



August 2023

Sundays

9:30a.m. Holy Eucharist

Alternating between Rite I and Rite II

Wednesdays

No Healing Services for the summer

Coming Up

Aug 1	Collection for Farmworker Ministry	
August 5	Men's Club	8:00am
August 6	Survey Results Brunch	10:30am
August 8	Lion's Club	6:30pm
Augst 13	School Supplies Due	
August 16	David Flood Organist Concert	7pm
August 18	UCM Cookout	11-11:30am
August 21	Search Committee	5:30pm
August 22	Lion's Club	6:30pm
August 23	Vestry	6:00pm

6 Truths to Encourage You During Transitions!

As St. Andrew's has moved into a time of transition, these truths, written by Ben Simpson, are very applicable to our church!

1. God will be with this church at all times. You are not forsaken. God is with your congregation. "I will never leave you or forsake you," (Heb 13:5). Pastors will come and go. Only God will never leave us. And the presence of God is more vital to the life of the church.

2. God is in control. God "works all things according to the counsel of His will" (Eph. 1:11). Do you believe that? This pastoral transition is not happening outside of the will of God. God is working this according to the counsel of his will. So the question is not, "Who is in control?" God is in control. The question is, "Will you rest in him by trusting him?"

3. God plans good out of this transition. It might not feel good right now, but God has promised that he works all things together for the good of his people (Rom 8:28). Is your church part of his people? If so, this transition is included in "all things". Therefore, you can rest assured that good will come from it. That's how awesome God is: even those things that don't feel good are used for good. Therefore, walk forward in faith.

4. It's okay to weep. While good will come out this pastoral transition, that doesn't remove the deep sadness. Losing your pastor hurts. I'm reminded of how the Ephesian elders wept at Paul's goodbye: "And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again." (Acts 20:36-38). I believe the Ephesians knew that God would be with them, that he was in control, and that he was going to bring good out of this transition. Nevertheless, they wept. And it's okay to weep. It's actually a way of saying thank you to both God and your pastor.

5. Ministry must go on. Notice what the Great Commission does not say, "Go therefore and make disciples . . . if you have a pastor." One church that I used to work with lost their pastor. When I'd call their lay leaders about a ministry opportunity, their answer was always, "Well, you see, we just don't have a pastor right now." They had forgotten that ministry must continue in the interim. The Great Commission doesn't include any conditionals. Does ministry become a bit harder without a pastor leading? Probably so, but if he was a good pastor, he will have obeyed Ephesians 4:11-12 by equipping the saints for the work of the ministry.

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In the interim, you and the lay leadership of the church must make sure ministry continues. Get to work!

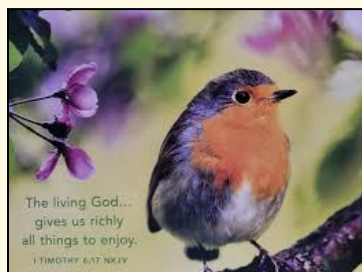
6. The church must not scatter. Jesus promised the flock would scatter at his crucifixion (Mat 26:31). For a season, that's exactly what happened. The same often happens in churches during pastoral transition. Because "their" pastor is no longer there or ministry begins to lag, folks trickle out. Some reasons for going might be legitimate, but this may also be the time in which the congregation should most strongly gather together for support and encouragement. Recognize the temptation to scatter and work more diligently to stay bound together in unity and love. This will be a season of testing for you. I know you didn't ask for it, but with God's help, you'll endure it.

So far St. Andrews' has handled transition well, as we prepare for the fall let's renew our commitment to St. Andrews and the challenges that are before us!

Ben Simpson is a pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



H Y M N S T O R Y



This is My Father's World

By Bill Dagle

The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:1, "To every thing there is a season." In Ecclesiastes 3:11, Solomon adds, "He hath made everything beautiful in His time." The Lord also reminds us that the world is His and the fullness thereof in Psalm 52:12. Apparently, this is what Maltbie L. Babcock had in mind when he wrote the hymn, "This is My Father's World."

Born in Syracuse, NY, on August 3, 1858, into a socially prominent family, Maltbie was given many opportunities to succeed, which he did not waste. At Syracuse University, he was a champion baseball pitcher and an outstanding varsity swimmer. His friendliness, coupled with a magnetic personality, made him a natural leader. In the years that followed, he was ordained into the Presbyterian Church and had a distinguished ministry in Baltimore and NYC's Brick Presbyterian Church. His life would be cut short at the age of 43, while on a Mediterranean tour to Naples, Italy. Rev. Maltbie Babcock would, by now, be totally forgotten except for one thing: he penned a song, thus preserving his story for us who love the hymns.

The pastor was a skilled musician and a great lover of nature. While pastoring a church in Lockport, NY the inspiration for writing, "This Is My Father's World" came to him. Rev. Babcock was in the habit of taking morning walks to the top of a hill north of Lockport where he had a full view of Lake Ontario and the surrounding countryside. He would say to his wife, "I'm going out to see my Father's world." It was on one of these early morning walks that he was inspired to write these words:

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

Maltbie Babcock understood that nature reflects God's creative ownership of the world, but he also understood that the Lord also controls man's destiny:

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world! The battle is not done,
Jesus who died shall be satisfied.
And Earth and heaven be one.

Who's controlling your destiny?

Questions and Answers from the Transition Workshop

On Sunday June 18th, we conducted a workshop with the Canon for Transition Ministry, Catherine Massey, to solicit input from the congregation regarding the qualities, characteristics, interests, and talents we seek in our next Rector. We answered 5 thought provoking questions. Each of these questions had many responses. I have tried to summarize the 3 top answers for each questions.

#1 Question: Describe a time when you felt you were doing God's work at St . Andrews.

Answers: Overwhelmingly, participants identified our efforts to **"Feed the Hungry in our Community"**. This includes the Food Pantry, our 68 weekly food bags to the children at Winsted Elementary School, Food donations to United Community Ministries, and providing food for our fellowship events! The second most frequent answer was: **"Youth Ministry"**. This included the Outreach activities for the children of Carriage Court apartments, (Angel Tree, Backpack supplies) EYC Activities, Weekly Sunday School for our children, and Vacation Bible School with our community partners. The third most frequent answer was **"Serving the Lord in Worship"**; as an Acolyte, Lay Reader, LEM, Singer in Choir, Usher, and Greeter etc.

#2 Question: Identify 3 things you love about St Andrews.

Answers: By far, the most frequent responses related to **"The People of St Andrews"**. Descriptions included "Ministry to each other when needed, Fellowship, A family atmosphere, Genuine Kindness, Inclusiveness, Comradery, and support for one another. The second most frequent response to this question was **"The Outreach Programs and Community Involvement"** as identified above. Another frequent response related to **"Our Worship"**, the strong presence of The Holy Spirit, the Music, the Spiritual Instruction and Guidance.



#3 Question: Describe the characteristics of a Priest who helped/ supported you in a time of need.

Answers: **"Care and Compassion"** and **"expressions of love and concern"** were the most frequent answers to this question. **"Personal prayers"** were meaningful to many people. Connection to passages in the Bible. **"Personal Visitation"** to provide prayers, blessings, and support were valuable to people in need. Home visits, hospital visits etc were appreciated.

#4 Question: Imagine it is 3 years into a New Rector's Term. What is happening at St Andrews?

Answers: **"The Congregation has Grown and become more diverse!"** Members are **"more energized and participative."** There is **"greater participation and involvement of Youth"** in worship and church Activities, i.e. EYC, Sunday school, Acolyte, Outreach , expansion of the Pre-School. **"Music program has grown with greater choir participation led by a Music Director."** **"The Labyrinth is completed"** and is used frequently by both parishioners and the local community for contemplative prayer. **"An outdoor Pavilion has been built"** on the playground and is always busy with children and Adults for a variety of activities; Outdoor fellowship, preschool activities, Sunday school etc.

#5 Question: What makes a good sermon?

Answers: **"A good Sermon is based on the Gospel and includes personal or real"** human stories which apply to the Gospel Lesson and real life today. **"A good sermon produces a desire within me to follow Jesus"** and do God's work. **"A good sermon is one that pulls me in"**, makes me want to listen, feel the message, leave me thinking about what I have heard and learned.

AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>Ms. Amy's Camp Beach-Pirate</i>	<i>1</i> Clothes Collection for Episcopal Farmworker Ministry 9-11am Food Pantry Zoom Call 5:30pm	<i>2</i> 9-10:30am Food Pantry	<i>3</i> 9-11am Food Pantry	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Men's Club 8am
<i>6</i> 9:30 HE Rite I Rev. Earnest Graham CAT Survey Results Brunch 10:30am	<i>7</i> <i>Ms. Amy's Camp Bugs and Dirt</i>	<i>8</i> 9-11am Food Pantry 6pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Lion's Club	<i>9</i> 9-10:30am Food Pantry	<i>10</i> 9-11am Food Pantry	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 9:30 HE Rite II Rev. Patricia Hanen Back to School Supplies due in commons	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 9-11 Food Pantry	<i>16</i> 9-10:30am Food Pantry David Floyd Organist Concert 7pm	<i>17</i> 9-11am Food Pantry 10:00am Meals on Wheels	<i>18</i> UCM Cookout serving food from 11-11:30am	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> 9:30 HE Rite II Rev. Gene Carpenter Search Committee 10:30am	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> 9-11am Food Pantry 1st Day St.A's Preschool 7:00pm Lion's Club	<i>23</i> 9-10:30am Food Pantry Vestry 6pm	<i>24</i> 9-11am Food Pantry	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 9:30 HE Rite I Rev. Patricia Hanen	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 9-11am Food Pantry	<i>30</i> 9-10:30am Food Pantry			



August 2023



LAY/LEM READERS

August 6

9:30 *Marth Lamm
Elizabeth Pope*

August 13

9:30 *Ramona Orzell
Volunteer*

August 20

9:30 *Jeanie Armstrong
George Earp*

August 27

9:30 *Tim Knapp
Leslie Hall*

ACOLYTES

August 6 *Lauren Renck*

August 13 *Wyatt and Walker Wells*

August 20 *The Mericles*

August 27 *Landon Newcomb*



Pantry Distributors

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

Pantry Volunteers

*Dick and Lynn Arnow
Diane Renck*

Kitchen Clean Up

Judy Anderson

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I
who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life
I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of
God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Galatians 2:20



USHERS

August 6

*Jan Arnold
Volunteer*

August 13

*Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci*

August 20

*Angela Reid
Jim Royal*

August 27

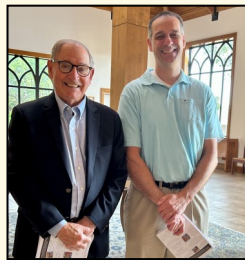
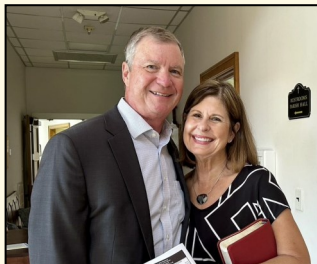
*Billy Suggs
Steve Thurkill*

GREETERS

*Leslie Hall
Ramona Orzell*



Celebrating Sundays' At St. Andrew's



Gatekeepers

We had a great week at Gatekeepers! Thanks everyone for helping out the community!



Wednesday: Madison Mericle gets lunch after 6 hours of Gatekeepers' work. Her team was Removing and replacing deck boards for a Rocky Mount citizen.



Gatekeeper workers, Madison, Sydney, Liam Mericle worked hard fixing up homes in our community! Tommy Parker and Tom Jenkins helped as well. They helped paint, clear and repair damaged wood work and trim, and tried to guide the youngsters in the proper way of doing the work.



Rita Coggins worked hard in the kitchen preparing meals.



David Flood Concert

David Flood, former Director of Music at Canterbury Cathedral in Canterbury, England returns to Saint Andrew's for a free organ concert on Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 pm.

One of the England's most famous organists and choir masters retired from his post as Director of Music at Canterbury Cathedral in 2020. David Flood has been one of the greatest influences on the performance of sacred music in England since he started as Assistant Organist here in 1978. David holds an honorary degree of Doctor of Music from the University of Kent and a Honorary Fellowship of Canterbury Christ Church University, where he is a Visiting Professor in Church Music. David is also a Visiting Fellow of St John's College, Durham, England. For several years, he hosted an International Children's Choir Festival which brought thousands of children from all over the world to sing in Canterbury.

The highlight of his career came in October 2016 when the Cathedral Choir was invited to sing with the Sistine Chapel Choir at a meeting of the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Pope Francis in Rome.

Married to Alayne, the couple have two sons (both former head choristers), two daughters and five grandchildren. Director of the Whitstable Choral Society and a former director of the Canterbury Singers, David is also an examiner with the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

A reception will follow the concert in the commons.





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Our Parish Family



*May the Souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in
peace.*

Albeon G. "Alby" Anderson, Jr.
October 26, 1941—July 2, 2023

Husband of Marty Ruth Anderson

Children are a Gift from God

Emmeline Cassidy Smith
June 16, 2023

*Granddaughter of Larry H.
Chewning*



We will pack food pantry bags
on August 20th after 9:30am
service.



Men's Club meets Saturday,
August 5th at 8am in the Parish

Carriage Court School Supplies

Beginning Sunday, July
16th through August 13th,
we will collect school
supplies for the kids at Carriage Court
Apartments. Please bring items to the
Commons by Sunday, August 13th. You
can find a full list of supplies in the
Commons.



David Flood
Organist Concert
Wednesday, August 16th at 7pm.

Join us for a Cookout with UCM
Friday, August 18th
11:00-11:30am

KIDS PAGE

The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10
Based on Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)



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E	Z	R	K	P	S	O	G	D	X	S	R	S	L	I
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PARABLES	STREET	INVITED	BANQUET
GUESTS	HEAVEN	KINGDOM	CORNERS
SERVANTS	CATTLE	COME	OXEN
FILLED	REFUSED	WEDDING	DINNER

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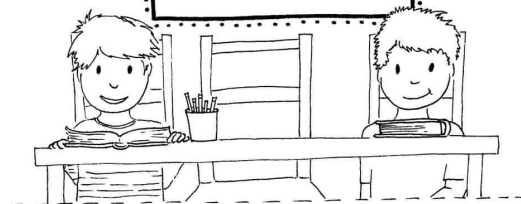
The Wedding Banquet

Matthew 22 1-14

Play some music and dance for joy, like the people at the wedding party.

YOU ARE INVITED

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS:





Episcopal Farmworker Ministry

This month we are collecting shoes, shirts, pants and socks for the workers at Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. To make things easier, Lighthouse Thrift Store has packed boxes for us filled with shoes, pants, and shirts that we can purchase. **It is only \$10 a box!** If you wish to buy a box please bring your money to the office. If you wish to bring in items, you may drop them off in the Commons.



Thank you to everyone who helped pack food bags this month! The people of this community are very grateful for all you do!



A lot of fun was had on Sunday, July 23rd! Thank you to the men staff who helped prepare a delicious brunch!