

St. Andrew's Message

Worship Learn Serve



Dates to Remember

May 2-3

Synod Assembly

May 4

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

May 7

6:30 p.m. Worship and Music

7:30 p.m. Life Commission

May 11

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

May 14

7:00 p.m. Memorial Committee

May 15

7:00 p.m. Council

May 18

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

May 25

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Zoom

June 1 Mark you calendar

Semi Annual Congregational Meeting

WORSHIP



May 2025

The Pastor's Pen

How is your "one minute" challenge going?

I gave you all a challenge last week. Spend one minute of your day doing something kind for another, something you don't have to do, something beyond being polite. The idea was to spend one minute,

60 seconds sharing kindness with others. Lately when I've been driving, I have been looking for cars that need to be let in or pedestrians waiting for an opening. These acts cost me nothing but a few seconds. Consider the impact if we all started spending one minute making the world better for other people. The minutes add up to hours and days of Christians loving others. Put another way, these moments add up to people being loved by Christians. I like to think of it that way, I *get* to be the guy who can make someone's day better, how cool is that?

In addition to making our world a kinder and more loving place, I have noticed a difference in me. Now I'm looking for ways to be helpful. Now when I start my day I wonder, what will I encounter today where I can make a difference, even if so small that it only takes one minute to do it. Friends, I can't tell you how much my worldview has changed. I have been praying more, listening more, reading more as I intentionally think about how I spend my time.

Try it. Today, give away one minute. I know you're busy, I know you're tired, maybe you're broke. It's only one minute, and you can split it up as needed. Someone out there needs it, someone out there needs a reason to think "not everyone is a jerk." You get to be that person, and I can't wait to hear about it and thank God for it. We all have work to do, so let's get on with it.

See you Sunday, Pastor Dave

Council Notes

May 2025

- **Summer Services Schedule –** Beginning on 6/29/25, there will be only one worship service starting at 9 a.m. Weather permitting, outdoor services will be held once per month on June 29, July 27, and August 24. If the weather is inclement, the service will be indoors and will not be rescheduled outdoors.
- **Rally Day –** Rally Day with the return of Sunday School will take place on September 14, 2025. A family picnic following the outdoor 10 a.m. service is in the early planning stages. More information will be coming during the summer.
- **Elections for Church Council and Nominating Committee –** The Nominating Committee is beginning their work to find individuals to fill 2 open positions on the Church Council for the next 2 years and 6 members for next year's Nominating Committee. We hope you will prayerfully consider volunteering for one of these positions. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sue Epting who will then refer you to a member of the current Nominating Committee.
- **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting –** There will be a meeting on Sunday, June 1, 2025 immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. Members of the Church Council and Nominating Committee will be on the agenda along with several other items. More information will follow. We hope to see full pews so that we can have robust discussions and decision-making.
- **Painting of front of church and repair of front doors –** The Council is in the process of getting bids to repair and paint the front of the church and for repair of the front doors.
- **Produce Sale –** Thank you to all who helped with set-up, selling, and tear-down of the Produce Sale on April 26th and 27th. And many thanks to everyone to purchased produce as we netted about \$2800. Special thanks to Tim Gagliano who once again donated the produce for the sale – we are deeply appreciative of your generosity, Tim!



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Sunday School Update



May 2025 Sunday School Update for The Message

Happy Mother's Day to all the women who are mothers, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, and anyone else who plays such an important role in the lives of our children!

Harvest Sunday will next take place on May 3rd, and we hope the entire congregation as well as the Sunday School students will help to contribute to this worthy effort. Let's see who can bring in the most food to share with those less fortunate – Sunday School students or adult members of the congregation!

Now that spring sports have begun, we understand that many children are involved in various activities, but we hope that you will bring them to Sunday School whenever possible.

As is the annual custom, the children will be planting flowers for significant women in their lives on Mother's Day, May 11th so we hope to see everyone at Sunday School that day.

Sunday School will not be in session on Sunday, May 25th but please attend church as a family.

The annual Sunday School Awards will be held on June 22nd at which time those eligible will receive his/her attendance award pin and certificate. Popsicles will be enjoyed by all following the service.

If you have a child who will be 3 years old in September, please contact me so we can enroll him/her in Sunday School for next year.

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.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. Our Brick Drive was a great success. 52 bricks are being made and plans are coming together for a dedication service on May 25.

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

Financial

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - MARCH

	2025	2024	Difference
Contributions	\$ 59,500	\$ 52,700	\$ 6,800
Rental Income	16,800	11,600	5,200
Other Income	2,300	2,500	(200)
Total Income	78,600	66,800	11,800
Expenses (<i>Budget-\$79,000</i>)	81,700	77,900	3,800
Deficit	\$ (3,100)	\$ (11,100)	\$ 8,000

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