

St Andrew's Message

Feb 2021

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*Our Mission Statement –
“Inspiring Change by following Jesus”*



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February

- Feb 4** 7 p.m. Lord's Prayer Study
- Feb 7** 9 a.m. Zoom Service
10:30 a.m. Zoom Service
Scout Sunday
Semi-annual Congregational Meeting after 10:30 service
- Feb 11** 7 p.m. Lord's Prayer Study
- Feb 14** 9 a.m. Zoom Service
10:30 a.m. Zoom Service
Marriage Sunday
- Feb 21** 9 a.m. Zoom Service
10:30 a.m. Zoom Service
- Feb 15** President's Day– office closed
- Feb 18** 7 p.m. Council Meeting
- Feb 17** 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday
- Feb 22** 7 p.m. Fundraising Committee
- Feb 24** 7:30 p.m. Lent Service
- Feb 28** 9 a.m. Zoom Service
10:30 a.m. Zoom Service

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Your Prayers are requested for those:

Hospitalized or recuperating

Kitty Badalamenti
James Byrne
Tom Dockweiler
Carol Holodak

Joseph Knapp, Sr.
Anne Latino
Gus Hellman
Patricia McGregor

John McGuirk
Karen McIntyre
Robin Muller
Nicole Safron

Peggiann Thorp

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Massimo Berardelli
Cindy Sauter Berg
Bill & Joan Borkowsky
Nancy Calandra
Chuck Cassidy
Andrea Cummings
Alessandro Cuniber

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
Cathleen Famular
Mark Graff, Jr. & Family
Daniel King

Paul Kristoffersen
Beth Marsden
Sean and Sarah Prinz
Ann Robertiello

Joanne Saylor
The Small Family
Tom Tillstrand

Mourning the passing of

Ernest Edwards

William Kuh

Susan Blasch

Richard Zapp

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

Restricted to home/nursing facilities

Ed Gavard

Norlene McAuliffe

Mary Shepard

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

When the skies over London
were dark with German war-
planes,

T.S. Elliot wrote,

*I said to my soul, be still, and
let the dark come upon you
Which shall be the darkness of
God...*

*I said to my soul, be still, and
wait without hope,
For hope would be hope for
the wrong thing; wait without
love*

*For love would be love of the
wrong thing; there is yet faith
But the faith and the hope
and the love are all in the
waiting.*

*Wait without thought, for you
are not yet ready for thought;
So the darkness shall be the
light, and the stillness the
dancing...*

*In order to arrive at what you
do not know*

*You must go by a way which is
the way of ignorance...*

This has been a hard year and it is tempting to grab ahold of easy comforts. On the second week of Lent last year, everything closed. People were getting sick and many died. 12 full months later we have walked through the hardest year many can remember. We have had to go by the way of ignorance. No one knew how to do church without meeting in the sanctuary, but we came together and figured it out. No one knew how to share the love of Christ when we can't even share a table, but we have figured it out. No one knew how to

remote teach, remote learn or unmute themselves on a Zoom call, but we have figured it out. We have come a long way.

Take a breath, a deep breath. Give yourself a moment to be still. Religious folks call those moments "Sabbath." The silence is important (it's a commandment), the stillness allows growth. Time to reflect and attempt to capture the gravity of the situation is something we all need.

When we take those moments and allow God to show us something new. We will see that faith is not in vain. We will see that we are not alone, for God is with us and we are in fact surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. This is the true beauty that believers understand, and the good news that we are to share.

Although a hard year has passed a year with light is coming near. We will soon walk together through the season of Lent and allow ourselves the time to feel, to think and to reconnect with God. We will have Ash Wednesday and Lenten Wednesday Services each week in some way. On Easter morning, we will celebrate Jesus rising from the tomb whether in person or online. In the coming year we will get back into the sanctuary to worship, to baptize our little ones, marry loved ones and mourn those who have passed away. In the meantime, we wait, we pray, we connect in new ways and we partner with God to help take care of others by wearing our masks and washing our hands.

Know that you are loved.
By God and by this pastor,
See you Sunday,
Pastor Dave

CHURCH COUNCIL

January 2021

- Council members reviewed the 2021 budget which will be presented to the congregation for approval at the February 7, 2021 Semi-annual Congregational Meeting. The meeting will immediately follow the 10:30 a.m. Zoom worship service and will be held via Zoom as well. Please attend this very important meeting!
- Great news!! Our long outstanding loan from the Memorial Fund was completely paid off in December 2020.
- But wait! There is more great news! We ended 2020 with a \$32k surplus!
- Scout Sunday will be celebrated on February 7 with scouts from Troop 164 participating in our worship services.
- Valentine's Day, February 14, falls on a Sunday this year which will make our traditional Marriage Sunday even more special. We will be acknowledging those couples who will be celebrating fifth incremental year anniversaries in 2021. Please contact Sarah in the office to let her know if you will be participating.

Pastor
Dave Dockweiler

Council Members 2021

Linda Bohlk – President
Judith Bailey-Hung – VP
Lynn Parliman – 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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

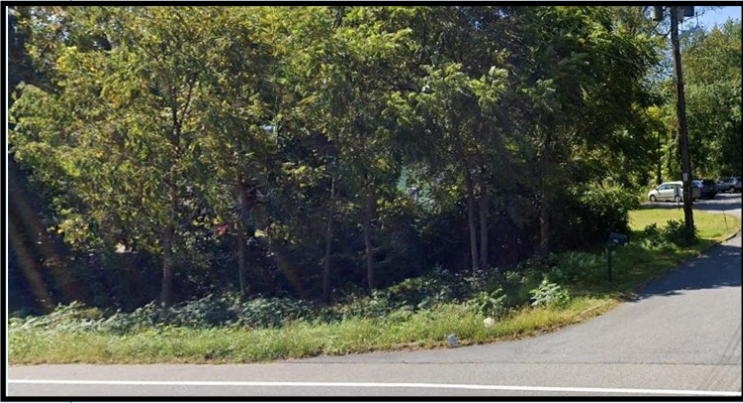
	<u>2020</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 205,900		\$ 190,300	\$ 15,600
Other Income	67,600		79,400	(11,800)
Total Income	273,500		269,700	3,800
Expenses	241,500	\$272,000	263,700	(22,200)
Surplus	<u>\$ 32,000</u>		<u>\$ 6,000</u>	<u>\$ 26,000</u>

“FRONT YARD” APPEARANCE IMPROVEMENT

We owe a ton of thanks (and wood chips) to Ken Muller for vastly improving the look of our property near the 202 front parking lot entrance. Ken did it all; it was his idea, he got a tree care company to deliver several huge loads of wood chips for free, he did an awful lot of back-breaking work and he got several volunteers to help.

Ken (with some help from Dennis Alfieri, Pastor, Dom and Jon Justo) cleared small trees, poison ivy/other weeds, and other growth, and spread out big piles of wood chips to fill in the large trench to level out the ground. And he's not quite done yet so it will look even better.

Below are before and after pictures. It was a massive undertaking. Take a good look as you drive by. WAY TO GO KEN!



Marriage Sunday

Ted and Linda Bohlk 50th wedding anniversary on May 29



Janis and Don Zaeh 50th wedding anniversary on April 24



Marriage Sunday

Gary and Connie Grossman 40th wedding anniversary on August 1



Tony and Laura Susi 40th wedding anniversary on March 14



Marriage Sunday

**Jim and Jenny Lancaster 35th
wedding anniversary on may 31 .**



**Tim and Cyndi Clark 20th
wedding anniversary on Au-
gust 13th**

Marriage Sunday

Chuck and Robin Farrell 15th wedding anniversary



Dave and Sarah Dockweiler 10th wedding anniversary on May 28



LENT

For the faithful here at St. Andrew's, the season on Lent is a time when we zoom in and focus on what God is doing in our lives. Additional worship services and at home devotional materials gives us the space and time to settle our souls and listen to the voice of God.



Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, Feb 17th**, with a worship service at 7:30. Traditionally, we would walk out of service marked with the sign of the cross.

It is unlikely that in-person worship will be possible. Regardless of our local Covid situation, we will worship. Online or on Zoom, we will worship.

Our Wednesday services will continue under the theme "In Community." We are called to be in community, we promise in our baptism and affirm it later in life that we will live amongst God's people. Each week we will take a look at some part of our community to highlight a different aspect of living in community. Various ministries of the church at the local and national level will be discussed and prayed for as we journey with Jesus.

During Lent, some people give something up. The practice of abstaining is supposed to create a reminder to pray, be silent or consider the needs of others. I have done this in the past and it has a place in the life of a maturing Christian. I have found instead of letting something go, the practice of taking something on, more beneficial. During Lent, can you say the Lord's

Prayer each morning? Or spend 30 minutes reading through a book of the Bible? Could you take a 10 minute break in the middle of each day to quiet your mind and focus on your breathing? There are loads of ways that we can intentionally connect with God during the season of Lent. Take the 4 weeks of Lent to choose a Spiritual practice. Tell someone else about your practice, this greatly ensures that you will stick with it. Pray about it, tell me what your doing because I'd love to cheer you on. May you be deeply blessed throughout this upcoming Lenten season.

Pastor Dave



**Wednesday Lent
Service Zoom Link**

Click [here](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

Since we are still unable to meet “live” for Sunday School, we are continuing to hold virtual “Saturday School” classes for the children. Since we began these sessions in November, there has been great participation averaging 5-7 children each time. They are excited to see their teachers and friends so we have increased 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 and the links are sent out several times in the week prior to the class. The following are the classes scheduled for February:

Feb. 13th and 27th – Grades 3 through 7

Feb. 20th – Pre-K through 2nd grade

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. And we plan to do some special activities to celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter.

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.

God Bless, Sue Epting



Finley, Libby and Noah Dockweiler working hard on Valentine Sunday School handouts



Happy Birthday

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| 2Noah Dockweiler | 15 ...Joyce Vo |
| 3Connor Anderson | 16 ...Connor Bergstrom |
| 3Nadia Williams | 16 ...Tara Bergstrom |
| 4 John Markiewicz | 16 ...Hailey Behen |
| 4Sue Wagner | 17 ...Peter L. Seith |
| 4 Stephen Scalzi | 17 ...Kristen Kelly |
| 6Lila Muller | 17 ...Jonathan Justo |
| 7Mary Haley | 22 ...Christine Mattson |
| 7Kyra Gustavson | 23 ...Richard Van Tongeren |
| 7Erica Brisson | 23 ...Michelle Van Tongeren |
| 8Brianna Kelly | 24 ...Bill Gallagher |
| 9James Piteo | 24 ...Randi Polizzi |
| 9Victoria Zupa | 25 ...Carolyn Seith |
| 12....Henry Borgelt | 25 ...Robert Headley |
| 12....Francesca Bonavita | 25 ...Ryan Manfredonia |
| 13....Barbara Fischer | 26 ...Christopher Holodak |
| 13....Gustav Hellman | 26 ...Devon Rose Leaver |
| 13....Karl Grutzmacher | 27 ...Ryan Headley |
| 13....Larry Herbst | 27 ...Alyssa Frickmann |
| 14....Randal Middleton | 28 ...Linda Cuniberti |
| 14....Cassandra Fox | 28 ...Carol Holodak |



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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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