



NETWORK

**The Parish Newsletter of
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Formation and Education – Essentials of the Great Commission

A few weeks ago, Martha and I were having a chat about what Jesus really commands us to do (I know, we have really “odd” dinner conversations). I chimed in with “well, you know, at the very end, as Jesus was preparing to ascend, he said, quite clearly and quite simply, ‘Go! And make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit’” (c.f. Matthew 28:19). Go. Make. Baptize: these three remain. We often call this the Great Commission. Let’s talk about these three words.

Go – simple enough: move, get out, meet people where they are, don’t expect them to come to you. Imagine what would have happened had those first disciples just stayed in Jerusalem or the immediate region – the Good News of Christ Jesus would have remained there and would not have set a new example for the world to follow. In other words, the Good News would have died from lack of “going”. Want to be a disciple of Jesus then you have to “go” in some way.

Make – now this can be a tricky word for us as it suggests a heavy handed, forceful approach to “Go-“ing and sharing the Good News. The Greek that is used here has “disciple” as a verb. Basically, the text says “go and disciple the nations”. This means that it is up to us and our actions to make others understand what it means to be a disciple. This puts a lot of pressure on us – those who publicly say that we identify as Christian. **We** have to **do** what **we** say ourselves – the old adage “do as I say not as I do” does not apply to the followers of Christ.

We have to do both. We have to disciple others: we have to set the example, so others see the way of love as we understand the love of Christ. In so doing, we make disciples only after we ourselves have been disciplined.

Here, I break from our three words – go, make, baptize – to address the two words that title this essay: formation and education. At first glance, these two words may appear synonymous. The church has often seen these as interchangeable. The church has also recognized that they are different and at times focused more clearly on one over the other – to our great detriment. In many ways they are like the Doctrine of the Trinity – they stand alone as separate “persons” – each bringing a unique understanding of and action to the central intention; yet, at the same time, not being the same, but always pointing to and being a part of the unity.

Let’s see if I can present this in a more helpful way: Education says $1+1 = 2$. This may be seen as knowledge. Formation equips one to put that knowledge to work: to allow what I have learned to “break me, melt me, mold me, fill me”.

In our Christian pilgrimage, we need both. We need the education – gaining knowledge by studying our Scriptures and Traditions. We need to learn the key tenets of our faith. But that is only half the pilgrimage: we also need to be formed based on reason. We need to put those to work in our lives – we have to be formed, and re-formed, and re-re-formed, daily with each day moving us closer to the likeness of Christ.

So what does formation look like? Well, to start, it looks like a personal willingness to be changed. To do this, we must be in community (so we may know what it is about ourselves that we need to change). We must share our struggles and successes as we listen to others share their struggles and successes. We must be willing to listen with new ears and see with new eyes a world in need of the healing that Jesus Christ has started and charged us with continuing. We must be willing to go out in a tide that is against the love and grace and mercy of Christ and join our voice with the voice of the Prophets, the faithful of ages past, and speak clearly the message of Christ’s love today, right now, in our time, and against this world’s broken tide. To do this we must be formed; to know what Christ would have us say and do we must be educated: Christian Education and Christian Formation their importance cannot be replaced or ignored.

Now we are ready to return to the final word in our set of three – baptize. This is not just the physical act of baptizing (pouring water on someone). That is too easy and quite frankly an affront to what Jesus is commanding. To baptize someone is to help them realize that they are not only a beloved child of God but also the obligations and expectations of being constantly educated and formed in the faith. Our baptism is not a rite of passage. Our baptism is not a photo opportunity. Our baptism is not a “once-and-done” event. Our baptism is a call to action in a world that is hostile to the message of hope, love, and justice that we bring. Our baptism is our joining in the eternal proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our baptism is becoming a part of the beloved community that stands on the level plain with no one more important than the other, no one more worthy than another, no one any more a sinner than another. Our baptism is becoming a part of that beloved community and living as part of that community that includes all of God’s creation.

The only way we can do this is by continual education and formation grounded in worship, prayer, community, and the unrelenting truth that Christ loves you eternally and calls you to love all, without exception, eternally.

There will be ample opportunities for worship, education, and formation this fall – take advantage of these.

Faithfully,

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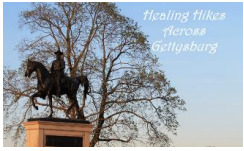
WORSHIP NEWS

AUGUST'S SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE

We will gather August 20, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Remember, we gather the 3rd Saturday of each month at 5:00 p.m. (*unless otherwise noted*)

SUMMER'S ~~SECOND~~ **THIRD** SUNDAYS AT 6:00 P.M.

In August, we'll gather on the **THIRD** Sunday at Samuel Lewis State Park for a worship service followed by a Bring-your-own Picnic. There are Opportunities for kids to enjoy the play equipment and maybe a friendly game or two along the way. Come and spend the evening with us.



(Changes due to weather will be announced Sunday morning)
Sunday, August 21, @ 6:00 p.m. – Sam Lewis State Park

HEALING HIKES

Join folks from across our Southern Convocation for a series of “Healing Hikes”

The purpose of these hikes is to offer time for those who like to get out and hike to gather, enjoy a hike with time to reflect and pray, and gather after for food and refreshment. We'll gather the 4th Friday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Hike until 7:15 p.m. then head for dinner at 7:30 p.m.

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| August 26 | Begin at the National Cemetery Parking Lot |
| September 23 | Begin at the Eisenhower National Historic Site (we hope!) |
| October 28 | Afternoon winery visit followed by worship at Prince of Peace. |

Christian Formation and Education for Adults Returns this Fall

Plans are being made now for a full range of formation and education opportunities for adults this fall. It's a little early to provide concrete details, but here's a glimpse of what the season may look like.

- Monthly “Theological” Book study the 1st Wednesday of month a.m.
 - Midweek Bible Evening Bible Study
- Midweek Exploring the Faith and the Episcopal Church opportunities
 - Sunday Morning Bible Study

Midweek Chapel (Worship) Services in August

In August, our midweek chapel services **will not** be held on Wednesday, August 10th and 17th.

Midweek services in August
August 3, 24, 31



Worship Schedule

Sunday, August 7th

9 Pentecost Birthday Church

8:30 a.m. Rite I

9:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. Rite II

Sunday, August 14th

10 Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

Saturday, August 20th

5:00 p.m. Worship

Sunday, August 21st

11 Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

Sunday, July 28th

12 Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Rite I

10:30 a.m. Rite II

7:30 p.m. Concert & Compline

ENTER TO LEARN. DEPART TO
SERVE



Scripture Readings for August



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| August 7 th | Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 | Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 | Luke 12:32-40 |
| August 14 th | Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18 | Hebrews 11:29-12:2 | Luke 12:49-56 |
| August 21 st | Jeremiah 1:4-10 | Psalm 71:1-6 | Hebrews 12:18-29 | Luke 13:10-17 |
| August 28 th | Jeremiah 2:4-13 | Psalm 81:1, 10-16 | Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 | Luke 14:1, 7-14 |

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 on Wednesday.

Their name will remain on the list for three weeks.

717-843-3868 – secretary@standrews.org

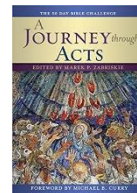
Wednesday Worship 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

The Bible Journey Study Group



Welcome to The Bible Journey
- a great new way to explore The Bible.

The Bible Journey Study Group
has suspended for the summer, See you in
September, when we will be meeting on the 2nd
and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 pm
currently via Zoom.





Vestry Highlights

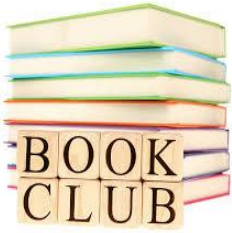
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Meeting

- The Stewardship Team is looking for volunteers.
- ECW yard sale was held indoors in the Great Hall area this year. Children's clothing was especially popular.
- ECW is planning to sponsor a Fun Day on September 11 again this year, especially honoring Police and Fighters. Please call or text Alma Rooney if you would like to volunteer.
- July 24, 2022, at 7:30PM is the next Candlelight Concert and Compline. The Rev. W.L. Barnes will play an organ concert for us.
- Starting in September, there will be coffee hour after the 10:30 service on the 4th Sundays of each month.
- Newcomer bags are still available.
- There will be a funeral for Alf Kuhn at St. Paul's Columbia this Friday July 22.
- The Outreach Committee needs more volunteers. Contact Susan Reardon if you can help.
- We continue to monitor for Covid 19 and adjust our practices accordingly. Stay tuned for measures we are taking.

Complete vestry minutes can now be found on the bulletin board in the Great Hall near the kitchen.

Fellowship



On Sunday Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. St Andrew's Book Club begins a 7th year of reading and discussion with "How to be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question" by Michael Schur. Remember Monty Python and the "Philosopher's Song"? The creator of the Netflix tv series "The Good Place" humorously distills 2,400 years of philosophy and ethics to help us decide modern moral dilemmas. Read the book, see the tv show, join our one-hour discussion. Hard copy, audio and e-books are available through our county libraries.

“50 Shades”



The social fellowship group for all women, 50 Shades of Grace, meets on the 1st of each month. Monday, August 1st will be a pool party and potluck dinner at 6 p.m. at Christie Bracher's house. 1171 Fairview Dr. Please plan to join us and cool off with a swim.



August Theology at the Pub

Zoom TAP for August 6th 3-5pm. Please call or text Dan at 717-817-0530 if you are interested in attending or if you have questions.



Bezalel Crafting Ministry

The Bezalel Crafting Ministry (BCM) meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of each month between Labor Day and Memorial Day.

Summer Break

Bezalel Crafting Ministry is taking their annual summer break and will not meet during the months of June, July, and August.

Meetings plan to resume in the fall, with our return set for September 15, 2022.

For more information, questions, or ideas to share, please contact Alma Rooney – 717-817-0529 (text or call).

Why is this group named this?

First, Bezalel, is a Biblical character, mentioned in the book of Exodus as one whom God called to use his skills in all kinds of crafts for the service of the tabernacle. See Exodus 31:1-11 and Exodus 35:30-36:2 to learn about his work. We intentionally chose to name our group after a male known for crafting to show this is not the work of one kind of person.

Second, Crafting was chosen as a more inclusive term. This group is not limited to people who only work with yarn or only knit or crochet. Just as Bezalel was skilled in ALL kinds of crafts, this group wants to incorporate all the arts for the glory of God.

Lastly (and most importantly), Ministry is used in our name because we use the skills and gifts of crafts and crafting to share the love of God with others, both within the congregation and out in the community.





Community Fun Day

Sponsored by St. Andrew's Church

1502 4th Ave, York PA 17403

Sunday September 11th, 12-2:30

Rain or Shine Bring your own lawn chair

Chalk Art
And
Games

Free

Hot dogs, drinks,
chips, and
ice cream

Live Music

Bring your
instrument and join us



York Area United Fire and Rescue and
Spring Garden Police will be present

as well as local community organizations and businesses



BITS & PIECES



A special thank you and shout out to everyone who donated items for the yard sale and came out to support St. Andrew's. A thank you to those people who helped with it. Alma.

COFFEE HOUR GIFT CARD SALES



Just a reminder that Food Gift cards are available the first Sunday during our Fellowship gathering in the Great Hall or any week day between 8:30 -2 M-TH, Fri, 9 - 12:00 in the church office. The cards are for both Weis and Giant Supermarkets in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100. We take both cash and checks.



PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Parish office is in the process of putting out new directory. Please take a moment to complete the form in the lobby with any changes to your information. **Please print** your information! You may also contact the office with updated information.

August Birthdays

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

01 – Rochelle Jeanmenne
05 – Andrew Breault
05 – Dennis Heinle
06 – Mary Jane Watt
08 – John Wampler
14 – Abbi Tarburton
15 – Nancy Young
16 – Samuel Rooney
16 – Mary Stevenson
19 – William Reardon
22 – Charles Kraut Jr.
22 – Nelson Leiphart
23 – Martha Ambrose
23 – James Clark
23 – David Strausbaugh
25 – Diane Folkenroth
25 – Andy Krebs
26 – Connie Simons
27 – Skylar Newman
29 – Charles Kraut III



August Anniversaries

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

12 – John & Beverly Opilo
22 – Frederic & Mary Stevenson
24 – Steve & Donna Welty



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Diocesan Mission Statement

We are partners in Christ with the love
of God on our lips
and in our lives.

**Diocesan Web Site
www.diocesecpa.org**

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Grant Ambrose
Rector

The Rev. Janet Brown
Deacon

Philip T. D. Cooper
Organist/Choir Master

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*Director of Children & Youth
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Angie Deroche, Treasurer

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Sandy Albright
Parish Secretary

Vestry Members

Nelson Leiphart (2023)
Alma Rooney (2023)
Meredith Williams (2023)
David Dunkel (2024)
Barbara Fleischer (2024)
Michael Massquoi (2024)
John Opilo (2025)
Harry Snell (2025)
Eileen Sullivan (2025)

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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.*

NOTICE: Bulletin Deadline
Each week is Wednesday – 12 noon

Deadlines for the NET X WORK

**August 15th for September
September 15th for October
newsletter**

Please mark your calendars
and be respectful of these deadlines.

In Memory of

With sadness, we share with you that

Alf Kuhns

passed away Friday July 15, 2022 -- may he rest in peace.

