



The Network

The newsletter for Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

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Above: Acolytes light candles in the Memorial Garden during the Easter Vigil service on Saturday, April 19, 2025 · Ally Norris

Dear friends,

As I mentioned on Sunday, I spent last week with twenty-five clergy from Detroit and Atlanta. We were from all different denominations, including AME, Baptist, Presbyterian, UCC, Lutheran, and Episcopal. This was the conclusion of a program I've been involved this year called the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies, run out of Christ Church, Cranbrook and funded by a grant from the Lilly Foundation. We met together for a week in January in New York City, and in separate Detroit and Atlanta cohorts one day a month. Last week was our final summit together.

We gathered to reflect and learn together about the challenges of leading congregations in this time. I found our time together really impactful. We were such a diverse group, with a very broad range of theology and very different ways of being church. In spite of that, we found that we face similar challenges. Like so much in our common life today, we are addressing situations with no easy solution, where reason and logic alone won't get us there, where progress is not linear and experimentation and flexibility are required. We learned about a framework for addressing these challenges, developed by Ed O'Malley and Amanda Cebula, called 'adaptive leadership.' The learning, the conversations, the speakers, and the curriculum were all terrific. I'm grateful for the time I've had with this program this year, and to the vestry and congregation for the continuing education release time that made my participation possible. I'm looking forward to sharing more of what I've learned with our leadership in the coming months.

Early on Thursday morning, I had the radio on as I drove over to the conference site. There were a number of stories and interviews around the fifth anniversary of George Floyd's death. Medaria Arradondo, who was the Minneapolis police chief in 2020, reflected on one his officers killing Floyd by kneeling on his neck for more than nine minutes, the protests and riots that followed, and what has and hasn't changed in his city and our country since. Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison

recounted his prosecution of the police officers and what has and hasn't changed in the criminal justice system in the years since. Witnesses to Floyd's death spoke about the impact of seeing it happen, in-person and online. Business owners in the neighborhood around the site recounted the challenges they've faced because of all the subsequent attention on their livelihoods.

I arrived at the conference feeling pretty depressed, even hopeless. As it happened, our morning worship was led by a gospel praise band from Embassy Covenant Church. It was frankly jarring to try and sing "You are God and you're in control." "Seated high you are Lord of all." "Things will change when we call on that name." And then this [song by Cece Winans](#):

*I love you, Lord
For Your mercy never fail me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God
Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me*

I don't know that I have ever understood faith quite as deeply as I did during that service. If people whose skin is the same color as George Floyd's can sing with such powerful conviction of God's love, God's goodness, God's faithfulness, how can I more effectively live my faith out in this often dark and chaotic world? How can I be a part of bringing about God's dream for our world? How can St. Andrew's be part of this work?

I am so grateful to be here, grateful for each of you, and I am holding us all in prayer.

Peace, Paul



Parish Briefs

Faith 102

Thursday, June 5 + 12 at 5:30 pm in the Chapel.

We will continue our exploration of Marcus Borg's book *The Heart of Christianity*. On Thursday, June 5, we'll explore what it means to be 'born again,' using chapters six and seven as a starting place for our discussion. On Thursday, June 12, we'll explore our faith's invitation to open and transform the heart, informed by chapters eight and nine.

Please join Fr. Paul for these discussions! Each stands alone, and if you aren't able to read the chapters, you'll still be able to participate. Please RSVP to him at 585-241-9317 or pfrolick@standrewsaa.org so we can plan for refreshments.

Pentecost is June 8!

On Pentecost Sunday we will celebrate Music at St. Andrew's with Music Recognitions during the 10:00 am service. This will also be the last day of the Sunday School year. To celebrate Pentecost we'll have a number of bubble activities on the front lawn, including a station to make a bubble around yourself. Fun for all ages!!

Outreach and Social Justice Meeting

Sunday, June 8 at 11:15 am in the Chapel

Don't miss the Outreach and Social Justice meeting on Sunday, June 8, at 11:15 am in the Chapel. Pick up your CROP Walk t-shirt! Learn about U.S. immigration and detention policies and procedures.

-- **Merilynne Rush**, Coordinator, Social Outreach
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Caregivers Luncheon

Tuesday, June 10 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.

Book Study: A More Perfect Union

Thursday, June 19 + 26 at 6-7:30 pm in the Lounge

In his book, *A More Perfect Union*, Adam Russell Taylor explains why he truly believes that building a "Beloved Community" will create the world we want to live in. I find myself asking if I have the commitment and courage necessary to do as he says - to deeply examine my privilege, the myths about our country that we collectively hold, and to engage in agape love, be uncomfortable, and make sacrifices. During our book study, I propose we start by discussing:

- What community, organization, movement, culture do you consider yourself to be part of?
- With whom do you share a common past? A common future?
- Do you participate in this community as a result of "fate," "choice," or both?
- How like or unlike the experience of others do you believe your own experience to be? (from *People, Power and Change*, by Marshall Ganz, as quoted by Taylor)

I am finding this book to be fascinating, frustrating, and provocative, and I am looking forward to discussing it with you. *A More Perfect Union* is available at Schulers Books in Westgate Mall for 20% off if you mention St. Andrew's. -- **Merilynne Rush**

A Warm Welcome

PICTURED: Fr. Paul Frolick and Junior Warden Marty Gillen (far right) welcome new members on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

to our newest members!



Vestry Highlights

Highlights from the Vestry meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2025

- **Met with Carol Bennett** and endorsed her for candidacy for ordination to the vocational diaconate.
- **Approved minutes** from the March 25th meeting.
- **Reviewed and approved the March financial statements.** Income is still over budget and expenses are under for a positive outlook at this point in the year.
- **Approved a bid** from Oak Arbor Company to remediate drainage issues in the Memorial and Cloister gardens.
- **Discussed the possibility of a capital campaign** in conjunction with the 200th anniversary in 2027. The consensus is that we need to work on developing a stronger and more comprehensive proposal (or wish list) before making the decision on whether or not to proceed.
- **Continued our discussion** about developing new mission and vision statements for St. Andrew's. We are exploring ways to collect feedback from the congregation on this work.

Highlights from the Vestry meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2025

- **Approved minutes** from the April 29th meeting.
- **Reviewed and approved the April financial statements.** Expenses are under budget and Income is over budget for a positive outlook at this point in the year.
- **Reviewed a proposal to replace and expand the playground equipment** at the north end of Lewis Hall. The vestry will consider an electronic vote on this project pending answers to several follow-up questions. The final bid is \$37,000 and the proposal is to use the General Memorial Fund.
- **Discussed several options** to complete a performance review for Fr. Paul. This will take place in the coming weeks.
- **Reviewed some very rough ideas and estimates for a 'bricks and mortar' proposal in a potential capital campaign.** Staff will continue to explore some ideas.
- **Reviewed a proposal to complete an historic preservation plan for St. Andrew's.** We will continue to explore this proposal.



Sunday School

THANK YOU to all the children who collected their coins during Lent for our Foster Child Emmanuella. We collected \$199.16, just 86 cents short of our goal.

The Supper Theater was a huge success! A fundraiser for the Pilgrimage, the high school families worked hard preparing the food and working the event. The Russian Jewish food complimented the play *Fiddler on the Roof* which was fantastic.

June 1: Teacher and helper recognition is June 1! Please show appreciation to our dedicated teachers and their helpers, 42 in all. Also on June 1, we will be celebrating our nine high school graduating seniors. We will recognize them with a prayer shawl (lovingly made by the Judy Wortley Knitting Group) and a Bible from Father Paul. They are Charlotte Bier, Fan Burhenn, Violet Collier, Clara Freeth, Grace Koch, Elle McCreadie, Steven Merz, Cecile Piffaretti, and Charlotte Niman.

June 8: Sunday School's regular academic year ends on June 8. June 8 is also Pentecost. Instead of pinwheels representing the wind of the Holy Spirit, this year we will be having bubbles on the front lawn. Individual bottles of bubbles for the kids, a bubble machine, bubble stations to make all sorts of bubbles including large ones, and one station to actually make a bubble around yourself. Come and have fun after the 10:00 service. All ages permitted to have fun.

June 15: Summer Sunday School the next Sunday, June 15 for grades preschool through 5th grade in the first floor classroom. This summer's theme is Psalms. We will read some favorite psalms in kid-friendly language and have appropriate crafts. We'll be creating apple trees for Psalm 1, space mobiles for Psalm 8, sheep for Psalm 23, flannel blankies for Psalm 91, noisemakers for Psalm 100, clay mountains for Psalm 121, and shrinky dink charms for Psalm 139. There will also be free play time, snacks, and games. Still starting at 9:45 am.

Thinking about joining our teaching team next fall? We'd love to have you! Please speak to Linda Hastings.

We have had a very fun and successful year with good attendance in the Sunday School. The congregation is growing and we continue to add new kids.

-- **Linda Hastings, Sunday School Director**



Ministry Updates

WANTED: Pint Sized Mason Jars

Do you have any pint sized mason jars you no longer need? The Flower Ministry would love to use them for making floral arrangements to send with the Lay Eucharistic Visitors!



While "real" Mason jars are the best, we've used lookalikes without any problems. Wide or regular mouth is fine, the key is the full pint size. We don't need the jar's lids

or rings, but will be happy to take any and pass them along to people who can use them.

If you have any jars to donate, or for more information about the Flower Ministry, please email Nancy Johnson at n.becker.johnson@gmail.com.



OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK STUDY

A MORE PERFECT UNION

Join Outreach and Social Justice for a study of Adam Russell Taylor's treatise on where we are as a country and how to move forward and create "Beloved Community" that values human beings.

THURSDAY,
JUNE 19
JUNE 26

6-7:30 PM
IN THE LOUNGE



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REFLECT, DISCUSS,
AND GROW!

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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND THE Breakfast Program

CROP Walk
October 5, 2025



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at the Ann Arbor CROP Walk

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Help provide meals
to our community members



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Theater

***Fiddler on the Roof* was a smashing success!**

The Supper Theater presentation of *Fiddler on the Roof* on May 10 and 11 was wonderful. We had a cast of 30, five musicians, and three crew members. The rehearsal arc started with a First Reading on March 1. Thanks are due to everyone involved for all their hard work and dedication. It was a terrific cast and there was real sense of community and dedication to the project.

Between the Saturday and Sunday shows there were over 220 tickets sold. As we have done since COVID when our theater was virtual, we used the OnTheStage platform for selling tickets and collecting donations. Between ticket sales and donations, we netted \$5,865, the bulk of it to go toward the High School Sunday School program. There was a beautiful, themed supper, prepared and served by

the youth, parents and leaders, under the careful direction of Linda Hastings. Thanks to all for your generosity and support of both Theater Ministry at St. Andrew's and the High School Sunday School program.

Summer Reading: "The BFG" by Roald Dahl

*Mondays at 7:15 pm on the Lawn
June 16, and June 30 - July 28*

We will again have a summer reading program, open to everyone who likes to take part in telling a good story (or just listen to a good story). We will meet on Monday evenings at 7:15 pm for one hour in the playground area on the north side of the church. This summer we will be reading "The BFG", by Roald Dahl.

The readings are drop-in---come to one session, come to them all, you will be part of the group, no matter. Each night we assign parts,

including the narrator of the story, when a specific character is not speaking. "The BFG" is a great story.

There will be copies available at the readings, but it also helps if you buy or check out your own copy. The first session is on June 16. We will then skip two weeks to meet on June 30. I think we can finish in six sessions, with the final one being on July 28. Bring a chair and come give it a try!

There are many ways to be involved in the Theater Ministries at St. Andrew's, whether it is acting, making music, making props, helping with the set changes, making costumes, or just staying plugged in. There is an email list of all the usual suspects. I would be happy to add you to the list. Let me know at nrichert@comcast.net.

-- **Norm Richert, Theater Ministries**
nrichert@comcast.net





Breakfast Updates

Easter Weekend: Many thanks to Dennis and Jeannie Powers for donating spiral sliced hams for our guests to enjoy on Easter Sunday. We are also grateful for the many volunteers from Harvest Mission Community Church who prepared and served breakfast enchiladas, pancakes and fresh fruit for our guests that Saturday. They also brought gift bags with toiletries, snacks and cards with words of encouragement for our guests. Thank you, Harvest Mission!

Breakfast Program in the News:

Funds for federal programs that help those living with food insecurity have recently been suspended or eliminated. Although the Breakfast Program does not receive federal money directly, we do rely on donations of USDA food from Food Gatherers. CBS News Detroit recently aired a story about how these cuts are impacting the most vulnerable in our community. Meredith Bruckner interviewed the CEO of Food Gatherers and our Breakfast Director, Sue Nishi. The story was on the 6:00 news on Friday, May 16. You can [view the piece here](#) in case you missed it.

"Just Love: Empower Compassion" Event on June 8: First United Methodist Church is [hosting a community gathering](#) on Sunday, June 8 to support 6 local nonprofits (including the Breakfast Program). The event is from 1:00 to 2:30 pm and will feature speakers from each of the selected nonprofits and an opportunity to ask questions and make donations. Afterwards, participants are encouraged to march together to the Washtenaw Congregational Sanctuary Vigil outside the Ann Arbor Federal Building on Liberty and Fifth St. We hope you can join us.

Save the Date! The Breakfast Program and St. Andrew's will walk together as a team in this year's Ann Arbor CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 5 at 2:00 pm. This year the walk will begin at First United Methodist Church on State Street, and part of the proceeds will benefit the Breakfast Program. If you would like to join our team, please visit our [Team Page](#).



Follow us on Instagram! Follow [@thebreakfastprogram](#) to get a glimpse into all the good work we're doing every day in the kitchen and Parish Hall.

Want to get involved? If you are interested in volunteering, please email Susette Jaquette at [standrewsbreakfast@gmail.com](#) to get the link to our SignUpGenius pages.

-- Sue Nishi, Breakfast Director
[breakfast@standrewsaa.org](#)



HOLY WEEK 2025
Parish Life Highlights

PHOTOS COURTESY OF: Shannon Floyd,
Linda Hastings, Ally Norris, Lucy Richert,
Mary Wessel Walker

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





Above: The Adult Choir sings on the lawn during Rogation Sunday, May 25, 2025 · Shannon Floyd

Calendar of Events

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)

Thursdays

10:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)

Fridays

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

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

Updated Totals: Food Gatherers Spring Fund Drive

Our spring fund drive for Food Gatherers raised \$11,759!!

That amount was then matched making it \$23,518, with an additional \$1,000 unmatched gift bringing our grand total an incredible \$24,518 which will provide 49,036 meals to members of our community. Thank you all for your tremendous support!

June 2025

Sunday, June 1

Teacher & HS Senior Recognitions

Tuesday, June 3

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Wednesday, June 4

4:30 pm Cherub/Junior Choir (CL)
5:00 pm Kid Choir Party (PH)
6:00 pm Last Evensong until Fall (Cpl)

Thursday, June 5

5:30 pm Faith 102 (Cpl)

Sunday, June 8

Pentecost - Last Day of Sunday School Music Recognitions

11:15 am Outreach & Social Justice (Cpl)
11:15 am Bubbles on the Lawn

Tuesday, June 10

12:00 pm Caregivers Luncheon (L)

Thursday, June 12

5:30 pm Faith 102 (Cpl)

Sunday, June 15 **FATHER'S DAY**

Summer Sunday School Begins

Monday, June 16

7:15 pm Summer Reading:
"The BFG" (Lawn)

Tuesday, June 17

6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

Thursday, June 19 **JUNETEENTH**

Church Office Closed
6:00 pm Book Study (L)

Saturday, June 21

11:00 am Memorial Service for Roger King (C)

Tuesday, June 24

6:30 pm Vestry (L)

Thursday, June 26

6:00 pm Book Study (L)

Monday, June 30

7:15 pm Summer Reading:
"The BFG" (Lawn)

July 2025

Tuesday, July 1

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Friday, July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Church Office Closed

Monday, July 7

7:15 pm Summer Reading:
"The BFG" (Lawn)

Monday, July 14

7:15 pm Summer Reading:
"The BFG" (Lawn)

Tuesday, July 15

6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

July 17-19

Ann Arbor Art Fair

Monday, July 21

7:15 pm Summer Reading:
"The BFG" (Lawn)

Tuesday, July 22

6:30 pm Vestry (L)

Monday, July 28

7:15 pm Summer Reading:
"The BFG" (Lawn)

August 2025

Tuesday, August 5

3:00 pm Glacier Hills Service

Tuesday, August 19

6:00 pm Finance (L/Zoom)

Tuesday, August 26

6:30 pm Vestry (L)