

NET WORK

The Parish Newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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From the Rector's Desk

Witnesses Witness

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Greetings in the Light of the Risen Christ,

"These are _____ times". Fill in the blank with the word that best fits your needs at the moment. For over a month we have not been gathering in our physical church building for worship. For almost a month, we have been living under a "stay-at-home" order. During this time, I have filled the above blank with countless words. Today, I've arrived at the word that, for me, will remain in the blank - "our".

These are our times. While they may be "the best of times" or "the worst of times" (with apologies to Dickens); while these may be "trying" times or "crying" times; "frustrating" times or "anxious" times; "dark" times or "bright" times; they remain our times. Furthermore, these are our times in the midst of God's time, and that is what matters most.

Over the past period of time, we have kept alive our part of the Body of Christ. We have adopted and adapted to new ways of worship; we have found ways to continue nourishing our Spiritual life; we have done the best we could to keep in touch. Going forward in our time, we will continue to gather for worship, nourish our life with Christ and with one another. Much of what we've experienced will eventually fill our memories. However, some things that have come out of these times will continue with us: like the opportunity to have our worship and other offerings available online.

What you will find in the following pages is information on the various ways that we can stay connected in May. I expect May will be a time when we will begin to have a vision of what the future will look like and begin taking some steps, albeit perhaps small steps, to return to doing some things as we have previously. As I know more, you will know more.

We are in the period of time between Easter and Pentecost. Just prior to Jesus' Ascension (40 Days after the Resurrection, Jesus reminded his disciples that they would be his witnesses in all the world. That's our call as well: to be Jesus' witnesses in our time. Let's do just that.

Faithfully,
Grant+

Keeping you in the Loop



April 23, 2020

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all doing well during this strange time we are all in. I wanted to give you a brief update on what is happening at St. Andrew's.

I want to assure you that we continue to function, in spite of all the social distancing, staying at home and wearing face masks that we are subject to at present. Let me briefly mention a few.

Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP)

This is part of the CARES ACT, which was passed by the House and signed by the President about 3-4 weeks ago. The Act provides businesses and parishes a low interest loan to cover payroll expenses for a short period, and becomes a grant and will be forgiven providing that borrowers follow the guidelines. We should be getting our loan as soon as the second batch of funds are passed by the House and approved by the President, which is expected at any time now. Our treasurer, Angie Deroche, has been working with our bank on this program.

Comcast

We were notified by Comcast that our current plan for Internet service is becoming obsolete and should be updated. I had several discussions with the Comcast Business Manager. We agreed on a new program that will increase our Internet speed by 25%, and we added two security features. One (Security Edge) will block cyber attacks and complement our current Norton Antivirus Software. The second feature (Connection Pro) is an Internet backup system that assures connectivity in the event of a power failure. They also agreed that we were tax exempt and removed that charge as well. So improvements with minimal cost increase.

Columbia Gas

We made a change to the producer of our gas (Ntherm), which has a lower charge per unit, while delivery remains with Columbia. This change should make it less expensive for our heating needs.

These are just a few examples to show that we continue to operate as normally as possible and manage the needs of the church in spite of our need to stay home. Folks still working include our Secretary, Sandy Albright, who is still on the job, albeit shorter hours. Angie Deroche, Treasurer, continues to manage the finances, paying bills and dealing with the bank on the PPP loan situation. Susan Reardon continues to count on a regular basis and makes deposits to our account. Stacy Sipe will come in if necessary to fill in if needed. So you get the idea. Folks are still manning the fort as we struggle with boredom at home and try and keep healthy and safe. Last, but certainly not least, is our Rector. He is working as much as ever – maybe more in some cases. What a wonderful observance of Holy Week with a Zoom service every night during Holy Week. I can't recall that in the past.

My thanks to all who continue to labor in the trenches during this strange and sad time. We all look forward to getting back together and worshipping at St. Andrew's once again. Until then, keep strong, healthy and safe.

God Bless!

Faithfully, Harry Snell, Senior Warden

Wednesday Fellowship in May

Here's the link to our Wednesday worship services in May. The same link/password should work for each service.

Topic: Wednesday Worship

Time: Apr 29, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, until May 27, 2020, 5 occurrence(s)

Apr 29, 2020 10:00 AM

May 6, 2020 10:00 AM

May 13, 2020 10:00 AM

May 20, 2020 10:00 AM

May 27, 2020 10:00 AM

Here's the chance to check in with your St. Andrew's family each week. These are purely fellowship gatherings. Stop by for a few minutes or stay for the entire time. Share a story; share a laugh; take a break.

We gather from 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

The Zoom Link follows. Having computer trouble and need to call in, contact Fr. Grant for that information. If all works well, the same link/password will work for each session.

Topic: Wednesday Fellowship at 5:00 p.m.

Time: Apr 29, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Scripture Readings for May



May 3	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 10	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 17	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:7-18	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-31
May 24	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 31	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:25-35,37	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23

**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

By HIS
WOUNDS
we are
HEALED

The Bible Journey

Join the [Virtual] Bible Journey in May!

On **Monday, May 4th @ 7:30 p.m.** we'll be discussing questions such as:

- What does it mean to be "wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil?"

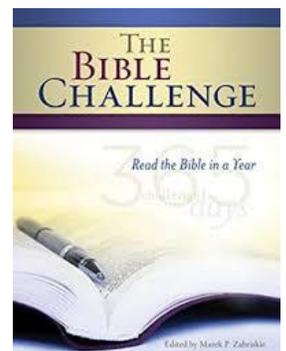
(Romans 16:19)

- What does it mean to be "like those who dream?" (Psalm 126:1)

- What is the faith you remember having at the age of four? Or at your earliest memory? (1 Corinthians 2)

On **Monday, May 18th, @ 7:30 p.m.** join us to discuss:

- How do you act when something controversial or difficult is being discussed: argue, fight, or just leave? (Psalm 133)



- What sort of "giving up" or "putting aside" by your Christian community might help communicate the good news of Jesus Christ more effectively to the society around you? (1 Corinthians 10)
- In what ways does receiving the Lord's Supper help you to reflect the example of Jesus? (1 Corinthians 11).

For links, contact the church office.

Fellowship



Bezalel Crafting Ministry

The Bezalel Crafting Ministry (BCM) will meet the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of each month via ZOOM.

May Meeting Times

Dates: May 7th & 21st

Time: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: ZOOM/Your House

All are welcome, no matter what skill level or craft!

We are continuing to gather online while we are under the “stay-at-home” order and have added an additional meeting time whenever there is a 5th Thursday (as we have in April).

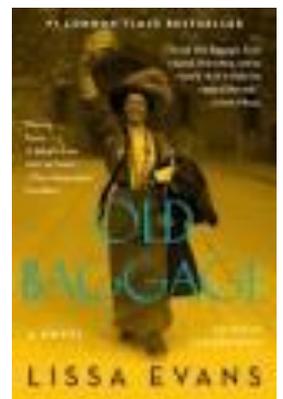
For more information, questions or ideas to share, please contact Martha Ambrose – MarthaARose@gmail.com or Alma Rooney – 717-817-0529 (text or call).

5-Book Club May Gathering

Hello Readers,
In these strange times, we'll have our Book Club discussion by Zoom meeting on

Sunday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Sorry - no signature cookies! Or I can e-mail the recipe and you bake them for yourselves to eat while online?



And those of you who want to participate are going to have to be creative about getting the book since the libraries are closed. Good news, the e-books are less than \$10 and used copies from Amazon are even cheaper.

Only a few of us met in March to choose the book. I heard about this book on NPR. Nancy Pearl, the only librarian with her own action figure doll complete with book cart and reference computer, named her three favorite books from 2019.

"Old Baggage" by Lissa Evans is set in 1928 London about suffragettes.

Since 2020 is the centenary of American women gaining the right to vote, I thought it would be an excellent historical subject for our discussion. The book is not long - only 211 pgs - and I have certainly had a lot of time for reading the past six weeks. I thoroughly enjoyed the book and read the sequel "Crooked Heart", which was actually written first.

Hope you will read the book and join us. Father Grant will set up and email the Zoom meeting info. If you have any questions, feel free to call me. I can even lend out my tablet with the book on it if needed.

On the subject of suffrage, I can recommend the movie "Iron-Jawed Angels" if you have not seen it!

Happy reading! Here's the Zoom Link:

Topic: Book Club -- **Time: May 17, 2020 06:30 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

Contact the church office for the link



Episcopal Church Women

ECW General ZOOM Meeting

General ECW ZOOM Meeting

May 2nd at 10:00 -12:00am

Contact Alma Rooney at 717.817.0529 if you have any questions.

Here's the link:

Topic: ECW General Meeting --May 2, 2020 10:00 AM

Contact the Church Office for the Link

St. Andrew's Prayer Chain

The ECW prayer chain is active. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rosemarie Drusedum at (717)840-4104. The prayer chain is an opportunity for our community to pray for each other when requested. You may also contact Rosemarie if you have prayer requests.

Theology at the Pub (at Home)

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May 2nd

3:00-5:00pm

Contact Dan Rooney if you have questions at 717.817.0530 (call or text)

Here's the Link:

Topic: May Tap -- May 2, 2020 03:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

Contact the Church Office for the Link

Evening Bible Studies in May

In May, we will begin having evening Bible Studies on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. We will meeting via Zoom (and even when we are able to gather back in person, we'll keep this Bible Study as a Zoom study).

Here's our May meeting information

Thursday, May 7 @ 7:00 p.m.

Focus: Ruth chapters 3 and 4.

Topic: May 1st-Thurs Bible Study

Time: May 7, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Contact the Church Office for the Link

Thursday, May 18 @ 7:00 p.m. - Psalms

Focus: Psalms 23, 121, 126, 137

Topic: May 2nd-Thurs Bible Study

Time: May 21, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

Contact the Church Office for the Link

May Birthdays

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

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

May Anniversaries

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

10 – Andy & Marbie Tarbuton
11 – Bill & Susan Reardon
16 – Jon & Elizabeth Noel
22 - Bob & Kara Bowser
31 – John & Mary Jean Wampler

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.

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www.diocesepa.org**

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A newsletter by and for the
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Meredith Williams (2023)

NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK
May 15th for June
June 15th for July
newsletter
Please mark your calendars
and be respectful of these deadlines.

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WEBPAGE!
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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.*