

St. Andrew's Message

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Dates to Remember

Jan 4

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

Jan 6

11:00 McVetty Funeral

Jan 7

6:30 p.m. Life Commissions

Jan 11

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

Jan 15

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Jan 18

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

Jan 25

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

Jan 31

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

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January 2026

The Pastor's Pen

Ever hear or say the phrase, "I have an epiphany"? "Epiphany" not a common word for many people. The word means to have a realization, or an illuminating discovery. We are about to enter the season of Epiphany in the church. Epiphany bridges Christmas with Lent. It is a season of

growth now that we have received the presence of God through Jesus at Christmas. Now we dwell in that space, knowing that God is here while we try to understand what it means in our lives.

As a church we had an amazing Christmas season. The kids' pageant was AWESOME, a snow storm can't stop our kids from telling the story. Christmas Eve saw great attendance at both services. I look forward to dwelling on the presence of God for the coming season of my life.

My world has been shaken by the passing of my earthly father, now more than ever I will need to keep my focus on our Heavenly Father. Thank you for all the ways that you have supported me and my family through this challenging time. I've had to fly home several times over the last 6 months, been distracted and felt overwhelmed-throughout all of it, I have known your love for me and my family. Thank you for being such an amazing church.

I pray an insightful epiphany for you. As we seek out the ways in which God's light comes into our midst, don't forget that you just might be carrying that light for the people in your lives. God bless you people of St. Andrew's! God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Dave

January 2026

Council Notes

Boiler Issues – Eight companies have assessed the failing boiler in the church

and after discussion at the Council level and with several members of the congregation, we have narrowed it down to three. The next step is to get references after which the Congregation Council will make the final decision and vote to approve entering a contract. We will keep you updated in early January as to the progress. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Epting or David Hamm.



Christmas Brunch – Following the annual Children's Christmas Pageant on December 14, 2025, a delicious brunch was held with the birthday party for Jesus capping off the celebration! The attendees enjoyed good food and fellowship as we kicked off the Christmas season. We owe special thanks to the Life Commission (especially Kristi Tudor) for organizing and hosting the brunch, to Kristi, Mike Epting, and Cheryl Badalamenti for set-up, to all the people who helped with cleanup, and to Rita Nehmzow for providing the birthday cake! Many hands make light work so all are much appreciated!

Landscaping Update – The landscaping of the main building's back yard is completed. We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the generous donors and to everyone who helped to make this project possible. For the present time, we will be taking a pause on additional landscaping projects to focus on other priorities.

70th Anniversary of St. Andrew's – We will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of St. Andrew's on April 19, 2026. Bishop Katrina Foster will worship with us and the event will be celebrated with a brunch. Please contact Sue Epting (914-715-9546) if you are interested in serving on the planning committee.

Tenant Update – Our tenant, Exploratory Play Center of Yorktown (EPCY) is currently taking a pause from operating in the church's space to reorganize the business, so it is pretty quiet around St. Andrew's during the week. You are welcome to stop by anytime. We will keep you updated on the situation with the tenant as we learn more.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting – The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2026 immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service. More information will follow later in January.

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Sunday School Update

As we look back on the successes of 2025 with gratitude, we eagerly anticipate all the activities that 2026 will bring to our Sunday School at St. Andrew's! We hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we hope to see everyone as we resume classes on Sunday, January 4th with Harvest Sunday.

On December 14th the children presented the annual pageant entitled "Sing a Song of Christmas." Almost all the children were able to make it through the snowstorm, and they all did a wonderful job. The audience truly enjoyed their

performance and got a lot of laughs when Mary & Joseph put Jesus in the manger and took off out the side door of the sanctuary and the sheep danced and rolled around on the steps leading to the altar! These kids are adorable and really bring the magic of Christmas to us all! We wish to thank Margy Tillstrand for her musical accompaniment and Pastor Dave for all his work, especially the AV assistance and his ongoing support of the Sunday School program. Thank you to all the teachers, helpers, and others who helped to make the pageant a success. And many thanks to all 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 2026!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

Financial

YEAR-TO-DATE FINANCIAL SUMMARY - NOVEMBER

	2025	2024	Difference
Contributions	\$ 187,900	\$ 186,500	\$ 1,400
Rental Income	66,200	27,300	38,900
Other Income	16,700	18,900	(2,200)
Total Income	270,800	232,700	38,100
Expenses (<i>Budget-\$265,000</i>)	267,500	246,700	20,800
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 3,300	\$ (14,000)	\$ 17,300

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