



The Network

The newsletter for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Above: *Oliver!* is performed in the Nancy Heusel Theater · Roshayne Jaimon

Dear friends,

In just a couple of weeks, our Journey to Adulthood class of high schoolers will embark on our pilgrimage to England! Charlotte Bier, Shayna Jaimon, Elle McCreadie, Addie McCreadie, Charlotte Niman, Kate Niman, and Beau Tennyson, along with our chaperones Pelham Barron, Britt Elder-Tennyson, Sally Boelter, and myself (with Charlotte Dodd standing by as back-up) will leave on Saturday, June 15th and return Sunday, June 23rd. We'll formally commission our pilgrimage group on Sunday, June 9th at the end of our 10 am worship.

This is such an exciting pilgrimage! We're able to go to England due to the experience, expertise, and hard work of Pelham Barron, and thanks to the generosity of everyone at St. Andrew's who has supported the J2A fundraising efforts over the last few years even during COVID when we were unable to travel. We'll be based in London and will visit Canterbury, the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Windsor Castle, St. George's Chapel, Westminster Abbey, and Buckingham Palace, among other places. We'll stay together in an AirBNB, prepare and share and meals, and worship and pray together.

A pilgrimage is more than a vacation, sight-seeing tour, or mission trip. It is a chance for us to seek God in new ways: in the places we visit, in our time with one another, in the people we meet, and in what we learn about ourselves while having new experiences. We'll be exploring and reflecting on how the Church

of England's history and theology has shaped our own faith tradition in the Episcopal church, how American culture is similar to and different from British culture, and what we learn about each other and ourselves while sharing new experiences.

I know I speak for our group and our congregation when I say how grateful I am to Pelham and Britt for all of their work on the itinerary and planning, to Steve Hastings for his behind the scenes work getting us organized and tending to the details of how to travel safely internationally with youth, and to Sally and Charlotte for agreeing to be chaperones. JoAnn Kennedy Slater, Walt Labatt, and our staff will lead worship and respond to pastoral concerns while we are away.

Please keep us in your prayers: for safe travels, for an experience that we'll remember for a lifetime, and for our opportunity to connect God, each other, and our own best selves in new ways.

Peace,
Paul



Undercroft Clean-up Day

Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 am - 12 noon

Calling all helpers! Whether you're a strong lifter or an organization pro, we need your helping hands at our Undercroft Clean-up Day. We're looking for a crew of folks who can help get items we no longer need out (especially carrying items upstairs to discard) and folks to help organize the things we need to keep.

If you would be up for helping out on Saturday, June 1 at 9:00 am, please let Rodger know at rppiehl@aol.com or 734-474-7837. Many hands make quick work!

St. Andrew's Gets Outside

June 1 - July 6 - August 3

We're going for a walk, and we would like you to join us! Our next outing will be at 9:00 am on the first Saturday of the month at the Gallup Park Boat Launch (3310 Geddes Road - it is the parking lot EAST of Huron Parkway), and we will meet next to the big goose statue. Contact Sarah Baird for more information.

Summer Closures

The parking lot will be closed for re-sealing June 13-14 (weather permitting). The 12:15 pm service will be held as scheduled on June 14.

The church office will be closed on June 19 and July 4-5.

Update from the Vestry and Finance Committee

As of April 30th, our total income is \$40,296 more than budgeted on the year and our total expenses are \$15,899 under budget. While this is good news, it is important to remember that we balanced the 2024 Operating Budget with \$62,502 from Prior Years' Surplus, representing about 30% of our cash reserves. If the current financial pictures holds, we might not need to draw from reserves, meaning we would retain a bit more of a financial cushion for future years.

Thanks to the faithful generosity of our members, our pledge payments are at 98.5% of budget for the year. As we rely on the pledges of our members for 80% of our operating budget, timely pledge payments are important for our cash flow. Thank you for your generous support of our mission and ministry!

Spring Fund Drive for Food Gatherers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Food Gatherers! Including the match, you raised \$15,149 which will provide 30,298 meals. This is a testament to the generosity of our congregation, and to the care we have for feeding people in our community.

Summer Service Schedule

SUNDAY

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

9:15 AM

Family Service

IN THE CHAPEL

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE

WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

IN THE CHAPEL

FRIDAY

12:15 PM

Holy Eucharist

IN THE CHAPEL

Services of Compline and Evensong will resume in September



A message from Ethiopia

Kalid Nazif Abajehad, our Church School foster child in Ethiopia, sends us greetings and thanks for supporting him for many years. He hopes that we are all together and safe which must mean that is something he thinks about in his country. He sends us a drawing of his school. Again, thanks to the parish for helping raise enough funds!

Summer Seminarian

I'm pleased to share that Erica Benson, a candidate for priesthood and student at Virginia Theological Seminary, will be with us as a summer seminarian, starting June 5th. She will help lead worship, preach, and share in the many ministries of our congregation.

Please join me in welcoming Erica to St. Andrew's!

- Fr. Paul



MEET ERICA!

I grew up in North Texas which planted in me the love of a big Texas sky, bluebonnets and Blue Bell ice cream. I lived for 22 years in the Detroit area before moving to Alexandria, VA to attend Virginia Theological Seminary. My sending parish is St. James on Grosse

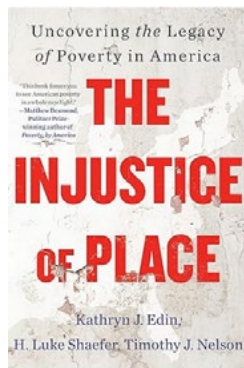
Ile where I was an active member for 9 years and discerned the call to the priesthood. I am currently a Candidate for Holy Orders. The past year I have been serving at St. John's in Georgetown, D.C. This fall I will enter my last year at VTS. On campus I minister in the chapel as part of the sacristan team, create a sense of community as an apartment proctor, and serve on the Student Aid Society which financially supports seminarians in crisis. One my most cherished roles is being Mom to Henry who is 10 1/2 and wife to Tom. Tom is my greatest supporter and often my theological conversation partner challenging me to see issues from a different perspective.

Social Justice Ministry

Book Discussion + Meet the Author

Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel

The Social Justice Ministry of St. Andrew's invite you to a discussion of *The Injustice of Place: Uncovering the Legacy of Poverty in America* with co-author Luke Shaefer on Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.



About the Book: Through statistical analysis and local history, *The Injustice of Place* explores the places with the deepest legacy of poverty in America: rural communities in Appalachia, the Cotton and Tobacco Belts of the Deep South, and South Texas, that were ruthlessly exploited for their resources and then left to wither away. This book

is a moving and meaningful guide to understanding some of our society's most serious problems.

Meet the Author! Prof. Luke Shaefer, Director of U-M's Poverty Solutions Center, who co-authored the book with Kathryn Edin and Timothy Nelson, will join us for a conversation led by parishioner Jim White.



We welcomed more than 30 new members on Sunday, May 5 as part of our first-ever New Member Welcome!





Director's Chair



Oliver! 2024 Supper Theater

The Supper Theater presentation of *Oliver!* on May 18 and 19 was a huge success. Between the Saturday and Sunday shows there were over 200 tickets sold. We had a wonderful cast of 30 and five more musicians and crew members. We first met in early March, so it was a long road to show time. Thanks to everyone involved for all their hard work and dedication.

We again used the OnTheStage platform for selling tickets and collecting donations. Between ticket sales and donations, we netted over \$4,000, the bulk of it to go toward the J2A Pilgrimage. Those donating toward the supper contributed almost \$1,000 more. Thanks to all for your generosity and support of both Theater Ministry at St. Andrew's and the Pilgrimage program.



Coming Soon: *The Reptile Room* Book 2 of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*

Last summer, for our reading project, we read the first book in the Lemony Snicket series, *A Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning*, on the church lawn, with some participants joining via Zoom. Actors came to a few or all of the weekly sessions. We divided up the characters in the portion of the book that we read for a given session. It was a great opportunity to work on acting chops. There are many wonderful characters: the evil Count Olaf and the clever and resourceful Baudelaire orphans--Clause, Violet, and Sunny.



This summer we will continue the story with the next book in the series: *The Reptile Room*. It turns out that what we learn in the first book about the orphans and their world is only the tip of the iceberg. We will meet at 7:15 pm on the church lawn Monday, June 17 - July 29, with Zoom being an option for joining.



Make your debut with Theater Ministries!

There are many ways to be involved in the Theater Ministries at St. Andrew's, whether it is acting, making music, making props, making costumes, or just staying plugged in. I would be happy to add you to the list, please email me at nrichert@comcast.net.



NORM RICHERT
Theatre Ministries

Photos courtesy of Shannon Floyd, Roshayne Jaimon, Derek Peterson, Norm Richert, Sara Walton





Church School Happenings

Thank you!

Thanks to the generous support of the congregation, the Church went beyond it's goal of our yearly support of our foster child in Ethiopia. Plus, we were accumulating a balance from previous years that needed to be used, not just sit in a bank account. After voting in the Church School classrooms, we purchased 3 pairs of piglets, 5 hens and piglets packages, 6 pairs of goats, 4 sheep, and 19 packages of chickens and ducks. They will be given to people in various countries to start a livelihood through Plan International. Way to go, St. Andrew's.

The *Oliver!* Dinner Theatre was a big success. J2A supplied the dinner. Thank you to all the students and their parents for working on this big project.

Future news

Can you identify these animals?

Can a creature be your teacher?



Summer Church School begins Sunday, June 23 at 10:00 am. Did you know there are 120 species of animals in the Bible? Summer Church School will concentrate on just a few; fish, birds, cattle, whales, camels, donkeys, lambs and sheep. Oh my! Come hear stories about these animals, make crafts, and have fun.

Wanting to connect with the children of the church?

Our children are wonderful and very enthusiastic learners. You should get to know them. You could be a teacher or a teacher's assistant (no preparation). Let me know if you are interested in teaching in the fall.

Have a great summer!

Come to church and Church School when you're in town. Otherwise, worship wherever you are. God is great!

*In faith, hope and love, LINDA HASTINGS
Interim Director of Children's Ministries*

Photos courtesy of Roshayne Jaimon and Lucy Richert



Breakfast Updates



"YOU BRIGHTEN MY DAY."

"THANKS FOR THE MORNING SAFE HAVEN."

"THANK YOU FOR FOSTERING THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY."

We recently asked our breakfast guests to share feedback about the Breakfast Program, and those are just a few of the comments we received. We have been working hard to provide a safe and comfortable space for our guests to eat their morning meal, and we are proud of the community that continues to grow in our dining room. We have learned the names of many of our guests, and we now wear name tags so they can learn ours. We have added more people to each shift so that volunteers are available to circulate in the dining room. They offer water or coffee refills and engage in conversation with those who need a sympathetic ear or simply want to chat.



We shared a joyful morning together on Easter. Thank you to Dennis Powers for donating several spiral sliced hams for the feast. We rounded out the menu with sweet and sour meatballs, candied sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh red and green peppers, and cake. Fifteen volunteers came together that morning to prepare and serve the holiday meal. Thank you to our Easter team for making the holiday special for our guests.

We recently partnered with [Wolverine Street Medicine](#), a group of U of M medical students who provide care to people experiencing homelessness. They will be hosting a monthly foot care clinic at the Breakfast. Services will include nail trimming, callus removal and wound care. Many of our guests walk miles every day, and it is important for them to keep their feet healthy. Thank you to Wolverine Street Medicine for reaching out and offering these important services. If there is sufficient demand, they could expand their services to provide blood pressure and blood sugar screenings as well.

Back in the kitchen, we have continued our cooking and food prep sessions to turn nutritious ingredients from Food Gatherers into delicious meals we can heat and serve in the morning. We are particularly proud of our crème brûlée French toast, vegetable strata, penne with beef and marinara, chili, vegetable bean soup, and ever popular macaroni and cheese. We are so grateful for our partnership with Food Gatherers. Their support has allowed us to take full advantage of our new health license and create these dishes.



We are also grateful for the extra time together in the kitchen. While many of our regular volunteers have worked with the same team for years, many have never met the volunteers who work on different days. The cooking sessions bring different volunteers together, and it has been a lot of fun watching new friendships develop as we chop vegetables and create new recipes together. If you would like to join us in the kitchen or if you just want to learn more about the Breakfast Program, please email me at breakfast@standrewsaa.org. We are always delighted to welcome new volunteers to the team.

SUE NISHI

Director, Breakfast at St. Andrew's

SPRING 2024

Parish Life Highlights

PHOTOS COURTESY OF:

Shannon Floyd, Linda Hastings, Sue Nishi,
Ally Norris, Lucy Richert, Susan Wakefield

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





Above: *Oliver!* is performed in the Nancy Heusel Theater · Sara Walton

Weekly Events

Get Involved!

Sundays

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

Wednesdays

7:00 am Holy Eucharist

Fridays

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

ROOM LEGEND (AC) Acolyte Room (L) Lounge
(C) Church (LEd) Lower Education Room
(CL) Choir Loft (Cpl) Chapel (PH) Parish Hall

June 2024

Saturday, June 1

9:00 am St. Andrew's Gets Outside
9:00 am Undercroft Clean-out

Sunday, June 2

10:00 am Holy Eucharist +
Music Recognitions (C)
11:30 am Confirmation Class (LEd)

Tuesday, June 4

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service
7:00 pm SJM Book Discussion (Cpl)

Sunday, June 9

Last Day of Church School
11:30 am Confirmation Class (LEd)

Monday, June 10

2:00 pm History/Memorials (AC)

June 13-14

PARKING LOT CLOSED

Friday, June 14

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist (Cpl)

June 15-23

Youth Pilgrimage trip to London

Sunday, June 16 **FATHER'S DAY**

2:00 pm PFLAG (L)

Monday, June 17

7:15 pm Reader's Theatre (Lawn)

Tuesday, June 18

6:00 pm Finance (L)

Wednesday, June 19 **JUNETEENTH**

Church Office Closed
7:00 am Holy Eucharist (Cpl)

Sunday, June 23

Summer Church School Begins

Monday, June 24

7:15 pm Reader's Theatre (Lawn)

Tuesday, June 25

6:30 pm Vestry (L)

July 2024

Monday, July 1

7:15 pm Reader's Theatre (Lawn)

Tuesday, July 2

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Thursday, July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5

Church Office Closed

12:15 pm Holy Eucharist (Cpl)

Saturday, July 6

9:00 am St. Andrew's Gets Outside

Monday, July 8

2:00 pm History/Memorials (AC)
7:15 pm Reader's Theatre (Lawn)

Monday, July 15

7:15 pm Reader's Theatre (Lawn)

July 18-20

Ann Arbor Art Fair

Sunday, July 21

2:00 pm PFLAG (L)

Monday, July 22

7:15 pm Reader's Theatre (Lawn)

Monday, June 29

7:15 pm Reader's Theatre (Lawn)

August 2024

Saturday, August 3

9:00 am St. Andrew's Gets Outside

Tuesday, August 6

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Saturday, August 10

September Network Deadline

Sunday, August 18

2:00 pm PFLAG (L)

Tuesday, August 20

6:00 pm Finance (L)

Tuesday, August 27

6:30 pm Vestry (L)

Have you bought your tickets for
the Breakfast Benefit Concert?



Old Crow Medicine Show
September 13

Tickets Available at Ticketmaster.com