

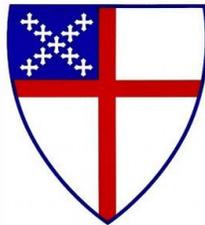


# *The Parish Messenger*

## *April 2016*

*The Newsletter of the People of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
State College, Pennsylvania*

**IMPORTANT MEETING**  
**Sunday, April 10**  
Canterbury Hall  
Following the 10 AM Service



**~Education and Formation for Every Age and Everyone~**

*An opportunity to talk about our education and formation programs for every age, and to consider options for the future*

For all Middle School Youth (including rising 6th graders), High School Youth and Adults

This meeting is the next step in an ongoing conversation among staff, vestry and parishioners about the education and formation that we are providing at St. Andrew's and how we might improve and strengthen this aspect of our church's life in the future. "Christians are made, not born," said Tertullian (early Christian author and theologian) and, thus, education and formation is a primary responsibility and task of every church. Please join in this conversation!

A lunch of subs, chips, drinks and cookies will be served, and the meeting will conclude by 1:30 PM at the latest.

(Childcare for children in nursery through 4th grade provided)

## **A RETIREMENT NOTE FROM ROBIN**



Upon first arrival in State College in 1984, one step into St. Andrew's Nave, and John and I knew we had found our new church home. We sang in the choir, served on vestry, volunteered as youth leaders, and I taught in Church School. Then in 1999, the Director of Christian Education position opened, and I felt called to this ministry. Our son Jack was eight years old at the time; he was surprised that I would work at the church and asked, "What are you going to do all day?" Maybe he thought I would sit in the Nave and pray all week! Well, I have prayed; but no two days have been the same, and each day has brought new challenges and joys. St. Andrew's has an abundance of hard-working parishioners; and I am thankful for the times of worship, prayer, laughter, tears and planning that we shared.

Since announcing my retirement, I have worshiped in the Nave, walked the parish halls, worked in the classrooms, retrieved materials from the Undercroft--all the while wondering: 'how will I find the words to fully express what this ministry has meant to me?' To help me focus, I dove into my file folder, which holds all the thank-you notes you have sent to me over the past fifteen years. You have been generous with kind words and support. Your notes are loving expressions, which reflect the relationships built upon Baptisms, Children's Sermons, Church School and Adult Formation, Christmas/Epiphany Pageants, Communion classes, Confirmations/Receptions, Lenten/Holy Week and Easter programs, Outreach ministry, Simpler Living/Compassionate Life, Stations of the Cross for children, Taizè, and VBS here and at Good Shepherd.

Now it is my time to say thank you for the memories. Thank you for bringing your children, grandchildren and neighbors to hear the stories of our faith and share in our traditions. Thank you for your trust and confidence in me. With God's help, my work was accomplished by your willingness to volunteer and support our programs. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister and as a Resurrection Acolyte. St. Andrew's has meant the world to me! I will miss working with you, and I will miss working daily with the office staff. St. Andrew's will remain in my prayers as you move forward together, one body in Christ.

Robin Bagby

### **Save the Date for a Retirement Party!**

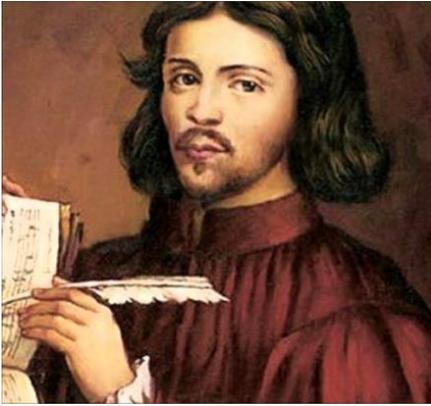
For Robin Bagby  
Saturday evening, April 30  
More information to come!

## **EVENSONG FROM THE 1662 BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

Sunday, April 3

5:00 PM

Reception follows in Room 325



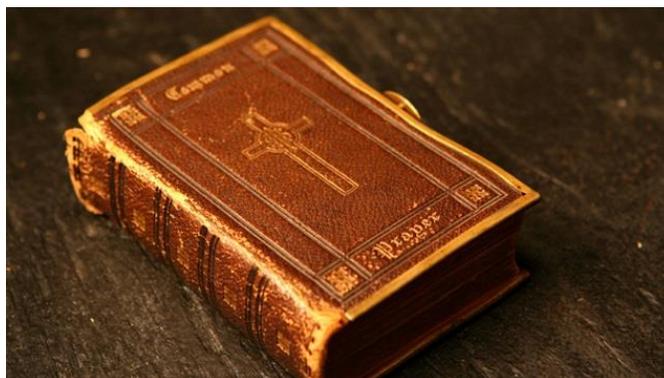
On Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 PM, there will be a service of choral evensong according to the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. This book is still the official prayer book of the Church of England. Music in the service will include a Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by George Dyson, and the anthem IF YE LOVE ME by Thomas Tallis. Tallis also provides us with a setting of the Preces and Responses for the service. The Reverend Doug Dailey will be the officiant.

Prior to the Reformation, prayer in the early evening or late afternoon was known as the office of Vespers, one of the eight Canonical Hours of the divine office of the Western church. However, in 1549, a prayer book known as the Book of Common Prayer was adopted in the context of the English Reformation. Bishop Thomas Cranmer established the office of Evensong using elements taken from both Vespers and Compline, generally to be conducted in the English language, as was the case with the entire liturgy.

After a series of slight modifications, the office of Evensong took its modern form in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England, a form that is followed very closely throughout the whole of the Anglican and Episcopal Church throughout the world.

Evensong, like all forms of liturgical worship, has elements of drama and ritual that nourish the spiritual life of all of us. It is based entirely on elements of Holy Scripture and it is scripted according to a long history, originating in Judaic and early Christian evening worship. Evensong is traditionally mostly sung by a choir, with the full congregation participating throughout in thoughtful prayer, allowing the music to soothe us and to draw us closer to the presence of God. The congregation also joins in the spoken parts of the liturgy: the reciting of the Confession and the Creed, as well as singing the hymns.

Please join us for this lovely service.



## **LESSONS FROM LECTIO**

Sunday, April 17

9:00 AM

Room 324

In February we sat with a passage from Luke (Luke 13:1-9):

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

For many of us the passage was a bit jarring; the first paragraph contained some violent imagery and the two sections seemed disconnected from each other. Even so, as we sat with the passage, we could hear God asking us to trust him, to turn to him, and to grow in him.

It is easy for us to turn our focus outwards; we might nurture others and forget about ourselves or we might judge others as being worse sinners than ourselves. In both cases we are paying more attention to the fruits of others than to our own. God will come to collect our fruit as well, so it is important for us to look at ourselves and allow ourselves to be tended by God.

Being tended – repenting and turning towards God – is not always pleasant. Sitting in manure can be distasteful and having our roots disrupted can be disorienting. Additionally, in order to encourage new growth, the branches might be cut back until it looks like there is nothing there.

This passage also brought with it a sense of hopefulness and promise. Just because a relationship or endeavor has not born fruit in the past, this does not prevent the fruits of our labor from blossoming in the future. With careful tending there is hope for new growth. At the same time, we were reminded that we do not need to stay with a struggling endeavor forever. Sometimes, we bear the most fruit by clearing away the old in order to make space for the new.

We left this passage without easy answers. Sometimes we need to press forward, sometimes we need to pull back. But always, we need to trust in God.

*Dear God, thank you for reminding us to put our trust in you. Thank you for always being there, for calling us to yourself and encouraging us to grow in you. We ask for discerning hearts, so that we may know when to prune and when to harvest. We also ask that we may be open and willing to receive your care. All this we ask in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY**



The Prayer Quilt Ministry group is made up of members of St. Andrew's, though we are open to all. If you like to work with fabric or sew, we are the group for you. We have recently undertaken creating baptismal quilts for the newly baptized children in our parish and are working to complete some so that we have a 'stock' supply. We are also working on prayer quilts for those parishioners who may be ill or facing other life challenges and find themselves in need of warmth and comfort. As many of you are aware, we complete the quilts with ties, rather than actually stitched quilting. As members of the parish tie a knot, they say a short prayer for the person for whom the quilt is intended. It is a powerful symbol of the love and faith of our parish family for those who receive the quilts.

We will meet on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at 12:30 in the afternoon in Room 119 in the Trost Wing. Please feel free to join us for a fun afternoon. We'll keep you in stitches!

For more information call Michele Marini (814-574-9639) or Lorna Dontigny (814-231-3958), or email Michele at [michelemarini@comcast.net](mailto:michelemarini@comcast.net).

## **COMPASSIONATE LIFE**

Thursdays, April 7 and 21  
9:30 AM – 11:00 AM  
Room 325



Wendy Vinhage, Executive Director of Interfaith Human Services (IHS), will be our guest on April 7. IHS is one of Centre County's oldest non-profit organizations. Its goal is to work to help neighbors who are in need. Marion Schwartz is the St. Andrew's representative to IHS. If you would like to know more about IHS, come to Compassionate Life or talk with Marion Schwartz about ways to get involved.

On April 21, we will finish discussing *Tattoos on the Heart*, by Fr. Gregory Boyle. It is not too late to get the book and read it before April 21. Women are invited to attend even if they haven't read the book. Come and enjoy the warmth and companionship of the group!

## **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: SERVICE PROJECT**



The Central Pennsylvania Diocesan Assembly Daughters of the King will be hosting the Province III Annual Retreat from April 15-17, 2016, at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, MD. As part of the retreat, we have selected Love INC as our service project.

The mission of Love INC of Greater Hershey is to mobilize the church to transform lives and the community in the name of Christ. The Parsonage Ministry is a free, home away from home for families of patients at the Hershey Medical Center. The Parsonages are currently serving families of patients of the transplant, oncology, and hematology services and the Heart and Vascular Institute. Forty to forty-five volunteers from ten different churches care for guests and the homes on a monthly basis. Our service project for the retreat is to gather items listed below to donate to Love INC. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please select items from the list below and bring to the church office by April 13, 2016. Love INC is asking for small, individual size items, similar to the size you would find in hotels.

We are inviting the members of St. Andrew's to join us in collecting items for this worthwhile ministry, which serves people not only from Central Pennsylvania, but also the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. If you have any questions please call Michele Marini, Diocesan President (814-574-9639) or Kitty Mussett, Dame Julian of Norwich (St. Andrew's) Chapter President (814-880-5217).

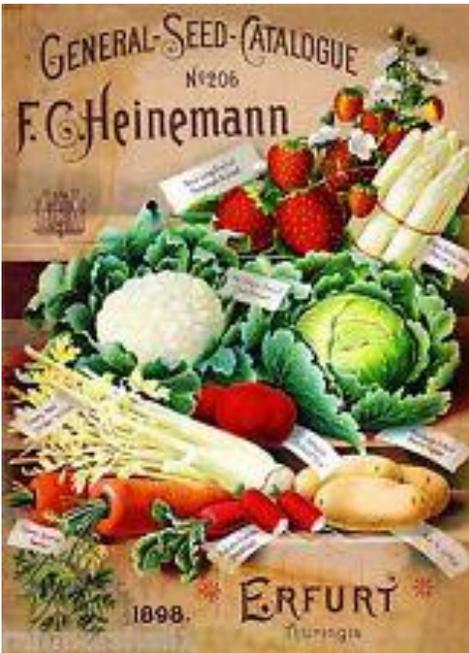
### **Items requested by Love INC:**

\*Flashlights \*Liquid hand soap (not antibacterial) \*Paper towels \*Disinfectant wipes \*Office supplies (masking tape, scotch tape, paper clips, sticky notes) \*Single-serve pre-packaged food items (cereal, granola bars, microwave meals, cookies, fruit juice).

### **For the Personal Care Closet Ministry - Most needed items are (where appropriate personal sizes are requested):**

\*Feminine hygiene pads \*Body Wash \*Laundry detergent, standard-size or pods  
\*Toilet paper \*Tissues \*Dish soap \*Dishwasher pods \*Household cleaner \*Shaving cream/disposable razors \*Baby wash \*Deodorant, men's and women's \*Baby wipes \*Diaper cream.

## **COMMUNITY CAFE**



The Community Café has a new look! We now have 15 long black aprons with the Episcopal Church shield sewn on. They are for the entire church to use and we hope you like them. We would like to heartily thank Nancy Moschella and Helen Shapira for sewing the patches.

Also, now that spring is here, hopefully you are all looking ahead to the gardening season. If you are gardening this summer, and plant another row or two, the Café would love any donations of extra vegetables you may have. Just bring them into the kitchen and leave them with a note that they are for the Café, and we will take care of the rest.

If you would like to learn more about the Café or to volunteer, please contact Ron Rovanseck at [rrovanseck@pacewater.com](mailto:rrovanseck@pacewater.com). The Café is open for business from 5 PM to 7 PM every Thursday. The meal is free, everyone is welcome, and donations are accepted, but they are not expected.

## **SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS**

By: Barb Downs



The Episcopal Church, as many of you know, is the only church to have voluntarily developed a program to inform parishioners and set standards of behavior to safeguard children of all ages from sexual abuse. This program has been taught at St. Andrew's since 2001. We pride ourselves on being a safe and informed church and are grateful to all who have taken the time to attend.

Vicky Ponish and I will be offering SGC in April for all who are required to attend (you will be notified) and for anyone in the parish who would like to come. All are welcome! You do not need to be working with children. The information provided is valuable no matter who you are or what you do. We will offer a class on Sunday, April 17 from 1 PM to 3:30 PM. There will be parishioners from several other churches attending, so we have set this time to allow for travel. The class will either be in Room

325 or in Canterbury Hall depending on the size of the class. Signup sheets will be on the bulletin board outside Canterbury Hall beginning in mid-March. THANK YOU in advance from Barb Downs and Vicky Ponish for your interest in keeping St. Andrew's safe for our children!

## **FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS**

April 15  
Canterbury Hall



***The Matrix (1999)***

***Rated: PG-13***

**6:30 PM: Snacks and Drinks**

**7:00 PM: Film**

**A discussion will follow the film for those who wish to stay.**

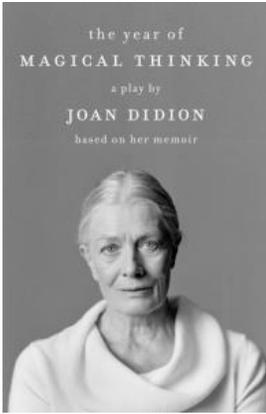
Neo, a computer genius, has always felt the world is not what it seems. Only Morpheus, an elusive figure considered to be the most dangerous man alive, can answer his question: what is the Matrix? Neo enters an underworld where a truth is revealed too enormous to comprehend. It is a truth that could cost Neo something more precious than his life.

## **ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S GROUP**

Come join the fun and fellowship at Women's Group! Women of all ages are invited to join us on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. We will next get together on April 19 at Gigi's, 2080 Cato Ave. Contact [Julie Kwasnica](#) if you have any questions.



## **ST. ANDREW'S BOOK GROUP**



Last month, the book group enjoyed a great and lively discussion of Resa Aslan's noteworthy book, *Zealot*. Thank you to everyone for their thoughts and ideas.

At the end of our meeting the group voted to read Joan Didion's *The Year of Magical Thinking* as our next read. If you would like to join the group, no invitation is necessary. All thoughts and points of view are welcome.

The date and time of the next meeting will be announced. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Miller at [gem7@psu.edu](mailto:gem7@psu.edu) See you in the library!

## **THE ARTS AT ST. ANDREW'S**



St. Andrews has a new auxiliary website—Arts @ St. Andrews—sponsored by parishioners involved in the creation, interpretation, and teaching of the arts, and devoted to the exploration of the relationship between Christian faith and the arts. Its aim is to stimulate interest in the capacity of imagination to express, examine, and enrich our spiritual journey.

The new website <http://artsatstandrews.weebly.com> currently contains several sections, including a blog (“Articles”) featuring various discussions by our own parishioners, and information (“Announcements”) of forthcoming events at the church or elsewhere in the community. The “Articles”, “Announcements”, and other tabs appear just below the Arts @ St. Andrews title at the top of the page.

The blog currently features two pieces: 1) a discussion of Thomas Beveridge's *Yizkor Requiem* (1994)—which the State College Choral Society will perform on April 10<sup>th</sup>—by Walter Wells & Gwen Catchen; and 2) Some reflections on Charles Darwin as a thinker and writer—quite different from what subsequent conflicts between evolution and creationism might lead you to expect—by Matthew Thompson.

To read the blog, click <http://artsatstandrews.weebly.com>. The two featured pieces should appear on the page below the header. If you wish to do so, feel free to offer your comments on the blog. Also check out the rest of the site—still in its early stages—by clicking the “About”, “Film Series”, & “Announcements” tabs. The “Reviews” tab is currently empty.

For inquiries, comments, or further information about the site, or if you wish to add your name to our e-mail list of prospective contributors to the site—currently around forty parishioners—please contact Marion & Sanford Schwartz at [standrewarts@gmail.com](mailto:standrewarts@gmail.com)

## **VESTRY NOTES:**

**March 2016**



Vestry met on Monday of Holy Week and shared many positive comments about the Lenten program and its good attendance. The financial report for February was positive showing a good start for the year. An audit committee was appointed by the Finance Committee and approved unanimously by the vestry. A report from the Property Committee included an ambitious list of projects for 2016 with the goal of providing and maintaining a comfortable and safe environment at St. Andrew's.

The arts and literature are alive and well at St. Andrews with the new St. Andrew's arts blog going live and the formation of the St. Andrew's book club. The arts blog can be found through links in the *Messenger* and on the church website. The book club has selected its first book, *Zealot: The Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth*, by Reza Aslan, and will be meeting on Tuesday evenings.

The process for searching for a new rector will get under way in earnest after Easter beginning with the preparation of a parish profile. A series of listening events to gather information about the parish will be scheduled. Dates and times of these meetings will be shared through all the usual means of communication used in the parish.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Hoover, Clerk of the Vestry

## **LENTEN REFLECTION:** **Building Faith Brick by Brick**



Over four weeks in Lent the children heard the stories of *The Temptation of Jesus*, *Jesus Enters Jerusalem*, *A Dinner in the Upper Room*, and the *Crucifixion* read from the Bible. Then they watched the story unfold using wooden figures laid out in a Godly Play/Young Children and Worship format. Finally, the children built the story out of LEGOs - creative, engaging, a community expression. The children would eagerly ask: “what story will we build next week?” What more could we ask for? Our thanks to Gwen Catchen, Abe, David and Jack Rovansek, and Jack Bagby for loaning their LEGOs, so that we could experience the scripture in a new way and build scripture creations.

## **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

Church School continues in Eastertide as the children learn more stories of Jesus. Classes begin at 10:00 AM during Holy Eucharist. The children join the worship at Holy Communion. *Young Children and Worship* is for ages 3 to kindergarten. They meet in Room 337-338. *Godly Play* is for children grades first through fourth. They meet in Room 335-336, and grades 5 & 6 follow the lectionary based curriculum *Living the Good News*. They meet in Room 119.



## **JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD:**

**April 2016**

### **Thank You!**

**Quiche Sale!** Thank you to all who donated ingredients, baked, and purchased quiche to support the Young Adult and Parish-wide mission trip to *Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity* in West Virginia. Approximately \$1,100 net income will directly support the mission trip this summer. Special thanks to Kelley Paulsen for all her work! Consider being part of the volunteer work team – July 17-23! Contact Darlene Nordoff or Kelley Paulsen to volunteer!



**Good Friday Stations of the Cross for Families!** Thank you to 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> graders Madeleine Christopher, Gabe Hickner, Marlee Kwasnica, and Nolan Markowski; Rite-13ers Abbey Humphreys and Jack Wunz; and J2A pilgrims Ryan Couch, Anna Kwasnica, Patrick Osborne and Connor Shea for leading the stations this year. Well done!



**Easter Egg Hunt!** Thank you to Rite-13 and J2A youth for preparing candy eggs for the Easter Day Egg Hunt; and thank you to Luke and Jake Hall, Becky and Katey VanKirk, Zach Humphreys, and Julia Bagby and Chuck Fishburn for scattering the eggs!



**Rite-13**

- April 3 Class – Self Unit: Who Am I? What it means to be a family member.
- April 8-9 Lock-In at the church! Friday, April 8 – arrive to Room 330 at 7 PM. Parent pick up at 9 AM on Saturday, April 9.
- April 17 Class – Prayer Unit: Prayers of Supplication.
- April 24 Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood! Celebratory breakfast in Canterbury Hall beginning 8:45 AM. Brief instruction in the Nave at 9:30 AM. Blessing during the 10 AM Holy Eucharist. Pictures and cake after Communion.
- May 1 Class – Prayer Unit: Lives Dedicated to Prayer – Religious Orders. Activity and time to be determined by the group.

**J2A**

- April 3 Class – Experience Lectio Divina with a guest leader.
- April 16 Dinner and discussion at J2A leader Amy Allison’s home on Saturday, from 6-8 PM. More details to follow.
- April 17 Class – Pilgrimage lesson.
- April 24 J2A pilgrims to be part of 10 AM Holy Eucharist presentation.
- May 1 Class - Activity to be determined.

**Sunday, April 24**

**10 AM Holy Eucharist**

Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood  
Pilgrimage & Mission Trip Presentations

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Out of the Darkness: Suicide Prevention Walk in memory of Jake Correll  
Depart from church as a group to Sidney Friedman Parklet; Walk begins at 1:30 PM.



**FROM THE PARISH REGISTER**

**HOLY BAPTISM**



**On Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016:**

AEDAN JAMES ELLIS  
EVIN MATTHEW ELLIS  
Born August 5, 2015

&

EVALYNNE ROSE ELLIS  
Born April 5, 2013

Children of James Matthew Ellis and Rachel Anne Ellis

ISAAC PAUL EVICK  
Born December 12, 2015

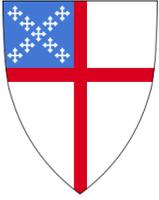
Son of Andrew Albert Evick and Ashley Nicole Evick

**IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY**



"Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him."

RICHARD L. REICH  
February 8, 1929- February 29, 2016  
Memorial Service at St. Andrew's and Committal in Columbarium  
March 11, 2016



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Medora Ebersole

Marisa Ferger

Kate Freeman

Dennis Houseman

Beth Jones

Julia Kasdorf

Linda Mace

Sharon Rovanseck

Sandy Schwartz

### **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist (church school, childcare)

5:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday 12:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist