

St Andrew's Message

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“Inspiring Change by following Jesus”

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January



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| Jan 3 | 9 a.m. Zoom Service
10:30 a.m. Zoom Service |
| Jan 4 | 7 p.m. Fundraising Committee |
| Jan 7 | 7 p.m. Life Commissions |
| Jan 10 | 9 a.m. Zoom Service
10:30 a.m. Zoom Service
Take down Christmas decorations |
| Jan 13 | 7 p.m. Council Meeting |
| Jan 14 | 7 p.m. Memorial Committee |
| Jan 17 | 9 a.m. Zoom Service
10:30 a.m. Zoom Service |
| Jan 18 | MLK day |
| Jan 24 | 9 a.m. Zoom Service
10:30 a.m. Zoom Service |



Give Online



Your Prayers are requested for those:

Hospitalized or recuperating

Kitty Badalamenti
James Byrne
Joseph Knapp, Sr.

Anne Latino
Gus Hellman
Patricia McGregor

John McGuirk
Robin Muller

Nicole Safron
Karen McIntyre

Wrestling with long-term health issues

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

Doug Dubois
Joanna Falcone
Judy Gordon
Vivian Hyde
Mike Lekhmus
Roseann Lella
Bill Hamm

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

Samantha Shores
John Smith
Tony Susi
Brad Wheeler
Lisa Wheeler
Carl Anderson Jr

Facing life's challenges

Alyssa Billingsley
Devon Crispell
Dominic Enriguez

Eric Enriguez
Mark Graff, Jr. & Family
Daniel King

Paul Kristoffersen
Sean and Sarah Prinz
Ann Robertiello

Joanne Sayler
The Small Family
Tom Tillstrand

Mourning the passing of

Ernest Edwards

William Kuhr

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

Randal Middleton
Michael J. Tillstrand

Alex Wood
Jayson Zuluaga

Bishop

Rev. Paul Egensteiner

Our Missionaries

Dr. Stephen J. and Jodi Swanson

Residents of Jan Peek

Please call or email the office
to place someone on or re-
move someone from the Prayer
List.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Christmas 2020

King Herod instructed the wise men to go and search diligently for the Christ child. His motive was tainted but his instructions simple. We are told the same, from a pure motive, to go and search our world for signs of God among us, so that we can point out God to others. My prayer for all of us at St. Andrew's is to search high and low so that we might not overlook God right under our noses. Merry Christmas family of St. Andrew's! God has come, let us all rejoice. So much about this year was impacted by COVID, many of our regular activities have been altered. No matter our situation God continues to come into our world in large and small ways. Christmas is a time that we intentionally gather around the manger to hear and tell the story of God-with-us once again. Now it is our turn to join the shepherds to leave the manger and tell others that God has come.

Looking Back

We were not able to offer the traditional Christmas offerings of St. Andrews. This year has forced us "out of the box." I happen to think we have met the challenges of 2020 very well. COVID shut us out of the building and OMS imploded. The potential financial disaster that 2020 could have been, was avoided thanks to your faithfulness and willingness to try new ways to share God's love. We went outside, we went online, we had drive through and remote communion-through all of it, you offered your time, talents, and treasures. The words THANK YOU seem paltry. Jesus once said, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Servants of God at St. Andrew's, you have done 2020 very well!

This year to share the Christmas Story, we undertook a project we have never done before, a Living Nativity. For two

evenings in December over 40 volunteers took on roles portraying what the Christmas story may have looked like for visitors as they drove through three different scenes. We had about 100 carloads of visitors. Although we could not host in-person worship services the number of visitors to the Nativity was at least one full Christmas service. Our online Christmas services were both attended by about 40 connections. With most people participating online with 2 or more people in their homes, and most carloads at the nativity having more than one, this year our Christmas Services were the most attended in several years. To say this year has been overwhelming in both the work and the blessings, would be an understatement. We could not have pulled all this off without working together THANK YOU for your willingness to dive in and try something new.

Looking Ahead

We will continue to experiment with activities that raise both funds and friends. We will build on the successes of the Pumpkin Bash, the Produce Sale and the Living Nativity with movie nights, an online cooking class and some other surprising events. Thanks to some anonymous donors we have a new camera which will improve our online service experience. That upgrade will happen in the next few weeks.

There has been some interest in renting out the space previously occupied by the Montessori school. I am hopeful that one of the organizations that has reached out to us will continue on to occupancy. Please continue to pray for this possibility as the regular income is so very helpful to our financial wellbeing.

See you on Sunday, Pastor Dave

CHURCH COUNCIL

December Notes

- The Semi-annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2021. Further details will be announced through email and during Sunday services. This very important meeting is where the 2021 budget is presented for the congregation's review and approval.
- Council recognizes and appreciates the special one-time large contributions that several members have made to support St. Andrew's ministry and mission. Your generosity is a blessing!
- Council is ever grateful to all the many volunteers who worked to make the drive through Living Nativity a success -- from creating the scenery, narration, acting out the scenes, distributing the snacks and warm drinks, to setting up and tearing down everything! Kudos to all, but especially to Pastor Dave, Matt Damrow, and Rich Morabito who spent countless hours orchestrating this event and bringing it to fruition!
- December Outreach opportunities were overwhelmingly supported by your monetary contributions! Your generosity made this Christmas brighter for many people. Thank you!

Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

Council Members 2021

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

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

Financial Secretary

Margaret Hauck

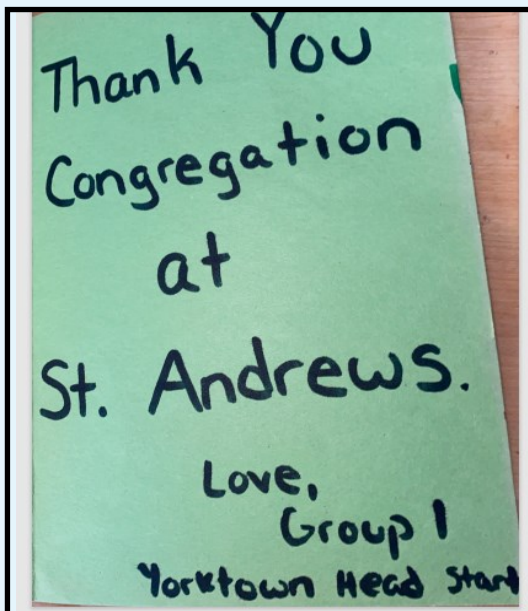
Nominating Committee 2021

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

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - NOVEMBER

	<u>2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$170,500		\$169,800	\$ 700
Other Income	62,800		70,600	(7,800)
Total Income	233,300		240,400	(7,100)
Expenses	216,300	\$242,000	232,600	(16,300)
Surplus	\$ 17,000		\$ 7,800	\$ 9,200

Thank You



A thank you note from Yorktown Head Start for the Thanksgiving grocery gift cards. Thanks so much for all your generous contributions.

Jan Peek Homeless Shelter

A **HUGE thank you** to Lynn and Peter Parlman for preparing and delivering the whole meal (entree, sides and dessert) for the December meal for our friends at the Jan Peek Homeless Shelter.

ter. They are truly angels!!! This outreach has been a favorite at St. Andrew's for well over 40 years. Please let me know if you would like to contribute in any way - a side dish, a dessert, delivering. All help is appreciated and the residents are **SO thankful**. Wishing all my angels and very Happy and Healthy 2021!

Kathy DeMaio
Coordinator

Holiday Angels Program

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your generosity overwhelmed me this year! Everyone gave so generously with the gift card drive that I filled all the boxes in a little over a week! So I reached out to the coordinator of the program and asked for a second family. And you filled that up too!!! It was my pleasure to deliver almost 50 gift cards to make two families' Christmas a little brighter during this difficult year. Deborah Jackson (coordinator) emailed me this message: "I am just so grateful What a gift from you and your congregation to our community." I am assuming that during this difficult pandemic time that the need was even greater than in the past. For that reason I am thanking you from the bottom of my heart. This was a labor of love positive outcome. **THANK YOU!!**

Kathy DeMaio
Service Group Co-leader

The Living Nativity



Behind the scenes with Ellie Clark and Kayleigh Hung.



Gary Grossman (Angel Gabriel) telling Ellie Clark (aka Mary) the news that she is pregnant.



In the beginning was Candy Cane lane!





Debbie Hagland, Tony Susi, Sue Epting, Gia, Deb and Will Gagliano depicting the village of Bethlehem.

Thank you to all
who volunteer their
time and talents to
this event.

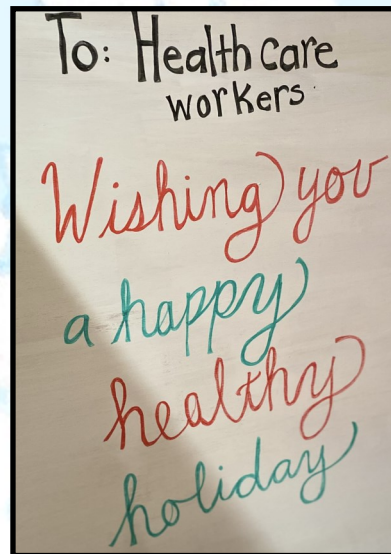


The baker (Debbie Hagland) and a traveler (Laura Susi)

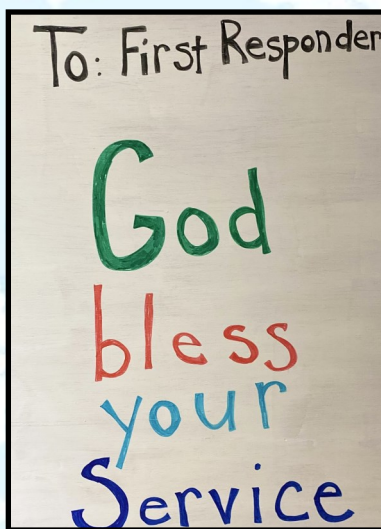
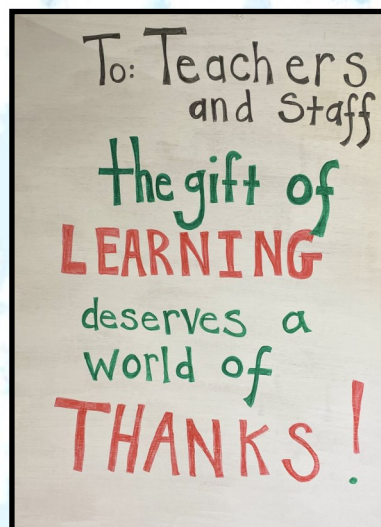


Pastor Dave fooling around after the show.

Our Christmas cards to the Yorktown community. Thank you for all your support!



Noah and Finley Dockweiler watching their sheep while being shepherds.



Sonja Letizia, Kelly Griffiths, Tim Clark and Ava Justo in the stable.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We have finally turned the page on the unprecedented year of 2020 and let's pray that the new year brings an end to the pandemic and that we will be able to resume "live" Sunday School at some point in the first half of the year. In the meantime, we are continuing to hold "virtual Saturday School" classes for the children. They are excited to see their teachers and friends so we are increasing the classes for the older children to twice a month (2nd & 4th Saturdays) while keeping the younger children at once a month (3rd Saturday). All classes are via Zoom at 10 AM. Specific info will be sent out to the families via e-mail and we hope to have even more kids join us. Many thanks to the teachers for volunteering their time to keep the children engaged in learning about Jesus and his teachings.

I continue to send weekly e-mails with some puzzles/coloring sheets for the children to work on. We are hoping to showcase some pictures of their work in the monthly Message so the congregation can enjoy.

Thank you to all of the children and their parents for recording their parts in the "virtual" children's Christmas pageant that was shown as part of the 12/20 zoom church services. The kids did a great job and received rave reviews and everyone was happy to see their smiling faces and hear their enthusiastic voices! Special thanks to Matt Damrow for putting the recordings together into one video.

As we continue to cope with the COVID-19 crisis, the Sunday School staff want to help the children to learn about Jesus and to grow in their faith. If you have any ideas of how we can

continue this mission, please reach out to me. We welcome all volunteers and suggestions.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions. You can reach me directly via phone at 914-715-9546 or by e-mail at ept-ing.susan@gmail.com.

Hope to see you all soon! Have a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year! Please remember that masks and social distancing do work and get the vaccine when you are eligible. We will get through this together!

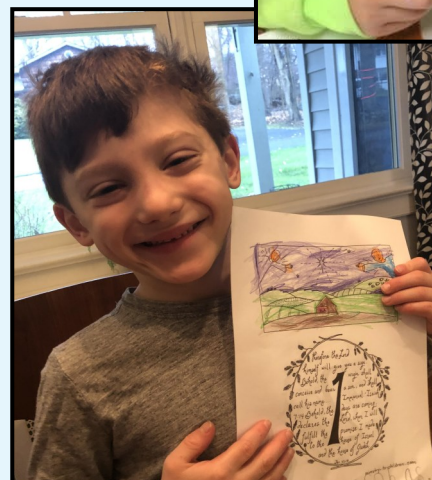
God Bless, Sue Epting



The Muller girls working on Christmas ornaments.



Jacob Damrow showing his Advent project.



Outreach News

The 2020 pandemic forced us to re-think how we have supported many of the outreach causes that we have participated in in the past. Instead of Council's Christmas bake sale to raise funds to buy gift cards for the residents at Jan Peek Homeless Shelter, we asked for monetary contributions. We did the same in order to give gifts to the Hour Children/Parenting Center at Bedford Correctional Facility. The congregation's response to the "Holiday Cheer" drive was amazing! We raised \$1,250 to bring some cheer to those less fortunate than ourselves. Additionally, the "Holiday Angels" outreach, coordinated by Kathy DeMaio, fulfilled the wishes of two local families. Your generosity has been overwhelming and inspiring. St. Andrew's can still reach out even though we are not meeting in-person in our church building. Thank you for being a blessing to others!

St. Andrew's will renew its covenant sponsorship of ELCA missionaries for 2021. Dr. Stephen Swanson and his wife, Jodi are continuing to serve in Tanzania, Africa. Their newsletters may be found on St. Andrew's website.

The Fundraising Committee provided three successful "fund and friend raisers" with the Pumpkin Carving Contest, the Produce Sale and the

Living Nativity. We thank all who shared their time, talent, and resources on these! More events are being planned for 2021. So, watch for details in future email updates and newsletters. This committee was formed in September 2020 in response to the need to fill the income gap created when our primary renter closed its school. We are a small, but mighty group looking for additional innovative ideas and help bringing them to fruition. Please join us!

If interested, please contact Pastor at pastordavestandrews@gmail.com, Matt Damrow at mattdamrow@yahoo.com, or Linda Bohlk at lbohlk@optonline.net.

Also, please make it a point to be a "light" for someone each day!

**Linda Bohlk,
Outreach Chairperson**

Happy Birthday

1	Chau Vo	18	Bryan Poellot
3	Brendan Golden	18	Jack Ferone
5	Stephen Small	19	Gabiel Nehmzow
6	Erika Flemmig	19	Clare Santora
7	Mark Dos Santos	19	Patrick Lancellotti
8	Jack Hoffman	19	Sabriel Leahy
12	Emily Van Tongeren	19	Samantha Angevine
12	Rebecca Tally	21	Alyssa Kozloski
13	Chris Thomas	23	Brandon Guerra
13	Meredith Zaeh	27	Judy Jakubik
14	Jennifer Dary	27	Alex Garcia
15	Julia Brisson	28	Giancarlo Cuniberti
16	Diane Peragine	28	Vanessa Van Tongeren
16	Amy Knapp	30	Lorraine Miller
16	Tyler Olli	31	Matthew Semenza
18	Trisha Tally		

Happy Anniversary

Linda & Dan Greco 1/9

Lynn & Peter Parlman 1/11



MESSAGE January 2021

Messages are posted on our website <http://standrewsyorktown.com/> under the Newsletter tab.

We Are Family

63 Years Serving Christ

SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Dave Dockweiler, Pastor

Margy Tillstrand, Music Director

Linda Bohlk, President

Judith Bailey-Hung, Vice President

Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary



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