

St. Andrew's Message

Worship Learn Serve



Dates to Remember

March 1

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

March 4

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

March 8

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

March 10

6:30 p.m. Life Commission

March 15

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

March 18

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

March 19

7:00 p.m. Church Council

March 21

4:00 p.m. Bingo!

March 22

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

March 25

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

March 29

8:00 a.m. Worship Service Live

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

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

WORSHIP



March 2026

The Pastor's Pen

Hello dear friends, We are in the middle of Lent. The season of preparing for the resurrected Christ at Easter. His glorious departure from the tomb, his victory of life over death and we will celebrate. But first, we are welcomed into the journey that put

him in the tomb. For me, Lent is about being real with the realities around us and Lent can give you whiplash. Over the next few weeks we will hear the voice of the crowds praising Jesus as the “blessed one” and “Hosanna,” they quickly change their tone yelling “Crucify Him.” Lent/Easter can make your head spin, but I think that’s the point.

Throughout all the shifting responses to Jesus, Jesus’ response is the same. Love, compassion, empathy-that’s the good news for us. Jesus forgave the guys pounding nails into his wrists, he took care of the soldier injured during his capture, he even offered paradise to the criminal hanging next to him. Our Lord

cares for others even when they don't care for him. It's a powerful lesson for us to consider.

Personally, I find it much easier to be compassionate to those that show me the same, and kind to those who do likewise. This is where Jesus' divinity and our humanity come into conflict. I know I'll never be as loving as Jesus, or kind or welcoming. I try, but I am way too sensitive to my failures to even get close to what Jesus can do. This is when being real with ourselves becomes important. We need to acknowledge that we fail. We fail to follow in the ways of Jesus, we fail to reach out, lift up and offer support when others are in need. AND we need to be real with how Jesus responds to the failures of others. He offers compassion, empathy and forgiveness.

It's the most important message we have heard, Jesus loves you. Jesus forgives you, Jesus welcomes you. Doesn't matter if we have been good disciples or less. In the end, it isn't about us. This is the story of God, saving God's people. See you on Sunday, Pastor Dave

March 2026

Council Notes

Boiler – The two circulating pumps have been installed and St. Andrew's is now warm again during this arctic winter weather! Thanks to all who helped with this project over the past several months.

Tenant Update – Our tenant, Exploratory Play Center of Yorktown (EPCY) has applied for a license to operate as a daycare center and is awaiting the decision by the Office of Child & Family Services. This process may take some time and the owner is hoping to be ready to resume operation at St. Andrew's by September if the license is granted. We are in close contact with the tenant and will keep you updated on the situation with the tenant as we learn more.

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.

Attendance and Contributions – Due to the frigid winter weather we have experienced so far in 2026, attendance has been lower and subsequently contributions are decreased. The multiple snowstorms have greatly increased our snow removal costs, exceeding the amount budgeted. We appreciate your continuous generosity in helping St. Andrew's to meet our financial obligations.



Altar Flower Sponsorship – Upon review of the sponsorship and payment for altar flowers, the Council approved increasing the cost to sponsor the weekly flowers to \$50.00. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please sign up on the clipboard in the office. We all enjoy the beautiful bouquets and appreciate your willingness to decorate the altar. The payment can be made via check or cash placed in the offering plate or via online giving – please designate it as “flowers.”

Bingo Party – Building upon the success of the November Bingo event, we are holding another “Family Bingo Party” on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$20 per adult and children are free. Pizza will be served and the winners will receive prizes. Come join us and have a fun time!

Illness/Hospitalization/Grieving – If you are ill, hospitalized, having surgery, or grieving the loss of a loved one, please notify the office so that we can reach out to provide comfort during your time of need. The office phone number is: 914-962-9564.

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March 2026

Sunday School Update

Sunday School continues to go well with all the children enjoying Pastor Dave's weekly children's sermon followed by fun classes led by their teachers. Thanks to all for sharing your valuable time with the children each week!

The season of Lent kicked off on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and the children received their Lenten boxes. Please save your loose change so that we can fill those boxes and the kids will then choose where to donate the money again this year. For the past several years we have purchased animals, mosquito nets, and water through the ELCA catalog and the kids really enjoyed that!

Harvest Sunday will next take place on March 1st 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.

Please remember to set your clocks ahead before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th or you will be an hour late for worship and Sunday School! You don't want to miss all the excitement!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, March 29 2026 (Palm Sunday) immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service so we hope to see many children attending Sunday School that day and participating in this fun annual event! There will be Sunday School on Palm Sunday but not on Easter Sunday. We will do a special craft and the children will receive their palms.

Spring not only brings the flowers and warmer weather but many sports programs kick off. We understand that many children are involved in various sports, but we hope that they will attend Sunday School when possible.

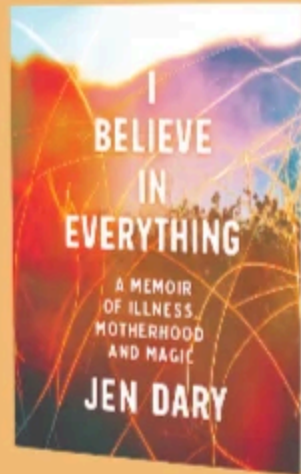
As always, we welcome anyone who would like to teach or help with Sunday School, do a special lesson or craft with the children, or assist in any way. Please reach out to me with any questions at epting.susan@gmail.com or via cell at 914-715-9546.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Sunday School each week!

God Bless,

Sue Epting, Sunday School Coordinator

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY -

JANUARY

	2026	2025	Difference
Contributions	\$ 20,200	\$ 29,900	\$ (9,700)
Rental Income	-	5,600	(5,600)
Other Income	1,000	800	200
Total Income	21,200	36,300	(15,100)
Expenses (<i>Budget-\$34,000</i>)	35,000	26,700	8,300
(Deficit)/Surplus	\$ (13,800)	\$ 9,600	\$ (23,400)

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