

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
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Midweek Eucharist: Wednesday, 9:00am

Saturday Eucharist: 5:30pm

Sunday Eucharist: 8:00 & 10:00am

Oasis Wednesday's - 5:45pm dinner

6:30pm, programming for all ages, January 10

Children's Program: Sundays, 10:00am

Youth Group: Wednesday, 6:30pm

Vestry: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm

Marc Bush, Senior Warden

Helen Scott, Junior Warden

Dennis L. Buteyn, Organist/Choirmaster

Dominic Maurice & Bonnie Dame, Sextons

David Hawley-Lowry, Facilities Manager

Abby VanderBrug, Director of Children's Ministries

Jeff Brown, Youth Minister

Kathy Griffes, Parish Administrator

Marsha Harrison, RN, Parish Nurse

Laura Macalka, Treasurer

Margaret Stretton, Business Manager

The Rev. Cindy Nawrocki, Deacon

The Rev. Val Ambrose, Interim Rector

The Rt. Rev. Wayne M. Hougland, Jr., Bishop

**WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S ...** As the people of St. Andrew's we acknowledge our gratefulness for the unexpected grace of God displayed in Jesus Christ. We look forward to the ways a diverse congregation can teach us more about the manifold love of God. Therefore, we commit to loving others as Christ loves us, welcoming all without reservation, without question, without judgment, without restriction. We are committed to answering the call of the Holy Spirit, being a community of unexpected grace, and actively seeking reconciliation with those we have previously rejected. We repent of the ways we have said to others, "I have no need of you," and we commit to an ever-deepening faithfulness to embody God's welcome to everyone.

In particular, we strive to be a community of reconciliation where diverse ethnicity, culture, gender, age, sexuality, gender identity, political views, economic condition, mental ability, and physical ability are present and all are fully involved in the ministry of Christ we share together.

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**WE ASK THE CHURCH FAMILY TO PRAY** for the Diocese of Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria).

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dawn TerBeek from John and Ashley TerBeek.

**PRAY FOR** Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Wayne Hougland, Jr. Bishop of Western Michigan; for our partner dioceses and their bishops, Wendell Gibbs, Bishop of Michigan; the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan; Rayford Ray, Bishop of Northern Michigan; Julio Holguin, Bishop of the Dominican Republic and Moisés Quezada Moto, Bishop Coadjutor; Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Craig Satterlee, Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA) and its pastor(s); Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan – Judy Buchanan, Sr. Warden; Holy Trinity Church, Wyoming, Melissa Puzan, Sr. Warden.

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### **WEEKLY NEWS JANUARY 14 - 21, 2017**

**Large Print Bulletins** are available on the ledge behind the organist.

*Let us pray...*

Come, Creator; come, Lord Jesus Christ; come, Holy Spirit!

— be in us and browse in us this day.

Be in us power to love.

Be in us mercy for the broken heart, and healing for the broken bones, and grace for the day's journey.

Be in us silence for listening to all the bells and truths of heaven in our midst.

Surround us like the air.

And let our prayers come unto thee forever. Amen.

## ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS:

Working and Praying Together in Our Time of Transition  
January 13/14, 2018

We ended our first year of Transition together as we said our good-byes to Fr. Mike, and are beginning the New Year by welcoming our new short-term Interim, the Rev. Val Ambrose. As the Communications Team charged with keeping everyone "in the know" throughout the anticipated 18 month to two year process, we'd like to share a couple of the highlights of the last couple of weeks:

- For those of us grieving the absence of Fr. Mike among us, let us remember and reflect on why he felt it was necessary to retire. He has loved us for the past 25 years, and continues to love us, though in a different way. He firmly believes that there is a great future ahead through the Holy Spirit for each of us as individuals, as well as collectively as the Body of Christ known as St. Andrew's. As he retires to explore the next thing God is calling him to do, he knows that our focus will need to be on how God will work in and through each of us as we rediscover new relationships and ministries. For this reason, Fr. Mike asks us to understand and respect the Covenant Agreement outlining the ending of the pastoral relationship between him and this congregation effective December 31, 2017. It is very important for us all to acknowledge and respect this agreement, since Fr. Mike is no longer in a position to discuss parish matters with any member of the staff or congregation. He will not officiate at any baptisms, weddings or funerals. He will not make pastoral visits to parishioners in their home, hospital or assisted living facilities. Copies of the letter and Covenant are available for future reference. "May we be open to the Way that will be open."
- As of January 2, 2018, the Rev. Valerie "Val" Ambrose began serving as our interim rector and will be with us through Easter. Val+ is familiar to many in our parish from her having served as our Associate Rector from 2007-2010. She has been a priest for 20 years and has specialized in serving parishes in transition, including serving as interim rector with 5 congregations in our diocese and 2 parishes in Portland, Oregon. She will be with us 25 hours a week while she continues to serve on a part time basis with Grace Church, Holland. Her initial priorities will include working with the vestry on the Transition and working with the staff to ensure continuity of Worship, Pastoral Care, Oasis and adult education, and Health Ministries. She can be reached at [valambro@aol.com](mailto:valambro@aol.com) or 616-464-5596.
- For the time being, please contact the church office with any pastoral care needs. Deacon Cindy Nawrocki and Parish Nurse Marsha Harrison will be coordinating our responses to urgent and on-going pastoral care situations with Val+ and the Eucharistic Visitors and Healing Prayer Team.
- Canon Bill Spaid, our liaison to the Bishop, was with us on Sunday, January 7 to celebrate the Eucharist (hear Rev. Spaid's sermon on our website, <http://www.standrewsgr.org>) and speak to us about the transition process. He confirmed that the Bishop's office is undertaking a national search for a longer tenured interim rector. He reiterated that communicating between the leadership and the congregation, and listening to the congregation's ideas, problems and feelings is always a key to weathering the abundant change that occurs during transitions. He wants us to know that he and the Bishop will be working closely with the vestry, interim rectors, through the search process and calling a new permanent rector. He also assured us to remember, "Christ is the hub of our wheel."

As we continue on this journey together, let's remember to support each other and be patient as the Holy Spirit works with us and through us. Your comments and questions are welcomed and appreciated.

*In God's Peace,*

*Marcia Baker, Marsha Harrison and Jim Sterken*

*Communications Team*

### MIDWEEK OASIS WEDNESDAY – January 17

Dinner – 5:45 – 6:30pm – Cuisine of the evening – Chef's Choice

Programming for all ages at 6:30pm

**Grades preschool-5<sup>th</sup>:** In honor of *Martin Luther King Day* on January 15, we will take a kid-friendly look at the life & witness of MLK & hear some of the things he wanted for our world. Together we will talk about the ways we can show kindness & why it is so important to do. All kids are welcome!

**Grades 6-8:** Will continue their study of key figures from the New Testament with the re:form Ancestors curriculum.

**Grades: 9 – 12:** Highschoolers are following the Animate-Faith curriculum.

**Adults:** *NOOMA* is a series of short films produced by Flannel promoting spiritual reflections on individual life experiences. Rob Bell is in each film.

The name *NOOMA* comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word πνευμα (pneuma), meaning "wind", "spirit", or "breath".

## **ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON, JANUARY 28**

“Picnic for Puerto Rico”

*(Donations will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development for Puerto Rico Relief)*

No chili cook off this year...but, yes there will be chili to go along with hot dogs and all the fixings & beverages!  
St. Andrew's will provide the dogs/buns & fixings plus beverages...you supply a pot of chili or a salad.

### **ANNUAL MEETING OFFICIAL NOTICE**

According to Parish Bylaws of *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Article II, Parish Meetings, Section 2, Notice of Annual Meeting*: January 28, 2018, 12 noon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church the annual parish meeting shall be held. Additional details about the meeting & vestry elections will be forthcoming.

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Article II, Parish Meetings, Section 4, Qualifications of Voters.* At all parish meetings, whether annual or special, the right to vote shall be limited to baptized persons.

- a. Not less than sixteen (16) years of age.
- b. Whose baptisms have been duly recorded in the parish.
- c. Who for a period of not less than six (6) months preceding have been regular worshipers in the parish and
- d. Who for not less than six (6) months preceding have been bona fide regular contributors to its support (i.e. time, talent, and/or treasure).

**Annual Meeting to begin at noon.** At the meeting we will be given an overview of the transition process and timeline, and hear various ministry updates as well as a presentation of our 2018 operating budget. We will also elect five Vestry members for terms of 3 years each. The following individuals have agreed to be nominated to serve on your Vestry:

***Kai Carrigan Eric Icard Fred Skidmore Cynthia Thomas Jim Visota***

Kai and Jim are eligible to serve a consecutive term because they are currently filling unexpired terms. Eric is willing to serve a consecutive three-year term, if it is the will of those present and voting at the meeting. Per our parish bylaws, additional nominations will be allowed at the meeting if, prior to the meeting, prospective nominees have consented in writing to be nominated.

|                                | <b><u>FINANCIALS</u></b>     |                              |                           |                             |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                | <b><u>December 23/24</u></b> | <b><u>December 30/31</u></b> | <b><u>January 6/7</u></b> | <b><u>January 13/14</u></b> |
| Total Collection               | 11,721.69                    | 11,728.90                    | 6,320.01                  |                             |
| Designated Funds               | 602.00                       | 1,272.90                     | 35.00                     |                             |
| Capital Campaign               | 32.00                        | 250.00                       | 275.00                    |                             |
| Funds Available for Operations | 8,743.50                     | 9,356.00                     | 5,882.00                  |                             |
| Budget for Operations          | 8,456.00                     | 8,456.00                     | 8,456.00                  | 8,456.00                    |
| Rector's Discretionary Fund    | 1,435.00                     | 300.00                       | -0-                       |                             |

### **JANUARY DESIGNATED OFFERINGS - Episcopal Relief & Development**

ERD is the compassionate response of [The Episcopal Church](#) to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

ERD faithfully administers the funds that are received from the Church and raised from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.

ERD cherishes its partnerships within the Anglican Communion, with ecumenical bodies and with others who share a common vision for justice and peace among all people.

### **ST. ANDREW'S STRIVES TO BE A COMMUNITY THAT IS COMMITTED TO RACIAL HEALING**

*We invite you to consider participating in the following upcoming event:*

St. Mark's, Grand Rapids, is hosting on February 2 (7-9pm) and February 3 (9am – 5pm) a live stream of the Trinity Wall Street series themed *Values in Action*. Friday evening will begin with a spaghetti dinner at 5:00pm. Speakers include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, among many others. This workshop will count as anti-racism training if you attend both days. Cost is \$20 per person to cover lunch & snacks. St. Andrew's will cover the cost for you to attend. Please register by calling St. Mark's, 456-1680. If you have questions, contact Cindy Nawrocki at 644-4688.

**CALENDAR: January 14 - 21, 2017**

**Sunday – ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

8:00am Holy Eucharist  
9:00am No Adult Forum  
10:00am Holy Eucharist  
11:20am Daughters of the King  
12:30pm St. Raphael's  
7:00pm NA

**Monday**

7:00pm OA

**Tuesday**

9:30am Staff Meeting  
4:30pm SUPPER HOUSE  
6:00pm AFSN (Adoptive Family Support Network)  
Raising Healthy Families  
Support Group

**Wednesday**

9:00am Holy Eucharist  
5:45pm OASIS Dinner  
6:30pm Programming for all ages  
7:30pm Vestry

**Thursday**

7:00pm OA  
7:30pm Choir

**Friday**

5:00pm Boy Scout Lock In

**Saturday**

9:00am SAA Support Group  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

**Sunday**

8:00am Holy Eucharist/Blood Pressure Check  
9:00am Adult Forum  
10:00am Holy Eucharist/Blood Pressure Check  
12:30pm St. Raphael's  
7:00pm NA

**January 14 - 20 Birthdays**

Mike Betz January 14  
Austin McKee January 15  
Nurya Love Parish January 15  
Lynn Guider January 15  
Mary Davies January 15  
Keith Baker January 15  
David Kadwell January 17  
Stan Sherman January 17

**SERVING SCHEDULE: January 13/14**

**Greeters**

10:00am Dan & Laura Macalka

**Ushers**

8:00am Jerry & Carole Skar  
10:00am Greg McKee & Doug Kuhn

**Lectors**

5:30pm Glenn Rotier  
8:00am Kurt Unangst  
10:00am Dell Todd & Dale Wood

**Chalice Assistants**

5:30pm Glenn Rotier  
8:00am Kurt Unangst  
10:00am Dale Wood & Amy Todd

**Altar Guild**

Cynthia Thomas & Jane Koning

**Counters**

Mary Simpson & Jerry Skar

**Welcome Bread**

Carleen Ghareeb

**Sunday Goodies**

Diana Sherman

**SERVING SCHEDULE: January 20/21**

**Greeters**

10:00am Steve & Candy Petrides

**Ushers**

8:00am Tom & Pat Cook  
10:00am Steve & Candy Petrides  
5:30pm Kai Carrigan  
8:00am Nancy Winkler  
10:00am Julianne Day & Agatha Doe

**Chalice Assistants**

5:30pm Kai Carrigan  
8:00am Nancy Winkler  
10:00am Abraham Joshua & Kurt Unangst

**Altar Guild**

Jane Koning & Deb Larson

**Counters**

Becky Schulke & John Smith

**Welcome Bread**

Deb Grow

**Sunday Goodies**

Lorie Hollander/Kathy Griffes