambaugh  
12 – Matthew Auterson  
12 – John Schmitz  
18 – Ginny Sprenkle  
18 – Susan Stiller  
19 – Donna Welty  
21 – Lewis Myers  
21 – Cassidy Carter  
21 – Liam Carter  
21 – Kara Stambaugh  
22 – Noel Kraut  
22 – Jean Tasco  
23 – Ralph Dixon Jr.  
24 – Debbie Donoghue  
24 – Elaine Douglas  
25 – Alexandra Strausbaugh  
25 – Roye-Ann Hargrove-  
Wallace  
26 – Drew Bowser  
29 – Ed Stogoski  
30 – Sallie Francis

## December Anniversaries

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

01 – Ronald & Jennifer Fimiani  
14 – Hugh & Kitty Miller  
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.diocesepa.org](http://www.diocesepa.org)

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

**Deadlines for the NET X WORK**  
December 13th for January  
newsletter  
January 15<sup>th</sup> for February  
newsletter  
Please mark your calendars  
and be respectful of these deadlines.

## NET X WORK

A newsletter by and for the  
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## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Alma Rooney (2020)  
Eileen Sullivan (2020)  
Nancy Bush (2021)  
Donald Carmelite (2021)  
Bert Myers (2021)  
Leigh Dalton (2022)  
Debbie Donoghue (2022)  
Linda Woodside (2022)

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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.*