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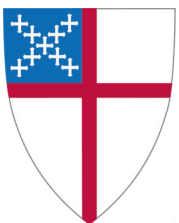
Newsletter



September 2025

St. A's Preschool and Kindergarten

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St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church





REV. LES' RANDOM THOUGHTS

Welcome

“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” - Mark 9:37

This scripture seized me on Tuesday morning. It was the first day of school for our preschool and the church was a bustle. Banners, balloons and bubbly feelings decorated our cloisters and halls. One of the teachers gathered a group of us and asked us to pray. In that vast 10 second silence the verse echoed in my mind so I prayed, “Lord we know that we will meet you again today. We know when we welcome our children, we welcome you too...”

This week has been especially lovely around our church. We know that transitions are hard for kids and parents too, so seeing the care of our school staff is especially meaningful. It was my honor to work the door in the morning, literally opening it for our families. Smiles, high fives and high hopes were in abundance. It is such a blessing to live the truth of Jesus’s words.

Of course Jesus' direction here is not only for children. Look to Mathew chapter 25 and you see that the opportunity to give to Jesus lies with service, welcome and care for any of the vulnerable, or Jesus’ words to Peter in John 21 where He tells Peter, that if you love me you should feed my lambs.

Jesus' words about serving others through all those around could easily sound overwhelming.

I know that I often feel like there is more in this world that I am “supposed to do” than I feel able to do, but when you really think about it the overwhelming thing is how much opportunity we have. In every smile or act of kindness we show love to Jesus. He is always there; both for our needs to receive but also for our need to give.

“
***We know when we welcome our
children, we welcome you too.***
”

So if you ever feel like you are overwhelmed and you can’t do enough. Do one thing that reconnects you to the God that gives you the power to do the next thing. If you feel surrounded by the blessings and opportunities, well enjoy it. Take the time to give thanks. We were born to find Jesus, and every door is a door to him so open it with joy and let the welcome swell from your heart.

September "Wings of Love" Bag Ministry
Pick up bags
September 7th and
return 14th for
Episcopal Farmworker
Ministry. Put supplies
in your bag or donate
\$10 for a ready made
box!



"Wings of Love" school supplies
Thank you to everyone who brought a bag!

Peacemakers Toy Drive in October

Bags go out Oct. 5th-12th. Toys will be for Carriage Court Apartments
to shop at the Peacemaker Toy Drive Dec. 5th and 6th. New toys for all
ages.

Volunteers needed for Peacemakers' Toy Drive Dec. 5th and 6th. Let
Deacon Susan know if you are interested.



Maintenance Around the Church

Work has started on fixing the roof!

We have a new
classroom in our
Preschool wing!
Plus new carpet in
two classrooms and
all the carpets have
been shampooed.



2025

September



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|--|---|--|--------|---------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 Lifeline Screening Food Pantry 9-11am | 3 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Music 4:15pm | 4 Food Pantry 9-11am | 5 | 6 Men's Club 8am |
| 7 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am A.C.E 10:30am HE Rite II Children's Chapel 10:30am | 8 | 9 Food Pantry 9-11am Book Club 10am ADK 4pm Vestry 6pm | 10 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Music 4:15pm Mahjong 5pm | 11 Food Pantry 9-11am | 12 | 13 |
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| 21 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am A.C.E 10:30am HE Rite II Children's Chapel 10:30am 11:30am Pantry | 22 | 23 Food Pantry 9-11am ADK 4pm | 24 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Music 4:15pm | 25 Food Pantry 9-11am | 26 | 27 Creation Stores 9-11:30am |
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Ministry Schedule September 2025

LAY/LEM Readers

September 7

8:00 Dick Arnow
Forrest Mericle

10:30 Paul Stone
Lisa Stone
Omari Ansong

September 14

8:00 Albert Corinth
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Brandon Rollings
Forrest Mericle
Brad Earle

September 21

8:00 Virgil Evans
Brian Westcott

10:30 Pete Roy
Elizabeth Pope
Matt Smith

September 28

8:00 Ramona Orzell
Tim Knapp

10:30 Leslie Hall
Sandy Suggs
Michele Richwalski

Acolytes

September 7

10:30 Walker Wells
Jack Lea

September 14

10:30 Lauren Renck
Megan Renck

September 21

10:30 The Mericles

September 28

10:30 Landon Newcomb
Liam Jenkins

Ushers

September 7

Angela Reid
Tom Jenkins

September 14

Billy Suggs
Steve Thurkill

September 21

Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci

September 28

Brad Earle
TBD

Pantry Volunteers

Betty Bunn
Tom Jenkins
Dotsy Royal
Elizabeth Mosley

Pantry Distributors

Tuesday- Patty Kennedy
Wednesday-Tommy Parker
Thursday- Elizabeth Hunter

Kitchen Clean Up:

Missy Fillietaz

Greeters

Dotsy Royal
Tom Jenkins

BAPTISMAL CELEBRATIONS

On August 3, 2025 we celebrated Jack Henry Pons and Kimberly Haggerty as they committed their lives to Christ.

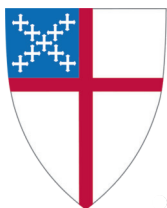


St. Andrew's Preschool
and Kindergarten is
back in action!



Blessing of the Backpacks Annual Water Fight





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Our Parish Family



Bible from the Beginning: Creation Stories

**Saturday, September 27
9-11:30 Am**

Have you ever found the Bible hard to read? Are you not sure where to begin? Then, this is the class for you.

Join Rev. Les as he explores the two different stories of creation in the bible. Discover what unique perspective each gives and learn why there would be two in the first place. This journey reveals how the Bible was written and put together so it is a great foundation for future study.

Register now on the church app.

**Episcopal Mahjong
September 10th at 5pm**

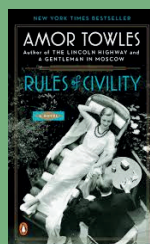
Meet us at Bin and Barrel for Mahjong!

Language of Music Classes start Wednesday,
September 3rd at 4:15pm

We will be packing Food Pantry bags on
September 21st after the 10:30am service in
the Parish Hall.

Men's Club meets Saturday, September 6th at
8am in the Parish Hall.

Book Club is reading two books this summer by
Amor Powles: Rules of Civility and A Table for



Two. It is best to read them
in order. We look forward to
seeing everyone on
September 9th at 10am to
discuss!



Children's Chapel will
resume on Sunday,
September 7th at the
10:30am service in the
Parish Hall.

