

St. Andrew's Message

Worship Learn Serve



Dates to Remember

April 2

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. Lent Service

April 6

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

April 7

6:30 p.m. Life Commissions

April 9

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Service

April 12

9:00 a.m. Church Clean Up Day

April 13

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Sailboat Church Book

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

11:15a.m. First Communion Education

April 17 Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

April 18 Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Worship Service

April 20 Easter Sunday

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

April 24

7:00 p.m. Church Council

April 26

9:00 a.m. Produce Sale

2:00 p.m. Bingo Party

April 27

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

WORSHIP



April 2025

The Pastor's Pen

Over the past few weeks our church has been reading through Joan Gray's book, "Sailboat Church; Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Practice." Gray has asked us if we are straining at the oars of life, rowing our church in the direction we want to go or if we are reading the wind, raising the sails and allowing the

Holy Spirit to blow our church where God wants it to go. Needless to say, it's been an interesting discussion. She summarizes, "Without the Spirit moving and acting in power, the church devolves from the living body of Christ into a well-intentioned but generally impotent religious organization" (pg. 19).

One whisp of wind we have caught is the reality that here in Yorktown many face significant food shortages. Inspired to help, we have been collecting cereal and canned fruit/veg for the last few weeks. The outpouring has been incredible! Our shopping cart (collection point) has been overflowing. Our friends at the Presbyterian Church food pantry have not only appreciated our donations but also welcomed our help. If you would like to volunteer they have spots available April 12 of 26 [Sign Up link](#). We will continue to deepen our connections to the Food Pantry at the Presbyterian Church with whom we have so many ties. Simply put, we found a need and a calling. Inspired by the many stories of

Jesus feeding people and breaking bread with others, we realized we have food to spare. Let us compassionately offer it to those in need.

We are going to continue the discussion material for the next few weeks, you should come. This book has inspired so many prayers for me. I can honestly say that in the last few weeks my prayer life has taken off in ways I never expected. I invite you to regularly get in touch with God. There are many helps, in the back of Sailboat Church, Gray offers 40 days of guided prayer and reflection questions. Give regular prayer a chance it has been so helpful for me. There are lots of daily prayer tools, use them.

Friends we are living through some dynamic times. With so much uncertainty in our lives we desperately need the anchor of faith holding us fast to Christ. Unlike a marine anchor whose one job is to NOT move, Christ comes to us. With the wind of the Holy Spirit in our sails we will partner with God to take this church to the shores of God's calling, doing what God asks of us along the way. Recognizing that we are the crew and God is the captain. Let us continue the most important sail of our lives!

See you on Sunday, Pastor Dave

Council Notes

April 2025

Lenten Soup Suppers – The second Lenten soup supper will take place on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy soup, bread, dessert, and fellowship prior to the 7 p.m. Lenten worship service.

Jan Peek Dinners – St. Andrew's continues to provide dinner for the Jan Peek Homeless Shelter residents in Peekskill on the third Friday of every month. If you are interested in contributing an entrée, side dish, or dessert, please contact Kathy DeMaio at awesomenana611@gmail.com.

Bible Study – During the season of Lent, Pastor Dave's Bible study has been focusing on the book, "Sailboat Church." Attendance has been sound, and good discussions have taken place so please join the group on Sundays at 9 a.m. between the two worship services. All are welcome!

Church Photo Directory – The new photo directory has been a huge success and a directory has been distributed to all those who either sat for a photo or submitted one. If you would like an additional directory or did not receive one, please contact Sue Epting. The cost is \$20 per directory.

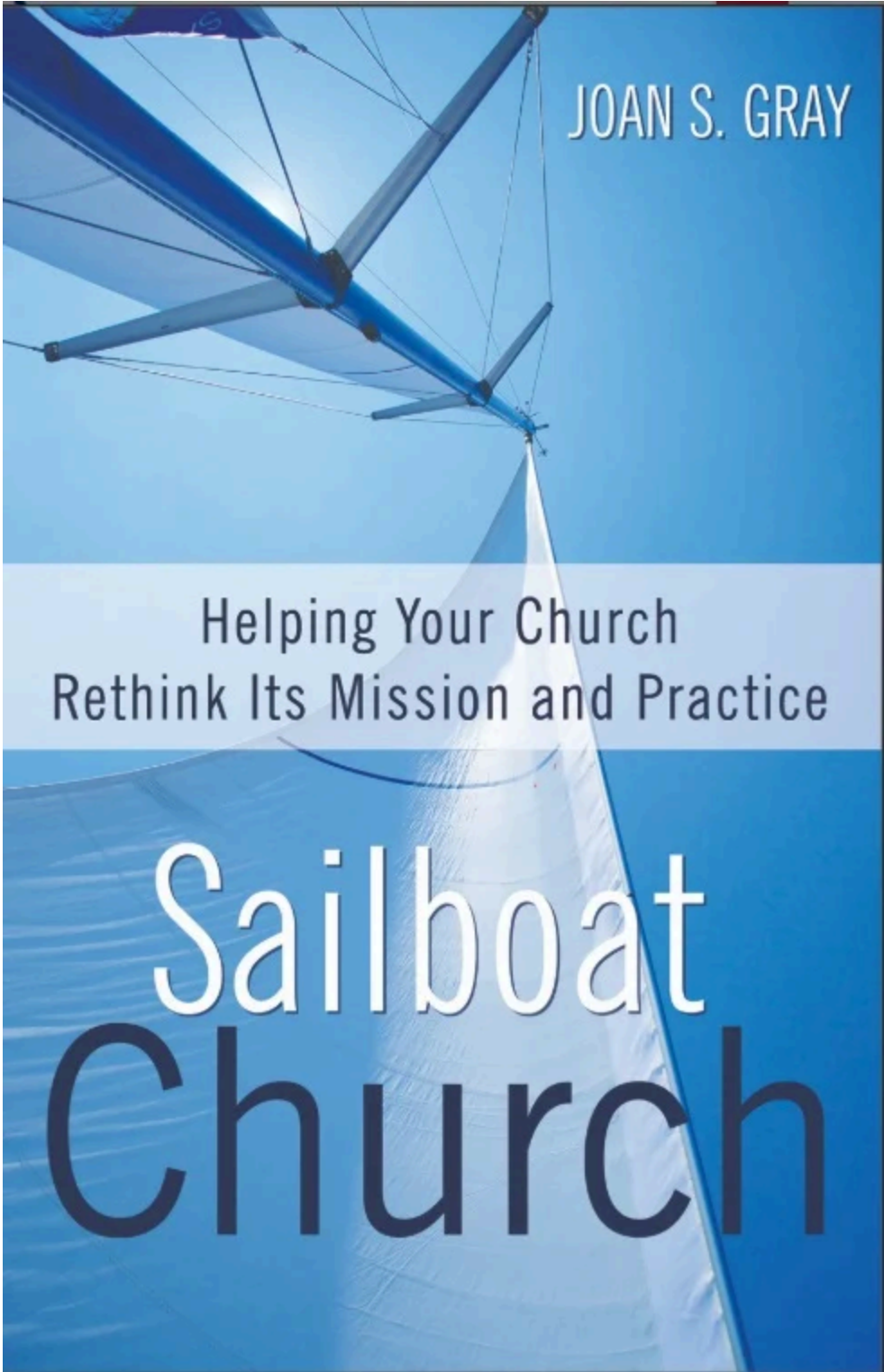
Upcoming Events in April – More information will be forthcoming

- Sunday, 4/6/25 – St. Andrew's Easter Egg Hunt
- Saturday, 4/12/25 – Spring Clean-up at the church
- Saturday, 4/26/25 – Battle of Yorktown Clean-up
- Saturday 4/26/25 – Produce Sale
- Saturday, 4/26/25 – Bingo Party



- Sunday, 4/27/25 – First Communion for Third Graders

Opportunity Ahead!



JOAN S. GRAY

Helping Your Church
Rethink Its Mission and Practice

Sailboat Church

Come be part of this study. We will gather between services at 9am beginning on March 9.
Let me, Pastor Dave, know if you need a copy of the book, it costs \$13 on Amazon or I
can get a bunch of copies for the group.

LEARN

April 2025

Sunday School Update



Spring has arrived and Sunday School continues to be in full swing as the school year begins to wind down in the next few months. We are so happy to see all of the bright and shining faces of our young children each week as they are the future of St. Andrew's!

Your child should have received his/her Lenten box by now and we would like to collect them by Sunday, May 4th. The children will then decide to whom they would like to donate

the money. For the past several years, we have bought animals through the ELCA catalog.

Harvest Sunday will next take place on April 6th and we hope the entire congregation as well as the Sunday School students will help to fill the shelves at St. Mary's Food Pantry with your donations.

The St. Andrew's annual Easter Egg Hunt will also be held on Sunday, April 6th so we hope to see many of the children eager to fill their baskets.

April 13th brings Palm Sunday and the children will all receive an age-appropriate craft to work on that day.

Sunday School will not be in session on Easter, April 20th, so please attend worship as a family.

Classes will resume on April 27th at which time the 3rd graders will be receiving First Holy Communion during the 10 a.m. worship service. Pastor Dave will be conducting a class for the First Communion children on Sunday, April 13th immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service.

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!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

Clothing Bin Contributions



Our yearly stats just came in...and it's great news!

Last year we collected 32,834 pounds of clothes

Enough to clothe 6,048

Earning St. Andrew's \$2,627

Brick Sponsors

Many thanks to everyone on the Memorial Committee. This group of dedicated people help ensure the financial wellbeing of our church years into the future. Through their efforts we have been improving our church grounds with tree work, landscaping and a new front patio with benches offering a space to reflect and pray.

You have an opportunity throughout this month to sponsor a brick and engrave with a memorial, an honor or a blessing.

More info is available in the Gathering Space each Sunday during March. You will hear more about this in direct emails and announcements on Sunday. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.

[Click Here to begin you brick order!](#)

Financial

Capital Preservation Policy

We can't thank the congregation of St. Andrew's enough for their show of support and love of our church through their more than generous giving over the years. We have more money now than we've had in decades and the Council will continue to make every effort to be good stewards.

The Council amended the Capital Preservation Policy (the "CPP") at its February 2025 regular meeting. The CPP was adopted in 2018 to ensure St. Andrew's would have enough funds for its future financial needs.

At the time of the CPP's adoption in 2018, the only source of funds St. Andrew's had was the Memorial Fund (the "MF") which was in danger of being depleted. The amount of money available in the MF had decreased from \$135,000 in 2013 to \$77,000 at the end of 2017. The CPP established a Capital Expenditures Fund (the "CEF") to be used as the primary source of funds for capital expenditures instead of the MF to preserve the MF. Since the MF was our only source of funds at the time and since it was being used up, Council tasked the Memorial Committee with carrying out the CPP.

Let's fast forward 7 years to today. (i) The amount of money available in the MF has increased by more than \$60,000. (ii) The CEF, after funding several projects, has over \$35,000. (iii) We now have excess operating funds of more than \$50,000 as opposed to being in debt \$23,000 to the MF in 2018.

The CPP needed to be amended to reflect the above. We made two significant changes. (i) Council now needs to carry out the policy because we now have three sources of funds and the MF is no longer in danger of being used up. The Council thanks the Memorial Committee for its efforts. (ii) A section needed to be added to address the retention and use of our excess operating funds. Feel free to contact the church office if you wish to read the amended policy.

We still need to continue our efforts in building our capital. We are likely to face the need to fund several large capital projects in the not-too-distant future. We have a lot of property and three buildings with aging infrastructure.

Yours in Christ,
Church Council

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - FEBRUARY

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contributions	\$ 41,900	\$ 32,400	\$ 9,500
Rental Income	11,200	7,800	3,400
Other Income	1,800	1,500	300
Total Income	54,900	41,700	13,200
Expenses (<i>Budget-\$52,000</i>)	52,100	52,000	100
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 2,800	\$ (10,300)	\$ 13,100

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