



May 2023

Sundays

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| 8:00a.m. | HE Rt. I |
| 9:15a.m. | Adult Christian Ed. |
| 10:30a.m. | H.E. Rt. II |
| 10:30a.m. | Children's Chapel |

Wednesdays

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| 10:30a.m. | Healing Service |
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Coming Up

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| May 1 | St. Elizabeth's Guild | 12:00p.m. |
| May 6 | Men's Club | 8:00a.m. |
| May 6 | Quarter Auction | 5:15p.m. |
| May 7 | Parish Breakfast | 9:00a.m. |
| May 9 | Book Club | 10:00a.m. |
| May 9 | Lion's Club | 6:30p.m. |
| May 17 | Vestry Meeting | 6:00p.m. |
| May 18 | Meals on Wheels | 10:00a.m. |
| May 19 | TRCC Spring Concert | 7:30p.m. |
| May 23 | Lion's Club | 6:30p.m. |
| May 28 | Rite I Service | 9:30a.m. |

We are Easter People.

This past weekend, we said goodbye to the Rev. George Greer, only the 4th rector in the history of St. Andrew's.

We gave thanks for Father George's ministry at St. Andrews and honored his legacy with blessings, a special dedication presented by our wardens and vestry, and a festive reception for the whole community.

Now, we begin a new season together.

The Vestry has determined that continuity and care are priorities for our parish in transition. Through this season, we'll continue our ministries and deepen our connections.

We'll live out God's call to us to be a community of deep belonging and wide invitation. We'll listen, care for each other, share our gifts, and serve our city. We'll find our strength from God and from the deep bonds we've cultivated in Christian community.

That means we are people of abundant life and limitless possibilities. We step forward during times of uncertainty and navigate change with curiosity and wonder. We are people of resilience, adventure, and hope— and we always look forward, even when the past stays close to our hearts.

There's so much ahead for our community.

- ⇒ *The work of the food pantry and backpack buddies continues each week.*
- ⇒ *We will continue to have healing services each Wednesday at 10:30am.*
- ⇒ *We will continue having Holy Communion each Sunday.*
- ⇒ *Work on the Rev. George and Dr. Claire Greer Labyrinth will begin in mid-May.*
- ⇒ *The Search Committee has begun their work.*

We're grateful to our vestry and staff for their leadership through this time of transition. We'll continue to share updates.

We're here for you and we look forward to navigating this time together with hope.

May God's peace be with you,

Pete Armstrong, Sr. Warden

Tommy Parker, Jr. Warden

Reflection is for Ascension Day. This year Ascension is May 18, 2023

Jesus' disciples, his best friends, are not known for their keen intellect. Lord knows they were mighty slow to catch on. As St. Matthew tells the story, they meet Jesus on a mountaintop. Mind you, this is after his resurrection; they know Jesus is more than just a wandering preacher from Galilee. When he appears, they worship him, but they continue to have doubts about him.

They are no wiser in the other gospel accounts either. For example, in The Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke writes that they ask Jesus if he will restore Israel's earthly power, even though Jesus has told them that this was not his mission. Jesus tells them to tell the world what they have seen and heard and then rises from their sight. There they stand, staring at the sky as he ascends into the heavens while a couple of angels scold them for their inaction. "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven?" Acts 1:11



Before we laugh at the disciples and their response to Jesus' ascension, what would we do if we saw our Lord ascend? So often, we turn our eyes toward heaven, begging Jesus to do something and do it quickly. He gives us the same shrug that he gave apostles and says, "Why don't you do something? I have given you a share in my power and my glory. You are looking in the wrong place for me. Look within yourselves."

Of course, we don't feel very powerful or glorious. But whether we feel it or not, Jesus wants us to believe it. So did St. Paul.

In his letter to the Ephesians, he writes: "For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way." Ephesians 1:15-23

Notice St. Paul's prayer moves from God and Christ to the Ephesians and the church?

Jesus sends his followers out with nothing except instructions. As Barbara Brown Taylor writes: "Vocation is simply what you do, when you know who you are and who you are working for when you are sent out to proclaim the Kingdom and to act it out with no money, no shoes, not even a walking stick. Because when it comes down to being a provider of God's love, there is only one provider who sends us out with nothing yet with everything we need: healing, forgiveness, restoration, and resurrection. Those are the only things we really have to share with the world, which is just as well since they are the only things the world really needs."

We modern disciples may never realize how much we can do to build our portion of God's Kingdom but know this, Jesus is counting on us. Amen.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Jerry Rushford

*Come Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's redeeming love.
Here I find my greatest treasure, Hither by Thy help I come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.
O, to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above.*

Robert Robinson (1735-1790) was 16 years old and running with the wrong crowd when he went by chance to hear the celebrated 37-year-old evangelist, George Whitefield, preach in London on May 24, 1752. Three and a half years later, in December 1755, Robinson became a Christian and "found full and free forgiveness through the precious blood of Jesus Christ." He soon began preaching for Methodist and Baptist churches in the area around Norwich and Cambridge. In May 1758, when he was only 22 years old, Robinson penned "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" for his sermon on Pentecost Sunday. In the following year of 1759, the lyrics of this powerful hymn were included in a small hymnal entitled A Collection of Hymns Used by the Church of Christ in Angel Alley Bishopsgate.



*Cast your cares upon the Lord,
for he will sustain you.
May you and yours find comfort
in the love that God and others
have for you this day and always.*

Did you know the community of St. Andrew's and our prayer team offer two ways to give you comfort and strength through prayer?

Public Prayer requests are published in the Sunday bulletin and read aloud during the Sunday services.

Private prayer requests are forwarded to our Hugs team (Helping Understanding Giving Support) and will be prayed for 40 days.

If you wish either method of prayer, please contact the church office.



May 2023



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 Healing Service 10:30am | 4 Tar River Children's Chorus 5:00-7:00pm | 5 | 6 Men's Club 8am Quarter Auction 5:15pm Dinner 6:00pm Auction |
| 7 8:00am HE Rite I 9:00am Parish Breakfast 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel Welcome Rev. Patricia Hanen | 8 | 9 Food Pantry 9-11am Book Club 10am Lion's Club 6:30pm | 10 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am | 11 Food Pantry 9-11am Tar River Children's Chorus 5:00-7:00pm | 12 | 13 |
| 14 8:00am HE Rite 1 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel EYC 11:45am-2pm Welcome Rev. Donald Fishburne | 15 All Newsletter Articles Due to the office | 16 Food Pantry 9-11am | 17 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Vestry 6pm | 18 Food Pantry 9-11am Meals on Wheels 10am Tar River Children's Chorus 5:00-7:00pm | 19 Tar River Children's Chorus Concert 7:30pm | 20 |
| 21 8:00am HE Rite 1 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel EYC 11:45am-2pm Welcome Rev. Donald Fishburne | 22 Patsy Gilliland Concert 3:30-5:30pm | 23 Food Pantry 9-11am Lion's Club 6:30pm | 24 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am | 25 Food Pantry 9-11am | 26 | 27 |
| 28 9:30am HE Rite I Welcome Rev. Donald Fishburne | 29 | 30 Food Pantry 9-11am | | | | |



May

LAY/LEM READERS

May 7

8:00 Lee Dawson
George Earp

10:30 Martha Lamm
Leslie Hall

May 14

8:00 Albert Corinrh
Tim Knapp

10:30 Elizabeth Pope
Terry Shackelford

May 21

8:00 Lynn Arnow
Dick Arnow

10:30 Tom Drew
Jeanie Armstrong

May 28

9:30 Ramona Orzell
Linda Huthcheson
Sandy Suggs



ACOLYTES

May 7

Lauren Renck

May 14

Wyatt and Walker Wells

May 21

Mericle Family

May 28

Landon Newcomb



Lay Eucharistic Ministry

Marie Inscore
Ramona Orzell

GREETERS

Dan Melnyk
Ashley Newcomb

How many are your

works, Lord! In wisdom you
made them all; the earth is full
of your creatures.

Psalm 104:24

Pantry Distributers

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

Pantry Volunteers

Rita Coggins
Rosemary Clark
Missy Filliettaz

Kitchen Clean Up

Mary and George Earp



USHERS

May 7

Tom Drew
Jan Arnold

May 14

Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci

May 21

Jim Royal
Angela Reid

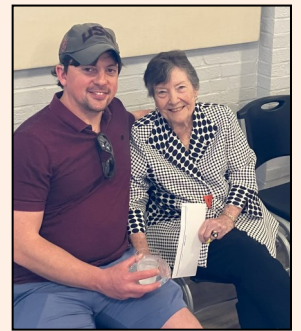
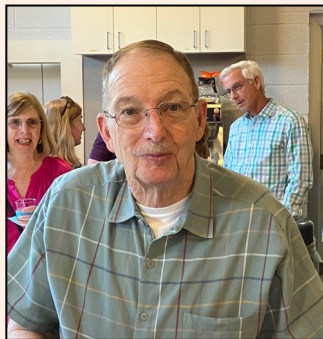
May 28

Billy Suggs
Steve Thurkill



Celebrating Father George's Retirement

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Thank you to all who came and celebrated Father George and Claire both in person and in spirit on Saturday, April 15th! The Parish's gift of a smoker will be well used in retirement!

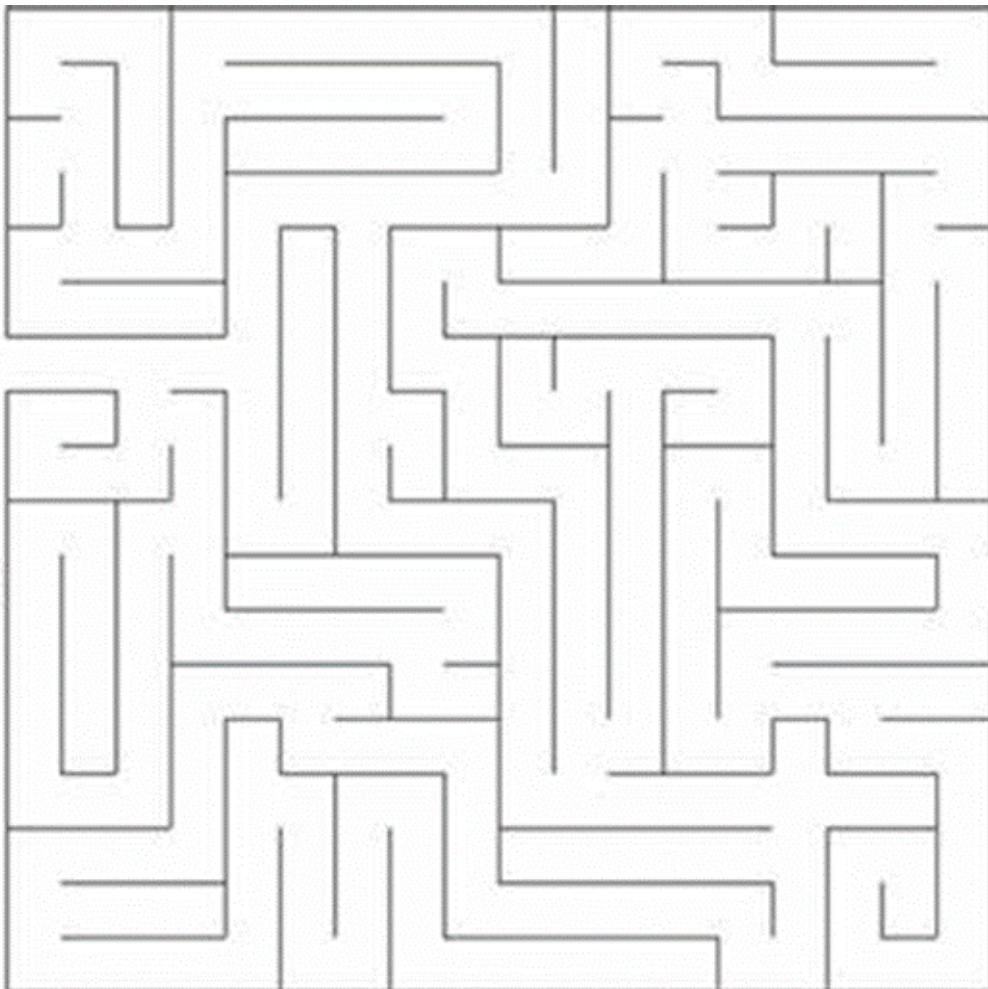
KID'S PAGE



Doubting Thomas didn't believe, Jesus, was alive. Jesus said, "Come and touch the wound in my hand and my side, do not doubt anymore. It's time for you to believe."



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Our Parish Family



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

***Lindley Elizabeth Harris
Hadley James Harris***

Sunday, April 9, 2023



Celebrating First Communion

Annaclaire LeCourt Rollings
Sunday April 9, 2023

**We are going to one service on May 28th
at 9:30am**



The Men's Club is meeting Saturday,
May 6th at 8am.

St Elizabeth's Guild meets on Monday, May 1st
at 12pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a bag
lunch. Dessert and beverage provided.

Every Sunday after services, we will be packing
food bags for the students at Winstead
Elementary. We will pack food pantry bags on
May 21st after 10:30am services.



St. Andrew's book club will meet on
Tuesday, May 9th at 10 am in the
Church parlor. We will be
discussing The Rose Code by
Kate Quinn

The EYC, led by Landon
Newcomb, is collecting
toiletries and paper
products for UCM
ministries. Please bring
your donations to church.
There will be a table set up in the Commons.





Sunday, April 16, 2023





Thank you to the members of our Search Committee!

Leslie Hall—Chairman

Sissy Dunton

M.H. Pridgen

John Renck

Rees Lea

Martha Lamm

Alana Wells

Tim Knapp

Catherine Jancso

Sheryl Love-Johnson

Wes Strandberg

Landon Newcomb

