

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

## Our Commitment to our Community: Faith into Action

Here are 2 ways to make a difference  
in the lives of our our neighborhood children  
this summer.



For the past several years, St. Andrew's has been a major supporter of our Community Summer Lunch Program (SLP) which provides lunch plus so much more for students in our area (most of whom would be receiving free or reduced lunches during the school year). We take seriously our commitment to live out our faith in real action. Feeding the hungry year-round has been a long-term focus of our parish, as evidenced through our Community Meal Program and Christmas Day Dinner.

The SLP welcomes any child living in the Shippensburg Area School District boundaries ages 5-17 and serves an average of 40 students. The program is a friendly environment filled with different daily activities that appeal to many interests: reading, art, music, and sports.

Our vestry has committed support for this program as they know the positive impact this program has on our community children. In past years, we have offered \$1000 each year, often raised through a silent auction, to this program to help support their staffing needs and to provide funds for age-appropriate programming for teens. This year we're making an ask for direct donations. Please help us make an impact in our community by making a generous donation to this worthwhile program.

**We invite you to make your financial contribution to the Summer Lunch Program through or parish so we can reach our goal of \$1000 of support. You can send a check in directly to the**

parish, with "Summer Lunch Program" earmarked in the memo line. You can make a cash or check donation and place it in the special envelope you will find in your bulletin at church over the next three weeks. You can make a one-time gift through our online giving program (please ask Treasurer Ken Dotson for further information on how to do this). Our collection period is 7/1-7/15. We so appreciate your support.

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**It's that time again!**  
**Our commitment: 300 Pencil Cases**

Over the past several years, St. Andrew's has participated in the community-wide project of the Blessing of the Backpacks, and we are once again blessed with the opportunity to serve the needs of the children of the Shippensburg community by donating 300 pencil cases to the cause.

Over the coming weeks, please bring pencil cases to the Parish Life Center where we will count and deliver them to Memorial Lutheran Church in time for the assembling of the backpacks. The Blessing and distribution will take place at Memorial Lutheran August 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7PM.

If you are unable to go out to purchase pencil cases, please feel free to make a donation, and we will secure the cases for you. If you are writing a check, please be sure to note "Pencil Cases" in the memo line.

This community outreach is a concrete way to help our children go to school prepared with the supplies they need.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Lisa Turchi or Bill Gawors. Thank you for your generosity! ~

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**Preparing for Sunday- Proper 8**  
**One service at 9 a.m.**

To read the lessons in advance, please [click here](#).

To engage in lectio divina on the texts, please [click here](#).

To read Mother Barbara's sermon from last week, please [click here](#).

## Worship Ministers

**Acolytes:** Shannon O'Donnell, Neiley O'Donnell, Alexander Smeltz

**Altar Guild:** Kathy Smith, Jennifer Romine, Edna Guido

**Cantor:** Lisa Turchi

**Coffee Hour:** The Briggs Family

**Counters:** Ken Dotson, Fred Detschel

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Susan Sanders, Mary Grace Shearer

**Greeters:** Ken Dotson, Melisa Dotson

**Healing Ministers:** Laurel White, Jeanine Goodwin

**Lectors:** Susan Sanders, Bill Hutchinson

**Verger:** Mike Stitt

To access the Worship Minister Schedule for the 3rd Quarter, July through September, please [click here](#).

Thank you for your faithful service to our worship life at St. Andrew's!

### Healing Prayers Offered this Sunday

We invite you to bring your concerns, thanksgivings or deepest prayers to our healing ministers this Sunday during our service. They will pray with you and Mo. Pat will offer anointing if you so desire. This is a sacred time of communion from your heart to God's.



## What's coming up at the Parish

### Approaching the Gospels Bible Study This Sunday at 10:30 a.m.



On the first Sunday of every month we gather for Bible Study in our parish library. This is an opportunity to explore, learn more about, and share our insights on passages from our gospel, the "good news of Jesus".

Our conversations are lively, helpful, and structured in a way to listen to everyone's ideas and yet stay focused on what we can learn from the

texts. This Sunday we will be exploring in more depth the gospel we will hear in church, the passage sharing with us two of Jesus' healing miracles. The gift the gospels offer us is that even when the stories are so familiar to us (like the woman reaching out for the fringe on Jesus' cloak), we can hear them almost from a brand new place when we really sit with them and allow them to speak to us and to hear other people's thoughts. Please join us this Sunday.

To read the texts for this study (we'll explore the same stories in each of the synoptic gospels), please [click here](#).

## Connections in the Diocese



### Our Bishop's Blog

Groundhogs.  
18 year-old brown boys.  
Newspaper reporters.  
Concert goers  
Church goers  
Dance club patrons  
Kindergartners.

To read our bishop's excellent and insightful blog, please [click here](#).





**O LORD, YOU WILL  
ORDAIN PEACE  
FOR US, FOR  
INDEED, ALL THAT  
WE HAVE DONE, YOU  
HAVE DONE FOR US.**

*~ Isaiah 26:12*

THE *Episcopal* CHURCH 

## Harrisburg Convocation Acolyte Festival August 11th

This is a wonderful way for our young people to meet others from our neighboring Episcopal Churches and to have a great day celebrating their ministry as acolytes. Please let our vergers or Mo. Barbara know if you're planning to come.

## Diocesan Acolyte Festival

Celebrate being an acolyte!

Those who serve the church are invited to an afternoon of fun, games, fellowship and worship.



We are inviting the youth acolytes (and those who feel young and playful) from the diocese to gather for a worship service, lunch and activities such as:

- \*The Acolyte Olympics
- \*Inflatable Fun
- \*Kickball
- \*Conga Cakewalk
- \* and more



August 11th; St. Andrew's in the Valley, Harrisburg;  
11 am until 4 pm

\$10 per acolyte or \$20 per family

Please register name of church and number of attendees:

revclaytor@gmail.com or call 717-533-2454

Each church will need to provide adult supervision for their young people; families and clergy are encouraged to come and play, too!

## Connections with The Episcopal Church



July 3rd - July 14th

To access the General Convention Calendar, to read daily blog posts by our delegates, or to know the issues that will be discussed that

### General Convention

Every 3 years, members of The Episcopal Church gather together to worship, pray, hold conversations, speak out about social justice issues, and make decisions together. It is a gathering of lay and clergy people who are from places all over the globe, wherever people call themselves Episcopalians. It is an exciting time for the church -- and we get to stay tuned in to what's going on through communication offered by our Diocese.

are important to us here in Central PA, please go to [this link](#) to our Diocesan Website. I'll post some important updates each week in this e-newsletter.

[Visit our Website](#)

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