

**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

Children's Program: Sundays, 10:00am

Youth Group: Wednesday, 6:30pm

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

**Jim Visota, Senior Warden**

**Marcia Baker/Eric Icard, Junior Wardens**

**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**

**Fred Skidmore, 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 Aru (Congo).

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sally and Charles Everhart; given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Danielle Rice Chipman by Linda Rice; given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Battjes by David Battjes & Michael Woerner.

**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); Youth Lenten Retreat in Traverse City.

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**WEEKLY NEWS FEBRUARY 11 - 18, 2018**

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

Let us pray...

Most merciful God look upon us with your favor  
as we journey through this time of transition.

Bless our vestry, staff and all the people of St. Andrew's.  
Empower us to continue the ministry and witness begun in this place;  
grant us the strength and the spirit of cooperation to do your will  
that we might be a shining witness to you,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

**LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14, ASH WEDNESDAY**

Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist – 7am/9am/noon/7pm

**NO OASIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING SOUP SUPPER & LENTEN BOOK STUDY**

“Holding Up Your Corner”, by Pastor F. Willis Johnson of Ferguson, MO

begins Wednesday, February 21.

5:45pm - Soup & Salad Supper

6:30pm - Grades preschool-5<sup>th</sup> meet

Grades: 9 – 12 meet

6:30pm – Adults group discussion led by Deacon Cindy Nawrocki

Books available in the office & entryway of church (\$10).

It would be helpful to begin reading the book prior to the first class.

The title of the book comes from the scripture story of the four people who saw someone who needed help, hope and healing, but could not get into the home where Jesus was. They peeled back the roof and, each of them holding a corner, lowered the man down to Jesus, who healed him. The author will also be doing a presentation for the diocese on April 28 at St. Mark’s, GR.

**YOGA** is offered at St. Andrew’s on Tuesday & Thursday nights, 6-7pm. \$5 donation if possible. Jeff Brown and Angel Hayden will be teaching the classes.

**SUNDAY MORNING HOSPITALITY** – wondered why there are no goodies to munch on after the Sunday morning service? There is no schedule at this time as we are looking for new volunteers to be paired up with our current volunteers as clean up support persons. Not everyone can stay for clean-up (empty coffee pots, wipe down counter, etc.) and there are those that prefer not to bring treats SO let’s team up and help one another.

Please let Kathy Griffes know what your pleasure would be....provide goodies or clean up. Thank you.

**FARMING CHALLENGES IN EXTREME WEATHER**, Thursday, February 15, 7:00pm at Kent District Library Center, 814 West River Center Dr. NE. Keynote Speaker: Dr. David Lusch, MSU Department of Geography, Environment & Spatial Sciences. Dr. Lusch will address historical & projected trends in weather & the potential impact on agriculture in Michigan.

**CREATION CARE FOR CONGREGATIONS**, Monday, February 26, 5:30 – 8:30pm at Central Reformed Church, 10 College Ave. NE. Dinner provided, free to all participants. The goal is to generate congregational excitement around this important work of caring for God’s creation. We’ll discuss some challenges as well as practical next steps for living a “creation-aware lifestyle” personally, locally, and globally.

**FEBRUARY DESIGNATED OFFERINGS**

NECM, North End Community Ministry

Mission: North End Community Ministry is a shared ministry whose mission is to provide practical assistance to those in need on the Northeast side of Grand Rapids.

Services include Client-choice food pantry, personal care pantry, Supper House, ‘NOW’ Nutritional Options for Wellness, Infant & Toy Closet, Celebrate Back to School & Holiday Gift Baskets.

**FINANCIALS**

	<b><u>January 27/28</u></b>	<b><u>February 3/4</u></b>	<b><u>February 10/11</u></b>	<b><u>February 17/18</u></b>	<b><u>February 24/25</u></b>
Total Collection	7,968.50	4,840.00			
Designated Funds	1.00	50.00			
Capital Campaign	1,000.00	165.00			
Funds Available for Operations	6,934.00	4,323.00			
Budget for Operations	8,320.38	8,320.38			
Rector’s Discretionary Fund	-0-	278.00			
Thirsting to Serve	33.50	24.00			

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND: 101

### IT'S GOD'S MONEY

There's Money Magazine, Kiplinger Magazine, even the AARP magazine, Dave Ramsey on WOOD radio, and more books than you can count. All these sources are offering financial suggestions. Some are even contradictory as some authors believe debt is a wise choice while others encourage you to owe no person anything. There is, perhaps, an overload of information and advice for you to consider the best ways to save, spend, invest and manage your money. Perhaps there is so much advice as to be overwhelming.

This month's column tries to compact much that is out there into a few short lines. Read them and decide which one or ones are best for you in February 2018. Then, don't stop, make a plan and follow through. Remember all the advice in the world is useless unless you take personal action.

1. Save for a particular goal. This could be a trip somewhere, a new piece of furniture for your home, your retirement, or your children's post high school education. You may think you only need to save a certain amount. Get your information and to the goal's actual costs and even add a bit more for safety. Then as you put money away you will have an actual finish line to work towards. A familiar quote says that failing to plan is planning to fail. A set target is easier to achieve than a general statement like, I should put money aside for a rainy day.
2. Are you aware that there are some freebies in your life? If saving for retirement is your goal, contributing to a 401 (K) is a very wise choice. Many employers will match some of the monies you invest (a freebie) and certain plans have a tax free portion (another freebie). With compounding this type of investment will grow faster than you may realize.
3. Health care might be something you don't think about until something major happens. Do you have health coverage through your work? Is a HAS (health savings account) something you need or should consider? Remember the above statement about planning? Investigate and take any needed action.
4. Insurance is another subject people don't think about, until they need it. A prudent adult will purchase home and car insurance. They will also seriously consider life and health insurance, purchasing some if it is prudent for them to do so. To avoid some types of insurance because 'you can't afford it' or 'I'll never need it' is a fool's decision. You purchase insurance hoping you never need to use it. At the same time you will be very glad you bought it if some catastrophe happens.
5. Debt is a tool to be used wisely. Debt will always cost you – this interest charged on the loan. Credit card debt is one of the most expensive kind. Always pay off the credit card each month. Can't do it, then put your card away. I've even known some who freeze their card in water in the refrigerator, to avoid using it for instant gratification. While a house purchase can be considered an investment as the equity builds, I would be hard pressed to defend debt acquired buying stuff you can't afford in the first place, especially something whose value decreases the moment you walk out of the store. You may not think so, but you really can control much of your financial life. A journey begins with the first step. A financial journey begins with action on your part.

**CALENDAR: February 11 - 18, 2018****Sunday**

8:00am Holy Eucharist/Anointing  
 9:00am Adult Forum  
 10:00am Holy Eucharist/Anointing  
 11:15am Daughters of the King  
 12:30pm St. Raphael's  
 7:00pm NA

**Monday**

5:00pm Facilities Committee Mtg.  
 5:30pm Communications Team Mtg.  
 6:30pm Finance Committee Mtg.  
 7:00pm OA

**Tuesday**

9:30am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday – ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00am Imposition of Ashes/Holy Eucharist  
 9:00am Imposition of Ashes/Holy Eucharist  
 12:00pm Imposition of Ashes/Holy Eucharist  
 9:00pm Imposition of Ashes/Holy Eucharist

**Thursday**

7:00pm Discernment Committee  
 7:00pm OA

**Friday****Saturday**

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

**Sunday – OMELET SUNDAY**

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

**February 11 - 17 Birthdays**

John VanProoyen February 13  
 Chip Richards February 14  
 Lori Frechette February 15  
 Carl Velte, Jr. February 15

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Dan & Miyoko Potts February 11

**SERVING SCHEDULE: February 10/11****Greeters**

10:00am Carl & Beth DeJong

**Ushers**

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

**Lectors**

5:30pm Chris Wolterstorff  
 8:00am Glenn Rotier  
 10:00am Chris Ingram & Abraham Joshua

**Chalice Assistants**

5:30pm Chris Wolterstorff  
 8:00am Glenn Rotier  
 10:00am Donna Johnson & Dale Wood

**Acolytes**

10:00am Joanna & Kurt Unangst, SoYuet Witri,  
 Koen Unangst, Anneke Unangst,  
 Alex Brown

**Altar Guild**

Cynthia Thomas & Jane Koning

**Counters**

Doug Kuhn & Marie Johnson

**SERVING SCHEDULE: February 17/18****Greeters**

10:00am Keith & Marcia Baker

**Ushers**

8:00am Tom & Pat Cook  
 10:00am Candace Witri & Fred Skidmore

**Lectors**

5:30pm Stan Hone  
 8:00am Max Mika  
 10:00am Dan Macalka & Stormie Zalokar

**Chalice Assistants**

5:30pm Stan Hone  
 8:00am Renée Mika  
 10:00am Amy Todd & Jeff Hines

**Acolytes**

10:00am Helen Scott, Nuala Richards, Anna Skidmore,  
 Libby Schuchardt, Claire Richards

**Altar Guild**

Carole Cothran, Michael Woerner,  
 David Battjes

**Counters**

Becky Schulke & John Smith

**Blood Pressures**

5:30pm Mary Simpson  
 8:00am Carlynn Teremi  
 10:00am Marc Bush & Chris Wolterstorff