

St. Andrew's Message

March 2022

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

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March

- March 2** 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday
- March 6** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- March 7** 7:15 p.m. Outreach Commission
- March 9** 7:00 p.m. Lent Service
- March 10** 7:00 p.m. Life Commission
- March 13** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- March 16** 7:00 p.m. Lent Service
- March 20** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- March 21** 7:15 p.m. Council Meeting
- March 23** 7:00 p.m. Lent Service
- March 27** 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- March 30** 7:00 p.m. Lent Service



Give Online



In our Prayers :

Hospitalized or recuperating

James Byrne
Paige DeRiggi
Linda Greco

Barbara Hogan
Joseph Knapp Sr.
Justin Lancaster

Anne Latino
Patricia McGregor
John McGuirk

Karen McIntyre
Nicole Safron

Wrestling with long-term health issues

Nancy Calandra
Chuck Cassidy
Jonathan Cope
Andrea Cummings
Alessandro Cuniberti
Debbie Dubois
Doug Dubois
Jen Epting Dary
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
Ed O'Connell
Lucille Oricchio
Liz Prinz
Anita Porter
Rick Raggi
Tom Riordan

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
Laura Heiss
Daniel King

Paul Kristoffersen
Sarah Prinz
Sean Prinz
Rob Reynolds

Ann Robertiello
Joanne Sayles
Cathy Souza

Mourning the passing of

Charlette Hamm
Delores Shuler
Audrey Conlon

Ingrid Frank
William Hamm
Cindy Berg Sauter

Helen O'Brien
Edith Raspuzzi
Ed Gavard

Robert Badalamenti
Beryl Zapp
Rob Bellamy

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

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

We live in a place where the church calendar aligns with what we see happening in nature. The Lent-Easter season focuses on new life and the emerging of Christ, just as we look forward to longer days, warmer temperatures and green things popping up all around us. Life over death, regrowth and new starts are what this season is all about. During the Lenten season, we reflect on the dark moments of our lives, the times when we have felt far from God or when we have placed ourselves against the loving work of God. Easter reminds us that we are never disconnected, we are never left alone, and that Christ will go all the way to the cross to show God's love to us.

I invite you to dive into your faith with intentionality this Lenten season. How can you become a more faithful version of yourself? Use Lent to hit the reset button if your prayer life is lacking. Use Lent to restart 15 minutes of daily scripture reading (I'd suggest the book of Galatians). Use Lent to reexamine how you spend your time, your talents, and your financial gifts. This is a season of recognizing our shortcomings but choosing the way of new life.

Lent begins in just a few days with "Ash Wednesday." We will have a special service on Wednesday, March 2 at 7pm. Each Wednesday following we will have services at 7pm. These Lenten Wednesday Services give you the opportunity to renew your spiritual life. During our Wednesday services we will focus on some "Heroes of the Faith." Each week we'll learn about an ordinary person who put their faith into practice in an extraordinary way. The five heroes are from across the denominational spectrum, women and men that have seen suffering and injustice and choose to make a differ-

ence. Elizabeth Fry reformed the prison system of England and her efforts still inform how we treat the incarcerated. Harriet Tubman risked life and limb to free enslaved persons in America. Martin Luther stood up to both church and state to alleviate the suffering of others in Germany. Greg Schaffer witnessed suffering and exclusion in Guatemala and spent his life changing the world for many. Lastly, Dietrich Bonhoeffer refused to "tow the line" in support of Adolf Hitler as churches were in support of the Third Reich, Bonhoeffer's writings are still used in ethics classes around the world.

How does your faith influence your actions? During Lent we will examine ourselves while being inspired by others. From Scripture in the book of James, we are reminded "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead (James 2:14-22)."

We get to live in response to all the good that God has done for us. We get to share the love of God with others, we get to make outsiders feel included, we get to raise our children in a community of care, respect, and diversity. What an amazing time to live!

I look forward to seeing you on Sundays and Wednesdays during this season of growth.

**As always, see you on Sunday,
Pastor Dave**

CHURCH COUNCIL

February 2022

- Karen Conlon and Amy Finney were approved as St. Andrew's delegates for the Special Meeting of the Synod Assembly on May 6, 2022.
- Council is continuing to monitor Covid statistics and recommendations from the CDC, State, and local authorities and make adjustments to our safety protocols accordingly. Any changes will be announced in Pastor Dave's "Weekly Update."
- Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 p.m. on March 2. Ashes will be anointed on the forehead or hand if desired. Lenten services will be on succeeding Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter services will be in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 17.
- Palm Sunday weekend (April 9 and April 10) has been set as the date for our Spring produce sale and Easter egg hunt.

Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

Council Members 2022

Linda Bohlk – President
 Tim Clark – VP
 Sue Epting – Secretary
 David Hamm – Treasurer

Michael Banks
 Matthew Damrow
 Chuck Farrell
 Gary Grossman
 Dominic Justo
 Kristine Kallesten
 Rita Nehmzow
 Gemma Reinkraut
 Steve Scalzi

Financial Secretary

Margaret Hauck

Nominating Committee

2022

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

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 31,

	<u>2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 14,800		\$ 13,300	\$ 1,500
Other Income	1,400		400	1,000
Total Income	16,200		13,700	2,500
Expenses	23,600	\$27,000	20,400	3,200
Deficit	\$ (7,400)		\$ (6,700)	\$ (700)
New lease costs	<u>\$ 2,200</u>	(fence-1,500, lawyer-700)		

Outreach

The Hour Children Parenting Center of Bedford Hills Correctional Facility gratefully acknowledged and thanked St. Andrew's for the numerous holiday gifts and financial donations.

Thank you

The weekend of **April 9-10** is tentatively set for the Easter egg hunt and produce sale. Palm Sunday is April 10. A coordinator for this event will be determined at our March meeting.



Members decided we should again participate in the Battle of Yorktown clean-up which will be

Saturday, April 23.



Members reviewed draft introductory information about St. Andrew's which will be sent to new Yorktown homeowners inviting them to our church.



An Interfaith Call to Peace for Ukraine

February 24, 2022

Though we have been anxious about the recent growing tensions between Ukraine and Russia and between Russia and the NATO countries in recent weeks, we remain deeply concerned, as we have been since 2014, for the impact of this ongoing conflict on innocent civilians throughout Ukraine. All parties to the conflict must take every measure possible to protect civilians. All parties and the international community must renew efforts to de-escalate this threat to international peace and security.

All our religious traditions call us to pray and work for peace. We join our voices and hands together. We must open our eyes to those who are suffering, and we cannot remain indifferent to the injustice this conflict has brought on the people of Ukraine and may bring on people of neighboring countries.

We call on all those involved—whether governments, movements or individuals—to repent of aggression and violence, and turn instead to the way of peace through dialogue. We also call upon the faithful people of our congregations and communities to pray for wisdom, peace and justice to prevail in Ukraine.

Join us as we pray:

Oh Divine, most mighty, most merciful, our sacred stories tell us that you help and save your people. You are the fortress: may there be no more war. You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger. You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair. Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen.



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church
in America

Rev. Eddy Alemán
General Secretary, Reformed Church in America

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal
Church

Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President, United Church
of Christ, National Ministries

Bishop Sally Dyck
Ecumenical Officer, The United Methodist
Church

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens
General Minister and President, Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada

Bishop Teresa Jefferson-Snorton
Fifth Episcopal District, The Christian Methodist
Episcopal Church

Chair, National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the USA

President, Churches Uniting in Christ

Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller
President, Provincial Elders' Conference, Moravian
Church Northern Province

Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, Presbyterian
Church (USA)

Mr. Basharat Saleem
Executive Director, Islamic Society of North
America

Dr. Tarunjit Singh Butalia
Executive Director, Religions for Peace USA

Rev. Chris Thore
President, Provincial Elders' Conference, Moravian
Church Southern Province

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

On February 13th, Sunday School reopened following the latest COVID surge. Let's pray that we continue down a path toward resuming a more normal way of life after the past two years.

Given the fact that our youngest children in Sunday School are still not able to be vaccinated, we will continue to require masks for all of the children as well as anyone working with the kids (i.e. teachers, helpers, guest speakers, myself).

Since we last met before Christmas, there have been a lot of renovations done in the back room as the new tenant, Maryel School, prepares to open in the fall of this year. For Sunday School classes, we will be using two of the five small rooms which were constructed from the large back room.

Harvest Sunday continues the first Sunday of each month. The children bring a nonperishable food item and we process into the church where they hear a children's sermon from Pastor Dave before returning to their classrooms. The next Harvest Sunday is scheduled for March 6th.

Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd. On the previous Sunday, February 27th, we will be distributing the small Lenten boxes for the children to collect their coins. Please ask your children to think about where they would like to donate the money collected. We are thinking about putting the

donations toward purchasing an animal from the ELCA catalog for those less fortunate but are open to all suggestions.

We are always looking for more people to join our Sunday School staff so please consider volunteering as a teacher, helper, etc. 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 ept-ing.susan@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming all of the children back to Sunday School and we will continue to do our utmost to keep everyone safe. Take care!

**God Bless,
Sue Epting, Superintendent**



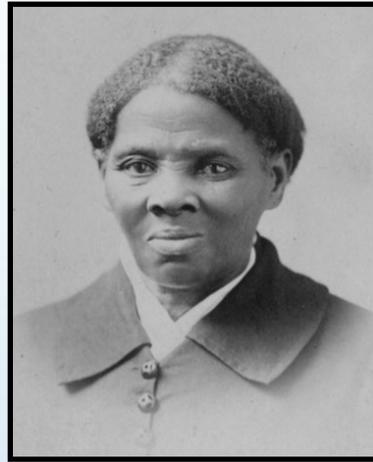


Elizabeth Fry developed a passion for the female prisoners at Newgate Prison in London England not far from where she lived. As a Quaker she held firm belief that all people are

made in the image of God, everyone is capable of change and that human dignity should be held priority for all people. In her visits to the prison she found men and women locked up together, prisoners being sent to Australia with no accommodations being made nor their families being notified and perhaps worst of all, child of incarcerated women were locked up with their mothers.

Her challenging the system and working her network got her speaking on the floor of the House of Commons. Through her work men and women were segregated, the goal of incarceration shifted from punishment to reform, families of convicts were offered contact with their loved ones and children were removed from the prison system entirely.

These changes sound commonplace now but they were not always so. Elizabeth Fry's faith fueled her love of others and gave her the courage to stand up and speak truth to power. We thank God for this hero of the faith and ask that our faith fuel our lives as well.



Harriet Tubman, "Black Moses" was raised in slavery in eastern Maryland but escaped in 1849. When she first reached the North, she said later, "I looked at my hands to see if I was de same

person now I was free. Dere was such a glory ober eberything, de sun came like gold through de trees and ober de fields, and I felt like I was in heaven."

Tubman was not satisfied with her own freedom, however. She made 19 return trips to the South and helped deliver at least 300 fellow slaves, boasting "I never lost a passenger." Her guidance of so many to freedom earned her the nickname "Moses."

Her faith in God helped establish the "Underground Railroad" and she fought vehemently for the freedom of others. Her motto was "I can't die but once."

May we all have the drive of Harriet Tubman in our lives.

Lent



The German Monk, Martin Luther, realized that what the church was doing and what the Scriptures taught were two totally different things. Challenging the system, he publicly raised ques-

tions about church practices. He broke the reliance of people to have a priest interpret Scripture for them by translating the Bible into German. This began to topple the way churches had been run for over a thousand years.

He became popular with the common people and hated by the politicians and the church leaders. Because of his faith, church corruption was rooted out, simple people learned of God's love for them and the church was forever changed.



Greg Schaffer became a Catholic Priest in Minnesota in the 1960's. He was sent to San Lucas Toluca Guatemala having never stepped foot in Guatemala and not knowing Spanish. But Father

Greg loved people. When he saw the cornstalk huts that the local Mayan people lived in his heart broke. Greg's faith drove him to partner with community leaders, developers and government officials to bring electricity, water, schools and land ownership to the local Mayan peoples.

Father Greg set up the San Lucas Mission which still functions today so that Americans can come and travel alongside the people of San Lucas. By living simply, sharing his faith and always standing strong, Greg transformed not only the place of San Lucas but the people as well.



Lastly, we will hear about Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This hero of faith has had a profound impact on Christian Theology and Ethics. Born in Germany educated at New York City's Union Theological Seminary, Bonhoeffer attended

Greenville Community Church in Scarsdale NY. During the war Dietrich returned to Germany and was dismayed at how many churches and pastors were supporting the Nazis. He fought back in ways big and small. He founded an underground seminary that trained church leaders during the war, his teachings are used in most graduate level ethics classes around the world.

Through this Christian connections at colleges, seminaries and family throughout Europe and the USA, Bonhoeffer was uniquely situated on the very edge of several worlds. He used this position to plot and assist in a plot to kill Hitler. The plot was foiled, Hitler survived, and Bonhoeffer arrested. His faith drove Dietrich to show the world the view of those oppressed and fight for those whose voices had been taken away.

Happy Birthday

2 ... Derek Lyman	14 ... Susan Epting
3 ... George Hansen	16 ... Katie Werbrock
3 ... Amy Finney	16 ... Susan Johnsen
3 ... Robin Holman	17 ... Jackson Kuhn
3 ... Kylie Anderson	17 ... Theodore Jakubik
3 ... Jade Muller	22 ... Rudy Van Tongeren
5 ... Jared Hansen	23 ... Fred Hauck
7 ... Timothy Clark	23 ... Sal Ferone
7 ... Jeffrey Steiner	23 ... Joseph Sbuttoni Jr.
7 ... Jake Anderson	26 ... Melissa Tally
8 ... Sara Walter	27 ... Peter Toikka
9 ... James Shelley	28 ... Lynn Ruzicka
9 ... Nick Tufano	28 ... Janet Haggblom
11 ... Barbara Benton	28 ... Christopher Finney
11 ... Geneva Quinker	29 ... Nancy Cooper
12 ... Jessica Leahy	28 ... Carol Holodak
13 ... Dennis McGovern	

Happy Anniversary

9	Rita & William Nehmzow
12	Karen & Mark DosSantos
14	Laura & Anthony Susi
27	Mary & James Haley



MESSAGE March 2022

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 & Council Secretary

Sarah Dockweiler, Office Secretary



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