



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

We are a diverse community of faith called by God to love, worship, pray, support and serve.

From Your Rector

Who Are We?

My primary goal for my first four months with you, and a major goal into this new year, is to get to know our church community and the communities of Burt, Newfane and Niagara County that surround it.

I've come across a few statistics, some of which may be surprising to us. Here they are:

- Our average Sunday attendance (2014 through 2016) has been 69 people. The median average Sunday attendance figure for Episcopal churches nationally was 58 in 2015. (Median is the number in the middle of the range for all Episcopal churches nationally.) St. Andrew's, then, has more people in the pews than most Episcopal churches.
- The largest age group in the community (within a three-mile radius of St. Andrew's) is adults 35-64 (26 percent). About 10 percent are ages 25-34. The number of people in the 25-34 age range is expected to grow 4.2 percent over the next 10 years and the number of early elementary school children is expected to grow about 8 percent in the next five years. The number of single-parent households also is expected to grow over the next 10 years.
- Compared with other communities nationally, people in our community place a higher value on family-oriented activities, opportunities for volunteering in the local community, youth social activities and religious/spiritual activities, especially meditation, traditional worship services and children's Christian education.

What does all this mean for us at St. Andrew's? The vestry will discuss trends and statistics at our February retreat, so we'll provide more information as the year unfolds. We'd love to have your ideas, as well. The strongest message is that we have a great opportunity for ministry. We already have a strong foundation of programs for families, children and youth that we can build upon. We also can provide opportunities for volunteering within the local community, including hands-on outreach opportunities. I am excited that we will be discerning new ministry opportunities together.

Randi +

Sources: *Episcopal Church Studying Your Congregation and Community*: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/studying-your-congregation-and-community>

Partnership Committee Update

St. Andrew's currently has eleven community partnerships set up that provide support to our local, national, and international community. St. Andrew's partnerships and chairpersons include:

- *Our Little Roses – Jamie Gailie*
- *Newfane Food Pantry Collection – Paul and Kay Mayer*
- *Annual Lenten Fish Fry – Stacy Lampman & Liz Gilson*
- *Newfane School District (Peer Mediation Club) – Pam Leibring*
- *Youth Partnerships (Youth Group & Sunday School) – Pam Leibring & Sunday School Teachers*
- *Adopt a Family – Chris Kelahan*
- *Ladies Guild – Darcy Buchanan*
- *Gospel Groove Band – Doug Wintersteen*
- *St. Andrew's Community Store – Gerald & Cindy Harrington*
- *Newfane Rehabilitation Center – Judy Naylor*
- *UTO (United Thank Offering) – Mike Depew*

The Partnership Committee is made up of the chairpersons from each Community Partnership and was created about a year ago to track and coordinate the community outreach we do at St. Andrew's Church. To date the committee has completed the following tasks:

- Created a spreadsheet that lists all St. Andrew's Partnerships and provides a brief description and timeline of what needs to be completed for each outreach project.
- Designed and updated a Partnership calendar to track outreach events happening throughout the year. This calendar will help the committee to schedule new outreach projects and plan upcoming events to ensure our community work and monetary collections are spread out right through the calendar year.
- Developed a way to provide ongoing communication about our outreach. Look for updates on each of our St. Andrew's Partnerships in the newsletter, church bulletin, on the website, and in our new member literature.
- Established a process for beginning new Community Partnerships within our church.

St. Andrew's is always looking for ways that we can support and help our community. The Partnership Committee has created a process to follow if you have a new outreach idea or if you have a talent you would like to share.

Bring your idea(s) to any of the Partnership Chairpersons (see list above). Then the Committee can help you to clearly define the new partnership's goals, select a chairperson, and work on the details to ensure the outreach project is a success.

Pam Leibring

Fish Fry 2017

It is that time of year again. Fish Fry will run from Friday, February 24, 2017 through April 7, 2017 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Of course all the action does not happen in those two hours, so here is the help we are looking for again this year:

- Thursday night – set tables, make coffee, pick-up rolls and prepare condiments.
- Friday morning – unload supplies from the Montondo's truck, mix coleslaw and potato salad, pre-fry French fries.
- Friday evening – we need many, many desserts; help with clearing and clean up, coffee pourers, and dessert cutters. I am looking for someone specifically to organize take out runners and to help with dishwashing on a regular basis. We will be using the new plates this year so this will be a bigger job.

If you already have a fish fry job that you traditionally do but will be unavailable to do it this year, please let me know. If you are new to the fish fry, I will definitely set you up with a job for every week or for whatever your limitations might be, time-wise.

I can't stress enough the need for desserts over the 7 weeks of Fish fry. We need over 400 servings per night and your donation is greatly appreciated. Consider keeping track of your baking expenses and they can be applied to your yearly donation to the Church.

Fish fry is our major fundraiser for the year and we need to all be a part of it to make it a success. I look forward to working with you in this very important ministry for St. Andrew's!!! Any questions or if you are a new volunteer who needs a job, call me at 531-5472.

Stacy Lampman

SCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S

Tops cards as well as gift cards for stores and restaurants are available, and we earn between 2% and 18% on these purchases! Pick up an order form on the table in the narthex or use the one that is on the church website.

SEE BILL BUCHANAN WITH QUESTIONS & ORDERS



FUNDRAISING WHILE YOU SHOP!

Diocesan News

- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will visit the diocese March 3-5. Several events are being planned.
- Keri Mills has been hired as the bishop's executive secretary, replacing Lorraine Hapeman, who retired.
- Discover Sundays: 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Ministry Center (*Registration available on EpiscopalWNY.org under the "What's Going On" link*)
 - February 19th ~ Film : Amazing Grace
 - March 19th ~ Spring Ahead Into Gardening

Food Pantry

Every two weeks I take the food and personal products that our St. Andrew's families have donated to St. Brendan's food pantry. They are very grateful and we receive many thank you cards from them.

We were very fortunate this year to be able donate \$1500 to the food bank from some of our Bazaar profits.

Last year we set a goal of collecting 100 articles per month. That is only 25 items per week. Let's try to make it 125 items per month for 2017.

Kay Mayer



Vestry Highlights

December 14, 2016

Resolved

- ✓ Approved \$100 donation toward the Celebration of Ministry Reception on January 14, 2017 for Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe
- ✓ Approved proposed 2017 Budget
- ✓ Approved Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe's Housing Allowance for 2017
- ✓ Approved 2017 Covenant Agreement with St. John's

Reports

- ✓ Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe reported on her committee meetings and offered suggestions and recommendations conducive to the future growth of our congregation.
- ✓ Search Committee Thank You Party is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. Friday, January 6, 2017 at Schulze Vineyard and Winery.
- ✓ The Celebration of Ministry service for Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at St. Andrew's.
- ✓ New Vestry Candidates:
 - Melissa Naylor – Warden
 - Chris Wesolek – Vestry
 - Meg Whitmore – Vestry
- ✓ St. Andrew's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 22, 2017 after church.
- ✓ Received a thank you letter from Newfane CSD for our donation to the Peer Mediation Program

Bonnie Wintersteen

Warden's View

As we move along in 2017, Lent and Easter will be upon us. It is a solemn time of year. It is also a joyous time, because Jesus died for our sins. The Lenten season is also when we have our Fish Fry's. It is a time when all of us come together for our largest fundraiser. It involves a lot of work, but the reward is very satisfying. We are able to do a lot of good for our community through Outreach; (we donate 10% of our earnings).

Thank you in advance for all of your hard work and commitment to St. Andrew's during our Lenten Fish Fry Season.

Paul Mayer

Did you know that if you go to Amazon.com through St. Andrew's website anything you purchase will make \$\$\$ for St. Andrew's?



Yes, real money, and it doesn't cost you a penny more than what you were already spending. They pay us an advertising fee for anyone who enters their site through our portal and makes a purchase. Last year they paid us over \$300! So next time you use Amazon.com be sure and go to St. Andrew's website first and just click on the portal. Oh yeah, please tell all of your friends too!

Money Matters

Our net worth as of 12/31/16 was \$313,672.21. We finished with a net negative figure of -\$5307.06. Our 2016 budget was a deficit budget calling for a -\$28,794. We nearly overcame this deficit largely through conscious and frugal spending by our Vestry -- in spite of the expense of the parking lot upgrade, a large gift to the Community Store to repair the roof, as well as the fact that we operated with supply clergy for a large portion of the year. It has been one of our goals for the past few years to operate closer to our

budget amount and continue to reduce our deficit. Our 2016 pledges finished up at 33 of the 48 pledges (or 69%) paid in full, falling short of reaching our goal of 80%.

Total Expenses	\$ 151,663
Actual Expenses	\$ 133,848

% of Pledges on Time	69%
Goal for Pledges on Time	80%

Income Equals 88.3% of Expenses

Where we want to be in December 2017: Our goal for 2017 is to continue outreach and to operate as close to our budget expectations as is feasible. We have made the 2017 budget as realistic as possible and will strive to work as efficiently as we can throughout the year. Please know that St. Andrew's receives no revenue of any type from the Diocese. We are completely self-supporting, so everyone's contributions are what enable us to continue moving forward.

What we will need to get there: We will need prayer to guide all of us to give from the heart. We need everyone to understand that a *Pledge* is just that – a promise to support God's work financially. We need to honor what we pledge, and lastly, to continue to work together as a community of faith.

Mike Depew

Schedules

Acolytes

February 5: Jonathan Pestinger, Jackson Condes, Sarah Leibring

February 12: James Leibring, Lauren Kelahan, Addi Naylor, Skyler Knott

February 19: Jarrett Gilson, Sean Kelahan, Sarah Leibring.

February 26: Tiffany Seeloff, Addi Naylor, Lauren Kelahan

March 5: Susan Villeneuve, Sean Kelahan, Jackson Condes, Skyler Knott,

March 12: Jarrett Gilson, Lauren Kelahan, Sarah Leibring, Skyler Knott

March 19: Jonathan Pestinger, Sarah Leibring, Lauren Kelahan

March 26: Jonathan Pestinger, Sarah Leibring, Lauren Kelahan

Lay Readers

February 5: Dorothy Cheasty & Shirley Litz

February 12: Lynn Schauer-Bewley & Lisa Roeseler

February 19: Stacy Lampman & Margaret Moran

February 26: Lisa Roeseler & Jerry Harrington

March 1 (Ash Wednesday): Judi Naylor

March 5: Dorothy Cheasty & Shirley Litz

March 12: Lynn Schauer-Bewley & Margaret Moran

March 19: Dorothy Cheasty & Lisa Roeseler

March 26: Stacy Lampman & Jerry Harrington

Sunday Services at 10:45 am

Sunday School at 10:30 am

St. Andrew's Community Store Store Hours

Closed Sunday & Monday

Tuesday & Wednesday
1 pm to 4 pm

Thursday
10 am to 4 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm

Friday
10 am to 4 pm

Saturday
10 am to 2 pm

2768 South Main Street, Newfane, New York

Altar Guild

February: Cindy Harrington, Kathy Gregg, Nicki Knott

March: Dorothy & Gary Cheasty

Collection Counters

February: Liz & Mike Depew

March: Cindy & Jerry Harrington



Dates to Remember

January 29th – *Gospel Groove Band* plays at Sunday Cabaret Program in Niagara Falls

February 10th – *Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner*, St. John's

February 11th – *Vestry Retreat*

February 24th – *Fish Fries* begin

February 25th – *Warden and Vestry Day*, 10 a.m., Diocesan Ministry Center

February 28th – *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper* at St. John's followed by *Children's Ash Wednesday Service*

March 1st – *Ash Wednesday*

Discover Sundays

2:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the
Diocesan Ministry Center
(Registration available on EpiscopalWNY.org under the
"What's Going On" link)

Explore the splendor of God's natural creation
Revel in some of the best of humankind's achievements
Share the experience with Episcopalians, friends and
family
Free and open to all!

February 19th
Film: Amazing Grace

March 19th
Spring Ahead into Gardening

Fish Fry Dates

- February 24th
- March 3rd
- March 10th
- March 17th
- March 24th
- March 31st
- April 7th



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Vestry Clerk: Lisa Roeseler

Music Director & Organist Joe Brezcka, Jr.

Treasurer: Michael Depew

Sexton: Jerilyn Carney

St. Andrew's Community Store: Cynthia Harrington

Church School Superintendents: Kathleen Gregg & Nancy Pestinger

Choir Librarian: Shirley Litz

Parish Nurse: Judi Naylor

Altar Guild Director: Dorothy Cheasty

Convention Niagara Deanery Delegates:

Justin Naylor & Susan Villeneuve, Alternates: Cindy & Jerry Harrington

Bishop of Western New York
The Rt. Rev. R. William Franklin

Rector
The Rev. Randi Hicks Rowe

Wardens
*Paul Mayer
Melissa Naylor*

Vestry
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Chris Wesolek & Meg Whitmore*