

CROSSCURRENTS

CURRENT NEWS AND THOUGHT FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

October 2025

*Autumn
is a second spring
when every leaf
is a flower*

Albert Camus

Don't Let The News Consume You

Something I hear frequently - and by that, I mean almost daily - is that many people feel overwhelmed by everything that is going on in our nation and in the world. In particular, many people are feeling overwhelmed by the seemingly intractable polarization in national politics, and the vitriolic rhetoric that accompanies it. The manifestations of this feeling of overwhelm are many; anger and rage, anxiety, depression, hopelessness, fear, and temptation toward despair. Sometimes it seems to be a struggle just to get through the day with all the news coming at us, let alone the worry of what might be coming tomorrow. And all this is in addition to the “normal” worries we all carry about health, family, friends, and various life situations that impact us personally. It’s easy to feel like we are on a hamster wheel that someone is constantly shifting into a higher gear. It’s hard to keep up.



We live in an information-saturated world. The amount of information available to us or coming at us keeps growing exponentially, and shows no signs of slowing down. The problem is that this information saturation has outstripped our human capacity to absorb it, both in terms of amount and speed. We simply can’t adapt or evolve fast enough. Is there anything we can do? Or is it inevitable that we either give in to despair, or burn out trying to keep up?

Thankfully, I think we have other options. We have agency. We don’t have to allow ourselves to be victimized and traumatized by the 24-hour news cycle. We have choice.

I think the key is to admit to ourselves that there really is no such thing as “keeping up.” There is just too much. But that doesn’t mean we need to stick our heads in the sand, either. We can instead practice establishing boundaries around our news consumption - when, what, and how much.

I wanted to share some insights from a very helpful article I received from SamaraCare Counseling, written by one of their counselors. She refers to setting these boundaries as “Mindful News Consumption,” and offers the following definition of mindfulness: “Paying attention to what is going on inside you and around you in the present moment.” She goes on to offer the following strategies for mindful news consumption:*

1. **Check in with yourself first.** This allows us to see if we have the capacity to take in new information at the present time. It's OK to say, "Not right now." You can wait until you are in a better space - the news will still be there.
2. **Pick one or two topics you are passionate about.** We can't keep up with everything - it's impossible. So limit your focus to things that especially align with your values.
3. **Set time boundaries.** Instead of allowing yourself to "doom-scroll" endless news feeds (or watch an excessive amount of cable news programs), allow yourself a brief period of time, or limit your news intake to certain times of the day. Set a timer to help you stick to your boundaries.
4. **Choose reading over scrolling or watching.** Social media feeds and provocative commentary are designed to trigger emotions - that's what keeps you scrolling or watching. Reading allows you to control the pace, and gives you space to check in with yourself.
5. **Refill yourself after consuming news.** Take a little walk, go outside, call a friend, listen to music - do something that you enjoy. It will give you a chance to reset yourself and to attend to your day.

I find these tips to be very practical, helpful, and doable. And I know from experience that this mindful approach works, and helps me to manage my own feelings of overwhelm and anxiety. It's important for me to take care of myself - not to be self-indulgent, but I can't really care for others around me unless I care for myself, too. It's like the airlines say: "Put your own oxygen mask on first before helping others."

In Philippians 4:8, the Apostle Paul encourages the fledgling church in Philippi, *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."* For context, he probably wrote these words from prison - he had plenty of things to be anxious and worried about. He had a lot of first-hand experience living in a chaotic political world. He wasn't advocating ignoring, denying, or avoiding the world - he just knew he couldn't let the world consume his mind and heart. He had the ability to choose where he allowed his mind and heart to dwell. And so do we.

Love,
Gregg+

*You can find the article referenced above at <https://samaracarecounseling.org/blog/mental-health/mindful-news-consumption-caring-for-your-mental-health-in-an-information-heavy-world/>

Printed versions of the article available in the Gathering Space at church.

NEWS FROM THE WARDENS – OCTOBER 2025



Among the many blessings we experience here at St. Andrew's is the opportunity to participate in the many activities enriching our church, our community, and our individual lives. Take a look at the church calendar and you'll find many ways to get involved. Later in this Crosscurrents you can read updates on our feeding ministries (particularly news about Community Kitchen and Sandwich Board), about ways to participate in the upcoming Pumpkin Patch, and about a Medicare seminar where Tom Haberkorn will answer your questions and share with us the latest news about this important program.

Another important activity we're in the midst of is our annual Stewardship campaign. As a self-sustaining church, St. Andrew's financial health is dependent on parishioners' pledges for over 90% of our annual income. Meeting our Stewardship goals allows us to continue as the faith-filled community we all love.

While the pledge card you've recently received looks a lot like last year's pledge card, there's one important addition. At the very bottom of the card, you'll notice a box to check if you've included, or plan to include, St. Andrew's in your will or estate plans. This type of financial support is often referred to as planned giving. While pledges help us meet our near-term, annual budget needs, planned giving enables the church to build a solid financial foundation that insures our church's long-term financial health; pledges and planned giving are complementary ways to help St. Andrew's.

St. Andrew's is blessed with a generous history of planned giving, the best example being the planned giving of Charles A. Young. Over 50 years ago, Charles A. Young, a prominent parishioner and local merchant, created an estate plan that both insured the financial security he and his wife enjoyed for the rest of their lives and also created a financial legacy for St. Andrew's. While Charles predeceased his wife, when his wife passed in 1983, his estate plan established the Charles A. Young trust that the Youngs then gifted to St. Andrew's. Today, when you read about St. Andrew's Endowment Funds, you'll see prominent mention of the CAY (for Charles A. Young) Trust which accounts for over 40% of St. Andrew's Endowment Funds. Since 1983, the CAY Trust, while continuing to grow in value, has annually contributed thousands of dollars that directly benefit St. Andrew's. While Mr. Young is no longer with us, his financial legacy will continue to live on benefiting the church his family loved.

Over the next few months expect to hear more about planned giving and how it works to the benefit of each of us and our church. In the meantime, if you've included or plan to include St. Andrew's in your will or estate plan, please let us know by simply checking the box at the bottom of your card. We won't ask, and never will ask, for any more details about your long-term financial plans.

October is often one of the best months of the year. Enjoy the many blessings of this month by partaking in all the activities here at St. Andrew's.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER 2025

Vestry met on Thursday, September 18, 2025, to discuss the business of the parish. Nine members were present, as well as the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Treasurer.

The Outreach Committee, led by Laura Holm and Janine Pickett, reported that the Outreach Survey has had approximately 25 responses so far. They will have laptops at coffee hour this week to encourage people to fill out the survey at that time. Gracia Morton reported that notification from the Diocese of Chicago was received on September 18 that continued a Parish Partner Grant for St. Andrew's Community Kitchen in the amount of \$1,720.00, and a new grant for St. Andrew's Sandwich Board program in the amount of \$1,365.00 for 2026. Laura Holm wrote the successful grant applications and is to be commended for her effort. The Diocese of Chicago will host the Episcopal Charities Autumn Soiree on October 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., which raises funds to support these grants. All vestry members and parishioners are invited to attend. Details on the fund raiser can be found at www.episcopalcharities.org.

The Leadership Recruiting Committee was commissioned to recruit members in good standing of the parish to be candidates for the positions of Warden, Vestry member, and Delegate to the Diocesan Convention in 2026. The committee consists of the following parishioners: Gracia Morton, Robert Sellinger, Fr. Gregg Morris, John Toussaint, Matt Andrews, and Kurt Wiesner.

An Emergency Plan is needed for the church and the Parents Day Out program. Efforts began a few years ago and a committee was put in place, but additional action is needed. Jacob Osojnak and Fr. Gregg will work on this project with any former committee members who are interested in continuing this work.

Mother Tara has taken over a large part of the duties of the Children's Ministry Director position (vacated in the spring by Anne Nelsen) and Amy Smith is serving as the Assistant Children's Ministry Director. There is no negative effect on the budget as a result.

Malinda Hamann and Gary Robbins of the Policy Committee moved for the Vestry to approve a Fundraising Policy to coordinate any fundraisers for which tickets or items will be sold, pursuant to Illinois Administrative Code Title 86, Chapter 1, Section 130.2005. Adherence to the policy will ensure the church remains exempt from collecting sales tax. The written policy was approved as amended. Gary Robbins will contact Dellana to have the amended Fundraising Policy be made a part of the Policy and By-laws document of the church, and to provide a copy of the new Fundraising Policy to all committee chairs.

Meet your St. Andrew's Vestry



Fr. GREGG MORRIS
Rector



Mo. TARA OSBORNE
Associate Rector



ROSE CICERO
Deacon



Rev. Dr. JO ANN LAGMAN
Assisting Priest



GRACIA MORTON
Senior Warden



BOB SELLINGER
Junior Warden



MIKE DUNN
Treasurer



Diane Sellinger
Clerk of Vestry



MALINDA HAMANN
Vestry 2023-2025



GARY ROBBINS
Vestry 2023-2025



MATTHEW ANDREWS
Vestry 2023-2025



NEIL CLEARY
Vestry 2023-2025



BARBARA O'DELL
Vestry 2024-2026



JACOB OSOJNAK
Vestry 2024-2026



JOHN TOUSSAINT
Vestry 2024-2026



CHLOE BANDA



JACK COURTNEY
Vestry 2025-2027



LAURA HOLM
Vestry 2025-2027



JANINE PICKETT
Vestry 2025-2027



TIM SEIDLER
Vestry 2025-2027



CHRIS NELSEN
Convention Delegate



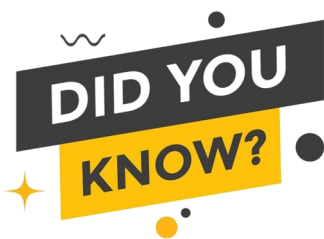
VERA MARTIN
Convention Delegate



NINA KUHLMAN
Convention Delegate

DID YOU KNOW?

The Spirit of St. Andrew's - Every Friday night at St. Andrew's Community Kitchen, we serve over 50 home cooked meals to the homeless and those in need. Our menu varies weekly, features food our guests don't typically find elsewhere, is funded by generous St. Andrew's parishioners and grants from the Diocesan Episcopal Charities, and is greatly appreciated by all. Many guests have told us it's the highlight of their week; it's a highlight for many of us who serve them as well.



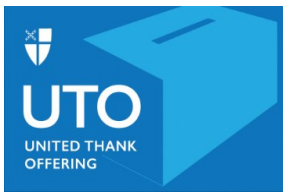
Are you interested in the latest Medicare news? Join us at 7PM on Thursday, Oct 23 to hear from an expert, parishioner Tom Haberkorn, all the latest updates and have an opportunity to ask Tom all your Medicare questions. See the article later in Crosscurrents for more details.

Brotherly Brotherhood - thanks to Kurt Weisner and Waring Webb, St. Andrews will host a regional meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's on Saturday, Oct. 4. Brotherhood members from across the Diocese will hear Tom Welch, National Executive Vice President, lead an inspirational, interactive workshop. Tom will also be us on Sunday, Oct. 5 when he delivers the sermon at both our 8 and 10AM services. All men of the parish, whether Brotherhood members or not, are invited to join us on Oct. 4 for a memorable morning. Feel free to contact either Kurt or Waring for details.

Diocesan Gathering - The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will conduct its annual convention in mid-November. On Tuesday evening, Nov. 18, the convention begins with an online business meeting followed by an in-person gathering in Rockford on Saturday Nov. 22. All church members are welcome for both events. All the details can be found on the Diocesan website: episcopalchicago.org. And while you're on the Diocesan website, sign up for the weekly Diocesan newsletter - it's the best way to keep informed about all the events in our Diocese.

Financial Statements - a couple of months ago, we mailed individualized first half of 2025 financial statements detailing payments received in the first 6 months of 2025 from pledging parishioners. If you haven't received your report, please contact Dellana and we'll make sure you get it.





United Thank Offering (UTO)

Fall Ingathering

October 5, 2025

On Sunday, **October 5**, St. Andrew's will have our **Fall UTO Ingathering** at both services. The **United Thank Offering (UTO)** is a ministry of The Episcopal Church which **began in 1883 when the women of the church took up a thank offering to support innovative mission and ministry in The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion that the church budget could not cover.**

Through the UTO program, parishioners are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of **gratitude**. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen daily, to give thanks to God for those blessings and to make an offering for each blessing.

All funds (100%) collected through these thank offerings are gathered with offerings from across the country to provide grants to parishes and to social service agencies connected to the Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. **Since its official founding in 1889, UTO has awarded 5,475 grants for a total of \$145,318,512.13.**

St. Andrew's participates in two ingatherings per year and through our parish's generosity, we send \$600-\$700 from each ingathering to support this important mission of the church. **Our Spring ingathering raised \$698.19.**

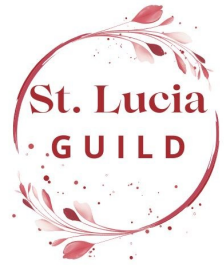
UTO envelopes have been placed in the pew pockets. Your UTO donation can also be made online through the St. Andrew's website (<https://churchofstandys.wixsite.com/st-andrews>) or by using the QR code found in the pew pocket or below. Click donate and select "UTO." Thank you for your continuing support of the UTO program and its mission and for your past generosity. If you would like further information about UTO, please go to: <https://unitedthankoffering.com/> and check out the UTO table in the Gathering Space.

Joanne Schupbach
St. Andrew's UTO Coordinator

*"The more you practice the art
of thankfulness, the more
you have to be thankful for"*
Norman Vincent Peale

ST. LUCIA GUILD

St. Lucia Guild will meet Wednesday, October 15 at 10 AM in the Brides' Room at St. Andrew's. Our meeting will start with a social time followed by a business meeting. After the business meeting, Geri Filer will give a presentation on the book *Ride of Her Life* by Lizabeth Letts.



Also at our meeting we will organize our support for the Revive Christmas basket. In order to purchase Jewel gift cards for our recipient an envelope will be passed for members to donate

St. Lucia Welcomes all ladies of St. Andrew's. If anyone has questions about the Guild and its activities, please call Nancy Stapleton, 630-964-4494.

MEDICARE UPDATES FROM AN EXPERT

Thurs., October 23, 7:00—9:00 PM in the St. Andrew's Parish Hall



Medicare



Medicare has always been a highly challenging and confusing marketplace to navigate. Why? Because it's fragmented, choice-heavy, and rule-bound with complicated cost calculations. This seminar will help you cut through all the advertising and jargon, clearly understand the changes taking place for 2026, and gain greater clarity for the choices you face in determining what changes you should consider making and how to make them.

Tom Haberkorn has nearly 30 years in the insurance industry specializing in medical insurance. As an independent agent, Tom has written over 17,000 policies with more than half in the Medicare marketplace. Today, Tom no longer markets his services but continues to stay active primarily assisting seniors who are referred to him from his extensive client base.

ALL PARISH MEETING

An ALL-PARISH MEETING will be held on Sunday, October 26, after both the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services. We will review the parish's financial status and track our progress in meeting strategic plan goals. With your continued support, and a successful Stewardship Campaign this fall, our goal of a balanced budget in 2026 is within reach! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



NEW ADULT FORUM

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15 p.m.,

Talking Across the Divide:

How to Communicate with People You Disagree with and Maybe Even Change the World

In our polarized culture, it's harder than ever to engage with people outside our bubble and have our views heard. Whether we're debating online, arguing with a relative at Thanksgiving, or working toward social change, the arguments that resonate so well with like-minded allies don't hold much weight with people on "the other side." At a time when a simple conversation can quickly turn into a battlefield, it's up to us to learn how to talk to one another again.



We'll take five Wednesdays, ending October 22, to discuss Justin Lee's book *Talking Across the Divide*. Lee is a social activist, who has spent years building bridges between conservatives and progressives. He reveals how to use empathy, storytelling, and strategic dialogue to break through barriers that make people resistant to differing views. Together we'll gain fresh insights to understand people outside our own echo chamber, expanding our tools to make a difference in an us-vs.-them world.

Email Jim Hoover (jimhoover@stanfordalumni.org) for additional information or for a late sign-up.

St. Andrew's Sunday School

REGISTRATION



YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

NEED YOUR HELP!



We need more adult helpers to make our programs (and our children!) thrive. Can you help?

You can be a one-time helper or a regular volunteer.

Sunday School is most Sundays from 9:45-10:30 AM and serves children in grades Pre-K through 5.

Youth Group events are one Sunday per month from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, plus assorted other one-time activities.

Youth Group is for students in 6th—12th grades.

Email Mother Tara at tosborne@saintandrewschurch.net or sign up in the gathering space.

SAVE THE DATE

Mornings, June 22 - 26



VBS

Vacation Bible School

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
1125 Franklin St., Downers Grove

2026

YOUTH MUSIC AND CHOIR AT ST. ANDREW'S

Our St. Andrew's Youth Music program is in full swing! We have had wonderful music classes as part of the Sunday School schedule. The children are joyfully singing songs of praise and worship. Our younger class has added a number of children, and it is such a fun time to make music together. The children in our nursery also have participated in a music time. It's wonderful to see their sense of rhythm and movement develop as the year progresses. I'm really developing their music skills for singing in the Youth Choir when they get older.



There are some new singers in the Youth Choir too. We will be having our regular rehearsals on three Sundays during this month, on October 5, 12, and 19. The Youth Choir will be singing during the 10am Family Service on Sunday, October 26. This is still a Stewardship Sunday, and the singers will be wearing their blue We Are Called T-shirts. Singers should meet me in the church at 9:30am to rehearse our song.

It's great to be back making music with our St. Andrew's children. I know that I go home each Sunday with a feeling of happiness and joy after being together.

Contact me if you have any questions. 630.464.2610 or cpstansbury3@gmail.com

Kindly,
Chris Stansbury

*Youth Group makes lunches
for Community Kitchen's Sunday grab-and-go meal.*



PUMPKIN PATCH NEWS

Fall is in the air. It's a time when nature paints our world with beautiful colors and our thoughts turn to everything pumpkin, pies, breads, soups, lattes and pumpkin festivals.



So many wonderful things happened because of our Pumpkin Patch collaboration with Church of the Holy Nativity last year that we are again co-sponsoring a Pumpkin Patch fundraiser this year. The Pumpkin Patch will be open from October 12 through 31. All proceeds from both churches will go to DuPage PADS whose mission is to end homelessness in DuPage County.

Soon you will see sign-up sheets in the Gathering Space for help with unloading the pumpkins, being a cashier, assisting with face and pumpkin painting, participating in the chili cookoff, cleaning up at the close, loaning wagons, wheelbarrows and bringing rakes and brooms to use for the cleanup. Many hands make lite work. We have been fortunate that so many people from both churches volunteered to help last year.

Here is a list of Pumpkin Patch times and activities:

- ◆ Pumpkin tic, tac, toe available daily
- ◆ Bags available daily
- ◆ Photo opportunities available daily
- ◆ Face painting on weekends
- ◆ Pumpkin painting on weekends
- ◆ Pet blessings on Saturday 10/18 from 2:00 to 3:30
- ◆ Blood Drive on Saturday 10/25 from 8:30 to 1:00
- ◆ Trunk or Treat on Saturday 10/25 from 4:00 to 6:00
- ◆ Chili cook off on Saturday 10/25 starting at 6:00

(Youth Group fundraiser for mission trip)



This year we will have a display at our church to show off some of the unique pumpkins and gourds that are available. Hopefully, they will entice you to come see them for yourself before they sell out as they did last year.

Happy Fall all!



CHILI COOK-OFF

10.26.2025 **BRING THE HEAT!** 6-8:00 PM

All proceeds help pay for the
Youth Group Mission Trip to
Casa Hogar in 2026



Where:
Church of the Holy Nativity
275 S. Richmond Ave,
Clarendon Hills

**FREE WILL
DONATION AT
THE DOOR**

or donate online:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z369>
and choose Youth Group Mission Trip

TRUNK OR TREAT!!!

We've got a spooky announcement for you,
This October get ready for Trunk or Treat times two!

- Saturday, 10/25 at Holy Nativity Church during our Pumpkin fundraiser
- Sunday, 10/26 here in our St. Andrew's parking lot!

We'll park our cars and decorate our trunks, Kids and families come in costumes and gather candy by the bunch!

Mark your calendars—it's double the cheer,
Two chances for Trunk or Treat this year!



ECW (EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN)

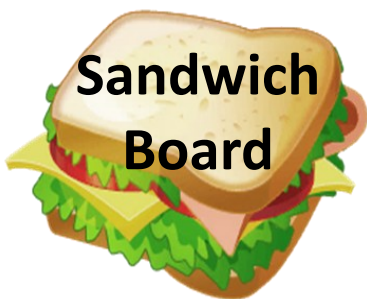


ECW will be hosting a **“Walk in the Woods”** on **November 8, 2025**, at the Morton Arboretum. This is an event for **ALL** parishioners. Meet your fellow parishioners at the Pavilion on the **WEST SIDE** of the Arboretum at 11:00 AM. Bring your water bottle and sack lunch. We'll do our short hike through the Arboretum on the West side and then have lunch together at the Pavilion. Look for a signup in the Gathering Space in early October. While the trails at the Arboretum are well maintained, this hike will be unpaved. This will be a weather permitting event, and we will plan on the following Saturday (November 15) if we get rained out on the 8th.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN AND SANDWICH BOARD

RECEIVE 2025-2026 PARISH PARTNER GRANTS

We are delighted to be in partnership with Episcopal Charities – the social outreach arm of the Diocese of Chicago – through their Parish Partner Grants Program. We applied for a grant from Episcopal Charities to support both our Sandwich Board and Community Kitchen ministries and we found out that we did receive a grant in the amount of \$1365.00 for Sandwich Board and \$1720.00 for Community Kitchen. Episcopal Charities supports non-profit organizations and Episcopal churches throughout the Diocese of Chicago to ensure that the love of God in Christ is made known to those who suffer, who are oppressed, or are in need. They are working in the areas of violence prevention, hunger initiatives and food insecurity, caring for God's creation, and equity/equality – in alignment with the Bishop and her social outreach objectives. To find out more about Episcopal Charities, you can follow them on Facebook, Instagram, and visit their website at www.episcopalcharities.org. We are grateful to have received this grant.



**EPISCOPAL
CHARITIES**

*The Bishop of Chicago and the Episcopal Charities Board of
Trustees warmly invite you to celebrate a year of God's work
throughout the Diocese of Chicago*

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES AUTUMN SOIREE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH 2025
SEVEN PM

*Epiphany Center for the Arts
201 South Ashland Avenue
Chicago*

Valet Parking Available

*Dress code: 60's and 70's Glamour
RSVP by October 3, 2025*

episcopalcharities.org

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We have an opportunity to make a happier Christmas for struggling families in Chicago.

St. Andrew's has a long tradition of providing Christmas gifts and food for struggling families in Chicago through the Revive Center. We will receive a list of 30 families of various sizes with their gift wish lists in mid-October to be sponsored by members of our congregation. In addition to gifts (\$30-50 per person suggested) the donor will provide Jewel gift cards and an optional donation to Revive to support the cost of the program. You may get together with another person or family from St. Andrew's to provide for your Revive family. For questions, contact Chloe Banda or Ellen Webb. Signups will be available in late October after both services.

Anthony and I have participated in the Revive Christmas baskets program for the past three years together. Growing up I also participated in this program through St. Andrew's to earn an award for Girl Scouts.



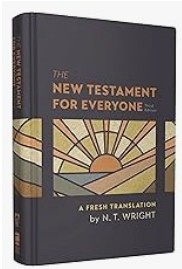
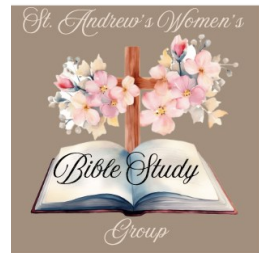
We have found it to be a meaningful way to follow in Jesus' footsteps by supporting communities in need during this season of giving. We encourage our St. Andrew's community to join in the Revive program this year. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions.

- Chloe Banda



ST. ANDREW'S WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The St. Andrew's Women's Bible Study
Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Phil Room. We
have started the *N.T. Wright "The New Testament
for Everyone"* Bible Study on the book of
Revelation led by Mother Tara Osborne. No prior
Bible study experience is needed, and all women
of the parish are welcome!

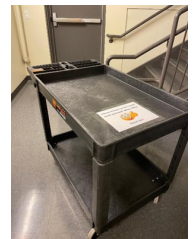


If you'd like to order a study book, you can do so on Amazon but books are not required, as we will read and discuss each lesson together during our study time. Bibles are available to use, or feel free to bring your own if you'd like. Please join us to learn more about this compelling book of the New Testament. If you have questions or need child care, please email Mother Tara.



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) NEWS

The ECW Board recently approved purchase of some new items for the Church. A new shelving unit was purchased for Sandwich Board to store their monthly items. This unit matches the PADS unit on the opposite side of the wall in the lower-level stairwell. Also, a shelving unit was purchased for the janitorial closet near the Church office. The old unit's shelves were crumbling (literally). Finally, a new rubberized and larger moveable cart was purchased to assist with the numerous items that are transported throughout the Church on a weekly basis. This cart will be housed under the stairwell with the metal carts. The two metal carts, which have been workhorses, have needed some recent wheel repairs. The newer cart should be able to withstand larger and heavier loads.



These purchases have been possible because of YOUR support of the ECW Scripts program and other ECW fundraising activities throughout the year. THANK YOU for your generosity!!!

A big THANK YOU to Dellana and her husband, Fred for assembling them all!!!!



PASTORAL CARE CORNER



October is designated as the month to celebrate and to recognize pastoral and spiritual caregivers. It includes National Pastor Appreciation Month (also known as Clergy Appreciation Month) and Spiritual Care Week, which typically falls in the last week of October. This annual observance, which began in 1985 as Pastoral Care Week, highlights the work of chaplains and other spiritual caregivers who provide essential emotional, spiritual, and sometimes practical support to individuals and communities.

October is set aside to honor pastors, ministers, priests, deacons and other clergy members for their dedicated service and sacrifices. [Spiritual Care Week](#) (or [Pastoral Care Week](#)) is dedicated to acknowledging the contributions of spiritual and pastoral caregivers, including chaplains. It's an opportunity for organizations and individuals to express appreciation for the diverse roles spiritual caregivers play in churches, healthcare, prisons, communities, and other settings.

**Please continue to pray for
the St. Andrew's Pastoral Care team:**

*Gracious and loving God,
thank you for the gift of our priests, deacons and chaplains.
Strengthen them in their vocation,
fill their souls with love for your people,
and grant them joy and grace in their ministry.
Help them to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Amen*

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1

Vivian Brouillet Hicks
Helen Humphris
Alyssa Rawson

October 2

Sally Hedrick
Eldon Rosenberger
Waring Webb

October 6

Rick Chyzy
Greg Vosefski

October 7

Olive Brazier
Willow Brazier
Violet Pilewicz

October 9

David Howland
Marni Pyke

October 13

Jeanne Tortorelli

October 14

Chris Nelsen

October 16

Owen Daly

October 17

Piper Brazier
Wyatt Hiserodt
Kurt Wiesner

October 18

Jon Boo
Anne Nelson
Maddox Robbins

October 19

Karlene Johnson

October 20

Anna Chika
Sven Leyffer
John Pieranunzi
Sonn timer Smith
John Toussaint

October 25

Charlotte Hogan

October 26

Anna Lenhardt
Annie Vitti

October 27

Chuck Battaglia
Guenter Conzelmann

October 29

Maeve Gallagher

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Betty Lupia

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Doug Conderman
Peyton Horazy
Ben Nosich
Henry Nosich

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October 2

Jacob Osojnak & Leslie Keros

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Gary & Kathy Nazzarini
Jean & Wally Young

October 4

Andrew & Meghan Brazier
Diane & Jim Lipuma

October 6

Dan & Jeannine Detwiler

October 7

Kristi & Mike Maher

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Bob & Diana Rhoads

October 10

Anna & Thomas Lenhardt

October 12

Jeff & Rolle Burgeson

October 13

Jim & Mary Jane Haley

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Jon & Mary Anne Boo
Cameron & Kristy Antonoff

October 21

Cathy & Wally Holder

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Bill & Cathy Waitek

October 25

Mike & Tina Horazy

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Bill & Sally Hedrick
Greg & Sally Nosich

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Holly Olmsted-Hickey & Tim Hickey

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Gary & Jennifer Robbins

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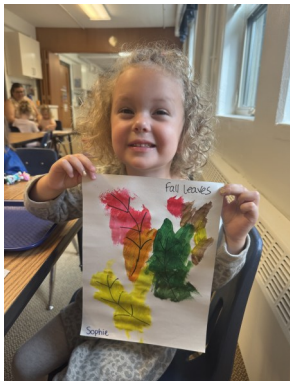


Parents' Day Out begins a new school year

Fall is officially here and so is the start of another school year for St Andrew's Parents' Day Out (PDO). On September 16, 17 and 18, PDO staff greeted returning children and welcomed many new ones.

The excited voices of children ages 2, 3 and 4 fill the church building on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. You'll see the children and staff in the Sunday School classrooms, Youth Room, Parish Hall and Undercroft while the children enjoy time with their friends and teachers, play, eat snack and lunch, and make art projects.

PDO has a number of spaces available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and a few on Thursdays. If you know families with young children, please let them know them about the Parents' Day Out program and suggest they visit www.saintandrewschurch.net and/or contact PDO Director Liz Foreman at pdo@saintandrewschurch.net for more information.



ST. ANDREW'S NEW 2026 **CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY**

We will be taking individual and family portraits during December for our new color Church Photo Directory, published every two years. The directory will be printed and distributed in early 2026.

2026 St. Andrew's Photo Directory



Photo dates for the directory are:

Sunday, **December 7**

Sunday, **December 14**

Sunday, **December 21**

Photos will be taken in the Phil Room, (Room #5) 2nd floor opposite the Nursery, between services (9:00-9:45 AM) and following the second service (11:00-12:00 Noon).

Miles Boone, parishioner and professional photographer, will once again be taking the pictures, for which there is no charge nor sale of photos.

Signup sheets for the three Sundays will be in the Gathering space in mid-November. Simply tell us the day and time period you plan to have your photo taken.

You will be asked to verify phone and address information for the directory before having your picture taken, which is about 5 minutes per family/person.

Seating will be available outside the photo room and “shoots” will be taken in order of your arrival rather than by specific time.

Please don't miss this opportunity to have an updated photo in our directory, which benefits clergy and all of us in placing names with faces.

Please contact Kurt Wiesner if you have any questions or special needs.

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Youth Music Director
s Ministry Coordinator
Bookkeeper
rents Day Out Director

Jack Courtney
Laura Holm
Janine Pickett
Tim Seidler

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
In-person and on Facebook Live

