

St. Andrew's Message

Worship Learn Serve



Dates to Remember

Jan 1 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live and Zoom

Jan 4 7:00p.m. Memorial Committee

Jan 5 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

8:15 p.m. Zoom Guatemala Meeting

Jan 8 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live and Zoom

Jan 12 7:15 p.m. Council

Jan 14-20 Guatemala Mission Trip

Jan 15 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live and Zoom

Jan 22 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live and Zoom

Jan 26 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

Jan 28 Women's Tea 2:00 p.m. -4:00p.m.

Jan 29 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live and Zoom

WORSHIP

Pastor's Message

As 2022 wraps up I do pray that your reflection of this past year shows you spiritual growth. For our church we have once again followed our Lord to the best of our abilities. You have responded well to Jesus' call fellow disciples. I am proud of you, and humbled to be your pastor. In Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus

(Ephesians chapter 1) he says it is God's **Good Pleasure** to make us aware of God's presence in our world. I get stuck (in a good way) on that phrase "good pleasure." I picture a parent lovingly teaching a child, which I attempt to emulate the best I can to my children and to share with all of you. The image of God smiling, sharing our struggles and joys, being a good listener-because it is God's good pleasure to do so, reframes God into such a loving and caring Savior.

This loving Savior calls us to come join the journey. Jesus called fisherman to be healers and a tax collector to become a "bread distribution coordinator." God is still speaking, still asking us to come along for the trip. God is still asking us to try things we have never tried, speak words of love to those we have never even talked to before, or seeing the people closest to us in new ways. I hope 2023 is a year of hearing God's call for our church and of responding as faithfully as we can. May God bless you mightily in 2023, and may God bless our community THROUGH you.

Pastor Dave



Council Notes

December 2022

- Prep for Annual Meeting on Feb 5, after 2nd service.
- End of year review and financial wrap up.
- Giving Envelope delay, 2023's envelopes as late as February due to production difficulties.
- Personal reviews discussed.



LEARN



Picture from the Christmas Pageant on Dec 18. Special thanks to Sue Epting on all her hard work planning, organizing and executing this super cute ministry. Thank you to all the moms, dads and grandparents who helped support our program!



(Right) Sunday School classes participating in the Santa Run sponsored by Yorktown Fire Department. (Left) Children waiting to perform their Christmas pageant.





**Dec 18 Sunday School
Christmas Pageant**

Mary and Joseph along with the
Wise man, shepherds, angels and
sheep.

Sunday School

2022 is now in the rearview mirror and we eagerly anticipate all the activities that the new year will bring to our Sunday School at St. Andrew's! We hope to see everyone as we resume classes on Sunday, January 8th with Harvest Sunday and a special Epiphany craft led by Karen Conlon.

On December 18th the children presented the annual pageant entitled "Sing a Song of Christmas!" They all did a wonderful job and the audience truly enjoyed their performance! Thank you to all of the teachers, helpers, and others who helped to make it a success. Special thanks to Margy Tillstrand for her musical accompaniment and to Pastor Dave for the AV assistance. And many thanks to all of the families for sharing their children with us for an hour each week so we can teach them about God's love for us all.

As always, we welcome anyone who would like to teach or help with Sunday School, do a special lesson or craft with the children, or assist in any way. Please reach out to me with any questions at epting.susan@gmail.com or via cell at 914-715-9546.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Sunday School each week! Happy New Year and may you have a healthy and Blessed 2023!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Superintendent

Serve

A decorative graphic for a tea event. It features a circular inset image of a floral teapot and teacups on a table. The background is light gray with decorative elements: a leafy branch in the top left, a dotted pattern in the top right, a leaf in the middle left, and a dotted pattern in the bottom left. The text is centered and reads: "Ladies, Save the Date", "St. Andrews Par-Tea", "Saturday, January 28th, 2pm-4pm", and "More Details Coming Soon".

Ladies, Save the Date

**St. Andrews
Par-Tea**

Saturday, January 28th, 2pm-4pm

More Details Coming Soon

Save the date!

More details to come.

Questions and Answers



Why go to Guatemala?

Jesus told his disciples to leave their known worlds behind and follow him into unknown territory. The purpose of a mission trip is spiritual growth for the participants and even the sending communities. I have found that leaving one's familiar settings opens our eyes, minds and hearts to experience the lifestyles of others. By seeking Jesus in unfamiliar settings, we come home more able to see God at home, work and school.

Who is going?

We have a group of 9 adults traveling together representing several churches. Gary, Kim and Ron are members here at St. Andrew's. Elaine is a lifelong resident of Yorktown and friend through Scouts (she was super involved in Pack 164 who met for many years at St. Andrew's.) Lynda and Cindy are a mother daughter pair joining us from Emmanuel Lutheran in Pleasantville. Charlie and Pastor Jen join us from Trinity Lutheran in Brewster, this is Jen's 2nd time visiting San Lucas. This trip is self-funded by the participants. Travelers are taking time off of work and paying their own way to take part in this spiritual journey.

What/where is San Lucas Toliman?

SLT is on the shores of a beautiful mountain lake. The Catholic church on its shores was founded in the late 1500's. The corner stone of the sanctuary reads 1584! The geography is amazing and the poverty heartbreaking. Beginning in the 1960's the mission started working towards what today is known as the San Lucas Mission.

What will you be doing?

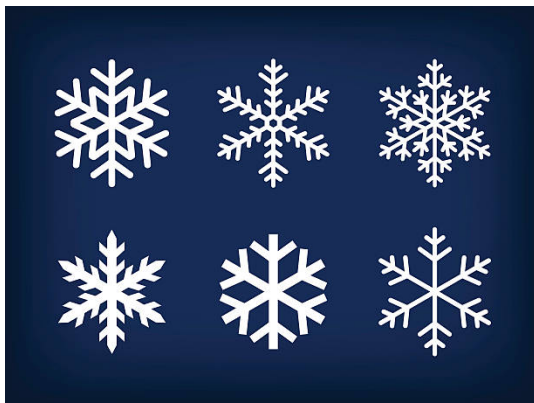
Jobs very daily. Building homes, helping process coffee, planting tree seedlings, and learning about the lives of Guatemalans through immersive programs.

How can I help?

Pray for our group, pray for the individuals by name (Kim, Ron, Gary, Elaine, Jen, Charlie, Lynda, Cindy and Dave.) If you want to send an email prayer while we are there send to me, Pastor Dave at pastordavestandrews@gmail.com, and I will read these to our group during breakfast each day. When we get home, ask about the trip, listen to the stories and be open to what God is doing in and through our church members.

[Click Here for more info on San Lucas Toliman Mission](#)

Celebrations



January Birthdays

1 Chau Vo

3 Brendan Golden

6 Erika Flemmig

7 Mark Dos Santos

8 Jack Hoffman

12 Emily Van Tongeren

12 Rebecca Tally

13 Chris Thomas

13 Meredith Zaeh

14 Jennifer Dary

15 Julia Brisson

16 Diane Peragine

18 Trisha Tally

18 Bryan Poellot

18 Jack Ferone

19 Rita Nehmzow

19 Patrick Lancellotti

19 Samantha Angevine

21 Alyssa Kozloski

23 Brandon Guerra

27 Judy Jakubik

27 Alex Garcia

28 Giancarlo Cuniberti

30 Lorraine Miller

31 Matthew Semenza

January Anniversaries

Linda & Dan Greco 1/9

Give online

Financial

2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES UPDATE

The following year's contribution envelope boxes are usually available for members to pick up in December. But the company that produces our envelopes has told us we could get 2023's envelopes as late as February due to production difficulties. We will let everyone know as soon as we receive them. In the meantime, you can make your 2023 contributions by using (i) a plain envelope with your name, envelope #, date, amount and check/cash indication written on it (ii) a blue pew envelope or (iii) any leftover 2022 envelope you may have; just write the current date on it. If you are using a check, please make sure to write your envelope # on it. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - NOVEMBER

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2019 *</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2021</u>
Contributions	\$ 167,900	\$ 169,800	\$ (1,900)	\$ 185,500
Rental Income	13,300	67,200	(53,900)	28,300
Other Income	15,700	3,400	12,300	14,800
Total Income	196,900	240,400	(43,500)	228,600
Expenses (<i>Budget-\$238,000</i>)	234,600	232,600	2,000	212,700
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (37,700)	\$ 7,800	\$ (45,500)	\$ 15,900

New lease related costs \$ 32,800 (*not included above*)
(fence-9.5, fire alarm-9.0, floor-5.2, couches-4.0, lawyer-2.2, electrical-0.9, other-2.0)

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

Serving our Church

Pastor

Dave Dockweiler

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