



Good News

Together, we seek to know Christ and make him known.

From the Rector

Friends, soon we will begin together the good work of exploring *Sacred Ground: A Film-based Dialogue Series on Race & Faith*. This highly-acclaimed Episcopal Church initiative is said to be life-changing, and I for one cannot wait to get started on this 10 week series with you. We will begin our journey on February 18, when I will share the learning materials with you. Our first dialogue group will be on Thursday March 4 at 6:30pm when we will meet via Zoom.

The films and reading materials will be available to you online at no cost, to read/view at your leisure, and our dialogue group will be meeting twice a month (via zoom for now), to talk about the learning, ask questions, share stories and ponder how the human-created concept of “race” has impacted the course of human history in this country.

We will explore together how to respond, as Christians and as the faith community, to the pervasive effects of racism which remain so prevalent in our time, and how to move forward together to create an inclusive beloved community grounded in peace and justice for all of God’s people.

Because of the complexity of the issues to be explored, and our need to process our learning together, our first dialogue group will be limited to 10 people. If there is interest, we will offer the series again, and continue these offerings so that everyone can participate in a dialog group and learn together.

Ash Wednesday February 17

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent and is an opportunity for Christians to renew their repentance and faith. The imposition of ashes reminds us that God created us out of the dust of the earth and that we will return to that dust. The ashes are a sign of our mortality and penitence. It is only through the gift of Jesus that we have everlasting life.

Join us virtually via Facebook or YouTube as we begin our observance of a Holy Lent on Wednesday, February 17th. Plans are being made to create "at home" ash kits for self imposition of ashes during the online Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Watch your email for more information and instructions.



Join the Lunch Bunch

Volunteers from St. Andrew will be preparing the Monday holiday meal for the St. James Lunch program on February 15th - Presidents' Day.

During the pandemic, all volunteers are required to wear masks and the meal is served "to go" through the front doors of the church. The Lunch Program feeds 90-135 neighbors who are homeless, hungry or just need a little extra help to get by.

New volunteers are always welcome. If you are interested contact Conrad Galayda at 440-413- 8712. Volunteers usually arrive at 11 AM and are finished by around 2 PM.



Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.



We are always looking for additional Lectors and Prayer Leaders to participate in the St. Andrew online worship. If you are interested in reading a scripture or leading the Prayers of the People, please call the church office at 440-255-8842 or contact Rev. Lisa at revlisastandrew@gmail.com.



Conrad always comes up with a great menu for the meals. Here he is with Mary Jo and Richard giving instructions!

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Please know that our Sacred Ground learning and dialog group is not limited to Episcopalians or members of St. Andrew. If you know someone who is especially interested in exploring the origins, growth, and legacy of racism in our county, and our Christian response to its effects in our time, please let me know.

Admission to our first Sacred Ground learning group is on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to join the group, which begins the week of Ash Wednesday and concludes the week of July 1, please contact me.

For a syllabus and film preview of Sacred Ground please visit:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/syllabus-preview> .

If you're not sure whether or not this topic is relevant to your life as a Christian in our times I encourage you to take 3 minutes to view this Youtube video on race:

<https://youtu.be/VnfKqffCZ7U>

We are One Body in Christ, but we are also individuals who come from different backgrounds with a variety life experiences. We often struggle to understand our call as Christians, and wonder how we can help create beloved community together for our families and our all our neighbors. We all want to stop the hate. Let's learn together, share our thoughts and experiences, and grow in love. Sacred Ground is a fertile medium for your new growth in Christ. Join us!

Funeral for Kate Wells

We will conduct the funeral for Kate Wells on Sunday February 7 beginning at noon. Given the diocesan restrictions placed upon in-person church meetings in light of COVID, live attendance at Kate's funeral will be extremely limited and largely confined to immediate family. Please know that we will be posting a video of the funeral in the near future so that you can remember our dear Kate with our St. Andrew church family.

Dates to Remember: February

- 7 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 7 - 14 - Diocesan Winter Convocation (online)
- 9 - Food Pantry Distribution, 1-3 PM
- 15 - St. James Lunch Service, 11 AM
- 17 - Ash Wednesday, 7 PM (online)
- 18 - Sacred Ground begins with first assignment

Virtual Services continue Sundays on St. Andrew Facebook (10:30 AM) and YouTube (10:45 AM). Links are posted each week on our website: www.standrew-mentor.com.

Self-Guided Nature Hikes at Bellwether Farm

Self-guided nature hike guides (centered on The Way of Love) are available at Bellwether Farm for individuals or families to explore the wonder of God's creation through Bellwether's forests and along the river. Call 440.839.0088 to reserve a time to hike.



Bellwether Farm



Another Successful Annual Meeting

It certainly wasn't a typical Annual Meeting! The St. Andrew Annual Meeting on January 31st was held via Zoom due to the pandemic. Despite the challenges of technology, we still were able to accomplish all the necessary tasks. We even enjoyed some live music thanks to Eunice May!

During the meeting, the congregation elected new vestry members Betsy Lee and Tony Wesley to serve the parish. Additionally, Sandy Mazelis was elected to serve a second term. Congratulations to our new and returning Vestry members. They join current members Ed Bridge, Mary Ellen Fecser, Conrad Galayda, Michele Miller, Janna Penkowski, and Doug Sundstrom, who will once again take the role of Senior Warden. We appreciate all who serve on the Vestry and in other ministries at St. Andrew!



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Donate a Box of Cards to the St. Andrew Greeting Card Ministry

As a church family we grow as a community by sharing our lives with each other, both in celebration and in times of sorrow. One ministry that puts that practice in action is the St. Andrew Greeting Card Ministry.

Led by Joan Lally, with a group of dedicated volunteers, cards are sent each month to commemorate and celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, and express sympathy in times of loss.

You can help by contributing greeting cards to sustain the ministry. Birthday cards are the most needed and used cards. According to Joan, a box featuring a variety of birthday cards would be a welcome donation and put to good use spreading the love in the St. Andrew community. Anyone who would like to contribute may drop off cards in the Church Office. Stamps to mail the cards are also a welcome donation. We are thankful for this wonderful ministry and all who volunteer or donate to make it possible!



Joan Lally oversees our beloved Card Ministry

Lent in time of COVID

Lenten disciplines can be rich sources of spiritual nourishment for us as we contemplate our Lord's passion by which he saved the world for us. This year, Lent may find you in particular need of consolation, reconciliation and renewal as we enter into our second year of the COVID pandemic together. Please consider exploring some of these Lenten resources as a means to travel through this challenging time of Lent and COVID with spirit intact and a heart full of hope.

Come, Pray (Society of St. John the Evangelist - SSJE):

The series is centered on a weekly 20-minute video and invites participants to explore and experience diverse prayer practices alongside the Brothers through joining our regular, live-streamed worship, special services, and online teachings. Sign-up at [SSJE.org/subscribe](https://ssje.org/subscribe) and select "Monastic Wisdom for everyday living."

Living Well Through Lent 2020: Practicing Courage with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind (Living Compass):

Explore a variety of ways to engage in Lent with others. You can enroll for daily emails, join a private Facebook discussion group for the season, and download a free Lent devotional PDF. Sign-up at <https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>

D365:

This daily email Lenten devotional is produced by produced by [Passport, Inc.](https://passportinc.org), a national student ministry organization and 501(c)(3) nonprofit. These devotions are specifically designed for youth and young adults. Sign-up at <https://d365.org/>

February Celebrations

Birthdays

Sue Corbett 01
Chris Heim 02
Wilma Wells 12
Katie Clark 14
Bob Pattison 15
Wayne Heim 15
Eunice May 18
Linda Pietro 18
Nicholas Heim 22
Joseph Gudel 25
Debbie Pulman 26
Sue Agnew 28

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary?

*Contact the Office at
440-255-8842 and
let us know!*



Please Share, Share, Share

St. Andrew is hoping to build on the successful first year of the Jubilee Garden. Our plans include expanding the garden area and adding a tilled bed in addition of the raised beds we used in 2020 to grow even more fresh produce to give away as part of our food sharing ministry. The area will also be fenced to prevent losing crops to our forest friends.

To engage more volunteers and solicit donations for the project, we have created a crowd funding video. The short video gives an overview of the project and lets folks know how they can become involved either by donating or joining as a gardener, Please share this video on your social media accounts to your family and friends. Garden helpers do not need to be church members. Community volunteers are

welcome to join the project. Share the link to the St. Andrew "give butter" account with our video [Jubilee Garden Project at St. Andrew, Mentor \(givebutter.com\)](https://givebutter.com). The video contains contact information for those who would like to volunteer and a way to donate to the project..