St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



Sending warm wishes and love your way!

I hope you all are settled in somewhere warm and cozy and are staying away from this nasty flu bug which has kept me at home this past week. I missed you all terribly on Sunday. It was weird and sad not to be in church with you! But thank you to Mother Pat Dickson who so graciously came to be with you on very short notice. I'm feeling much better now and plan to be with you this weekend. Thank you for all your concern and prayers, In Christ's love, Mother Barbara

Preparing for Sunday

Our Annual Meeting is this Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for our Annual Meeting when you will elect the new vestry members, acknowledge the outgoing ones with your gratitude, receive the financial statements for 2017 and review the budget for 2018, see who will receive the awards by the Rector and Vestry, and celebrate our vibrant ministry in 2017. It's a short and funpacked time together.





Contribution STATEMENTS SAVE US A STAMP AND PICK YOURS UP ON SUNDAY!

2017 Year End Contributions are ready to be picked up.

You may also pick up your 2017 Annual Contribution Statements for our tax reporting. All statements not Thanks for your contributions that allowed us to make a real difference in our lives and those of our neighbors by supporting our ministry. picked up on Sunday will be mailed early next week. Please save us the postage, if you can, and stop by and pick up your envelope.

Godly Play & Building Faith: Brick by Brick Classes will meet.

Our Godly Play and Building Faith classes will meet Sunday at 9 am. The Godly Play class will share the special story of the sacrament baptism with our young people.



8 a.m. Greeter: Katie Dodds, Gary Lewis Verger: Bill Gawors Crucifer: Katie Dodds Lector: Gary Lewis Eucharistic Minister: Gary Lewis

10 a.m.

Verger: Mike Rhodes Altar Guild: Kathy Varner, Kathy Magaro, Jane Offner, Roseann Sysko Greeters: Mary Beth Williams, Thomas Williams Acolytes: Zachary Rhodes, Julia Rhodes, Alexander Smeltz Lectors: Lisa Woolley, Larry Shillock Eucharistic Ministers: Harold Herman, Sue Davis Counters: Angie Schneider, Melisa Dotson Coffee Hour: Jennifer and Tom Romine

SPO Egg Collection Money

This week we invite your contributions



Turning your heart toward the scriptures- The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

To read the scriptures in advance, please <u>click here.</u>

To engage in lectio divina on the scriptures, please <u>click here.</u>

Our texts include the call story of our patron saint, Andrew. Reading Mark's gospel account of the call of the first disciples leaves you a bit breathless-l'm wondering if that's how we would each describe our own response to call's call -- leaving us breathless or breath-taking?! to SPO to help fund our monthly donation of \$75.00 to them so they can purchase fresh eggs for their clients.



Coming up this week

Men's Spirituality Initial Meeting to be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Chambersburg, PA Tuesday, 1/23 at 6:30 pm.

A new group designed to explore and meet the spiritual needs of men in community is forming as a joint effort between St. Andrew's and Trinity Episcopal Church. This will be led by Deacon Pete Gdula. Please come to Trinity's Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. to find out what this might be all about!





Celtic Spirituality Exploration Continues this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. 1/24

We continue our exploration of Celtic Spirituality this Wednesday as we begin the study of the book *Christ of the Celts; the Healing of Creation* by John Philip Newell and the reading together of *Nature's Temples* by Joan Maloof, a book about Old-Growth Forests. Join us for dinner at 5:30 and then for conversation beginning at 7 pm. All are welcome for this time of sharing and exploration.

Other Special Events to look forward to

Leadership Day at the Diocese Saturday 2/3 8:30 am to 3 pm

Join others at the Cathedral to learn



about Centering Prayer, Spiritual Direction, Story Telling, Intergenerational Activities, and learning more about Scripture & Tradition (as we interpret the Bible).

To learn more or to register, please click here.

Vestry Orientation Saturday 2/3 from 10am to 12pm

This is an opportunity for our new vestry members can come together and ask all their questions and get all the background information they need to begin their leadership service among us. Thank you for your service!





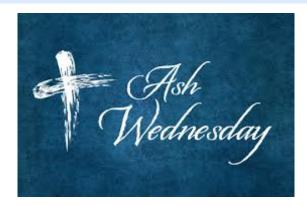
Our Bishop's Visit on 2/11 with confirmations at 10 a.m. service

Join us for this festive day when our bishop visits with us and confirms 6 of our young people and 1 adult at our 10 a.m. service. You will each have a chance to meet with her and share with her what we love about our parish and what we want her to know about our ministry -- and a chance to feel even more connected to our diocese.

Shrove Tuesday Party (2/13 at 6 p.m.) and Ash Wednesday service (2/14 at 6 p.m.)

Can you believe it's almost Lent? Well, it is! Plan to come to our Shrove Tuesday party as we prepare for Ash Wednesday. We need people to help, so please see Mike Stitt or Mo. Barbara.

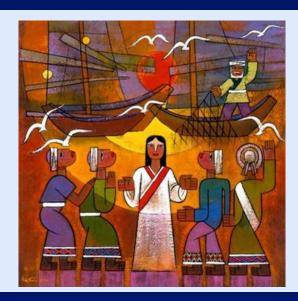
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Vestry Retreat Saturday 2/24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is an opportunity for our new leaders to work with Dan Morrow, Canon for Congregational Life and Mission to help us focus on our core identity, purpose, and context as a parish.

Bishop's Blog



Whose are we... or... to whom do we belong?

To read her blog, please click here.

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