

St. Andrew's Message

Oct 2021

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

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Oct

- Oct 3** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Oct 4** 8:00 p.m. Confirmation
- Oct 7** 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Oct 10** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Oct 11** Columbus Day
- Oct 14** 7:00 p.m. Memorial Comm.
7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Oct 17** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Oct 18** 7:30 p.m. Outreach
8:00 p.m. Confirmation
- Oct 21** 7:15 p.m. Council Meeting
7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Oct 24** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
2:30 p.m. Pumpkin Party
- Oct 25** 8:00 p.m. Confirmation
- Oct 28** 7:30 p.m. Bible Study
- Oct 31** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Give Online

In our Prayers :

Hospitalized or recuperating

James Byrne
Linda Greco

Barbara Hogan
Joseph Knapp Sr.
Anne Latino

Patricia McGregor
John McGuirk
Karen McIntyre

Nicole Safron
Stephen Small

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Nancy Calandra
Chuck Cassidy
Jonathan Cope
Andrea Cummings
Alessandro Cuniberti
Debbie Dubois
Doug Dubois
Katie Epting- Harris
Anna Errico

Joanna Falcone
Judy Gordon
Mary Gus
Tom Gurba
Laura Heiss
Vivian Hyde
Mike Lekhmus
Roseann Lella
Christina Morris

Mary Kay McNamee
Robin Muller
Helen O'Brien
Ed O'Connell
Lucille Oricchio
Liz Prinz
Anita Porter
Edith Raspuzzi
Tom Riordan

Cindy Berg Sauter
Samantha Shores
Steve Scalzi
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 Sayler
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
Karen Living Bernaardo

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 a Nursing Home

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

Many of you know that I enjoy working with wood. My grandfather planted the seed of woodworking when I was a child. I cherished sleepovers at his house as I would get to spend time in Grampa's Shop, coming home with a birdhouse or some simple project. During high school the church mission trips allowed me the chance to better the lives of others by building wheelchair ramps, re-building rotten stairs and all sorts of house projects that were out of reach to those we were serving. I love to look at a pile of wood and envision what can be created.

When the need arose here at church for an AV table in the back of the sanctuary we looked at all the options available and eventually I offered my work for a custom piece. I am pleased with the outcome and I hope you are as well. This was my first project to be done for a sanctuary. You can see the finished project for yourself, but I want to share a bit of the journey. Over the years I have collected a decent batch of tools. Some purchased new, but many are 2nd hand. I love the wooden level I got from my grandfather after his death. Every time I grab it, I consider the man whose initials are carved into the spine. I use

tools from Sarah's grandfather Bill. The top rail was cut and sanded on gear from Henning Haggblom; gifted to me from Janet and Lisa. We got the project over here with church friends and a borrowed van. I never work alone.

My store bought tools are great. But the ones I love are those with stories, with people behind them. Perhaps it's a prayer for help from woodworker who are no longer with us, to assist with a task that I feel might be a bit over my head. There seems something spiritual about the whole thing. Envisioning a new future in a stack of wood, using tools from passed-on loved ones, creating a new thing. Some people use wood, some food, some a thread and needle-may God bless you as you peer into the future, seeing something not-yet-there, using all your skills and tools and friends, to make it a reality for all to enjoy.

See you on Sunday,
Pastor Dave

CHURCH COUNCIL

September 2021

- Thank you to all who generously gave donations in response to Pastor Dave's letter requesting additional financial support for St. Andrew's.
- Council approved sending MNYS \$2500 for Mission Support.
- St. Andrew's 65th anniversary celebration is planned for October 3. We will worship together and thank God for our church which began on this site 65 years ago and continues today with us serving God here, in the community, and the world.
- Thank you to Kristine Kallesten and her mother, Judith Oakley, for sponsoring the purchase of 5 adjustable height tables for our Sunday School classes.



Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

Council Members 2021

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

Michael Banks
 Matthew Damrow
 Sue Epting
 Chuck Farrell
 Gary Grossman
 Dominic Justo
 Kristine Kallesten
 Rita Nehmzow
 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 - AUGUST

	<u>2021</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2019 *</u>
Contributions	\$130,100		\$115,900	\$ 14,200	\$126,700
Other Income	28,200		47,400	(19,200)	44,700
Total Income	158,300		163,300	(5,000)	171,400
Expenses	156,700	\$162,000	164,400	(7,700)	173,500
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 1,600		\$ (1,100)	\$ 2,700	\$ (2,100)

* 2019 is presented to show the last normal "pre-Covid" period

CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION

Confirmation Update

Confirmation begins on Monday at 8pm, on Sept 27. If you are or know of a young person interested in diving deeper into their faith, please let me know ASAP. Our meetings will run for one hour on Monday evenings. For the first two months, our confirmands will learn about the Biblical books of Ephesians and Galatians, tracking the rest of the congregation. Confirmation, or Affirmation of Faith, is when baptized people claim for themselves the 5 promises of Baptism. In Baptism, the 5 promises, are agreed to on their behalf. Confirmation prepares our young people to make these promises for themselves.



On September 19th St. Andrew's celebrated Jack Ferone and Caden Hung who made their Confirmation. Usually Confirmation classes last two years, 8th and 9th grades. Due to the COVID shakeup these two great guys missed some classes. So we launched a summer series and made up the learning that we lost. Jack and Caden are both active in sports. Jack in football and Caden in tennis. It has been a joy to walk with these young men on their faith journey. God bless you for Caden and Jack.



Communion Update

We will offer 1st Communion Education to anyone interested on Oct 17th after the 2nd service. During this hour long discussion, we will talk about what communion is, what it means and how to partake in this blessing of God. We will bake some communion bread for use the next week. On Oct 24th, we will celebrate 1st communion services. Please let me know if you have a young person that would be interested in this experience.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study

Every once and a while we get a chance to see the big picture. Whether from the window of an airplane, observation deck of a skyscraper, even the top of a Ferris wheel at the carnival. We put ourselves in a place to see things differently. The Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the young Christian church in Ephesus painting the big picture of Christianity. He did this to encourage them in their struggles as a young community and show them the surprising connections they have to others around them. Come join us of a deeper look into the book of Ephesians and Galatians. Taken together these books show us where we are (Ephesians) and how we are to move forward (Galatians). The lessons of our Bible study will coordinate with the readings in church and with the lessons of our Confirmation students. Come join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the Gathering Space. This series will be co-lead by Pastor Dave and Anthony Forcina. You can bring your Bible or use one of ours, everything needed will be provided

Yorktown Festival and Street Fair
Sunday, October 10 11:00 a.m.– 5 p.m.
St. Andrew's will have a booth with volunteers sharing Jesus' message



and what we are all about with the community. Come visit!

Picture:
2019

Pumpkin Bash



Last year we created a Pumpkin Carving Contest to help cheer our pandemic spirits. About ten minutes

into the event, I started to hear the comments, "better do this again." Well, we are! The 2nd Annual Pumpkin Carving Bash will take place on the front lawn **Oct 24 beginning at 2:30**. For \$5, carvers will receive a pre-gutted pumpkin and have up to 2 hours of carving time. At 4:30 all contestants will present their work for judging. At 5pm our panel of world class pumpkin connoisseurs will choose the best of the best. Winners will be awarded prizes and bragging rights for the year. Bona Bona Ice Cream and Chef Rob on Wheels, Music by DJ Damrow and more games for kids of all ages **will ensure a great day. Come join the fun.**

[Register here to ensure your spot!](#)



[pumpkin bash video](#)

Stewardship News

Over the next few weeks, we will hear from members of our community who have made stewardship of the lives and their funds a priority. Use this time to consider your financial health and your intentions of giving to the church. Making a pledge is more than giving yourself a goal, it is an act of faith. It's a promise to return to God some of the financial blessings that God has offered to you. On October 24th we will bless God with our pledge intentions for the coming year.

Religions from around the world, throughout time have taught that a simple life is a key to happiness, that simplicity means freedom. Is there anything unique that Christianity offers those seeking a greater sense of peace and fulfillment. The Christian understanding of stewardship offers some helpful places to begin. 1 Timothy 6:18-19, shares wisdom from the early Christians, "They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may **take hold of the life that really is life.**" So many products, lifestyle upgrades and membership clubs pretend to offer a better life, a more beautiful life or a more appealing life. Christian stewardship cuts to the core of the matter. Jesus offers life that *really is life*. The search for profit and a passion for accumulating more stuff is a mirage.

Measuring one's life via bank account or collection of stuff, is a sure way to make yourself feel horrible. By simplifying our lives we can free ourselves from debt, overwork and impossible calendars. BUT, what to we free ourselves

FOR? The opposite of being a slave to our possessions is GENEROSITY. I pray you find ways to simplify your lives. For Sarah and I this takes regular effort. We ask ourselves, "Do we really need this or do we just *want* it?" We have prioritized our budget and paid off credit cards. Doing so, has allowed us to increase our giving to the church and be a blessing to others.

Online giving is a wonderful way to ensure your gift is received when intended. This is especially important in these days when we can't pass the offering plate. To give online visit our website at standrewsyorktown.com. You can also set the church up as a "payee" through your bank just as you do with paying bills. Either way, you are in control of your funds at all times.

Mourning the Loss

At the end of August, St. Andrew's received word of the passing of Ruth Kohler. Ruth, 86, was an active member of our church for many years. She moved to North Carolina 20+ years ago. Ruth was a member of the Women's Group (LCW), Service Group, Altar Guild, and Church Council. She was the Youth Group's Advisor in 1978. We offer our prayers and sympathy to Ruth's family. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Joyce Donald, at 200 Vista Oak Drive, Longwood, FL 32779.



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

The 2021-22 Sunday School year got off to a roaring start when it kicked off on Sunday, Sept. 12th. It was wonderful to see so many of our children attending the church service on the front lawn and we were happy to award them all with their attendance pins and certificates for the past two years! Thank you to all who joined us and we hope you will continue to do so. Please return this year's Contact Information from as soon as possible so we have the correct contact info for you.

We will be trying to hold class outside in early fall as long as the weather cooperates. When we return indoors, all classes will be meeting in the back room this year. We will not be using the chapel house for Sunday School. ALL CHILDREN, TEACHERS, AND STAFF WILL NEED TO WEAR MASKS WHEN INDOORS. We will also be practicing social distancing and good handwashing. Sunday School will follow the same rules as the school districts are using. If you have any questions or concerns related to holding classes during this time of COVID, please reach out to me.

We will resume holding Harvest Sunday on the first Sunday of each month. The children will bring nonperishable food items and we will process into the church where they will hear a children's sermon from Pastor Dave before returning to their classrooms.

On Oct. 24th, the children in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades will receive their First Communion. The older kids missed this important event for the past two years so we hope you will join us at the 10 AM service to celebrate with them and their families.

Pictured below:

5-7th Sunday school class

Teacher: Donna Kellet

Carson Rai, Jade Muller and Layla Muller



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

We are always looking for more people to join our Sunday School staff so please consider volunteering as a teacher, helper, etc. It's lots of fun and besides sharing our faith with the kids, we also learn from them. We'd love to have you so please give it your prayerful consideration and let me know if you are interested.

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

epting.susan@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing you each Sunday!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Superintendent



Pictured above: 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School class.

Pictured Below: Pre K– Kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School classes.



Happy Birthday

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

Happy Anniversary

- 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**



MESSAGE October 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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