



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

*We seek to share  
the unconditional love of God.*

## From Your Rector

Welcome back from a time of refreshment and renewal. Taking time out of our regular schedule to visit new places, see new sights, learn or perfect skills, engage in favorite activities or become reacquainted with relatives are important to our overall wellbeing. During the summer, I was blessed to have the opportunity to attend a weeklong conflict mediation training course offered by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center in suburban Chicago. I am thankful to St. Andrew's, St. John's, and the Diocese who helped pay for this training.

I am excited to hear about what each of you has done over the summer.

**Sunday Services at 10:45 am**  
**Sunday School at 10:30 am**

I am also excited to see everyone back in church again. Our program year begins with a joint picnic with St. John's here on September 9. We look forward to a visit from Bishop Franklin on October 21 when we will present several folks for confirmation and reception. We look forward to the Ladies Guild Bazaar as well.

Our Café Service continues on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month and will be formally launched this fall. This is a great opportunity for everyone, but especially for folks who might not be ready or able to attend our traditional service on Sundays. Sue Mandaville will also be offering a Mindfulness Workshop on October 20 to help us all be more aware of our experiences as they happen and to be able to connect better with God through mindful meditation.

I invite everyone to participate fully in all our activities and to invite our friends.

Randi+

## Youth Group

Look at the fun St. Andrew's has had participating in the Youth/Inter-Generational activities over the past few months!

Thirty-one family and friends from St. Andrew's church participated in the Escape Room event held on **April 29th at Escape Room Adventures of WNY**. Our group was divided into four teams, with each team challenging themselves to "escape" the room in under 60 seconds. I am happy to announce that all groups were victorious! No escape is tough enough to capture St. Andrew's! Thanks everyone for a great time!

The Youth Group held its third annual trip to **Darien Lake on June 30th**. This year we had 31 friends and family join in the fun! Although the weather was HOT, the rides, picnic lunch, and camaraderie made it all worth it! Mark your calendars for next June to come along and join in the fun!

St. Andrew's Youth/Inter-Generational Group has TWO more events scheduled this year. **On August 26th, after our regular church service, twenty-five friends/families will attend the Bison's Game.** Let's hope for a victory!

Finally, on **September 15th, the Youth Group will sponsor a team to participate in the Buffalo Alzheimer's walk taking place in the Buffalo Outer Harbor.** The team's fundraising goal is to collect

\$2,000.00. So far, as of August 3rd, we are half-way to our goal! Wish us luck on the 2.5-mile walk and let's hope the money raised will take us one step closer to a cure! Thank you everyone who walked on our team and who supported our effort with prayers and a financial donation.

Pam Leibring



## Buildings & Grounds

The Building and Grounds Team has had a very busy year to date.

Some of the things we have accomplished to date are:

- Niagara County Work program did a lot of cleanup outside.

- Installed cement pad for bench in Prayer Garden.

- Carpets and tile floors cleaned

- Wood fence repaired

- Roof repaired twice due to high winds.

- Cracks in wall repaired to help stop flies getting inside.

- Many other smaller projects and repairs have been done or are in the process of being accomplished.

Two other things I would like to point out is that we have a sign-up sheet to water and weed/trim around St. Andrew's. This has been working extremely well and I thank everyone that has been keeping our grounds looking great. There is still a few weeks yet that are available if you could help.

The second thing I would like to point out is our Nursery/play room.

We had help from the NCWP to tear out the moldy linoleum and prep the floor to be redone. Mark and I put down a laminate wood looking flooring. When down for coffee hour take a look at it.

I would like to thank the Building and Grounds Team members for all of their hard work.

Paul Mayer



## Musical Notes

As we wind down the summer, it is time to get things rolling for our St. Andrew's Music Season! I trust that you all had a great summer and spent some time enjoying the season.

The music program at St. Andrew's is a very important arm of our ministry. Our goal is to support our ministry by praising God through music.

The St. Andrew's Choir will launch its season with our first choir rehearsal on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm. From there, the Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm weekly.

As always, we invite (and welcome) anyone into our choir that has an interest in music and singing. And, you don't have to be a music scholar to participate! All our welcome!

If you are considering Choir, please feel free to contact me or any one of our choir members. We would love to have you join us! Looking forward to seeing you all in September! Joe Breczka

## The gospel groove band

The gospel groove band has had three concerts to date in 2018. On January 28, we returned to the Community Missions of Niagara Frontier in Niagara Falls for our annual Sunday Cabaret Concert. We had an enthusiastic audience again this year, and I felt the GGB sounded the best it ever has in our 9 year existence! On May 20 we hosted a Pentecost Concert right in our own church, with special guests Sarah Leibring, Addie Naylor, and Ruth Naylor kicking off the show before the GGB. We had a lot of fun and raised some money for Little Roses. On June 10, we returned for our annual visit to the WNY VA Hospital. While our concert has a live video feed to all the patients' rooms, we had several veterans in the audience. Our keyboard player Darcy Thiel went around the rooms and rounded up a number of vets.

I'm very proud of all the members of the band who participated in 2018. We are playing at a high level musically, but more importantly the band members work very hard and unselfishly to perform our outreach mission.

We are looking for recommendations to add to our concert line up this year, so if you have an outreach activity that could use the GGB, please contact me.

After our June concert at the VA Hospital, we took the summer off, but we'll be starting back up again in September. We are a multi-generational musical group, so if you interested in jamming out some rock and blues with the GGB for charitable causes, come on out and join in! We will start on our tenth season the third Sunday evening of September.

A big "Thank You" goes to our St. Andrew's family for all your support and encouragement.

Doug Wintersteen

## Bazaar News

### **KEEP THIS DATE OPEN: NOVEMBER 10, 2018**

Even though it's early, please be thinking about your donations for the Bazaar. Here are some ideas:

#### **Country Store**

*Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Chili Sauce, Salsa, etc*

#### **Homemade Items**

*Mittens, Hats, Scarves, etc*

#### **Christmas Store**

*Wired Ribbon, Ornaments, Usable Christmas Decor*

#### **Candy Booth**

*Sugar, Nuts, Chocolate Chips, Butter, Brown Sugar*

#### **Remember the Bake Sale —**

Breads, Pies, Cookies, Cakes, etc.

#### **Basket Auction**

Think about donating a basket. No basket too small! Sign-up sheet in church in September

#### **Donations**

If you are unable to participate in preparations, monetary donations to help with supplies are greatly appreciated.

#### **Craft Meetings**

The craft meetings are at the Church Mondays at 10am: August 27, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22. Look for more information on the bulletin board.

## Community Store

The store will need extra help for change over. Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 16** and join us from 1:30 to 4 at the store. A light lunch will be provided. At this time we will take down sort and donate leftover spring summer clothes, shoes, and other merchandise. On **Monday, September 17**, from 12:00 to 2:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 we will hang fall/winter items allowing us to be open for regular hours on Tuesday. We will have a parish ingather in October so watch for the date to be announced. Thank you - Cindy and Jerry Harrington, Directors

## Food Pantry

As summer is coming to an end and school will be starting please think about donations for the Food Pantry, such as school supplies and lunch items. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Thank you - Kay

### **From Your Communication Team**

Thank you to all who contribute articles and photos to our newsletter! It is because of your hard work that we are able to create a useful and informative publication. Keep up the good work!

**October/November Edition Deadline:  
September 13th (soon!)**

**December/January 2019 Edition Deadline:  
November 8th**

## Warden's View

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Mission Statement: We seek to share the unconditional love of God.**

What is the meaning of unconditional?

What does it look like to share unconditional love?

What things might get in the way of us sharing this love?

What challenges might we face?

What is my responsibility?

What is our true mission in light of our vision?

The vestry will be using our new mission statement as a compass to direct us in all that we do.

Please do not hesitate to call or email any of your vestry representatives to discuss, ask questions, or share concerns as we prayerfully discern the important responsibility St. Andrew's has in the future of our parish and community. I would like to share a part of Bishop Michael Curry's sermon that speaks to the unconditional love of Jesus. Thank you in advance for your trust and commitment. — Melissa Naylor

*"Stop and imagine for a minute. Think and imagine. Think and imagine a world where love is the way.*

— **WARDENS** —

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**Financial Status as of  
July 31st, 2018**

Total Expenses \$97,233  
Actual Income \$89,614  
Income equals 92.2% of Expenses

% of Pledges on time 56%  
Goal for Pledges on time 80%

*Imagine our homes and families when love is the way. Imagine our neighborhoods and communities where love is the way. Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce when love is the way. Imagine this tired old world when love is the way. When love is the way — unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive — when love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again. When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream, and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.*

*When love is the way, poverty would become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary. When love is the way, we will lay our swords and shields down by the riverside to study war no more. When love is the way, there's plenty of room for all of God's children. When love is the way, we actually treat each other, well, like we are actually family."*

— The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry

## Mindful

Mindfulness is an important spiritual practice because it creates silence and emptiness in our mind so that we can hear God. Mindfulness or being mindful is being aware of your present moment. You are not judging, reflecting or thinking. You are simply observing the moment in which you find yourself. Moments are like a breath. Each breath is replaced by the next breath. You're there with no other purpose than being awake and aware of that moment.

Sue Mandaville will present a free interactive workshop on Mindfulness on Saturday morning, Oct 20. Sue has considerable experience in being fully present with people and God through her experience as a peer counseling teacher. She is also an experienced workshop presenter. The workshop is a great opportunity to begin or continue a practice of being fully present to all that God gives us in the present moment.

The workshop is inspiring for active churchgoers as well as those unaffiliated with any traditional spiritual practice. Please come and bring a friend. Sign up sheet in narthex.

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



## Our Little Roses

September 29 at 1 o'clock is the Little Roses Annual Tea Fund Raiser at the Diocesan Ministry Center. Basket auction tickets and Tea tickets will be sold here from August 13 through September 17. If you win and are not present at the tea, your basket will be brought to the church for you to pick up. See Cindy Harrington for tickets.

Our Little Roses, a ministry of the Diocese of WNY, helps to fund the needs of the 70 girls residing at the home. It is with our support, as well as many others, that this mission to the girls of Honduras is and has been so successful for the past 27 years.

St. Andrew's sponsors a "Paper Basket" for the auction. A box has been placed in the Narthex where you can donate "paper items" for this very popular theme basket. Anything that is made from paper; paper plates, napkins, cups, wax paper, cards, stationary, you get the idea. Items will be collected through September 16.

Our Little Roses greatly appreciates the work of the Diocese of Western New York which raised over \$7000 dollars last year to support various projects between the Tea and the Epiphany outreach drive. Come to the Little Roses Tea and bring a friend, on September 29th from 1-3 p.m. at the Diocesan Ministry Center, 1064 Brighton Rd. Tonawanda, NY. Tickets for the event are \$25.

## Schedules

### Acolytes

**10:30 am Arrival Time**    *We need more families to volunteer to be part of the acolyte team.*

September 2	James Leibring, Jackson Condes
September 9	Sue Villeneuve, Meg Whitmore
September 16	Addi Naylor, Jackson Condes
September 23	Lauren Kelahan, Sue Villeneuve
September 30	Tiffany Seeloff, Jonathan Kelahan
October 7	Sarah Leibring, Meg Whitmore
October 14	Jonathan Pestinger, Jackson Condes
October 21	Addi Naylor, Sue Villeneuve
October 28	James Leibring, Sean Kelahan
November 4	Sue Villeneuve, Danny Kelahan

*A Note from your Acolyte Director:*

*This is an open invitation to ALL those interested in becoming an acolyte. Anyone from the age of 7 through adult is welcome to join our team. If you are 7 you would be the 4th acolyte on your assigned weekend and you would process, recess and observe and help with some easy tasks. Anyone 8 and older will be in training as an acolyte; you will sit at the altar watching for the first few times; then as you feel more comfortable you will be given a job to do. Due to the shortage of extra acolytes this year, I am looking for ANYONE interested in either helping out once in a while or in the case of sickness. Thank You, Sue Villeneuve*

### Collection Counters

September  
Cindy & Jerry Harrington

### Altar Guild

September  
Cindy Harrington, Kathy  
Gregg, Nicki Knott

### Lay Readers

September 2	Dorothy Cheasty, Jerry Harrington
September 9	Stacy Lampman, Steve Clark
September 16	Dorothy Cheasty, Sue Lasker
September 23	Steve Clark, ?
September 30	Lynn Schauer-Bewley, Sue Villeneuve

### 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

## Diocesan News

### **September 8 - Safe Church Training, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo**

It is the charge of every Christian to respect the dignity of every human being, to that end we offer Safe Church Training.

Safe Church Training protects not only volunteers and employees, but also those under their charge. By raising the awareness of leaders, everyone is safer.

Safe Church consists of two courses: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Adult Sexual Harassment & Exploitation Prevention. Volunteers such as Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, and youth camp staff are required to take "A Safe Place for Children." All clergy and employees of the diocese and its congregations are required to take both courses.

The courses are offered at least twice yearly, usually in the late spring and in the early fall. The next class is scheduled for:

Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, 4 Cathedral Park, Buffalo. Child Sexual Abuse Prevention will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and Adult Sexual Harassment & Exploitation Prevention will run from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Register now!!

### **September 8 - Episcopal Day at Darien Lake, Darien Lake Theme Park Resort**

The First Thirty Ministries is hosting Episcopal Day at Darien Lake on Saturday, September 8th. The park is open from 11 am to 7 pm. Come spend the day in fellowship with people from around our diocese riding rides and sharing a meal. The Bishop is always looking for Episcopalians to go on rides with, especially the bumper cars. Dinner will be served between 3 and 5. The cost is \$25 for both admission and dinner, and \$10 for those that have a season pass and just need dinner.

To order tickets, please download the Darien Lake Flyer and send to the address on it. For questions, contact Wendy Schumacher, First Thirty Event Coordinator, at [weschumacher@episcopalwny.org](mailto:weschumacher@episcopalwny.org).

### **September 11 - Session on General Convention Actions, Diocesan Ministry Center**

All clergy and interested laity are invited and encouraged to attend an educational session on the actions taken by the 79th General Convention, presented by Bishop Franklin and the Western New York deputation. It will take place at the Diocesan Ministry Center (1064 Brighton Road in Tonawanda) on Tuesday, September 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.



*"When each separate part works as it should,  
the whole body grows, and builds itself up through love." Ephesians 4:16*

**:: SUNDAY SCHOOL RESOURCE PAGE ::**

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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**:: PERMISSION TO PHOTOGRAPH ::**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant permission to photograph my son/daughter:

Parent's Name

\_\_\_\_\_ to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Child's Name

I understand this photograph may be used for publicity (brochure) or on St. Andrew's official website. I also understand that my child's name and personal information will not be included with any images.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**:: SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM ::**

Student Information		
Name		
Address		
Date of Birth		
Grade in School		
School		
Baptized No__ Yes __ If Yes: Location		
Food Allergies		
Other Important Information		
Parent Information	Mother	Father
Address		
Home Phone		
Mobile Phone		
E-Mail Address		

## Dates to Remember

**September 9**  
Homecoming Sunday,  
Joint Picnic with St.  
John's

**September 11**  
Choir Practice  
Resumes - 7pm

**September 15**  
Alzheimer's Walk in  
Buffalo

**September 26**  
Café Service - 7pm

**October 5 & 6**  
Rummage Sale at St.  
John's

**October 21**  
Bishop's Visit

**October 21**  
Applefest at St. John's

**September 26th**  
**at 7:00 pm**



**Homecoming Sunday**  
**:: September 9th ::**  
**Joint Picnic With St. John's**

> **Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday:**  
Alzheimer's Support Group  
7-9 p.m.

> **Every Tuesday:**  
Choir Practice 7-9 p.m.

> **Every Thursday:**  
Open Arms (AA) 8-9:30 p.m



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**Closed Monday & Friday**

**Officer Manager:** Shawn Slother

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**Treasurer:** Bill Buchanan

**Sexton:** Jerilyn Carney

**St. Andrew's Community Store:** Cynthia Harrington

**Church School Superintendents:** Kathleen Gregg & Nancy Pestinger

**Choir Librarian:** Shirley Litz

**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**

Melissa Naylor

Pam Leibring

#### **Vestry**

Bill Buchanan

Mark Gilson

Chris Wesolek

Meg Whitmore

Rob Pritchard

Kay Mayer