

# ST. ANDREW WEEKLY NEWS

March 10, 2024

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

Worship Service:  
Sunday, 9:30 am

[www.standrewlutheran.com](http://www.standrewlutheran.com) ■ Telephone: 503-646-0629

## Night of Stories!



Grinds and Vines  
3520 SW Yamhill St  
Portland, OR 97214

I am so excited to announce a brand new, community-focused event for younger adults, **Night of Stories!** This monthly event is a cooperative effort between three organizations: St Andrew, The Repentant Church (a recent start-up through the United Methodist Church), and also the Portland-based storytelling nonprofit Ghost Light PDX. The first iteration of Night of Stories will be hosted on **Sunday, March 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**, at **Grinds and Vines** coffee shop in Portland. The theme

for the night is "The Thousand Word Picture Show." Plans include a photo booth, caption contest, featured storytellers, live music, and the chance for you to share stories of your own in a safe, fun, and casual environment. No preparation is needed to attend; just come as you are!

To understand the vision for this event, check out our opening creed:

Maybe. Just maybe. There's nothing more human than to tell a story.

From that night, thousands of years ago,  
when cavemen sat around that very first campfire,  
looking up at the stars in wonder,  
telling each other jokes...

To the stories we tell in quiet reverence,  
when we gather together to grieve a loved one lost.  
To be human is to tell stories.

Even when we sleep, our brain is up all night telling us  
stories in the form of dreams.

Friends, our desire is to be a beautiful and weird experiment.  
To share our stories with each other,  
whether they are tales of wonder or woe,  
the sacred or profane,  
soul stirring or just plain weird.

But most of all:  
We share stories with each other, so that maybe, just maybe,  
we might come to see ourselves,  
see each other,  
and see this weary little world of ours,  
as cherished works of art.

In February we hosted a small test run of the event with about 16 people, all under the age of 35, and it was a huge hit! We are so excited to open it up for this official launch. To learn more about Night of Stories, find us on Instagram @NightOfStoriesPDX. You can also email me at [kvogt@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:kvogt@standrewlutheran.com) or contact [NightOfStoriesPDX@gmail.com](mailto:NightOfStoriesPDX@gmail.com). Don't forget to follow us, and make sure to invite your friends! We'll see you there!

*Kyler Vogt*  
Director of Next Generational Ministry

## Help Write Postcards/Letters to Potential Voters

2024 is another Presidential election year and this year's vote is expected to be a crucial one. Given the expected candidate choices, many people are planning not to vote at all. Liz Hardy and Jan Smith have contacted several organizations that encourage first-time voters or those who typically do not vote to do so this year.

St. Andrew has participated in campaigns like this effort in the past. The 2024 effort includes primary elections and the general election on November 5. With primary elections scheduled during the first half of the year, the postcard and letter-writing campaigns will take place between now and November.



Already, thousands of postcards have been sent to North Carolina voters whose primary election was on March 5. These cards were from the Environmental Voter Project, and the message sent was, "I know you are a good voter. Please make sure your friends and family are good voters too!" Mind you, these cards were sent to people who are concerned about the environment, but do not typically vote. Whether or not a person votes is public record, but how they vote is not known.

Jan and Liz are looking for a team of people to send encouraging messages to potential voters. No specific postcard or letter-writing dates have been scheduled, but they will be soon. Many of you wrote postcards to Georgia voters in 2020, and to Arizona, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Georgia in 2022. This will be a similar effort. There will be several state campaigns again and Federal elections by state as well. We will have training sessions again and volunteers will be able to take groups of 20 cards or letters to fill out and send by specific dates. Voter turnout organizations will provide a list of voters to contact and a suggested script to use.

If you would like to write to voters, please contact Liz or Jan so we can create our team.

*Jan Smith and Liz Hardy*

## Springing into Spring



Despite overnight temps dropping into the 20s this past week, the onset of spring is near. Before you go to bed on **Saturday, March 10**, be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour. Otherwise, you'll be late to worship Sunday morning!

## Observing and Celebrating

# LENT WITH ST. ANDREW

Midweek Lenten Services 7 pm

Mar 13: Individual Lament (Janet Vorvick)

Mar 20: Communal Lament (Mary Smith)

March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday

Service at 9:30 am

March 28, 2024 - Maundy Thursday

Service at 7 pm

March 29, 2024 - Good Friday

Service at 8 pm

March 31, 2024 - Easter Sunday

Service at 9:30 am

## Worship Volunteer Sign-up

Worship is not possible without the many volunteers who serve throughout the year. Who are these volunteers? You are! They are anyone who brings Altar Flowers or anyone who serves as Acolytes, Altar Guild, Assisting Ministers, Cantors, Communion Assistants, Greeters, Lectors, Nursery Volunteers, Audio Tech, Video Tech, Ushers, Worship Coordinators, and Zoom Hosts.

We are using [signup.com](https://signup.com) to sign up volunteers for worship services. Here is the link to click on to sign up for upcoming worship services.

<https://signup.com/go/GRHfNuv>

Here's what you need to know: copy and paste the link which will take you to our signup for Sunday morning worship services.

Easter is coming and it would be great to have all volunteer positions filled on that festive morning!

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Vorvick or Deacon Susan.

## New Directory!

If you have an email address on file with St. Andrew, you received a "Connect Card" earlier this week from the church office. Please take the time to fill it out and email it back to the church by March 31. This is the first step in creating an updated directory, something that we badly need. Specifically, open your email and

1. Download the "Connect Card."
2. Open the document (from your downloads folder).
3. Fill in your information.
4. Save the document to your computer.
5. Attach that same document to an email and send to: [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com).

If you do not have an email address, we have mailed you the "Connect Card." Please fill it out legibly and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. See the address included in the newsletter masthead.

## Spirituality Book Group News



The Spirituality Book Group will meet at Dianne Zupunski's home on **Sunday, March 17**, to discuss *The Leavers*, by Lisa Ko. The book received the 2016 PEN/Bellwether Prize for Fiction, awarded by Barbara Kingsolver to a novel that addresses issues of social justice. It was also a finalist for the National Book Award in 2017 and was described by Ann Patchett as "beautifully written, ambitious, and moving."

*The Leavers* is the story of an undocumented immigrant child adopted by well-meaning white professors after his Chinese mother disappears. It examines issues of borders and belonging, of a boy coming into his own after everything he loves is taken away, and of the adopting mother who must learn how to live with past mistakes.

Date/Time: **Sunday, March 17**, 3:00 pm  
Book: *The Leavers*, by Lisa Ko  
Hostess: Dianne Zupunski  
Discussion Leader: Sharon Fako

All are welcome. Call Mary Smith at 503-332-9732 for more information.

### Future Reading:

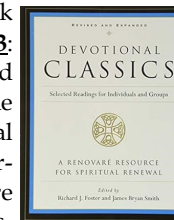
**April 14:** *A Tale for the Time Being*, by Ruth Ozeki  
Hostess: Sharon Fako  
Discussion Leader: Mary Smith

**May (date TBA)** *We Have Always Been Here*, by Samra Habib\*  
Hostess: TBA  
Discussion Leader: Elaine May

\*Book now available in church library.

## Wednesday Book Group

St. Andrew's Wednesday afternoon Book Group is beginning a new book on **March 13:** *Devotional Classics*, by Richard Foster and James Bryan Smith. Led by Sister India, the group will be reading writings from spiritual thinkers, including C.S. Lewis, Julian of Norwich, and Gregory of Nyssa. Meetings are held in the St. Andrew Room on Wednesdays, 1:00-2:30 pm.



## Andy's Room Podcast Features:

### Pastor Terry Moe

The newest episode of the Andy's Room Podcast features Pastor Terry Moe! We all know Pastor Terry from the multiple stints he has had as a substitute at St. Andrew and as the leader of the Horizon Team, but I first learned about him through the world of community organizing. In this episode, we discuss what elements of community organizing go into creating a vibrant, dynamic, and active church congregation. We also learn a bit about Terry's organizing history within the ELCA, what he sees happening at St. Andrew at this time, and why there is so much hope for us to continue growing and changing as a congregation.

**Kyler Vogt**

Director of Next Generational Ministry

## No Space For a Compost Pile? Try a Worm Bin!

From my Master Recycler Handbook

Worm composting is an easy and fun alternative to backyard composting. Worms can be used when your yard does not produce enough yard debris for backyard composting. It is also useful when there are space constraints on the property or if you live in an apartment or townhouse. Kids love worms and will often actively participate in this household activity.

Most importantly, worms make the most of our food scraps by eating them and making a nutrient-rich fertilizer for houseplants or a top dressing for lawns, flower beds, and gardens.

**To set up a worm bin, you'll need:** Red wiggler worms, a wide and shallow container, bedding, and fruit and vegetable scraps from your kitchen.

**The worms:** Red wigglers are recommended because they efficiently process food waste into compost. Regular earthworms and other garden varieties like to burrow deep into the ground and will not survive on the rich organic matter in a worm bin. Red worms are specialized surface dwellers who thrive in very rich organic matter like food scraps.



*These little red wigglers work for you when you set up a worm bin to do your composting.*

Generally, a pound of worms should be able to process  $\frac{1}{4}$  -  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of food scraps per day. You can purchase red worms from local or mail order suppliers or get some from a friend's worm bin. Locally, I found Symbiop at 503-893-8427, Northwest Red Worms in Camas at 360-513-7251, and [thewormfarmportland.com](http://thewormfarmportland.com) in Newburg at 503-550-7733.



**The container:** The container should be between 8 and 16 inches deep with holes drilled in the bottom and sides for aeration and drainage. You can build a wooden worm bin (Look for construction instructions next week!) or use a plastic tub with a lid. Worm bins can handle about one pound (or one quart) of food scraps per week per square foot of bin surface area. This means a bin with a 1 by 2 foot floor will take about 2 quarts of food per week.

Worm bins need to keep worms moist, dark, and not too hot or cold. When temperatures drop below freezing, bins should be moved indoors or be well-insulated. They may be located outdoors, or in the basement, shed, garage, balcony, or under the kitchen counter.

**The bedding:** Suitable bedding materials include shredded newspaper or cardboard (not magazine pages), brown leaves, straw, coir (coconut fiber), or untreated soft-wood sawdust or wood shavings.

**Setting up and maintaining a worm bin:** Fill the bin  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with bedding that has been moistened so it is as wet as a wrung-out sponge. Add a handful of dirt, crushed eggshells, or sand to provide necessary grit for the worms' digestion. During the course of several months, the worms will eat the bedding. Add more mois-

tened bedding as necessary to maintain the bin at  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. There should always be about 4 inches of bedding over the worms and compost.

**Feeding your worms:** When adding food waste to the bin, pull aside some of the bedding and bury the food. Bury successive loads in different locations in the bin. Feed your worms fruit and vegetable scraps (including citrus peels), coffee grounds and filters, and tea bags. Do NOT feed them meat, fish or dairy, greasy or oily foods, breads, grains or dry beans, or pet waste unless from a rabbit or a chicken.

**Harvest your worm compost:** Harvest worm compost from the bottom of the bin after several months or when it looks like soil. For small amounts, look for areas in the bin with soil-like compost and few worms and just grab handfuls. For large quantities, you can push the contents of your bin to one side and fill the empty half with new bedding, food and some of the active worm compost. Add all new food scraps to this new side for a few months. The worms should migrate over there, leaving pure compost on the side with the older material.

Use as a soil amendment: Mix 2-5 inches of compost into vegetable and flower gardens each year before planting. Use as a potting mixture: Add one part compost to 2 parts commercial potting soil. Use as a mulch: Spread 1-2 inches around annual flowers and vegetables and up to 6 inches around trees and shrubs. Use as top-dressing for lawns: Top-dressing turf provides a slow release of nitrogen. Mix finely sifted compost with sand and sprinkle evenly over the lawn.

*Liz Hardy*  
Earth Care Team

## Easter Sunday Brunch

St. Andrew will celebrate Easter during worship at 9:30 am on **Sunday, March 31**, with a brunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. Plan to bring your family and guests to join in the festivity.

Just as in years past, St. Andrew will rely on people from the congregation to bring pastries, fruit or vegetable trays, small sandwiches, hard-boiled or deviled eggs, and other appropriate brunch fare. We hope you'll be able to attend.



## Church Directory Details

Please take the time to fill out your "Connect Card" (see article on page 2) and return it to the church office as soon as possible. We want to ensure that all your contact information is correct, as so many people in the congregation rely on the directory to stay in touch.

Then, beginning **Sunday, March 17**, we will be signing up individuals and families to have their photos taken. Photo shoots will be scheduled every ten minutes from 2:00-8:30 pm on: **Wednesday, May 8; Thursday, May 9; and Friday, May 10.**

Participants will receive a complimentary directory when they become available, probably in September.

Meanwhile, if you can take 30-45 minutes to sign families up for photos either before or after worship any Sunday beginning **March 17**, your assistance would be much appreciated. Please contact Carol Harker to volunteer. Thank you!

## Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization

Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization is an 8-session training designed for labor, community, and faith organizations that are a part of MACG. Last year, 10 members of the St. Andrew community participated in this training. You are invited to join this year's sessions in reflecting and learning around the truth of colonization and its ongoing impact in the region where we live. Wrestling with the Truth of Colonization is an initiative created by a global team of indigenous leaders offered locally by the Industrial Area Foundation Northwest in conjunction with MACG.

Register for April training: <http://tinyurl.com/2jfb38rx>

You must be able to attend all sessions as each session builds on the learnings of the previous sessions.

Introduction: All participants must attend one of the following two introductory briefings in order to participate in the Wrestling Training.

**Monday, April 1**, 12:00pm - 12:30 pm or

**Tuesday, April 2**, 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

First five sessions are on Zoom, Tuesday and Thursday evenings, **April 4 – April 18**, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

The last three sessions will be spaced out over three months and designed around your individual personal wrestling.

This is free to members of MACG institutions. Registration deadline is **Monday, April 1**.

Questions? Contact any member of the St. Andrew Connections Team (formerly MACG Core Team): Gretchen Bancroft, Larry Bliesner, Pat Christiansen, Lynn Santelmann, and Jan Smith.

## Welcoming New Members



St. Andrew will be welcoming new members again in April. If you are interested in officially joining our faith community, it's not too late to be included. Please contact Pastor Laurie for more information.

Our church extends welcome to all, regardless of ethnicity, gender orientation, economic status, or any of the other societal constructs that aim to divide us. You don't need to be 100 percent confident in your faith and you don't need to be raised Lutheran. We embrace those who continue to question the mystery of faith. St. Andrew's values and mission align with people from many backgrounds. If you'd like to learn more, talk to Pastor Laurie or contact her at [laurienewman@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:laurienewman@standrewlutheran.com).

## Organ Recital

Erik Simmons, associate organist at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, will play a recital of old and new organ works on the Paul Fritts organ, on **Sunday, March 10, at 3:00 pm**. He will be assisted by his daughter, Emily Simmons, soprano, who attended pre-school here at St. Andrew.

The concert will include works by Abraham van den Kerckhoven (c.1618–c.1701), Peeter Cornet (c.1570–1633), Peter Philips (c.1560–1628), Gerardus Scronx (fl.1617), John Dowland (c.1563–1626), Melchior Schildt (c.1592–1667), James Woodman (b.1957), James Michael Stevens (b.1961), Carson Cooman (b.1982), Grimoaldo Macchia (b.1972), Karen Beaumont (b.1965), and David Dahl (b.1937).

This concert is free and open to the community.

## New Exercise Class

**Apprentice Essentrics® Aging Backwards® Workout Class**  
**Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 am**

This is a slow-paced, full-body workout class that will restore movement in your joints and flexibility in your muscles, relieve pain, and stimulate your cells to increase energy and vibrancy. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for joining. Come join Sandy as she leads you through this new workout class. If you have questions or just want to come and see what it is all about, meet Sandy in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday at 9:30 am.

## Lenten Food Train Chugging Along



Cash donations welcome!

The engine is revved up and hauling boxcars of food and hygiene products destined for the St. Matthew Food Bank. Continuing through Lent, we hope to fill multiple boxes to feed the hungry and help the needy in our community.

The train is in the Narthex and as we add boxcars it will wind its way around the church. Please bring non-perishable food items (such as canned corn, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, sugar, rice, and beans) as well as hygiene products (shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant) to fill the boxcars.

If you prefer to donate money, you may write a check with Lenten Food Drive on the memo line or go [online](#) and select Lenten Food Drive from the drop-down menu to make your gift electronically. Every \$250 donated will add a new boxcar to the train.

With inflation continuing to impact people's ability to purchase daily necessities, this is a critical time for those in need around us. Your donations will make a big difference. *Get on board and let's see where this train will take us!*

## St. Matthew Lutheran Food Pantry

In 2023, the St. Matthew Lutheran Food Pantry provided food and personal hygiene products for more than 12,000 people, including more than 4,000 children. This

is an increase of about 20% from 2022 and 60% from 2021. Food insecurity is an increasing problem in our community.

Such work is not possible without the volunteers and donations from St. Andrew Lutheran and other partner congregations that support the pantry. In 2023, volunteers recorded more than 10,000 hours to support the purchase and distribution of food items. The pantry spent \$115,000 to purchase food and hygiene products.

At Christmas, the pantry provided gifts or gift cards to 585 children, which is the largest number to date. These children received a large gift and two smaller gifts. Families were also provided with a game or puzzle, books, and some stocking stuffers.

*Chuck Westwig*



## In Need of Prayers...

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRAYERS FOR...</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Jan Morrell	Peace and God's comfort at her death	Carol Harker
Doris Larson	Comfort, peace, and help with transition to hospice.	Sherry Myers
Carol Hogan	Comfort and peace while dealing with fear, stress, and health issues	Carol Hogan
Susan Hill (sister)	Comfort and peace	Judy Scholz
Joyce Bianucci (sister)	Comfort and peace	Judy Scholz
Mike Twiss (friend)	Comfort and healing following heart surgery .	Patty Jones
Art Uecker, Sr. (father-in-law)	Comfort and healing following back surgery	Rebecca Uecker
Camille Jackson	Comfort, healing, and the end to her post-surgery pain	Sister India
Reky (friend)	Effective treatment, strength, courage, comfort, and healing from stage 4 breast cancer	Linda Olshausen
Chris (Reky's husband) & Noah (Reky's son)	Comfort and strength	Linda Olshausen
Kelsey Myers (daughter)	Courage and strength as she is the first woman in the world to attempt 6 triathlons in 6 days on 6 continents	Sharon Carlson
Individual friends and loved ones	Whatever they need	Staff
St. Andrew Council, Executive Committee, Staff, and Call Committee	Wisdom and discernment	Staff
Sister India Jensen Kerr and all seminarians and theology students	Encouragement and support	Staff
St. Andrew Foundation	Blessings on their ministry	Staff
All those who are caregivers for a loved one	Strength and support	Staff
Mt. Carmel (Portland)	Serving with us in the Oregon Synod	Staff
St. James (Portland)		
Ecumenical and interfaith partners in ministry	Blessings on their work	Staff

If you know someone in need of prayers, please contact the church office by phone at 503-646-0629, email [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com), or fill out the prayer request form on the church website.

## The Labyrinth on Holy Saturday



On **Holy Saturday, March 30**, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm, St. Andrew will again host Westminster Presbyterian's labyrinth. We will gather to reflect on the time before our Lord rose on Easter Sunday. Calming music will facilitate your meditation. Please bring writing materials for journaling if that would be useful for reflection. If you have questions, please contact Sister India (email [india@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:india@standrewlutheran.com)).

## Council Minutes

Once they are approved, Council Meeting minutes are now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and on the church website. Go to [standrewlutheran.com/council-minutes/](http://standrewlutheran.com/council-minutes/). The password needed to open the file is "PeaceonEarth" (with no quotation marks).

## Your St. Andrew Staff

Council President Liz Hardy .....	president@standrewlutheran.com, 360-632-4900
Interim Pastor Laurie Newman.....	laurienewman@standrewlutheran.com
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Parish Manager Carol Harker.....	charker@standrewlutheran.com
Administrative Assistant Rhonda Powell .....	office@standrewlutheran.com
Bookkeeper Karen Mallari .....	bookkeeper@standrewlutheran.com
Housekeeper Carol Hogan.....	503-646-0629
Evening Facility Caretaker Martin Mills .....	503-646-0629
Parish Nurses Diane Reiner .....	503-201-4222
Tira Nasset.....	503-866-5099

## Preparing for Worship

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 John 12:20-33

## Highlights for the Week at St. Andrew

### Sunday, March 10

<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>In-Person Worship with Communion (also livestreamed and via Zoom)</b> .....	<b>Sanctuary</b>
9:30 am	Portland Taiwan Worship Service .....	Chapel
10:45 am	Taiwan Lutheran Fellowship Gathering.....	Chapel
11:00 am	Adult Ed: Exile 101: Written in Babylon .....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Adult Ed: The Theology and Poetry of Our Hymns.....	St. Andrew Room
11:00 am	Confirmation for Middle School Youth.....	Library
11:00 am	High School Youth Group .....	Youth Room
11:00 am	The Roots .....	Children's Commons, Children's Library, LL Classrooms
1:00 pm	Twirlers Meeting and Practice.....	St. Andrew Room and Fellowship Hall
3:00 pm	Organ Recital by Erik Simmons.....	Sanctuary

### Monday, March 11—Church Office Closed

4:00 pm	The Immigrant Story .....	Library
7:00 pm	Men's Book Club .....	off site
7:00 pm	Finance Meeting.....	via Zoom

### Tuesday, March 12

7:00 am	Men's Gathering and Bible Study.....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 <sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
7:00 am	Sunrise Women.....	Elmer's Restaurant on 158 <sup>th</sup> (1250 NW Waterhouse Ave)
9:00 am	Facility Management Team Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Bridge Group .....	Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm	Service Committee .....	Library
6:30 pm	Scout Troop 198.....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Brass Quintet Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

### Wednesday, March 13—Weekly News deadline is 4:00 pm; submit material to [office@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:office@standrewlutheran.com) and [charker@standrewlutheran.com](mailto:charker@standrewlutheran.com).

9:30 am	Apprentice Essentrics® Aging Backwards® Workout Class .....	Fellowship Hall
1:00 pm	Wednesday Book Group with Sister India.....	St. Andrew Room
6:00 pm	Bells of Grace Rehearsal.....	Sanctuary
7:00 pm	Mid-Week Lent Service .....	Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 14

9:30 am	Seekers of the Heart of God Bible Study .....	St. Andrew Room
10:00 am	Strength and Stability with Susanne .....	Fellowship Hall
12:00 pm	Team Ministry Meeting.....	Chapel & Library
4:00 pm	The Immigrant Story .....	Children's Library
12:30 pm	Habitat for Humanity Yearly Meeting .....	St. Andrew Room
6:30 pm	Wing Chun Class.....	Children's Commons
7:00 pm	Foundation Team Meeting.....	Library

### Friday, March 15

10:00 am	Tai Chi.....	Fellowship Hall
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### Saturday, March 16


9:00 am	Nifty Notters.....	Fellowship Hall
11:00 am	Brass Quintet Rehearsal .....	Sanctuary

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3:00 pm	Spirituality Book Group .....	offsite

## Worship at St. Andrew or Connect to Virtual

 **YouTube** **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.*

 **zoom** People participating in worship via Zoom are invited to join worship at 9:30 am. To participate via Zoom, you may use a computer, smartphone, or tablet. Please note that Zoom worship is only available at 9:30 am.

## Highlights from the Finance Team as of January 31, 2024

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Report Date 3/07/2023

Thank you for your continued support for the ministries of St Andrew.  
M&M Giving is 118% of FYTD budget and 206% of monthly budget.  
Expenses are 90% of FYTD budget.

Principal-Only Payment for Mortgage: \$28,800 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
Sunday Average	105	122		196		
Monthly Total	419	336		785	\$ 101,885	\$ 6,733
<i>To Meet Budget</i>					\$ 49,357	\$ 5,013

206%

### 3 Main Funds: Current Status

Ministry & Mission (M&M) Fund (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 2023-2024	\$ 345,482	\$ 407,327	118%	
Expenses FY 2023-2024	\$ 395,667	\$ 356,649	90%	

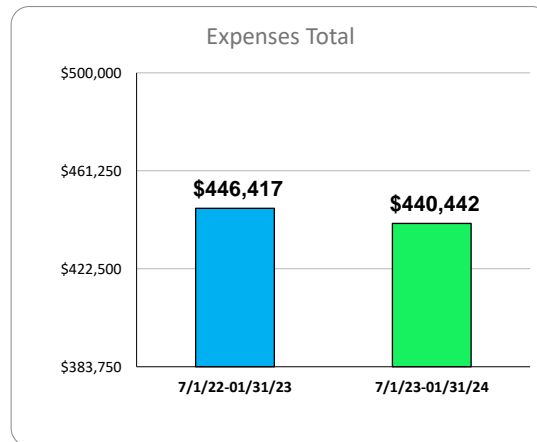
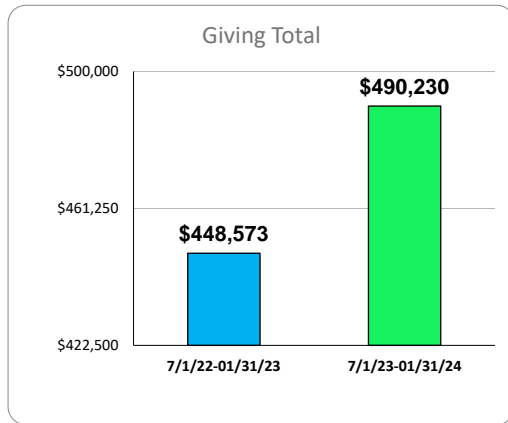
  

Mortgage Fund	FYTD Actual Giving	FYTD Actual Expense	Balance on Hand	Mortgage Principal Balance	Monthly Mortgage Payment
FY 2023-2024	\$ 82,774	\$ 83,773	\$ 34,136	\$ 294,319	\$ 5,013
FYTD Principal Only Payments		\$ 48,680	Fund for contributions to pay mortgage		

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			\$ 98,996	
PIPE & PIPE Wetlands Fund	\$ 11,957	\$ 2,662	\$ 26,753	

YTD figures represent Fiscal Year starting 7/1/2023



**M&M + Mortgage Giving During Same Period of Time**

**FINANCE TEAM:**

Treasurers: Tim Duggan, Joel Johnson

Bookkeeper: Karen Mallari

Financial Secretaries: Jim McGarvey, Susan Jacobi, Sonya King

St Andrew Foundation Treasurer: Luis Falucho

Parish Manager: Carol Harker

7/1/22-01/31/23	\$	448,573
7/1/23-01/31/24	\$	490,230
7/1/22-01/31/23	\$	446,417
7/1/23-01/31/24	\$	440,442

\*\* Mortgage giving/expense included