

St. Andrew's Message

April 2021

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

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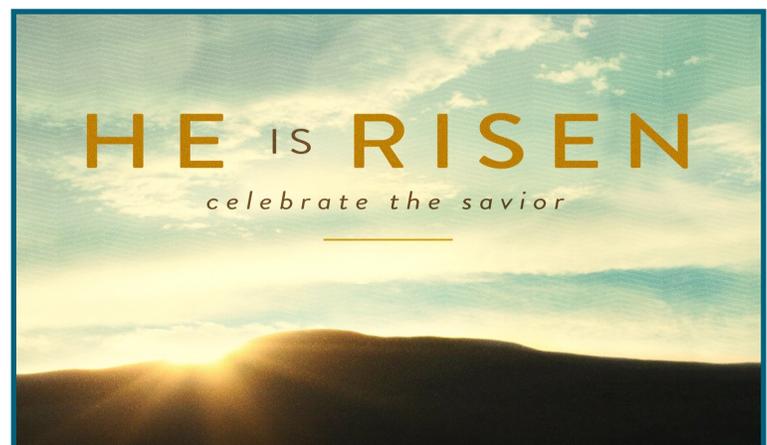
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April

- April 1** 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thurs
- April 2** 7:30 p.m. Good Friday
- April 4** 9 a.m. Easter Service
10:30 a.m. Easter Service
- April 8** 7 p.m. Life Commissions
- April 11** 9 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- April 15** 7 p.m. Council Meeting
- April 18** 9 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- April 22** 7 p.m. Memorial Committee
- April 25** 9 a.m. Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Worship Service



Give Online

In our Prayers :

Hospitalized or recuperating

James Byrne
Tom Dockweiler
Carol Holodak
Joseph Knapp Sr.

Anne Latino
Gus Hellman
Patricia McGregor
John McGuirk

Karen McIntyre
Robin Muller
Marc Prinz
Nicole Safron

Peggiann Thorp

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Nancy Calandra
Chuck Cassidy
Andrea Cummings
Alessandro Cuniberti
Debbie Dubois
Doug Dubois
Katie Epting- Harris

Joanna Falcone
Judy Gordon
Vivian Hyde
Mike Lekhmus
Roseann Lella
Bill Hamm
Karen Living Bernaardo

Mary Kay McNamee
Helen O'Brien
Lucille Oricchio
Liz Prinz
Anita Porter
Edith Raspuzzi
Cindy Berg Sauter

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

Stephen Morabito
Bruce Bellom

William Borkowsky
Kitty Badalamenti

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

Our 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

Change has always been a challenge. As humans we crave routine. I don't want to look for the toothpaste, it should be right next to the toothbrush. Little inconveniences cause minor stresses. The larger and more unexpected the change, the greater the stress. This is true even when the changes lead to positive outcomes for our lives. Lots of little stressors can also have a significant impact. This has been a year of one change after another. The changes have been immense. Work, school, church, exercise, physical health and social relationships have all been impacted. It's okay to feel stressed out. God created our feelings, owning them, allowing ourselves to experience the highs and lows is how we can be more fully authentic.

The disciples got stressed out, Jesus got stressed out. As we near the pinnacle of our Lenten journey we will reread Jesus' prayer in the garden, begging the Father to release him from his mission knowing full well that that is not possible. Praying late into the night, physically weeping tears of blood our Lord knows stress. Let's not forget that Jesus never left the disciples of old and doesn't walk away from us either. Every step we take, Christ is with us. We can stress about everything else; the love and presence of God is something we be sure of.

These days the changes seem to be moving towards reopening, shifting back to how things were before the pandemic, schools opening, church worship services gearing up in "normal" ways. Again, even

changes that result in positive change are still stressful. Behind the scenes of church many people are working to ensure we open in safe ways, we conduct our outreach ministries in ways that still ensure social distancing and mask wearing. I look forward to the day when I can announce the body of Christ given for you, and place some bread into your hand-but that time isn't here yet. In the meantime, we worship in safe ways, we commune how we have to even if it isn't the way we want to. God is with us and we are on this journey of faith together.

We are going to keep walking together in ways that are healthy for everyone. We will relaunch outdoor worship as soon as the weather allows-Pentecost, May 23rd, at the latest. As COVID numbers decline and vaccinations in the county increase it's likely we will be facing less restrictions on indoor worship.

Thank you for continuing your walk of faith with us at St. Andrew's. There have been some bumps in the road and we are still learning how to do online worship, incorporating new technology and learning how to use what we have more efficiently. Your participation makes a difference. We are witnesses to this town that God is alive and well, that good deeds can still be done during a pandemic and that God is the reason for our joy.

May God Bless all that you do to shine God's light into your neighbor's world, See you on Sunday,
Pastor Dave

Holy Week Tickets

Please join us for Holy Week services. We have multiple options for in person and on line. Easter will be outside this year under a large white tent with chairs set up in small sections reserved for families via tickets. Our choir returns to live singing.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will take place in the sanctuary.

In Person Ticketing

Maundy Thursday 7:30pm In Person

[Click Here for Thursday 7:30](#)

Good Friday 7:30 In Person

[Click here for Friday 7:30](#)

Easter Sunday 9:00 In Person In Tent

[Click here Easter Sunday In Tent 9am](#)

Easter Sunday 10:30 In Person In Tent

[Click here Easter Sunday In Tent 10:30](#)

Zoom online Service Links

Maundy Thursday 7:30

[Click here for Zoom Thursday 7:30](#)

Meeting ID: 846 3885 6154

Passcode: 540515

Good Friday 7:30

[Click here for Zoom Friday 7:30](#)

Meeting ID: 881 5764 3975

Passcode: 217858

Easter Sunday 9am

[Click here for Easter 9am](#)

Meeting ID: 867 0725 6377

Passcode: 824722

Easter Sunday 10:30

[Click here for Easter 10:30](#)

Meeting ID: 894 7342 1492

CHURCH COUNCIL

March 2021

- ◆ Council is exploring options for upgrading and possibly relocating the sanctuary's sound system.
- ◆ Sponsorship of weekly altar flowers will begin again after Easter Sunday. Flowers for Easter may still be sponsored. Contact the church office or Rita Nehmzow.
- ◆ St. Andrew's is planning to participate in the Town's "Battle of Yorktown" on Saturday, April 24. Come join in the effort to clean up our Town and celebrate Earth Day!

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

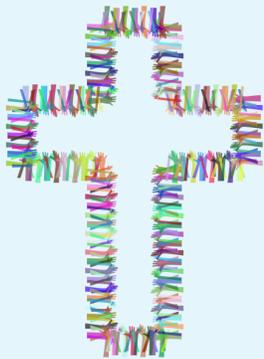
YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - FEBRUARY

| | <u>2021</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 22,800 | | \$ 31,900 | \$ (9,100) |
| Other Income | 7,000 | | 17,500 | (10,500) |
| Total Income | 29,800 | | 49,400 | (19,600) |
| Expenses | 39,100 | \$44,000 | 48,500 | (9,400) |
| (Deficit)/Surplus | \$ (9,300) | | \$ 900 | \$ (10,200) |

Fundraising and Friend-raising

I wanted to share my thoughts on some of our church activities. The loss of our primary renter about a year ago, meant that St. Andrew's saw a substantial drop in income. The pandemic threatened to make the problem worse as members faced a decline of income, job loss and increasing costs at home, especially in childcare. Some of this loss has been alleviated by a new tenant occupying the Chapel House, some by government backed assistance in the form of the PPP loan which we received but most substantially we have weathered this financially difficult time because of your regular and increased giving.

Additionally, our fundraising and "friend-raising" efforts have shown us a new way of being church. We have hosted a series of events such as the Produce Sale, Pumpkin Carving Competition and Easter Egg Hunt. Some of these have been fundraisers. In the past year we have raised over \$10,000 through these new ventures. Some of these events are "friend-raisers" where we have invited people from outside the congregation to see what is happening at St. Andrew's. Some events are a mix of both. We are beginning to see signs of growth from



our friend-raiser activities. The Produce Sale is an easy way for people outside the church to connect with our congregation. This year when people purchased items at the Produce Sale they also received a Palm frond and an explanation of what this means to us, it had an invitation to our Easter worship to make clear that we are interested in connecting with them.

My hope is that these events allow you to invite a friend, neighbor or family member who isn't connected to our church to come and see us in an easy way. Over time, these events will become another way that people find their way into the congregation. We have welcomed a new family into the church when they first connected to us through our outdoor worship. We will soon be baptizing a baby and welcoming another family into the congregation who first stopped to buy fruits and veggies on our property. These events are important ways that we can make connections with folks outside our church.

Thank you to all our volunteers who are doing more than just sell an apple or help a kid carve a pumpkin-you are showing someone who we are, and they are responding. THANK YOU! I will do my part to keep crafting events that are appealing and interesting to you, and your neighbor.

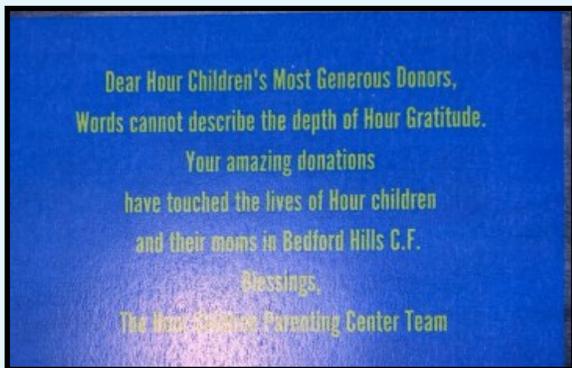
Pastor Dave

Thank You!

We recently received thank you notes from St. Mary's Community Food Pantry, Yorktown Community Help, and



The Hour Children's Center of Bedford Correctional Facility thanking St. Andrew's congregation for its generosity.



Your donations are helping to make a difference in the lives of many others. Thank you for being a light for them!

The Battle of Yorktown

Come "battle" the litter along a Yorktown road and help to keep Yorktown and God's world clean and beautiful!

Meet in back of church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 24.

Wear protective clothing appropriate for walking in grassy and weedy areas and plastic/gardening gloves.

Remember to wear your face mask!



This is a socially distant activity celebrating Earth Day!

The St. Pauly's Clothing collection shed is now open for your Spring cleaning donations!

Please remember to bag and donate your good, clean used clothing and linens. St. Pauly Textile, Inc. distributes useable clothing to people and organizations that can use it in the United States and in developing countries. Useable shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, drapes, and blankets are also collected. **NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS ARE ACCEPTED.** St. Pauly pays St. Andrew's for each pound donated. The collection shed is located in the upper parking lot by the Chapel House.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

“Saturday School” classes for the children continue and they have been going well with about 5-7 attending each time. The sessions are held twice a month for those in grades 3 through 7 and once a month for the Pre-K through 2nd graders. If your child has not yet joined one of the calls, please consider doing so as we would love to see everyone and “the more, the merrier!” The kids are all engaged and it’s clear that they enjoy connecting with their classmates and teachers even though it’s via a zoom call. The April dates are as follows:

April 10 and April 24–

Grades 3 through 7

April 17–

Pre-K through 2nd grade

We welcomed two new children to Sunday School this month. We are very happy to have Liam and Riley Vega as part of St. Andrew’s Sunday School! We can’t wait to meet you both in person! Welcome!

Thank you to the teachers and to Pastor Dave for helping with teaching our children. And thanks to the parents/grandparents for taking a half hour out of your Saturday morning to set up your child on Zoom.

As mentioned last month, we held the Bible and Catechism dedication for the 3rd and 1st graders on Feb. 28. It was wonderful to see the children join one of the worship services. If you have not yet picked up your child’s Bible or Catechism, they are on the table inside the front door of the church.

Because of COVID, we missed First Holy Communion for the 4th graders last spring. We are taking a look at that and will let you know if we are able to schedule it for both last year’s and this year’s children later in the spring.

I continue to send weekly e-mails with some puzzles/coloring sheets for the children to work on. There will be some special Palm Sunday and Easter activities coming soon!

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 and stay safe,
Sue Epting



Giulianna Longarzo’s Palm Sunday School project.

Easter Egg Hunt



Easter Egg Hunt



Thank you to all who came, volunteered, supported and celebrated the season with us. Grateful for our beautiful faithful community.

Produce sale

Thanks for your support!



Produce sale



Photo credit: Ted Bohlk=thanks Ted!

Happy Birthday

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Annemarie Quattrociochi | 17 Linda Fredericks |
| 1 Isabella Rodriguez | 18 Christine Fischer |
| 2 Margaret Hauck | 19 Christine Hopkins |
| 2 Brooke Semenza | 20 William Jakubik Jr. |
| 5 Chris Van Tongeren | 20 Eric Hamm |
| 5 William Nehmzow | 21 Kayleigh Hung |
| 5 Connie Grossman | 24 Ethan Haley |
| 8 Elizabeth Markiewicz | 24 Ethan Coletta |
| 9 Richard Ruzicka | 25 Nicholas Miller |
| 9 Mia Delgado | 25 Morgan Cecil |
| 10 Haiden Rai | 26 David Leaver |
| 11 Linda Bohlk | 27 Linda Doerr |
| 11 Andrew Zaeh | 28 Amelia Francese |
| 13 Mary Beth McNamee | 28 Cadyn Anderson |
| 13 Linda Ferone | 29 Carson Rai |
| 16 Lisa Wheeler | 30 Ryan Banks |
| 16 Katie Knapp | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 2 Candice & Gordon Krueger | 23 Judith & Luke Hung |
| 8 Patricia & Andrew Sabol | 24 Evelyn & Herbert Mocbeichel |
| 9 Dorothy & Anthony Forcina | 24 Janis & Donald Zaeh |
| 14 Mirasol & James Orlando Jr. | 28 Emily & Stephen Small |
| 22 Mary & Gregory Ehlke | |



MESSAGE April 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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