



The Network
The newsletter for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Above: The Men of the Adult Choir rehearse with Deborah Friauff before the service on Sunday, December 8, 2024 · Ally Norris

Dear friends,

Thank you for a good Annual Meeting last Sunday, January 26. It was great to see the Parish Hall full, and to sense such energy and engagement. If you weren't able to attend, the two questions we discussed at tables were, "What do you value most about St. Andrew's?" and "What are your dreams for our congregation?" I'd love to hear your responses and be able to share them (anonymously) with the Vestry as we chart a course for the next year and begin to make plans for our 200th anniversary in 2027. Please send them to me at pfrolick@standrewsaa.org or drop them in the mail.

I suspect I disappointed some people this past week. Some of our members would have liked me to highlight Bishop Budde's sermon at the Service of Prayer for the Nation on January 21st; others hoped I would offer a critique of its appropriateness, timing, and place. I'm also aware that we had a few visitors on Sunday, and we've had some inquiries during the week from people who are newly curious about the Episcopal church and what we stand for. I have reflected and prayed at length about how God may be calling us to lead in this season, and I keep coming back to our Baptismal Covenant, particularly these questions (found on page 304 of the *Book of Common Prayer*):

- Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**
- Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**
- Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**
- Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

- Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

I said on Sunday that theologian Carol Lakey Hess says that whatever we take to be the heart of the gospel will be the central shaping force in our life of faith. The heart of the gospel has shifted for me over my life. As a kid, I think it was "Jesus loves me, this I know." As a teenager, I was drawn to "The saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one, too." At other times, I held onto "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" as a sort of mantra. In this season, I am drawn to our Baptismal Covenant, and to the acknowledgement that I need God's help to fulling live into it.

I need your help, too. When I disappoint or upset you, as I inevitably will, please don't hesitate to reach out and let me know. I welcome conversation and the chance to learn about other perspectives, and I welcome the opportunity to more fully share mine. One of the things I love about the Episcopal church, and one of the reasons I was drawn to ordination, is that we try to be a big tent, welcoming all people, regardless of their background, gender, race, sexual orientation, or beliefs. Being a big tent can be hard work, especially if you're serious about welcoming people who don't believe the same things you do. I am committed to that work, and pray that you'll help me do it.

Grateful for all of you and for the gift of being part of this congregation.

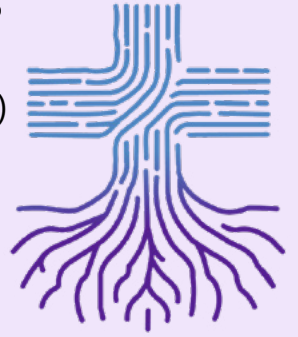
Peace,
Paul



Lent

Lenten Meditations

This Lent, join Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) for daily Lenten Meditations authored by Jerusalem Jackson Greer. Titled "A Commonplace Lent," through daily reflections, readers are invited to embrace their shared spiritual journey and the ordinary gifts of community. As we walk this path together, let's celebrate our connections through prayer, worship, and service.



To learn more or subscribe to their daily meditation, please visit episcopalrelief.org/Lent

Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday

The First Sunday in Lent: March 9

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD; formerly "The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief") is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of The Episcopal Church of the United States. The work of ERD, to heal a hurting world, is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity.

As supporters of ERD, we take our mandate from the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 25:37-40, that call us to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger.

Donation envelopes for ERD will be available in the Narthex and on the Welcome Table beginning on March 9, and you may also donate online. For more information about Episcopal Relief and Development: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/who-we-are/>.

UPCOMING BAPTISM
(Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 19 at 7:00 pm
Registration Deadline:
Sunday, April 13

Ash Wednesday March 5, 2025

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

7:00 am
(Chapel)

12:15 pm
(Church)

4:30 pm
(Church)

7:00 pm *NEW TIME!*
(Church • Livestream on YouTube)



Parish Briefs

The Feast of The Rev. Absalom Jones

The Rev. Absalom Jones was the first Episcopal Priest of African Descent. His feast will be celebrated at Christ Church Detroit on Sunday, February 9 at 4:00 pm. Contact Jamie Taylor (getjamie@gmail.com) to join the carpool from the church parking lot.

Caregivers Luncheon

*Tuesday, February 11
at 12:00 pm in the Lounge*

An open invitation is extended to parishioners who may be giving care to a loved one. We'll meet for an hour in the Lounge for lunch, reflection, and mutual encouragement. For more information, or to make a reservation for lunch, please contact Fr. Paul at 585-241-9317 or pfrolick@standrewsaa.org.

U of M Student Dinner

*Tuesday, February 11
at 6:00 pm in the Lounge*

I'd like to invite U of M students who are members or attending here at St. Andrew's to join me for dinner on Tuesday, February 11. It would be great to get to know you a bit better, and to hear how our congregation can support in your years here. We've sent an email invite as well, but our records are not perfect. If we missed you, my apologies. Please RSVP to me at 585-241-9317 or pfrolick@standrewsaa.org.

Jael in the Book of Judges

*Thursday, February 13
at 5:30 pm in the Chapel*

The story of Jael in The Book of Judges Chapter 4 is disturbing. How do we make sense of Jael, her actions, and her role in the Deborah story? How do we understand this story as scripture, and what does it reveal to us about God and God's role in our lives? Join us for this fascinating discussion!

Choral Evensong

*Sunday, February 16
at 4:00 pm in the Church.*

The St. Andrew's Adult Choir will sing a special Choral Evensong featuring works by Herbert Howells, Stephen Caracciolo, Joanna Forbes L'Estrange and Johann Pachelbel.

Black History Month Book Discussion

*Wednesday, February 19
from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Lounge*

Join the Outreach and Social Justice Ministry for a discussion of the New York Times *James* by Percival Everett on Wednesday, February 19, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Lounge. The book is available for 20% off at Schuler Books (2513 Jackson Ave.) if you tell them you're from St. Andrew's.

Rotating Shelter Volunteers Needed

February 23 - March 2

This program provides overnight shelter to twenty-five men due to over-crowded conditions at the Del-onis Center. The men are screened and transported to St. Andrew's at 7:00 pm. We will provide two attendants to monitor guests from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am the next morning. Training is provided. You can sign-up online at <https://bit.ly/3W3cTvX> or by contacting Fr. Paul.

Free CPR Class *Registration Required*

*Wednesday, March 19
from 2:00 - 5:30 pm in the Chapel*

This is your opportunity to receive training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as well as learn how to use an automatic defibrillator (AED). Open to the entire parish, an AED/CPR class will be offered on Wednesday, March 19, 2-5:30 pm, in the Chapel. We will receive instruction, practice with manikins, and learn to locate and use the AED machine. There is NO CHARGE and ALL are welcome: both to learn specific skills and also to learn how to help in an emergency. For more information, please contact Ann Garvin (agarvin224@aol.com).

Registration Required! To register, please contact the Church Office by Wednesday, March 5 (663-0518). *Please note that enrollment is limited and we are unable to accommodate unregistered attendees.*

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Sunday School

February and March, the last months of Winter. That's a good thought. After this Network it will be April. Yea!

Thank you for all your contributions to our Foster Child Emmanuella. We raised \$117 through the Christmas Eve collection. We will be saving again during Lent. Do children receive coins anymore? Do they get an allowance, or do they get paid for some chores? We could do a QR code but that seems like the parents paying instead of the children sacrificing because they care about someone else. I ask your feedback about this. Also, any feedback you would like to give me about the Sunday School program would be appreciated. Always looking for ways to improve the children's experience.

Calendar items:

February 16: Combined classes in the first-floor classroom due to public schools Mid-Winter Break. HS students participate in the 10:00 am service.

March 2: Carnivale in the Parish Hall

March 5: Ash Wednesday

March 16: HS students participate in the 10:00 am service

March 23: Combined classes in the first-floor classroom due to Spring Break

Third Sundays the high school students continue to fulfill duties in church, like ushering, acolyting, and lecturing, February 16 and March 16.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. Before Lent starts, we get rid of all the fat and sugar for fasting during Lent. We party, like Mardi Gras. So, the Sunday, before Lent, March 2, will be our Carnivale after the 10:00 am service. Games for kids, Community High School Jazz Band to entertain, and refreshments. This was great fun last year and I'm sure will be well attended again this year. You can help by either donating a cake for the cake walk or donating a King cake for the refreshments.

What is king cake?

The version of king cakes we know today is an oval-shaped brioche cake, akin to the taste and texture of cinnamon rolls! They're decked out with green, gold, and purple sprinkles on top. A little gaudy for my taste. The first king cakes were made in Europe to celebrate Epiphany, and the French brought it over to Louisiana in the 1870s.

Today, king cake is synonymous with the celebration of Carnival season in New Orleans, leading up to Fat Tuesday, better known as Mardi Gras.

Linda can give you the recipe if you're willing.

In faith, hope and love,
LINDA HASTINGS
Sunday School Director





Outreach and Social Justice Ministry

On Sunday, January 19, 2025, in the lounge after the 10:00 am service, more than 25 people met to learn about the work that has been done at St. Andrew's in the area of Outreach and Social Justice and to talk about future work in this area. We acknowledged many projects that have been done in the past and recognized the benefits of working together to feed the hungry, clothe and house the poor, and love our neighbor.

We discussed using the name "Outreach and Social Justice," or simply "Social Outreach," and how this work is an organic part of being Christians in the world, not something optional or separate.

Father Paul expressed a desire to lean into the expanding work of the Breakfast Program in conjunction with the Delonis Center and the Shelter Association ("mission-creeping"). Merilynne Rush introduced LAITR (Life After Incarceration: Transition & Re-entry) and announced their upcoming Life Skills event on February 4 in the Parish Hall following Breakfast. Member Chris Dunkel Schetter is drafting a new mission statement and will begin offering small group discussions at church about Social Outreach. In addition, many other events and ideas were mentioned. Stay tuned for further developments!

Many thanks to those who have worked on Social Justice through the years!

Work we have done recently (and the organizer) includes:

- [Habitat for Humanity](#) Build (Ginger Kinney)
- [Food Gatherers](#) Food and Donation Drives (Ginger Kinney)
- Holiday Gifts through Ann Arbor Community Center (Liz Sweet)
- Rotating Shelter through the [Ann Arbor Shelter Association](#)
- Foster Child (Sunday School)
- Donations for Breakfast guests
- [Braver Angels](#) Depolarizing Conversations
- And the work of the Social Justice Ministry on Racism and Black Lives Matter in the last 6 years

Future options for Social Outreach work include:

- Small group discussion; forming a community of support to talk about issues and social outreach (Chris Dunkel Schetter)
- Monitoring and engaging in work of the National Episcopal Church Public Policy Network, [Office of Government Relations](#) (Jamie Taylor)
- Monitoring and engaging in work in the Diocese of Michigan (Leslie Stainton on [Racial Reparations](#) Committee)
- LAITR ([Life After Incarceration: Transition & Re-entry](#)); working with Breakfast Program Coordinator to offer meeting space for events (Merilynne Rush)
- [Irene Butter Fund](#) and [Wallenburg Institute](#) (Kyle Grazier)
- [Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary](#) (Suzie Lorand)
- [Habitat for Humanity ReStore](#) volunteering (Leslie Piper and Kay Wade)
- [CROP Hunger walk](#), Church World Service (Organized locally by Zion Lutheran)
- [Jewish Family Services](#)
- [Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice](#)
- [Interfaith Roundtable](#)
- Involvement with local churches

Please visit [St. Andrew's website](https://standrewsaa.org/sjm.html) (https://standrewsaa.org/sjm.html) for news and events. I welcome your thoughts and questions.

-- Merilynne Rush, Coordinator, Social Outreach
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Theater

Christmas Pageant: *Outside the Inn*

The Christmas Pageant, *Outside the Inn*, was presented at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Service, which had a congregation of over 400. It was a wonderful production and it was great to share it with so many people, both in attendance and remotely. There were 24 viewers of the online stream and there have been 218 views of the recorded video since then.

The pageant had some new faces, as well as some long-time faces, in the cast and crew. Our *theater* family was made up of *literal* families: I counted 14 families in the pageant represented by more than one person.

Spring Supper Theater: *Fiddler on the Roof*



On May 10 and 11 we will be staging *Fiddler on the Roof*, based on stories by Sholem Aleichem, with book by Joseph Stein and music by Jerry Bock. There are many parts to cast, and we are always looking to see the theater family grow! The First Reading will be on Saturday, March 1 at 10:00 am in the Rainbow Room. As is tradition, the First Reading will be a potluck brunch. I hope to see a lot of folks there.

The setting of *Fiddler* seemed especially apt this year, with the presence of certain people living in this country being questioned. Spoiler alert: a key element in the *Fiddler* story line is that the Jews are being forcibly removed from a place in Russia where they have lived for a long time. I found a personal connection a few years ago, visiting Ellis Island. My forebears were German-speaking Mennonites who lived in various places around Europe, partly based on changing political climates. They were living in Russia, in what is now the Ukraine, in the 1870's, when it was decreed that their pacifism would no longer be acceptable, and many came to this country at that time. It dawned on me looking at displays at Ellis Island that this was about the same time as the pogroms that the *Fiddler* characters were caught up in.

Send me and email at nrichert@comcast.net if you would like to be involved and think you might not be on that list. There are ways to contribute to the production, both on and off stage, that could be just right for you!

NORM RICHERT
Theatre Ministries

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The Saint Andrew's Players present

Fiddler on the Roof



First Meeting
Saturday, March 1
10:00 am • Rainbow Room

Be a part of Tradition!

Contact Norm Richert (nrichert@comcast.net) for more information

Based on Sholem Aleichem stories by special permission of Arnold Perl
Book by JOSEPH STEIN • Music by JERRY BOCK • Lyrics by SHELDON HARNICK
Produced on the New York Stage by HAROLD PRINCE
Original New York Stage Production Directed and Choreographed by JEROME ROBBINS



Breakfast Updates

Dear Friends,

As I am writing today, the temperature is falling outside. It is currently 3 degrees. Tomorrow morning it is going to be 5 below zero. The church office and all of the schools are closed, but the Breakfast Program hosted a large crowd this morning, and we will be here again tomorrow. I am so grateful for our many dedicated volunteers who brave the cold temperatures in the morning to greet our guests with a smile, a cup of hot coffee and a mug of home-made soup.

As I watch the snow fall outside my office window, I am thinking about the many blessings and moments of grace that we experienced here in the Parish Hall at St. Andrew's throughout the holiday season. And I find myself marveling at the kindness and generosity that so many in our community showered on our breakfast guests again this year. In November, the Ann Arbor Thrift Shop visited the Breakfast and handed out gloves and hats. Later that month, students from Ann Arbor Open School delivered to-go meals for our guests. Medical students with Wolverine Street Medicine provided footcare and distributed new socks and shoes. A group from the University of Michigan spent an afternoon in our kitchen baking Christmas cookies for our guests. We are truly blessed to have the support of so many as we continue this important work.

Our generous donors helped us provide a wonderful feast for our guests on Thanksgiving. The menu included sweet and sour meatballs, ham, macaroni and cheese, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce and cake. On Christmas morning, we hosted a party for about 140 guests. Fifteen volunteers came in to prepare and serve the meal and distribute Christmas gifts. Many thanks to Mary and Tom Richards for donating and preparing beef brisket and to Dennis and Jeanie Powers for providing spiral sliced hams. We are grateful to the Anesthesiology Department at Mott Hospital for providing thermal coffee mugs and toiletries. And our guests appreciated the hats, gloves and socks provided by all of you, our St. Andrew's family. Many of our guests feel invisible and unloved as they move through the world, and your generosity gave them a moment to feel valued and cared for on a very special holiday morning.

We had a special visit this month from Ketch Secor, the founder and frontman of Old Crow Medicine Show. Those of you who attended the benefit concert in September will remember that he spoke of the Breakfast Program throughout the entire performance. He was back in Ann Arbor this weekend and wanted to see for himself what goes on in our Parish Hall every morning. Ketch toured our facility, visited with guests and helped clean tables after breakfast. He said that on his next visit, he would like to bring his instruments and play in the dining room!

If you have questions about the Breakfast Program or would like to get involved with this important ministry, please email me at breakfast@standrewsaa.org. We are always happy to welcome new volunteers to our team!

With Gratitude, Sue



WINTER 2025

Parish Life Highlights

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Send your photos of parish life at St. Andrew's
to communications@standrewsaa.org!





Calendar of Events

Above: The congregation sings by candlelight during the 4:00 pm Family Service on Christmas Eve · Lucy Richert

Weekly Events

Get Involved!

Sundays

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (C / YouTube)

Wednesdays

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
- 4:30 pm Cherub Choir (CL)
- 4:30 pm Junior Handbell Choir (C)
- 5:15 pm Junior Choir (CL)
- 6:00 pm Evensong (Cpl)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir (C)

Thursdays

- 10:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)
- 12:15 pm Division Street Pipes (C)
- 7:15 pm Adult Choir (CL)

Fridays

- 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
- 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (PH)

ROOM LEGEND	(AC) Acolyte Room	(L) Lounge
	(C) Church	(PH) Parish Hall
	(CL) Choir Loft	(RR) Rainbow
	(Cpl) Chapel	Room

February 2025

Saturday, February 1

- 1:00 pm Memorial Service for Mary Jane Williams (C, PH)

Sunday, February 2

- 11:15 am Usher/Teacher Meeting (Cpl)
- 7:00 pm *Music for Meditation:* Abraham Wallace (C)
- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

Tuesday, February 4

- 3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Tuesday, February 11

- 12:00 pm Caregivers Luncheon (L)
- 6:00 pm UofM Student Dinner (L)

Thursday, February 13

- 5:30 pm *Jael in the Book of Judges* (Cpl)

Saturday, February 15

- 7:30 pm Academy of Early Music Concert: *The Gesualdo Six* (C)

Sunday, February 16

- 4:00 pm Choral Evensong

Monday, February 17

Presidents Day - Office Closed

Wednesday, February 19

- 5:30 pm Black History Month Book Discussion: *James* (L)

Tuesday, February 18

- 6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

February 23 - March 3

Rotating Shelter

Tuesday, February 25

- 6:30 pm Vestry (L)

March 2025

Saturday, March 1

- 10:00 am First Reading: *Fiddler on the Roof* (RR)

Sunday, March 2

- 11:15 am Carnivale (PH)
- 7:00 pm *Music for Meditation:* Joe Gascho (C)
- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

Tuesday, March 4

- 3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 am - 12:15 pm - 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 8

- 10:00 am Second Reading: *Fiddler on the Roof* (RR)
- 7:30 pm Academy of Early Music Concert: *Incantare* (C)

Sunday, March 9

Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday

Saturday, March 15

- 10:00 am *Fiddler* Rehearsal (PH)

Sunday, March 16

- 6:30 pm *Fiddler* Rehearsal (PH)

Tuesday, March 18

- 6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

Wednesday, March 19

- 2:00 pm CPR Class (Cpl)

Saturday, March 22

- 10:00 am *Fiddler* Rehearsal (PH)

Tuesday, March 25

- 6:30 pm Vestry (L)

Sunday, March 30

- 6:30 pm *Fiddler* Rehearsal (PH)