

ST. ANDREW'S MESSAGE

Our Mission Statement – "Inspiring Change by following Jesus"

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October

- Oct 4** 9 a.m. Zoom service
10:30 a.m. Outdoor service
Pet Blessing Service
- Oct 5** 7 p.m. Outreach
- Oct 8** 7 p.m. Life Commissions
- Oct 11** 9 a.m. Zoom/Indoor service
10:30 a.m. Indoor service
- Oct 15** 7 p.m. Council Meeting
- Oct 18** 9 a.m. Zoom/Indoor service
10:30 a.m. Indoor service
- Oct 22** 7 p.m. Memorial Comm.
- Oct 25** 9 a.m. Zoom/Indoor service
10:30 a.m. Indoor service
Reformation Sunday



Join Sunday Zoom Service

Worship Online at St Andrews
Sunday 09:00 AM Eastern

Meeting ID: 867 0725 6377
Password: 824722



Give Online

Your Prayers are requested for those:



In Need

Daniel King

Hospitalized or recuperating

Kitty Badalamenti
James Byrne
Ingrid Frank

Bill Hamm
Joseph Knapp, Sr
Anne Latino

Linda Louie
Patricia McGregor

Robin Muller
Nicole Safron

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Massimo Berardelli
Bill & Joan Borkowsky
Nancy Calandra
Chuck Cassidy
Andrea Cummings
Alessandro Cuniberti

Debbie and Doug Dubois
Joanna Falcone
Judy Gordon
Vivian Hyde
Mike Lekhmus
Roseann Lella

Karen Livingston Bernardo
Mary Kay McNamee
Helen O'Brien
Lucille Oricchio
Liz Prinz
Anita Porter

Edith Raspuzzi
Samantha Shores
Tony Susi
Brad Wheeler
Lisa Wheeler
Carl Anderson Jr

Facing life's challenges

Adama Bamba
Alyssa Billingsley
Devon Crispell

Dominic Enriguez
Eric Enriguez
Mark Graff, Jr. & Family

Paul Kristoffersen
Sean and Sarah Prinz
Ann Robertiello

Joanne Saylor
The Small Family
Tom Tillstrand

Mourning the passing of

Edward V. Rohle
Lazzaro Peter Pellegrini
Donna Scimia
Henry Kulick
Gregorio Guerra

Deniece Clancy
Phil C. Novak
Jean Farrell
Gjina Bujaj
Jordan Gordon

Mark Graff
Doug Knowles
Bruno Rohle
Gladys Rohle
Mark Jarmon

Mary Sue Kasten
Maria Quas
Julie Feile
Kim Dary

Restricted to home/nursing facilities

Ed Gavard

Norlene McAuliffe

Mary Shepard

Serving in the Armed Forces

Randy Bacon
Daniel Bendetti
Brandon Cintron
Paul Fosse Jr.

Gregory Gonzalez
Kenneth Holman
Michael Lawless

Anthony Lawrence
Randal Middleton
Will O'Brien

Michael J. Tillstrand
Alex Wood
Jayson Zuluaga

Our Missionaries

Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Swanson

Bishop

Rev. Paul Egensteiner

Residents of Jan Peek House

Please call or email the office to place someone on or remove someone from the Prayer List.

Thank you.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Worship in October

Our last outdoor worship service for the season October 4th. At this service we will be blessing the pets and animals that give our lives joy. Bring your critter and blessings will be shared for each from a responsible distance during the worship service at 10:30.

Zoom worship services at 9am will continue using a new format beginning October 11. Our early services will feature synchronous online and in-person worship service. Therefore, if attending the Zoom service, you will see a new view and notice masks being worn by all participants for the whole service.

Worship at St. Andrew's is coming inside on October 11th. To gather safely, some new protocols and procedures will be followed. Here is what you need to know and what you will need to do to participate in worship indoors. You will need a ticket. For us to enact social distancing guidelines we need to carefully manage our capacity. Each worship service will have 11 tickets. Only one ticket is needed per family unit. We have divided the sanctuary into 11 seating sections that are 6 feet long and at least 6 feet from any other worshipping group. The tickets are free and will be found online at Eventbrite. A link to the ticketing service will be included in the weekly update sent on Tuesday. If you are part of a multi-generational family that would require more seating space than 6 feet, each family will need a ticket and the sections will not be adjoining.

All worship participants will come through the front door. You do not need to print out your ticket confirmation. An usher will verify your name and phone number. This is required and may be needed for contact tracing if Covid appears within our community. An usher will then guide you to your seating area for the morning. Worshippers attending the early section will be seated in "A" sections, worshippers at the later service will be seated in "B" sections. This ensures that no one is sitting in a space used recently. There is a diagram of the sanctuary on the next page. Please note, the ushers will seat you according to your place in line beginning at the front and moving towards the rear, you do not get to choose where you want to sit.

We will partake in communion in the pews using the single serve cups we have been using outside. After our service, ushers will dismiss by row and all will leave the building via the front door. Before and between the services the seating sections will be wiped down with anti-bacterial spray.

I understand if this sounds overwhelming. Change is tough and I can't imagine anyone is excited about learning another new system. We are working hard to make this as pain free as possible. If you get stuck, please call and we can coach you through the process.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Dave

Join Sunday Zoom Service

Choir

Altar
Pr. Dave

Margy

Lectern

Pulpit

A			B	A
B				
	A			B
	B			A
A			B	
B			A	
	A			B
	B			A
A			B	
B			A	
	Usher 1		Usher 2	

Outreach News

The Outreach Commission met on September 14. We started to plan the stewardship campaign. This year's campaign is vitally important to St. Andrew's and its mission.

Yorktown's Street Fair, which we have participated in for several years, has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Through the efforts of Kathy DeMaio coordinating volunteers, we continue to provide meals to the residents of Jan Peek House. Many thanks to Kathy and to all who have volunteered to make and deliver meals! If you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Kathy.

We encourage you to help those who have been devastated by the wildfires in the western U.S. and those affected by hurricane destruction elsewhere. Lutheran Disaster Response directs 100% of your donation to help those who have lost so much. Please consider giving to make someone's life better.

Linda Bohlk, Chairperson

Jan Peek Homeless Shelter

Our generous members continue to help out our less fortunate neighbors with a monthly meal to the Jan Peek Homeless Shelter in Peekskill. A huge thank you to Girl Scout Troop #1480 and Ellie Clark from BSA Troop 164 for their amazing meal in September. The residents are SO appreciative of the home cooked meals!! The October meal is being provided by the St. Andrew's Service Group. Thank you!

Kathy DeMaio

Coordinator

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phone: 914-497-5307

Church Keys

In the next few weeks we will be "rekeying" the church building and the Chapel House. This has not been done in over 10 years. Keys have been given out, copied, borrowed and occasionally returned-we have no idea of who has a key to our buildings. For our well being and the safety of our new renters the locks will be changed. If you feel that you need access to our buildings new keys will be available at the time of installation. Please email the church office and we can arrange for new keys to be distributed and proper recording of who has a key to take place.

Financial Update:

To all the Faithful at St. Andrew's,

It is time for another update. The last time I wrote was to inform you about the closure of the Montessori school. The conclusion of this multi-decade relationship is regrettable. We did everything we could have done to avoid this result. Rental income from the school represented 1/3 of our annual budget. Additionally, since the beginning of the pandemic, regular weekly giving among members is down significantly. If nothing changes, we are facing a decrease in income somewhere between \$75,000-\$100,000. That is if nothing changes, if 2020 has taught us anything, it is that everything changes. We need to fix our trajectory and can with your help.

We are in the final stages of welcoming a new renter to the chapel house; a homeschooling co-operative for former OMS students. Securing new renters is the first of many steps. Income from the homeschooling group will be \$27,000 for the school year. We will be looking for additional renters as the gap is far from closed.

While we are doing this work, we have also convened two new committees. One group is looking at ways to tighten our financial belt, the other has already begun brainstorming ways to raise funds. We will be opening a Go-

FundMe page to direct all fundraising donations towards the goal of raising \$75,000. This amount should ensure full ministries for the coming year, continued support of all our ministry partners and grow our financial health for the future.

These are all important steps, and each will contribute to the future of St. Andrew's. Churches have been and will likely always be primarily supported by the members of the worshipping community. The pandemic has caused loss of jobs and decreased income for some within our church. Others have remained financially unscathed. I am calling on you to review your financial gifts to the church over the last year and prayerfully consider an additional gifts if you have the financial blessings to do so. To do so before the end of the calendar year would be helpful. Sarah and I have been able to contribute over our pledged amounts by budgeting and by being intentional with our funds. people of St. Andrew's, we are people of hope, following a once-dead-now-risen Savior. As people of light, we will seek a new way forward. We will gather our offerings and move as a community to become what God seeks for us. Thank you for all the ways that you support the ministries of St. Andrew's.

See you Sunday,

Pastor Dave

CHURCH COUNCIL

September Notes

- Our “Reopening” Task Force continues to refine protocols for St. Andrew’s indoor in-person services which will begin October 11 and to plan for the return of the Men’s Group and BSA Troop 164 into the building in October.
- With the loss of revenue from Our Montessori School’s departure, Council discussed ways to fill the income shortfall. An Expense Committee has been formed to address measures to cut costs.
- Several members of Council will meet to brainstorm fundraising options for St. Andrew’s during Covid-19 restrictions.

Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

Council Members 2020-2021

Linda Bohlk – President
 Judith Bailey-Hung – VP
 Lynn Parlman – Secretary
 David Hamm – Treasurer

Tim Clark
 Matthew Damrow
 Sue Epting
 Dominic Justo
 Kristine Kallesten
 Dora Morabito
 Rita Nehmzow
 Steve Scalzi
 Dale Sharp

Financial Secretary –

Margaret Hauck

Nominating Committee 2021

Venita Anderson
 Chuck Farrell
 Tim Gagliano
 Jeanette Mayer
 Andrea Rai
 Tony Susi

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY -

AUGUST

	<u>2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions ¹	\$ 115,900		\$ 126,700	\$ (10,800)
Other Income	47,400		44,700	2,700
Total Income	163,300		171,400	(8,100)
Expenses	164,400	\$182,000	173,500	(9,100)
Deficit	<u>\$ (1,100)</u>		<u>\$ (2,100)</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>

1 - contributions compared to last year are \$12,800 lower since March 15

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Well, this is going to be a bit of a strange year for Sunday School at St. Andrew's. With COVID-19 still present, we have made the decision to postpone "live" Sunday School for the present time. The most important thing is for the children and teachers to be safe and at this time, we are unable to guarantee that. We don't know what the COVID situation will be during the fall and winter nor do we know when we will have a safe and effective vaccine or a viable treatment for those who become ill with the virus. We will re-evaluate the situation later in the fall and pray that perhaps we can restart our weekly Sunday School classes in early 2021.

After Sunday School shut down in March, we missed some key events such as First Communion and Awards Sunday. No worries as we will be sure to hold all of these important events as soon as it's safe to do so. In the fall, we dedicate and distribute the Catechisms and Bibles to our 1st and 3rd graders respectively so we will also re-schedule that day when we are able to reopen.

We will be unable to hold the Christmas pageant this year but we are working on finding a way to showcase the children virtually. More information will follow after we have had a chance to further develop our plan.

I will also continue to send out weekly activities for the children to do at home. I am planning to follow the curriculum that we would have used for the fall semester and send out the Bible story for that week so that you can share it with your children. Then I will match up the activity to that story as best as I can.

Since Sunday School will not be in session, Pastor Dave will be incorporating more children-focused activities into the weekly church service. As we continue outdoor services during the nice weather and when we finally open up for indoor services, please bring your children to church so that they can participate in what Pastor Dave has to share with them.

Two of our loyal 7th graders completed their Sunday School years in June so will be moving on to confirmation classes. We wish Paige Haglund and Courtney Banks the best as they continue to grow in their faith with Pastor Dave leading them. When we are able to resume "live" Sunday School, we will be awarding both Paige and Courtney their award pins and offering our congratulations on a job well done!

Please let me know if you have a child who is 3 years old and has not yet attended St. Andrew's Sunday School so that I can add them to the roster for the Pre-K class. If this child is your first to enroll in our Sunday School, please send me your e-mail address so I can add you to the distribution list in order for you to receive the Sunday School e-mail updates. Likewise, if anyone is new or has not previously enrolled your child/children in our program, please e-mail me so we can add you and welcome you to our group

Please reach out to me with any questions, suggestions, etc at any time. You can reach me via phone at 914-715-9546 or by e-mail at epting.susan@gmail.com.



Remember to stay safe and wear a mask and we hope to see you all soon!

God Bless, Sue Epting

Pumpkin Carving/Painting competition

Register now for a bit of socially distant, family friendly competition. October 25th at 3:30, the carving begins. Pumpkins will be placed out in the front yard in socially distant circles. For an hour you can carve scary or funny faces, at 4:30 the judging begins. Prizes will be provided for those who reign supreme. Register now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pumpkin-carving-competition-tickets-123271714015>

This is not only a fund raiser but also a friend raiser. We hope you come and share the invitation with friends and family that are not connected to St. Andrew's.

New Member Welcome and Baptism Coming Up

The Marino family's first worship with St. Andrew's was outside. They saw the sign in the yard and did not feel comfortable heading indoors as they sought a new church. Welcome smiles and socially distant conversations demonstrated our love of others and they have

asked to become members and baptize their first child. We look forward to both events on October 25th at our later service. Welcome to the family of faith Merete, Andrew and little Angelo.

Confirmation Update

We give thanks to God for our 4 young people who Affirmed their Faith on September 20th (pictured below). I will let their thoughts speak for themselves as additional bios are included in this newsletter. It appears that for the next several years we will have small confirmation classes. I am considering changing the format of the course but have simply not had the time to research and develop a meaningful course for our young people. My goal is to have the revamp ready by the New Year. Thank you for understanding.



Amanda Blechner



My Christian journey started at Baptism with my parents commitment to teach me the word of God through services, Sunday School and living a Christian life. My journey continued with help from the members of our church. I have always felt welcomed and considered at home with my church family. The shared fellowship of St. Andrew's has taught me what it is to be charitable and giving. As I am confirmed I am making the choice to continue to lead a Christian life. It is an honor to become a full member of St. Andrew's. I would like to share what I have learned by assisting the little ones with their journey by helping them discover the messages of the Bible.

We are so proud of how Amanda has matured through her years at St. Andrew's. She has become a compassionate and kind young adult who is grateful for all life has given her. We are looking forward to her continued involvement in the church whether it is with singing during service or helping out in Sunday school. We hope practicing her faith through living a Christian life will be an example for others to follow.- Tracy Blechner

Kristin Linahan



My experience in confirmation has overall been astounding. My faith has evolved tremendously and has given me a new understanding of everything to do with St. Andrews. It has been amazing to meet new people and to have gotten to know old ones better. The bon fires, lock-ins, and all those arts and crafts brought me closer to everyone and made memories that will last for years to come. I always looked forward to leaving to get to the 6:30 Confirmation class every Wednesday since I knew it was going to be a great time. There was never a dull moment, showing up on the first day so confused about what was next to acting out Bible stories, laughing, and learning about our faith. You can never be serious when playing a bush or an animal, definitely the best and most important roles. In the beginning, I was confused about

where my faith stood. Now, after being a part of the Confirmation process, I believe my faith has grown exponentially. Being a St Andrews member means to be accepting of everyone and to share gratitude, forgiveness that you have towards others. Which I will take and use in my everyday life and try to encourage others to do the same as well. The promise, "To strive for justice and peace in all the Earth" inspires me. It also seems to be less difficult to achieve compared to the other promises. This promise should also encourage others to find the good in people and to do good to others to find justice. This promise can also be one of the more difficult promises to keep. Since not everything is as easy as it seems, conflicts are common in

this world we have been a part of. The people are the ones that should stand up, to use the stories of the Bible as well as each other's faith to show how it is possible to strive for peace and justice. In the end, it is all about putting in our best efforts to support the Christian community. To be a part of this group, we should always accept the people who are outside that community as well. The future is bright in St. Andrews and I look forward to being closer to the St. Andrews community. For example, by contributing to being an acolyte, sharing my incredible reading skills, helping in every way at upcoming such as street fairs, mission trips and so much more. This journey has been astounding and it is just the beginning. I am very eager to see what is next!!

Dominick Morabito



Throughout my time at St. Andrews my faith has evolved and gotten stronger. What St Andrews means to me: it's being part of a family. I know there are people at St. Andrews who care about me. We all share the same faith in God. I have enjoyed Sunday school,

The Christmas Pageant, the youth group and the mission trip to Frederick Maryland.

The mission trip was awesome because it was the first time I went away without my parents! I liked meeting this sweet old lady named Gann. I really enjoyed painting her stairs as well

as her two sheds. Not only did I paint, I also built friendships with so many wonderful people. I still keep in touch with

my group and we talk often. From my work group to even the guys that I bunked with, they all changed my faith for the better.

I remember one of the guys started talking to me and asked me a number of questions about my faith and how I could make it stronger. We talked and talked and he picked my brain and ended with him saying "when you wake up tomorrow ask yourself who god wants you to be today?" And to this day a whole year later I do it. That truly changed my faith. I also like the worship events at the end of the day. Overall work camp was an awesome experience and I wish I could go this year to further expand my faith. It has been a blessing being a part of St Andrews.

Ava Justo



people” thanks to all these nice people

here at St. Andrews. I have lived among them all for 14 years and I hope in the future it lasts much longer than 14 more. The promise that seems the hardest is “to strive justice and peace in all Earth”. The reason I chose this promise is because obviously one person cannot do that on their own. We must do it human race. I do think that one person can make a change, but it is also up to others. The actions I can do is assist the church when need, even when not needed; actions such as being an acolyte, being a part of the youth group, I can help with a Sunday School class, etc. I love it here and I love being a part of such an accepting community and religion.

I love being a member here at St. Andrews, and I’m very excited to be getting confirmed here. The 5 promises are;

1. to live among God’s faithful people
2. to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper
3. to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
4. to serve all people, following the example of Jesus
5. to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

One of the promises that seem the easiest is to “live among God’s faithful

I think that Ava can grow in faith at St. Andrews by always feeling that she is an important part of the church. As she continues on her journey ,I believe she will always find comfort In knowing St. Andrews is there for her.- Chrissy Smith

Our youth group program has been an important part of that comfort and the fact that it is an important part of our congregation, allows them to feel that closeness to our church. That closeness is important to growing her faith and staying connected. – Dom Justo

Happy Anniversary

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- 1 Christina & Craig Gustavson
 - 2 Carol & Richard Holodak
 - 2 Dora & Richard Morabito
 - 3 Suzanne & Joseph Volpato
 - 6 Kellyn & Chris Holodak
 - 7 Carol & Rick Piteo
 - 7 Christine & Hans Fischer
 - 9 Erika & Dennis McGovern
 - 10 Kim & Ron Guerra
 - 12 Jessica & Vincent Kennedy
 - 14 Robin & Kenneth Holman
 - 25 Karen & Thomas Hines
 - 26 Donna & Eric Rupert
 - 29 Carolyn & Peter L. Seith
 - 29 Robin & Frederick Veitinger

Happy Birthday

1	Steven Epting	13	Dana Veitinger
2	Sandra Anderson	13	Noah Dary
2	Dylan Haglund	15	Dorothy Forcina
2	Paige Haglund	15	Olivia Reinkraut
3	Richard Morabito	16	Brad Wheeler
3	Rhonda Robinson	17	Ted Maas
3	Amanda Blechner	17	Hans Fischer
5	Christa DeMarchis	19	William Tillstrand
7	Alyssa Blechner	19	David Snow
7	Payton Anderson	20	Theodore Tufano
8	Norlene McAuliffe	21	David Hamm
8	Crystal Middleton	21	Nicholas DeMarsh
8	Kurt Nissen	22	Michelle Middleton
9	Katherine Heckett	22	Bradley Wheeler
9	Sierra Cooper	22	Kelly Magrath
10	Deborah Maas	24	Ted Bohlk
10	Dawn Brisson	24	Debra Haglund
10	Emily Reinkraut	24	Caden Hung
11	Donna Alfieri	25	Gary Grossman
12	Mark Meissner	26	Gregory Ehlke
12	Ryan Campobasso	28	Ron Guerra
13	Dominic Justo	28	Richard Holodak
13	Kaitlyn Parliman	30	Joseph Panik



MESSAGE October 2020

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We Are Family

63 Years Serving Christ

**SUNDAY WORSHIP on zoom 9:00 a.m. .and Indoor service
10:30 a.m. Indoor service**

Rev. Dave Dockweiler, Pastor

Margy Tillstrand, Music Director

Linda Bohlk, President

Judith Bailey-Hung, Vice President

Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary



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