

St. Andrew's Message

Worship Learn Serve



Dates to Remember

October 6

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

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

October 9

10:00 a.m. Conference Bible study at St. Andrew's

October 13

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

October 17

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

October 20

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

October 27

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

11:30 a.m. Pumpkin Carving Competition

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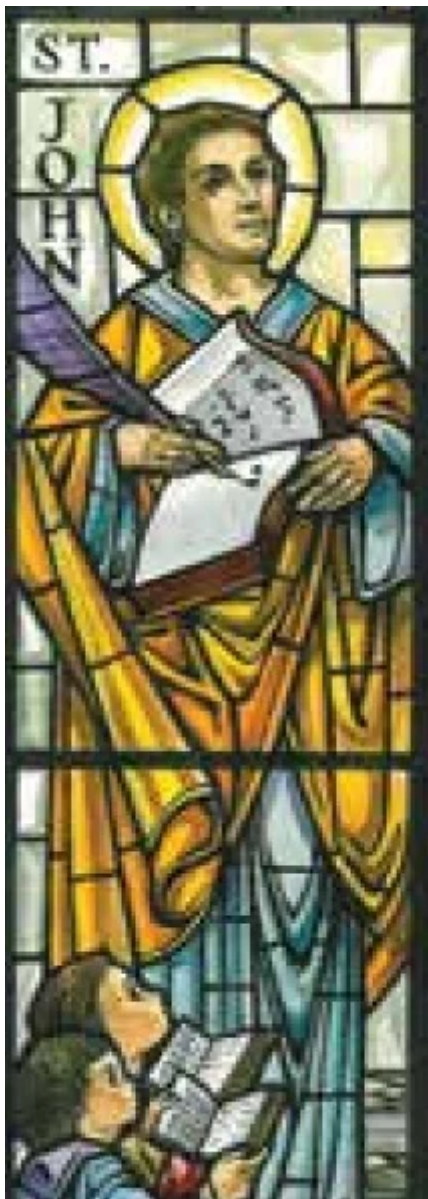
October 2024

Pastor's Message

October 20th we will dedicate the window depicting St. John in loving memory of Henning Haggblom. This window is closest to the choir loft and shows St. John writing. St. John was a prolific writer composing both the Gospel of John and the book of Revelation. John was one of the few "inner circle" disciples, with whom Jesus spent copious amounts of time teaching and demonstrating discipleship. Janet Haggblom has lovingly dedicated this window to her late husband Henning. This generous act of love is greatly appreciated.

Below St. John composing a work are two children with books. St. John was both a learner and a teacher, a perfect reflection of Henning's life. Henning took in all that he could and shared it with others, teaching was his passion. Thank you Janet for seizing this moment to remind us all that we are both learners and teachers, like Henning and St. John.

I have invited everyone to come and watch the "parade of disciples" as the sun rises in the east beaming through our beautiful windows they are reflected on the western wall of the sanctuary. As the sun rises, the disciples move across the pews every morning. Sunday mornings are especially wonderful to be in the sanctuary early as the disciples in the windows are soon replaced by you, the disciples of



today.

From the time of Jesus, through today, God's words, deeds and actions have been noted AND shared. May the life of St. John, Henning and so many others, remind us that the

work of Jesus is far from over. May the life giving wisdom that God has shared with you not only comfort and fill you, but also be transmitted to the world THROUGH you. May God bless us to our tasks as disciples here in Yorktown today! See you and all the other disciples on Sunday, Pastor Dave



Upcoming Photo Directory

It has been a LOOOONG time since our church family made a picture directory. New folks don't know who people are, long term members aren't sure either. We are booking photo shot times now. Pictures will be taken on Nov 11 and 12 from 2-8. Everyone who comes for a picture will receive a free 8x10 AND a printed directory. There is no cost and no obligation to purchase additional photos.

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Council Notes

October 2024

1. We continue actively working to seek another tenant or tenants to lease our space. The potential tenant we discussed with you at our Q&A meeting has decided not to pursue leasing from us at this time. We are currently seeking a commercial real estate agency to assist us. If you are aware of any potential tenants or know a good realtor, please reach out to Sue Epting, David Hamm, or Pastor Dave. And thank you for your patience and support as we move into this next era at St. Andrew's.
2. The Photo Directory Committee worked hard to secure a company to create a picture directory for St. Andrew's. The dates are set for photos to be taken on Monday, Nov. 11th and Tuesday, Nov. 12th. Appointments are scheduled every 10 minutes between 2:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Please see the Weekly Update sent out by Pastor Dave on 9/26/24 for the link to register for your time slot. We will also be available after worship services on the Sundays in October to assist you in making your appointment if you desire. Each individual or family who sits for the photo will receive a free 8 x 10 and a directory. Please contact Carol Holodak, Sue Epting, or



Pastor Dave with any questions. We hope to create a beautiful product to share with everyone!

3. The Landscaping Committee implemented the next phase of the landscaping plan with the installation of two teak benches and bricks at the front entrance to the church. This beautiful patio area is just the beginning of making our campus more welcoming to all! If you are interested in being involved in the project, please consider contributing to the Memorial Fund (using the link in Pastor's 9/26/24 weekly update).
4. Autumn brings the beginning of the Stewardship campaign at St. Andrew's and several members of the church will be sharing how our church plays a role in his/her life. Come and listen as they discuss the rewards of being part of such a wonderful congregation. Stewardship pledge cards will be distributed during the month of November so please prayerfully consider how you can support the church both through volunteering and financially. Thank you for all you do!
5. The annual Pumpkin Carving event is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, 2024 in the early afternoon. Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event and we hope to see many of you getting into the Halloween spirit!

New front patio



Refreshed and Improved front area

Our Memorial Committee has been hard at work. Over the last year this group has realized the need for a campus wide landscaping plan. Phase one of the work involved removing many dead or dying trees, phase two was the replacement of a worn out front patio. Now this area is welcoming to our new visitors,



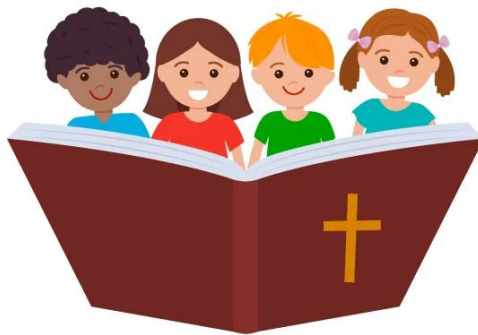
Memorial Bricks

On the new patio you will see some bricks are engraved with Memorial messages. These were made years ago and embedded into the new patio. Soon you will be able to memorialize bricks as well. Our group was so pleased that the legacy created in the past will be central to this space for years to come.

offers a place to relax and will serve as seating for our outdoor worship services. Please help me thank Mike, Connie, David, Sue, Kathy, Tim C, Margaret H, Rita and Linda for their efforts!!

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Sunday School Update



October 2024 Sunday School Update for The Message

The new Sunday School year kicked off on September 8, 2024 with our Rally Day celebration and we are off to a great start! It's wonderful to see so many smiling faces every Sunday and we are thankful to parents/grandparents for bringing our young folks to learn about Jesus and his teachings. Many thanks to all the teachers and helpers who volunteer their time as it is appreciated by all!

Harvest Sunday continues to be held on the first Sunday of each month and we invite all members of the congregation to donate to this effort. St. Mary's Food Pantry is always grateful for the generosity of St. Andrew's members so let's keep helping those less fortunate. Harvest Sundays will launch on Sunday, October 6th so let's try to fill up the pantry closet!

The annual Bible and Catechism dedication will take place on Sunday, October 20th at the beginning of the 10 a.m. worship service. Children in third grade will receive their Bibles and children in first grade will receive their Catechisms. These important books lay the groundwork for Christian education and are used throughout Sunday School and Confirmation classes. Please attend worship that day to celebrate with the kids.

Autumn just started but it's already time to look ahead to the annual Sunday School Christmas pageant. We will be choosing a pageant and beginning rehearsals in mid-November so stay tuned for more information and please let me know if you would like to volunteer to help.

If you have not yet done so, please complete the Contact Info form and return to me via e-mail at epting.susan@gmail.com or drop it off in the office when you attend church. And please let me know if you are aware of any children who might want to enroll (ages 3 years through 6th grade).

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with Sunday School so please reach out to me via e-mail or cell phone at [914-715-9546](tel:914-715-9546). You will get back so much more than you put into this important ministry!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

Serve



New Council Member

Ashley Hedtke

I grew up in Yorktown and now, together with my husband Garrett, we're raising two fun and energetic boys—Declan (9) and Colton (7). We love spending time outdoors, hiking, biking, playing with our pup, and enjoy catching live concerts whenever we can. I'm also a big reader and love getting lost in a good book. On the professional side, I've owned Celtic Aer in Shrub Oak for 14 years (and counting!), where I bring a bit of Ireland and the Celtic Isles to our community. I also volunteer as a board trustee for the Hudson Valley Irish Fest and Center, as well as treasurer for our local Gaelic Football Club, WestPut Setanta. I'm grateful and excited to be a member of St. Andrew's, and hope to make myself helpful and supportive as a new member of the church council.

4th Annual pumpkin Carving Competition Oct 27

It's coming back again! We will be hosting our pumpkin carving competition this year on Sunday Oct 27 after church. This has been a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to our church. WE will have lots of details coming out in the next few weeks but mark your calendar for this fun, family event.



Financial

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST

| | 2024 | 2023 | Difference |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Contributions | \$ 138,100 | \$ 115,800 | \$ 22,300 |
| Rental Income | 27,300 | 28,800 | (1,500) |
| Other Income | 10,200 | 7,500 | 2,700 |
| Total Income | 175,600 | 152,100 | 23,500 |
| Expenses (<i>Budget-\$195,000</i>) | 188,500 | 178,100 | 10,400 |
| Deficit | \$ (12,900) | \$ (26,000) | \$ 13,100 |

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