

St. Andrew's Message

Worship Learn Serve



Dates to Remember

November 3

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

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

All Saints Day

November 6

6:30 p.m. Life Commission

November 10

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

November 11/12

Photo directory pictures

November 14

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

November 17

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

November 24

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Adult Education

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom
4:00 p.m. InterFaith Thanksgiving Service
Presbyterian Church

November 28

Thanksgiving

WORSHIP



November 2024

The Pastor's Rambling Pen

The Marching Disciples and new stuff,

I fear that I bore you with regular references to something that happens every day in our sanctuary, sorry if I do, but here it comes one more time. Every day as the sun rises in the east and blasts through our stained-glass windows, the disciples

are projected onto the west wall. As the sun rises, the disciples begin their run, down the walls, across the pews. This is the cool part, as they are on their journey, ya'll show up. You come in and take your seats, maybe the pew you have occupied for a lifetime, and the disciples transform from a projected image into a real person, into you. I love getting to watch God work through you, it's the coolest thing about my job as your pastor. You worship and make your leave. Our new patio was dreamed up as a continuation of that weekly journey. That's why the benches face outward. The disciples may need a place to consider where they are being called, hint hint, it ain't backwards. The mission field is forward friends, always has been.

I hope you find our new patio a refreshing place to consider your life, a place to wonder about what God is inviting you to become. We still don't have a name for this thing. So now that you know the idea, what are your thoughts. The Memorial Committee and our church council invite you to submit your ideas, (Please God no BoatyMcBoatFace Amen (Google if you don't get the reference)). I'm very interested to see what you come up with!

In other news, you will see a "For Rent" sign up in the yard. Our church council, has considered the ideas you shared at our congregational discussion regarding the loss of our tenant. We worked through logistics, income potential and our sense of God's call towards our congregation at this time considering a thrift store, food pantry or different sorts of tenants that would be mutually beneficial. It was clear to our leadership that a rent paying tenant, (day care or preschool ideally) is our best option by far. So, we are pursuing this by listing the space. Maybe you know of a business that would gel if our congregation, please let us know.

The church is once again in a time of reformation. Figuring our way forward with the full confidence that God is with us every (scary/annoying/uncomfortable) step of the way.

Another amazing thing I get to see as your pastor, is that through these trying times, I get to see God placing the best people in the right positions. Our president and former presidents, treasurer and so many council and committee people, our staff, doing their individual bests and responding to God's call, come together and make this congregation strong. May I be forever grateful!

See you 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.

[Click Here for photo sign up](#)

Council Notes

November 2024

Photo Directory – It's time to put on your Sunday best and fix your hair to get ready for the St. Andrew's Church Photo Directory! All time slots on Monday, Nov. 11th are filled but there are plenty

remaining for Tuesday, Nov. 12th. If you are unavailable on one of those days, we hope you will submit a photo of your own. E-mail it to the church at

standrewsnewyork@gmail.com along with \$20 which can be paid online, mailed or brought to the church. This fee is required by the company for anyone submitting a digital photo and it will get you a copy of the church directory.



Ted Bohlk has graciously agreed to take the group photos on Sunday, Nov. 10th immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. In addition to taking photos of groups such as Church Council, ushers, lectors, communion assistants, counters, acolytes, choir, Altar Guild, Sunday School, AV team, etc., we will also be taking a photo of the entire

congregation to be used on the cover of the directory. We want EVERYONE to be in the photos so please try to attend that day!

Stewardship Campaign – It's that time of year when we all need to examine our finances and that includes the church. Over the next several weeks, you will be hearing short addresses from several members of the congregation as they talk about faith and what St. Andrew's has meant to the lives of them and their families. Obviously St. Andrew's is going through some difficult times financially and we ask that you consider increasing your giving but we also would like you to prayerfully think about how you can volunteer to help fulfill the mission of St. Andrew's. As we become more involved in the life of the church, our investment in its success grows, and along with that comes the realization that perhaps we can a little bit more financially. Please remember that giving one's time is equally important as giving financially. We need you!

Lease-related matters – The Church Council unanimously voted to sign a listing agreement with Coldwell Banker Realty to lease the space in the church as well as the Chapel House. These are two separate listing agreements so a potential tenant can lease one or both areas based on their needs. Susan Epting and David Hamm signed the documents in late October, and we will keep the congregation apprised of any updates.

Pumpkin Bash



**We had a great time at our
5th Annual Pumpkin
Carving Contest!**



The weather was perfect!

With nearly 50 entries, members of the church welcomed all sorts of friends from the Yorktown community. Several families with young kids who were "friends of friends" participated along with members of our church young and old joined together to compete. Our judges represented art teachers and day care owners from the town each

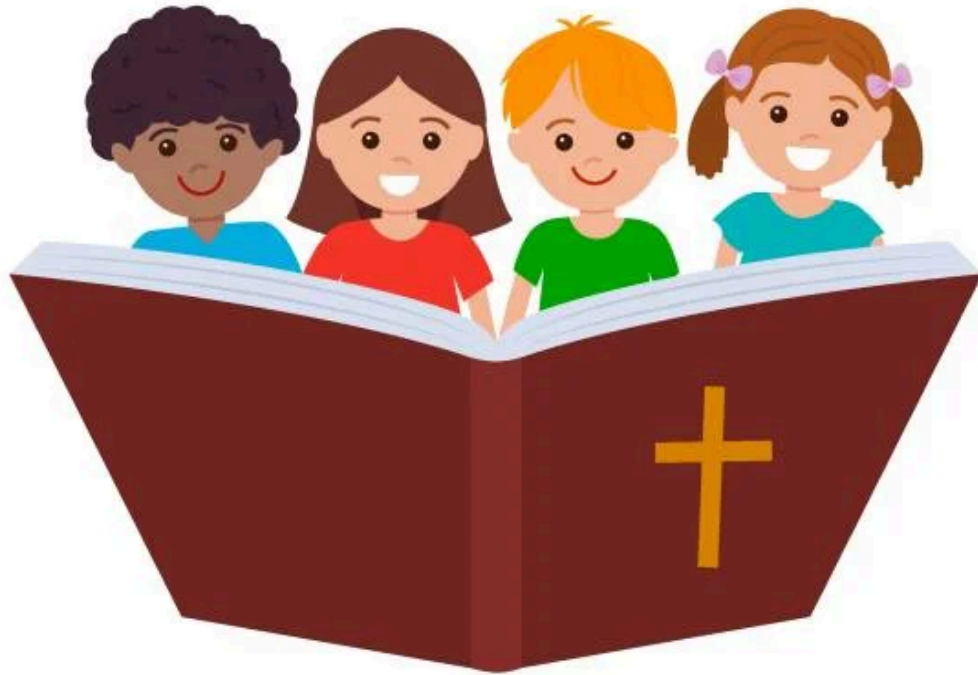
bringing their own people. It was good fun, thank you to everyone who participated. And a special thank you, to the individual who donated specifically towards this event which allowed for the cash prizes! This event is becoming a town regular!





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Sunday School Update



Sunday School Update for the November 2024 Message

Sunday School is going well and the children enjoy hearing a brief children's sermon by Pastor Dave before heading off to their individual classrooms where our wonderful teaching staff continue to share their faith with the children. Again, thanks to all of the teachers and helpers who are volunteering their time. Your dedication is much appreciated!

On October 20th, 5 third graders received their Bibles and 5 first graders received their Catechisms. Please help your child to use these important books as they continue to learn about the teachings of Jesus in Sunday School.

Harvest Sunday has resumed on the first Sunday of each month and we ask the rest of the congregation to share their non-perishable food to help those less fortunate than us. The Sunday School students challenge those worshiping on each Harvest Sunday to a competition to see who can donate the biggest pile of food! Let the games begin!

Thanksgiving is fast approaching so that means Advent is right around the corner. The children will be treated to a special Advent lesson on November 10th by Cyndi Clark after which they will receive this year's take-home Advent activity.

November also means the annual Christmas pageant is on the near horizon. It will take place during the 10 AM service on December 15th. We will begin rehearsing songs in mid-November so please try to have your children attend Sunday School. Also, please let me know by November 17th as to whether your child wants a speaking part. The older children get first dibs at the speaking parts but everyone in Sunday School is welcome and encouraged to participate in some role in the pageant.

Please let me know if you are available to help with the pageant. We are very grateful for whatever time you can give. Let's make this a great pageant full of joy and excitement as we anticipate the birth of Jesus!

We welcome your questions, suggestions, and concerns so please reach out to me at [914-715-9546](tel:914-715-9546) or via e-mail. And we are always eager for even more teachers and helpers to join us in sharing our faith with the children. It is so rewarding and you always get back more than you give.

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing all the children each week in Sunday School!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

Serve



Tis the season of Giving and Food Drives

Our church is gathering Turkeys for St. Mary's Food pantry as we have in years past. If you are able to donate a bird or funds towards this drive it would be appreciated. Right, around the corner we look forward to our Holiday Angels Giving tree (which you have knocked out of the park in years past). Thank you for everything you do to make the world a better place for others!

Financial

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - SEPTEMBER

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 151,800	\$ 128,400	\$ 23,400
Rental Income	27,300	32,600	(5,300)
Other Income	13,800	8,500	5,300
Total Income	192,900	169,500	23,400
Expenses (<i>Budget-\$215,000</i>)	207,600	199,500	8,100
Deficit	\$ (14,700)	\$ (30,000)	\$ 15,300

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