

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

August 20, 2023

St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Road, Beaverton, OR 97005

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

www.standrewlutheran.com ■ Telephone: 503-646-0629

## Nominating Committee

### Volunteers Needed

The Council is looking for three volunteers from the membership to serve on St. Andrew's Nominating Committee for the coming year. This five-person committee does its work in March and April, creating a slate of one or more individuals for each council position to be filled by election at the church's annual meeting in June.

If you're interested in learning more about how St. Andrew is governed, serving on the Nominating Committee is a good place to start and it's often an entree into further leadership in the church. Contact Council President Sue Lee for more information.

## Kalapuya Life in the Willamette Valley

For 10,000 years before white pioneers blazed the Oregon Trail, a nation-tribe of indigenous people lived and thrived in what we today call the Willamette Valley. Most modern Oregonians know almost nothing about the culture or livelihood of the Kalapuya or of the many other tribes that lived all over our state. For the past year, I have been gathering information about the Kalapuya and would like to share what I have learned. It is a very interesting story.

**THIS IS  
KALAPUYAN  
LAND**

Please join me after worship in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, August 27**, to discover how the Kalapuya used the resources they found around them to provide for their needs, while at the same time preserving the ecosystems on which they relied.

*Eric Luttrell*

## Sock It to Me!

It has been a beautiful summer, but the rains will be starting again this fall. Following Jesus's example of meeting the needs of everyone, we, the people of St. Andrew, have an opportunity to show God's love to the youth and young adults in our city who are without a home. Throughout the month of August, the Service Committee will be collecting NEW ADULT SOCKS for men and women who drop in to the Outside In for a meal, shower, or clothing. If you wish to contribute, you'll see blue and yellow barrels in the Narthex at the center entrance to the Sanctuary. Thank you for demonstrating God's love to our young people!

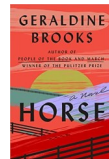
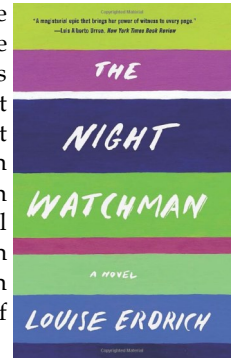


*The Service Committee*

## Spirituality Book Group

The Spirituality Book Group will meet on **Sunday, August 20**, at 3:00 pm at Mary Ann Snider's home to discuss *The Night Watchman*, by Louise Erdrich. Sharon Fako will lead the discussion.

This novel received a Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. "Based on the extraordinary life of author Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, DC," an Amazon review asserts that "this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman."



### Future Reading

What: *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks

When: **Sunday, September 10**, 3:00 pm

Where: Fran Miller's home

Discussion Leader: Mary Ann Snider

## In Transition: Congregational Visioning Event

**Saturday, September 9, 1:00-4**

The Transition Team has completed many of the tasks recommended in the Synod resource for [Congregations in Transition](#), and we are now working on The [Mission Site Profile](#) (MSP) a 10-page document that describes our congregational ministry and mission, and what characteristics we are looking for in a Lead Pastor. One of the major sections of the MSP is Our Vision for Mission. Among other things it asks us to describe our Purpose, Giftedness, and Mission. Our St. Andrew core values—God Care, Earth Care, Neighbor Care, Community Care and Self Care—capture the uniqueness that is our congregation.

In this time of transition, it is also important to have a picture of the future of the church as we imagine God plans it to be. We need to hear your dreams, hopes, and aspirations to inspire a shared vision for St. Andrew. Please plan on joining the Transition Team at this important event.

## Ministry Fair



What ministry are you curious about at St. Andrew? Come visit the Ministry Fair on **Sunday, September 10**, at 11:00 am. You'll find people to talk to and information available representing several of St. Andrew's 40+ ministries.

Many ministries will be recruiting new members, so this is the perfect opportunity to explore where you might want to direct your talents. Come to the fair!

## MACG Sponsoring Phoenix Rising Transitions

As MACG continues its mission to empower incarcerated individuals to become leaders within and beyond the prison walls, organization leaders recognize the need to refresh their training approach and expand the training program for Prison Leadership. Their goal is to ensure that participants receive the most comprehensive and impactful training possible, equipping them with the skills they need to inspire positive change within the prison community. If you are interested, please contact:

Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good  
4940 NE 8th Ave  
Portland, OR 97211  
[office@macg.org](mailto:office@macg.org)

## Newsletter Calendar

Please remember that there will be no church newsletter published next Friday (for Sunday, August 27). The next "Weekly News" will be distributed Friday, September 1 and dated Sunday, September 3. Content for that edition is due **Wednesday, August 30**; please submit copy and any suggested images to: [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com).

## Cards for Christine Core

People wanting to reach out to Pastor Christine Core following the sudden death of her husband John are welcome to send cards to:

Christine Core  
2414 NW Stimpson Lane  
Portland, OR 97229.

A memorial service in celebration of John Core's life will be held at St. Andrew at 11:00 am on **Saturday, September 16**, with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

## Update on Claris Poppert

Claris has very much appreciated all the cards and notes he's received from friends at St. Andrew. Please continue to mail him at:

Claris Poppert  
c/o Mona Whited  
36025 SW Viewridge Ln  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

If you'd like to visit with Claris by phone or in person, please call 971-506-8510 to make arrangements for that.

## Balancing Care and Confidentiality

Dear St. Andrew Friends,

I've been impressed with the way this congregation cares for one another. When members have needed food, rides, visits in the hospital, other members come through for them. Chaplain India provides prompt care and communicates to me and others on the prayer chain. The prayer chain people are great about contacting the church with new needs. Our eucharistic ministers keep in contact with folks who aren't able to be regular in worship.

In any congregation, there is a challenge in balancing care and keeping confidentiality. It seem to me that St. Andrew does a pretty good job in the balance. The confidentiality part needs special attention in the era of livestreaming.

We publish the names and prayers needs that we know of in this weekly newsletter. We include most of those prayer needs in our Sunday worship service, by first name only. The reason that we are naming only by first name is that, because the service is livestreamed, we are guarding privacy. Not everyone wants their full names (and health matters) mentioned on the Internet.

And, theologically, we trust that God knows all our needs, even before we can ask. So, ultimately, the prayers are to change us, as God's grace, healing, and wholeness are already present.

Pr. Laurie

## Ministry Fair Reservations

Has your ministry team reserved a spot at this year's Ministry Fair? On **Sunday, September 10**, we will all have the opportunity to visit tables in the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall to see what is happening with various teams, committees, and interest groups. You might also find the perfect way to use your interests and talents to make things even better. If your group wants a table, and you've already talked with a member of the MACG Core Team, great. If you haven't reserved your table already, please speak with Gretchen Bancroft or email [galbancroft@gmail.com](mailto:galbancroft@gmail.com) **no later than September 3**.

All groups are invited to have some sort of display and/or handouts, a stamp or sticker to use on participants' "passports" as they make their way through the fair, and a small snack to share if you like. Everyone who completes a "passport" will earn a treat and have a better understanding of our varied ministries together. Plan now to attend the Ministry Fair right after worship on September 10. And prepare to be amazed at the variety of opportunities available for everyone in our faith community.

## Prelude and Postlude Music This Sunday



The music being played this morning for the prelude and postlude are the remaining 6 partitas by Johannes Pachelbel. The title in German is *Christus, der ist mein Leben*. The hymn set to that chorale tune is found in ELW 539; the hymn text is *Abide, O Dearest Jesus, among Us with Your Grace*.

A partita is an extended piece that has a theme (the chorale tune) and many variations on that tune. This particular partita has 12 variations. The prelude will include the chorale tune and variations 7-10 and the postlude will be variations 11 and 12. The first 6 partitas were played on July 30.



*You're Invited!*

to an Ice Cream Social

**Saturday, August 26 @ 1:30 pm**

in front of

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church  
12405 SW Butner Rd  
Beaverton**

Come for new friends, community,  
music, dancing, games, AND  
**FREE ice cream!**

*Parking will be available in the lot on the east side of the church.*



## New Tax Rules Can Save You Thousands On Home Renovations

Copied from a *Wall Street Journal* article, August 9, 2023, by Ashlea Ebeling



Many Americans will save thousands of dollars on home renovations when new rebates for a range of energy-efficient upgrades kick in later this year. Buyers will receive the rebates as part of a \$9 billion federal program passed by Congress in last summer's Inflation Reduction Act. Household savings can range from hundreds of dollars for single items such as an electric cooktop or dryer to \$8,000 for a heat pump or cutting home energy use by 35% or more. Those planning such projects may want to hold off until the program begins.

The size of the rebates will vary based on your household income and where you live, since the program will be administered separately by each state. States will announce the particulars in coming months, based on guidelines issued by the Energy Department in July. These rebates can also be stacked on top of existing tax credits and utility offers for heat pumps, solar and EVs, said Kara Saul-Rinaldi, a clean-energy policy strategist in Washington, D.C. The new rebate programs and enhanced tax credits are good through 2023.

These rebates are intended to boost conversion of more homes to energy-efficient technologies at a time when scorching temperatures and other extreme weather have raised the costs of cooling, heating and powering homes. The average U.S. household energy costs in June, July and August will rise nationwide by 11.7% to \$578, compared with last year, according to the National Energy Assistance Directors Association. The rebates are also meant to offset the impact inflation has had on the cost of renovations, energy policy analysts said.

A low-income household, defined as below 80% of an area's median income, could claim up to \$22,250 to fully cover energy efficiency upgrades, Saul-Rinaldi said.

A moderate-income household, earning between 80% and 150% of area median income, could potentially get \$19,000 in incentives on a \$32,000 project.

Above that, a higher-income household could get \$7,200 on a home performance retrofit, a combination of \$4,000 in rebates and \$3,200 in tax credits. (In Los Angeles County, for example, 150% of median family income is \$147,300.)

Here's how to strategize claiming the existing credits and the new rebates, depending what type of remodel you need and have the budget for. A good first step homeowners can take toward increasing energy-efficiency and electrification is a home-energy audit, said Saul-Rinaldi. Getting one will be a requirement for the new rebate program for cutting overall energy use.

The IRS issued guidance last week specifying that the audit must identify the most significant and cost-effective energy-efficiency improvements, including an estimate of the energy and cost saving to each improvement. Taxpayers can get a \$150 tax credit for a \$500 audit. By doing an audit this year, you can have a plan in place for when the state rebates roll out.

The mix of green incentives is becoming so complicated that new free apps are rushing in to help homeowners sort it all out. Pearl Certification's Green Door app helps guide homeowners through high-performance renovations from picking a contractor and searching for rebates by your home's address to documenting the improvements.

Rewiring America has an Inflation Reduction Act calculator that lets you plug in your family income and ZIP Code. It also produces a list of available upfront rebates and tax credits.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

P.S. According to [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov), the median household income in Washington County is \$92,147, Multnomah County is \$78,319, and Clark County, Washington is \$83,837.

## Western Farm Workers: Food & Clothing Collection, Advocacy Need, and Car Donation

The Service Team will begin collecting food and clothing during September to support the Western Farm Workers (WFW). These are the workers who work 12-hour days, 7 days a week, to pick the fresh fruit and vegetables we enjoy.

This year, food is especially needed as the WFW food pantry is very low because of reduced harvests resulting from weather events this past spring. There is not enough work due to crop shortages, so workers are scheduled for fewer work hours. Many families are living on less than \$40 a day, which is insufficient to cover food and housing costs. The following food items are the highest priority at this time:

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Cooking oil   | Canned tuna |
| Beans         | Pasta       |
| Peanut butter | Rice        |
| Jelly         |             |



Clothing is also being requested by the WFW this fall. Contributions must be gently used or new—and clean! Clothing NOT needed includes sleepwear, swimsuits, and negligees. Clothing desperately needed at this time includes:

|                    |                  |
|--------------------|------------------|
| Men's winter coats | Men's work pants |
| Sweatshirts        | Rain jackets     |
| Sweaters           | Men's work boots |

Barrels to collect the food and clothing will be in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, September 1**.

Western Farm Workers are also looking for advocates to help fight high water rate increases in the county. These are a result of large data centers being built that require water to cool their equipment. Many Western Farm Workers are having their water cut off because they're unable to pay the bill. If you're interested, please contact Parker at WFW, 503-681-9399.

Finally, WFW are looking for the donation of a working vehicle to replace their automobile that literally blew up recently. If you can help, please contact Parker at the number above.

*Deacon Susan*

## In Need of Prayers...

| <u>NAME</u>   | <u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>  | <u>CONTACT</u>             |
|---|--|----------------------------|
| Family and friends of John Core                               | Peace and God's comfort at his death   | Bev Briggs                 |
| Family and friends of Howard Christianson                     | Peace and God's comfort at his death   | Larry and Bonnie Bliesner  |
| Family and friends of Maida Farrar (cousin)                   | Peace and God's comfort at her death   | Carol Hogan                |
| Jean Fredrickson  | Healing and recovery from COVID  | Judy Heidinger             |
| Henry Briggs  | Healing and recovery   | Bev Briggs                 |
| Lee (friend)  | Healing and recovery   | Bob Krisher (from tai chi) |
| Paul Berge (brother-in-law)                                   | Healing and recovery   | Lynn Santelmann            |
| Joyce Harmon  | Healing and recovery   | Maxine Harmon              |
| Marshall Frimoth and family                                   | Healing and recovery   | Pr. Laurie                 |
| Chris Entrikin (son)  | Comfort and healing  | Jerry Entrikin             |
| Ron Means   | Comfort and a quick recovery from surgery  | Deacon India               |
| Carol Hogan   | Comfort and healing  | Deacon India               |
| The DOTAC Assembly (Diakonia of the Americas & the Caribbean) | Thanksgiving and wisdom  | Deacon India               |
| People in Hawaii  | Protection, safety, and support  | Staff                      |
| Those confined to their homes                                 | Assurance of God's presence  | Staff                      |
|   | Dave Bumgardner, Jean Fredrickson, Tara Harper, Marlene Maxwell, Dorothy Moore, Ethel Ritchey, Helen Rogers, Sharon Roth |                            |
| All who are imprisoned  | Peace and strength   | Staff                      |
| Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon                               | Blessings on their work  | Staff                      |
| Holy Trinity Catholic Church                                  |  |                            |
| Our Redeemer Lutheran (Eugene)                                | Serving with us in the Oregon Synod  | Staff                      |
| United Lutheran (Eugene)                                      |  |                            |
| Masjid An-Noor (Portland)                                     | Blessings on our interfaith partners   | Staff                      |
| Individual friends and loved ones                             | Whatever they most need  | Staff                      |

If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629 or email [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) Tuesday-Friday, [prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:prayerchain@standrewlutheran.com) Saturday-Monday.



**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:**  
*a happy hours celebration!*

**Saturday**  
**September 23, 2023**  
**4:00-6:00 pm**

**Save the Date!**

**Invite Your Neighbors!**  
It's time to invite our friends and neighbors to St. Andrew's Ice Cream Social!

Please take one sheet (or a few) of invitation door hangers from the round table at the entrance to the Sanctuary and then distribute them among your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome to enjoy some sweet fellowship on **Saturday, August 26**, at 1:30 pm in the parking lot.



Please help spread the word!

### Church Office Closed Friday Afternoons

The Council has voted to continue closing the church office on Friday afternoons until we have an administrative assistant on board.

**Preparing for Worship**  
**Sunday, August 20, 2023**  
Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

|                              |  |                                      |
|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Your St. Andrew Staff</b> | Council President Sue Lee.....   | 503-686-9297                         |
|                              | Interim Pastor Laurie Newman.....  | laurienewman@standrewlutheran.com    |
|                              | Deacon India Jensen Kerr .....   | india@standrewlutheran.com           |
|                              | Deacon Susan Reiser, Parish Musician and<br>Interim Minister of Music..... | srwerner.reiser@standrewlutheran.com |
|                              | Children & Youth Minister Kyler Vogt .....                                 | kvogt@standrewlutheran.com           |
|                              | Parish Manager Carol Harker.....   | charker@standrewlutheran.com         |
|                              | Office Assistant Johanna Land .....  | office@standrewlutheran.com          |
|                              | Bookkeeper Karen Mallari .....   | bookkeeper@standrewlutheran.com      |
|                              | Housekeeper Carol Hogan.....   | 503-646-0629                         |
|                              | Evening Facility Caretaker Scott Taylor .....                              | 503-646-0629                         |
|                              | Parish Nurses Diane Reiner .....   | 503-201-4222                         |
|                              | Tira Nessel.....   | 503-866-5099                         |

# Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew Lutheran Church

## Sunday, August 20

|          |  |                         |
|----------|--|-------------------------|
| 9:30 am  | In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom) | Sanctuary               |
| 9:30 am  | Portland Taiwan Worship Service  | Chapel                  |
| 10:45 am | Taiwanese Lutheran Church Bible Study  | Chapel                  |
| 3:00 pm  | Spirituality Book Group  | Member 's Home and Zoom |

## Monday, August 21

## Tuesday, August 22

|          |  |  |
|----------|--|--|
| 7:00 am  | Men's Gathering and Bible Study                | Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave) |
| 7:00 am  | Sunrise Women                                  | Elmer's Restaurant on 158th (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave) |
| 10:00 am | Tai Chi  | Fellowship Hall                                      |
| 11:00 am | Accessible Path Planning Team                  | Library  |
| 12:00 pm | Bridge Group                                   | Fellowship Hall                                      |
| 12:15 pm | Earth Care/Community Carbon Leadership Meeting | Library  |

## Wednesday, August 23

|         |                                 |                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1:00 pm | Wednesday Book Group with India | St. Andrew Room |
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## Thursday, August 24

|          |                                   |                    |
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| 10:00 am | Strength & Stability with Susanne | Fellowship Hall    |
| 12:00 pm | Team Ministry Meeting             | Chapel/Library     |
| 6:30 pm  | Wing Chun Class                   | Children's Commons |
| 7:00 pm  | IT Meeting                        | Offsite            |

## Friday, August 25—Office Closed, 1:00-4:00 pm

|          |         |                 |
|----------|---------|-----------------|
| 10:00 am | Tai Chi | Fellowship Hall |
|----------|---------|-----------------|

## Saturday, August 26

|         |                             |                                  |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 9:00 am | Transition Team Meeting     | St. Andrew Room, Fellowship Hall |
| 1:30 pm | Community Ice Cream Social  | Front Parking Lot                |
| 3:00 pm | Reading English Study Group | St. Andrew Room                  |

## Sunday, August 27

|          |  |                       |
|----------|--|-----------------------|
| 9:30 am  | In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed on YouTube and via Zoom) | Sanctuary             |
| 9:30 am  | Portland Taiwan Worship Service  | Chapel                |
| 10:45 am | Taiwanese Church Fellowship Picnic   | Sanctuary of the Firs |
| 10:45 am | Kalapuya Life in the Willamette Valley with Eric Luttrell                    | Fellowship Hall       |

## Pledge Cards

Pledge cards have long been an important tool for churches to use to forecast church revenue. They can also help parishioners review their priorities to determine if their giving and spending truly reflect their values.

The finance folks at St. Andrew invite you to take a pledge card from the table at the entrance to the Sanctuary as a prompt to consider your resources and how you're allocating them. Then fill out the card, fold it in half for privacy, and drop it in the offering plate. Or you can return your pledge card to the church office in a sealed envelope, attention Financial Secretaries.

Thank you!

## Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual Worship



**9:30 am:** Worship in the Sanctuary, watch the livestream of worship on YouTube, or participate in worship via Zoom. Links for remote worship will be sent to you via email and the church app.



People participating in worship via Zoom are invited to join worship at 9:30 am. To participate via Zoom you can use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or a telephone. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am. Anyone using YouTube for livestream worship may access the service at 9:30 am or any time after the livestream ends.

## Highlights from the Finance Team as of June 30, 2023

### Fiscal Year 2022-2023, Report Date 08/10/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew  
 M&M Giving is 93% of FYTD budget and 102% of monthly budget  
 Expenses are 102% of FYTD budget  
 Principal Only Payment for Mortgage \$4,800 was paid this month

#### Monthly Attendance & Giving

| Date                  | In Person | YouTube | Zoom / Call In | Total Service Attendance | M&M Fund Monthly Total | Mortgage Fund Offering |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Sunday Average</b> | 94        | 66      | 22             | 169                      |                        |                        |
| <b>Monthly Total</b>  | 469       | 264     | 112            | 845                      | \$ 54,873              | \$ 9,349               |

*To Meet Budget*    \$ 53,992    \$ 12,732

102%

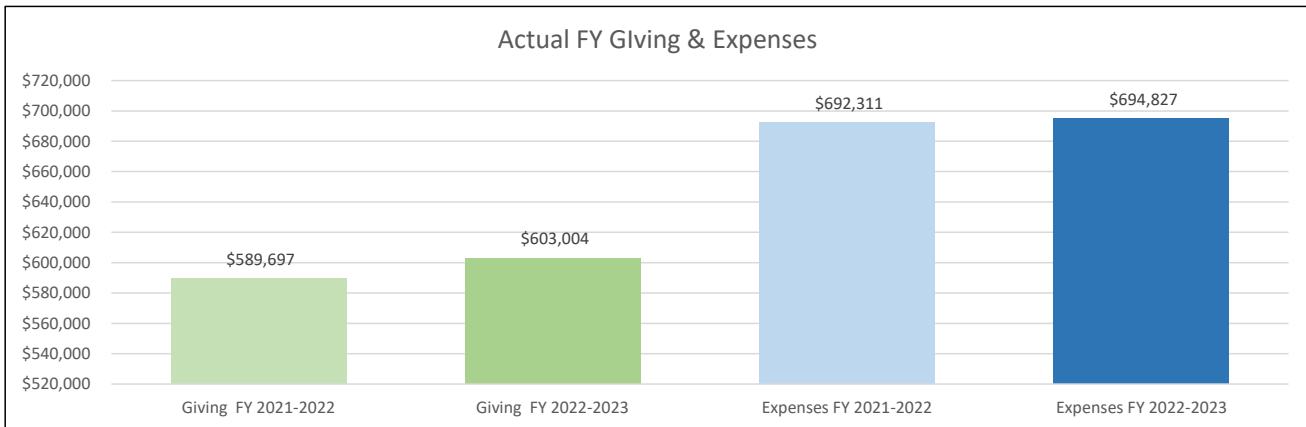
#### 3 Main Funds: Current Status

| Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund<br>(AKA "Operating Budget") | FYTD Budget   | Actual     |                  | The M & M Fund supports the general operations of the church, including worship, education, and office supplies; property maintenance; synod benevolence; staff; and utilities. |
|---|---------------|------------|------------------|---|
|   |               | FYTD \$    | % of FYTD Budget |   |
| Giving FY 2022-2023                                       | \$ 647,900.00 | \$ 603,004 | 93%              |   |
| Expenses FY 2022-2023                                     | \$ 679,797    | \$ 694,827 | 102%             |   |

| Mortgage Fund                | FYTD Actual Giving | FYTD Actual Expense | Balance on Hand                        | Mortgage Principal Balance | Monthly Mortgage Payment |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| FY 2022-2023                 | \$ 146,380         | \$ 187,472          | \$ 35,975                              | \$ 367,316                 | \$ 5,013                 |
| FYTD Principal Only Payments |                    | \$ 81,000           | Fund for contributions to pay mortgage |                            |                          |

| Designated Funds          | FYTD Actual Giving | FYTD Actual Expense | Balance on Hand | Designated Funds support many different ministries such as Local Benevolence, Community Garden, WELCA, Refugee, Racial Justice, etc. |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Total Designated Funds    |                    |                     | \$ 74,582       |  |
| PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund | \$ 4,469           | \$ 21,622           | \$ 17,029       |  |

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2022



|                       |    |         |
|-----------------------|----|---------|
| Giving FY 2021-2022   | \$ | 589,697 |
| Giving FY 2022-2023   | \$ | 603,004 |
| Expenses FY 2021-2022 | \$ | 692,311 |
| Expenses FY 2022-2023 | \$ | 694,827 |

#### FINANCE TEAM:

Treasurers: Tim Duggan, Joel Johnson  
 Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari  
 Financial Secretaries: Tammy Piscatelli, Susan Jacobi  
 St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho  
 Parish Manager: Carol Harker