

St. Andrew's Message

July-Aug 2021

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

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| July 4 | 10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| July 11 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| July 18 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| July 22 | 7 p.m. Memorial Committee |
| July 25 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| July 29 | 7 p.m. Council Meeting |
| Aug 1 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| Aug 8 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| Aug 15 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| Aug 22 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service |
| Aug 23 | 7:00 p.m. Confirmation |
| Aug 29 | 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service |



Give Online

In our Prayers :

Hospitalized or recuperating

James Byrne
Carol Holodak
Barbara Hogan

Joseph Knapp Sr.
Anne Latino
Patricia McGregor

John McGuirk
Karen McIntyre
Robin Muller

Nicole Safron
Steve Scalzi
Stephen Small

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Carl Anderson Jr.
Nancy Calandra
Chuck Cassidy
Andrea Cummings
Alessandro Cuniberti
Debbie Dubois
Doug Dubois
Katie Epting- Harris

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

Mary Kay McNamee
Rita Nehmzow
Helen O'Brien
Ed O'Connell
Lucille Oricchio
Liz Prinz
Anita Porter
Edith Raspuzzi

Cindy Berg Sauter
Samantha Shores
John Smith
Tony Susi
Peggiann Thorp
Bella Tufano
Brad Wheeler
Lisa Wheeler

Facing life's challenges

Alyssa Billingsley
Devon Crispell
Dominic Enriquez
Eric Enriquez

Cathleen Famular
Mark Graff, Jr. & Family
Daniel King
Laura Heiss

Paul Kristoffersen
Beth Marsden
Sean and Sarah Prinz
Tom Riordan

Ann Robertiello
Joanne Saylor
The Small Family
Cathy Souza

Mourning the passing of

Ernest Edwards
Stephen Morabito
William Kuh

Bruce Bellom
Susan Blasch
William Borkowsky

Richard Zapp
Kitty Badalamenti
Paul Rogalin
Beth Marsden

Susan Anne Leisher
Robert Lennon
Natalie Pennella
Elena Bergstrom

Serving in the Armed Forces

Randy Bacon
Daniel Bendetti
Brandon Cintron

Paul Fosse Jr.
Gregory Gonzalez
Tajae Hickson

Kenneth Holman
Michael Lawless
Randal Middleton

Michael J. Tillstrand
Alex Wood
Jayson Zuluaga

Restricted to home/nursing facilities

Ed Gavard

Norlene McAuliffe

Mary Shepard

Gus Hellman

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

One of the most intriguing things about Jesus to me is how he invites other people into his work. When he turned water into wine, he didn't serve it. When Jesus turned a few loaves and fishes into a feast, he made the disciples hand it out. When he raises Lazarus from the dead, stumbling out of his tomb tied up in grave clothes Jesus says to those around him, "unbind him and let him go." The disciples feed the hungry, fill the cups of the thirsty and touch the once-dead-now-not-dead Lazarus. Jesus has a "hands on approach" to ministry. I find it amazing that Jesus wants me to take part and I am terrified of the invitation.

This is the push and pull of being a disciple. It happened with the first generation, and it still happens today. Want to get close to Jesus, then get ready for an invitation you might not be ready for. Fill the cups of the thirsty even if you can't figure out where the wine came from, put bread into the hands of the hungry even if you can't answer the most basic questions about the foods' source. Get ready to touch the once dead. It's all pretty intimidating if you ask me but think about the outcome.

Because Jesus gets the disciples involved in his work, they are changed. Hard to deny a miracle when you ate and served it. Hard to say Lazarus wasn't dead when you were in the tomb and helped him change into new clothes for his first new day. Today the miracles are still happening and we are still be invited into the work. Can the church welcome people from all kinds of backgrounds and show our love at a PRIDE Parade, yup we can and you have an invite to help. Can we breakthrough the barriers of racism, classism and sexism; yes we can and you are invited to conversations that are challenging. Can we show our kids that church attendance is important, yes we can by making it a priority in a sea of potential conflicts. Doing the work of Jesus asks us to get involved.

We have work to do my friends. Thank God, Jesus is here to help us do it! This poem helps put into words what we have the potential to do.
God Bless, Pastor Dave

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Church is hard.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.

Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child.

Church is hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.

Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.

Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for the sinners.

Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress.

However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church—

The days when I am at odds with a friend, When I've fought with my spouse because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

Jacob Waldron

CHURCH COUNCIL

June 2021

- New members Mike Banks, Chuck Farrell, Gary Grossman, and Gemma Reinkraut were introduced and warmly welcomed.
- The officers for 2021-2022 are:
 - President – Linda Bohlk
 - Vice President – Tim Clark
 - Secretary – Lynn Parliman
 - Treasurer – David Hamm
- St. Andrew's will be returning fully to normal activities in September as most pandemic restrictions have been lifted. However, please read Pastor's weekly updates for information about our summer worship services – via Zoom, outdoors, and in the sanctuary. Grow your faith and refresh yourself spiritually! Don't miss Pastor Dave's inspiring sermons and meeting with friends without masks and distancing restrictions!
- Houlihan Lawrence continues to search for a tenant to lease our space, but has said "the market is very soft." We welcome any suggestions and leads anyone may have for finding a tenant.
- Contributions are down substantially. Combined with the prospect of not getting a new tenant, our financial outlook is bleak. Please consider contributing more or catching up to the amount you would have given normally through the first half of the year.

Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

Council Members 2021

Linda Bohlk – President
 Tim Clark – VP
 Lynn Parliman – Secretary
 David Hamm – Treasurer

Michael Banks
 Matthew Damrow
 Sue Epting
 Chuck Farrell
 Gary Grossman
 Dominic Justo
 Kristine Kallesten
 Dora Morabito
 Gemma Reinkraut
 Steve Scalzi

Financial Secretary

Margaret Hauck

Nominating Committee

2021

Lisa Billingsley
 Linda Ferone
 Judith Bailey Hung
 Dale Sharp
 Sonja Letizia
 Kristin Quaid

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MAY

	<u>2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 63,500		\$ 77,700	\$ (14,200)
Other Income	21,400		44,400	(23,000)
Total Income	84,900		122,100	(37,200)
Expenses	104,500	\$105,000	110,300	(5,800)
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (19,600)		\$ 11,800	\$ (31,400)

Feeding your Soul

Weaving an Old Testament metaphor (the Biblical promise land of Israel being called the land of "milk and honey") into a southern gothic groove, the track is just about the best example of what Crowder has done well for so many years.



Take a moment to check out Crowder's amazingly substantial offerings of musical worship. [Crowder, free on Spotify.](#)

I have also put together a playlist of all the songs we have used in worship during June. Enjoy them all again by clicking here. [June worship songs, free on Spotify.](#)

Books

I had a bit more reading time this month and was able to finish two books. "I'm Still Here; Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness" by Austin Channing Brown, helped to open my eyes to see the world through the experiences of a woman of color. This is a stretch for me, a white guy. I am more convinced than ever, that we need to learn about, hear the stories, and do everything we can to experience the world-through the eyes of others. I appreciated Channings ability to put into words experiences that have highlighted the differences between white people and people of color, even as they walk through similar encounters. As our country is grappling with potential removal of Confederate Soldiers and leaders, Channings book has helped me see the conversation from a different perspective.

"The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story" was a gem I found at the library. This was a page turner! Douglas Preston welcomes the

reader into a modern day, true story akin to an "Indiana Jones." A massive Temple complex buried in the thickest jungles of Honduras, one of the most impossible to get to places on the planet. Using modern technology, old school investigation and unlikely relationships this team of archaeologists uncovers a complex as big if not bigger than the pyramids in Egypt. Preston also helps re-write the history of Northern and Central America informing readers of massive cities, intricate religious communities and entire cultures now lost to history. I love this part of the world, love learning about other religious practices and couldn't put this one down.

Activity

It is swim season in the Dockweiler household and we find ways to hit the pool regularly. Along with a new gym membership I am feeling better than I have in a while. Relaxation helps the soul as well. We have traveled to Maine for a few days of vacation and connection with friends. We are also looking forward to a family reunion (which has been in the works for 2 year thanks COVID) to Rehoboth Delaware.

Get outside and enjoy the sun, put your toes in the sand at the beach, praise God for the beauty of all creation!

Looking ahead

We are making plans to come ROARING back into full ministry as COVID restrictions come down. Hopes are high for a return to full in person worship, Sunday School and Adult Education. Arrangements are being made for Trivia Night, Designer Bag Bingo, Produce Sales and a return of the Bubble Bus. Our Youth Group is getting back into gear, a mission trip to Guatemala is happening in January, the Pumpkin Bash will return along with the Living Nativity. It is going to be a full, busy, inspiring year of ministry at St. Andrew's!

New Council Members

Chuck Farrell



I am recently retired. I enjoy family, music, and sports. I have always wanted to be more involved with the church, but work prevented it. I am very happy to be on the council! The people at St Andrews make it a great place. My dream for our church is to see our sanctuary filled to capacity on Sundays with a diverse congregation.

Other New Members to council:

Mike Banks
Gary Grossman
Gemma Reinkraut

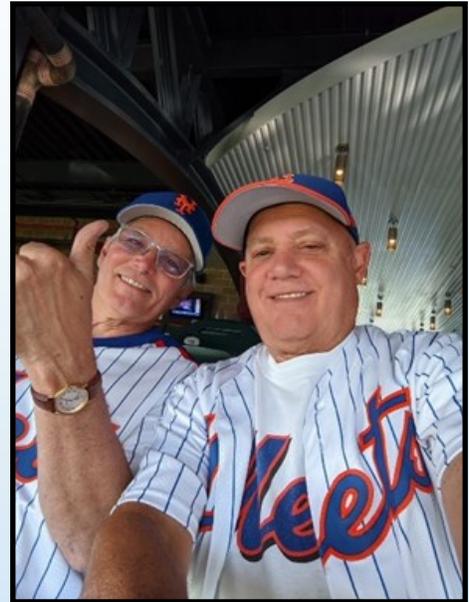
Tim Clark is now serving as Vice President.

New Nominating committee;
Lisa Billingsley, Linda Ferone,
Judith Bailey Hung, Dale
Sharp, Sonja Letizia and Kristin
Quaid

thank you!

For giving your time and
talents to St. Andrew's
Church

Tony and Laura Susi are relocating to Delaware. The Susi's have been long time members of St. Andrew's and very active in the ministries of this church. We love you and will miss you, we ask God's continued blessings on your journey!



Outreach News

- St. Andrew's provided a table with water and snacks for those attending the June 12 Pride Parade in Yorktown. Thank you to those who helped Pastor at the booth: Tim, Cindi, and Ellie Clark, Chuck Farrell, Joanna Falcone, and Linda Bohlk. Our church and other religious organizations in Yorktown showed God's love and support of the LGBTQIA+ community in our area.
- St. Andrew's donated \$150 to buy necessary materials for the Garden of Hope which will supply fresh produce to Fred's Food Pantry in Peekskill during the summer and fall.
- Our missionary family in Tanzania sent a "June 2021 Update" seeking support for the NICU in Arusha which Dr. Swanson heads and honoring Stephen's parents who served 31 years as Lutheran missionaries and who recently celebrated their 65th anniversary.

Remember the giant hole filled with weeds that greeted visitors as you turned into our property? Well thanks to project coordinator Kenny Muller and his team of helpers; Angelo Letizia, Gary Grossman, Dominic Justo, Dennis Alfieri, Pastor Dave and David Hamm-IT'S GONE! 100's of yards of woods chips were obtained for free (Thanks Sav-A-Tree) and spread with sweat equity. The front is looking great. Now the team is working their way around the parking lot improving the look of the place and helping to create a welcoming atmosphere for all those who visit. THANK YOU, Kenny and Crew, for all your hard work!



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

The second year of pandemic Sunday School is now over and we are looking forward to resuming “in person” classes in the fall. Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 12th so please mark your calendars. As long as the pandemic is under control, we will be welcoming the children back in grand style!

Thank you so much to Donna Kellett, Tony Susi, Robin Muller, and Tracy Blechner for giving of their time on Saturday mornings since November in order to provide the children with “Saturday School.” Many thanks to Pastor Dave and Linda Bohlk for their help, too. The children enjoyed the sessions and had the chance to meet their teachers and peers “virtually.” And thanks to the parents for taking the time to help the kids log into the zoom calls!

If you have a child who is 3 years or older and would like to register for Sunday School, please let me know so I can add them to the roster. I believe there are some young children in the congregation and we look forward to helping them as they grow their faith.

Because of COVID, we missed First Holy Communion for the 4th graders for two years now. We are planning for it to take place in October and will include those children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades since the children in the older two classes missed having it. More information will be sent out over the summer.

Again, because of the pandemic, we were not able to award the attendance pins for last year and this year. On Rally Day, all of the Sunday School children (including those who completed 7th grade in 2020 and 2021) will receive their pins

and certificates so please try to attend.

I will continue to send e-mails with some puzzles/coloring sheets for the children to work on. For the summer months, I will be doing so on a monthly basis.

We are in need of more teachers and helpers for our Sunday School for next year. Many thanks to Tony Susi for teaching the 7th grade class. We will miss him greatly but wish him and Laura a happy retirement in Delaware! Please think about volunteering to join the staff for September. It doesn't require that much work and it is so much fun to work with the children and watch as they learn about Jesus and his teachings. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have about the role. The more help we have, the easier it is for everyone. I will be setting up a meeting of the teaching staff in August so stay tuned.

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.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of the Sunday School program. Watch your e-mail for information about Rally Day and the next Sunday School year! Have a wonderful summer creating new memories with family and friends! See you in September!

**God Bless and stay safe,
Sue Epting**

Happy Birthday

July Birthdays

1 Chelsea Difini
3 Karen Mayo
3 Lisa Gallagher
3 Mirasol Orlando
3 Kenneth Reinkraut
5 Angelo Letizia
6 Finley Dockweiler
8 Peter Parliman
8 Grace Kelly
9 Kristi Tudor
12 John Brisson
12 Nicole Garcia
12 Victoria De Russo
13 Michael Tillstrand
17 Vivianna Wheeler
18 James Haley
18 Nicole Forcina
19 Ben Haley
22 Victoria Basilone
Christopher Parliman
24 Stephanie Hines
25 Frank DeMarsh
25 Elizabeth O'Brien
26 Dora Morabito
27 Madison McVetty
28 Joseph Hayes

28 Anthony Repetti

29 Matthew Hanse

30 Laura Grutzmacher

August Birthdays

1 Susanne Skok
1 Stephen Delgado
2 Sabastian Chipoco
3 Meagan Gallagher
3 Shayna Maddalena
4 Robin Muller
Mark Falcone
Amanda Falcone
5 Jessica Tudor
7 Paul Johnsen
7 Harlie Yarkovsky
9 Scott Letscher
9 Peter J. Seith
9 John Marcello
10 Jonathan Hayes
11 Jeanna Shepard
11 Christopher Dary
11 Lindsey Labriola
12 Venita Anderson
12 Robert Heckett
12 Elise Cecil
13 Erica Jakubik

13 Kellyn Holodak

13 Kathryn Fredericks

14 Linda Johnsen

14 Patty DeMarsh

15 Joseph Volpato Jr.

16 Matthew Wheeler

17 Lauren Ann Patone

18 Taylor Volkert

18 Ralph DiRusso

19 Michael Peragine

19 Keith Hopkins

19 Hayden Mayer

20 Amanda Linahan

23 Randolph Wagner

25 Chelsea Krueger

25 Brittany Pease

26 Crista Alfieri

26 Alyssa Billingsley

26 Sara Shelley

27 Frederick Bodo

27 Mark Worsley

29 Nichole O'Brien

30 Meagan DeMarchis

31 CB Shillito

31 Maddison Kelly

31 Courtney Banks

Happy Anniversary

July Anniversaries

- 3 Kathy & Steven Hoanzi
- 11 Lisa & Brad Wheeler
- 19 Betty & John Markiewicz
- 24 Daniele & Robert Racanelli
- 26 Sharon & Warren Schultz
- 31 Diane & Frank Mazzotta
Linda & Sal Ferone

August Anniversaries

- 1 Connie & Gary Grossman
- 5 Christine & Keith Hopkins
- 8 Margy & Bill Tillstrand
- 10 Michelle & Randal Middleton
- 11 Kristen & Patrick Kelly
- 13 Cynthia & Tim Clark
- 13 Jennifer & Christopher Dary
- 24 Linda & Paul Johnsen
- 27 Susan & Michael Epting
- 27 Dawn & John Brisson
- 28 Genie & Sean Muller



MESSAGE July August 2021

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

We Are Family

65 Years Serving Christ

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Dave Dockweiler, Pastor

Margy Tillstrand, Music Director

Linda Bohlk, President

Tim Clark, Vice President

Sue Epting, Sunday School Superintendent

Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary



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