



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church joyously welcomes Reverend Les Carpenter as its new rector. August 4th marks the beginning of an exciting chapter for the parish, as Reverend Les brings his passion for community outreach and spiritual guidance to this cherished congregation.



Reverend Carpenter comes to St. Andrew's with a distinguished background in pastoral care and a commitment to fostering a welcoming and inclusive church community. His journey to this leadership role has been characterized by a deep-rooted desire to support parishioners in their spiritual growth and to strengthen the church's outreach efforts.

Reverend Les best describes his liturgical style as "loving, because God constantly showers us with grace, love, and wisdom".

As St. Andrew's Parish embarks on this new chapter under Reverend Les Carpenter's leadership, there is a palpable sense of anticipation and unity among its members. The congregation eagerly anticipates the positive impact his compassionate leadership will bring, both within the parish community and in the broader community.

With Reverend Les Carpenter as our new rector, St. Andrew's looks forward to a future filled with faith, fellowship, and a steadfast commitment to serving others. The entire community extends a warm welcome to Reverend Les and eagerly anticipates the blessings his ministry will bring.

Join us at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church - A place to
Believe, Become, Belong!

August 2024

Sundays

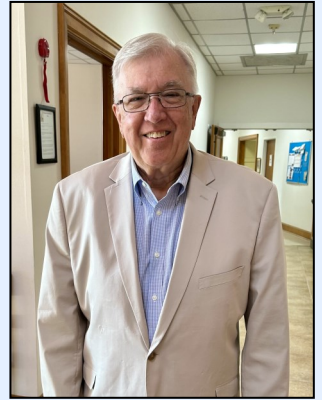
9:30a.m. Holy Eucharist
Alternating between Rite I and Rite II

Wednesdays

10:30am Healing Service

Coming Up

August 1	Collection for Farmworker Ministry	
August 3	Men's Club	8:00am
August 11	Preschool Social	3:00pm
August 12	TRAC	5:30pm
August 13	School Supplies Due	
August 15	Parent Orientation	6:30pm
August 20	Preschool Starts	8:30am
August 22	Supper and Auction	6:00pm
August 25	Brunch	11:00am
August 28	Vestry	6:00pm



HYMN STORY

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” by Kathleen Thomerson,

Kathleen Armstrong Thomerson (b. 1934) is a native of Tennessee. She wrote the hymn during the summer of 1966 during a visit to the Church of the Redeemer in Houston, Texas, the location providing the origin for the tune name HOUSTON. Her musical education took place at the University of Texas and Syracuse University. Ms. Thomerson directed music at University United Methodist Church in St. Louis and was on the organ faculties of St. Louis Conservatory and Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. From 2004 through 2013, she served Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas. In addition to this hymn, she contributed tunes for hymns by Patricia B. Clark in their joint collection, *A Taste of Heaven’s Joys: A Collection of Original Hymns* (2005).

“I want to walk as a child of the light” communicates deep conviction and personal sincerity, while avoiding any hint of pretense. The first person perspective invites the singer to join Christ, the Light of the World, in discipleship – a journey of faith. The second line of each stanza deepens this commitment:

Stanza 1: “I want to follow Jesus.”
 Stanza 2: “I want to look at Jesus.”
 Stanza 3: “I want to be with Jesus.”

The theology of this hymn outlines sanctifying grace, the perspective of the Christians as they move toward perfection in the faith, becoming transformed in the image of Christ. Each stanza adds greater luminosity to this walk.

As in most gospel hymns, it is the refrain that carries the essence of its meaning with its scriptural allusions that virtually quote from Revelation 21 and 22. While a deeply personal expression of piety, the poet roots her devotional expression firmly in Scripture.

The simplicity of the music and text does not imply a simplistic faith. “I want to walk as a child” reminds us of one of the paradoxes of our faith, that we need to become as a child to fully understand the realm of God (Matthew 18:2-4).

C. Michael Hawn is University Distinguished Professor of Church Music, Perkins School of Theology, SMU.

Gatekeepers 2024

We had another fun-filled week with Gatekeepers this year!
Thank you to everyone who participated!



Kitchen Staff



Madison Miracle painting on Neville St.
with her crew



Sydney
Miracle
helping with
landscaping on
Oakwood with
new friend
Abby.



Liam Miracle
working on his
side of the
house.



Hook friends at work!

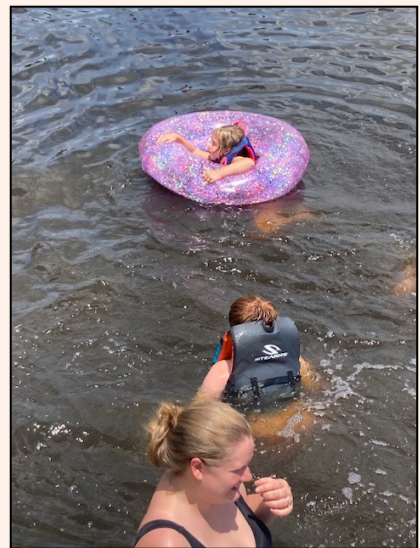


Beating the Heat:
Enjoying the A/C at lunch



Fun Filled Day at the Rivah

Thanks Pete and Jeanie Armstrong for hosting!





Thanks to everyone who came and helped set up for Food Pantry!



The EYC, led by Landon Newcomb,
are collecting toiletries and paper products for
United Community Ministries
August 1-September 1, 2024
Please bring your donations to church. There will
be a table set up in the Commons. Items will be
delivered on September 2, 2024.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9-11am Food Pantry EYC at Sky Vue 1:30-3:30pm	2	3 Men's Club 8am
4 9:30 HE Rite I Warm Welcome to Rev. Les Carpenter!	5 Back to School Fun Camp	6 9-11am Food Pantry	7 9-10:30am Food Pantry Healing Service 10:30am	8 9-11am Food Pantry	9	10
11 9:30 HE Rite II Back to School Supplies due in commons Preschool Summer Social	12 TRAC 5:30-9pm Reception in Parish Hall Auditions in Sanctuary	13 9-11 Food Pantry 6pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm Lion's Club	14 9-10:30am Food Pantry Healing Service 10:30am	15 9-11am Food Pantry 10:00am Meals on Wheels St. A's Preschool Orientation 6pm	16	17
18 9:30 HE Rite II	19 St. A's Open House TRAC 6:30-9pm	20 9-11am Food Pantry 1st Day St.A's Preschool	21 9-10:30am Food Pantry Healing Service 10:30am	22 9-11am Food Pantry Hudgins Fundraiser Supper and Auction 6pm	23	24
25 9:30 HE Rite I 11am Brunch	26 TRAC 6:30-9pm	27 9-11am Food Pantry Homeowners Meeting 4:30pm 7:00pm Lion's Club	28 Preschool Blessing of the Backpacks 9-10:30am Food Pantry Healing Service 10:30am Vestry 6pm	29 9-11am Food Pantry	30	31



August 2024



LAY/LEADERS

August 4

9:30 Martha Lamm
Tim Knapp
Leslie Hall

August 11

9:30 Sarah Dial
Jeanie Armstrong
Elizabeth Pope

August 18

9:30 Matt Smith
Martha Lamm
Sandy Suggs

August 25

9:30 George Earp
Linda Hutcheson
Ramona Orzell

ACOLYTES

August 4

Walker Wells and Jack Lea
Lauren and Megan Renck

August 11

Lauren and Megan Renck

August 18

The Mericles

August 25

Landon Newcomb and
Liam Jenkins



Pantry Distributors

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

Pantry Volunteers

Diane Renck
Martha Gallop
Elizabeth Mosley

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 4

Angela Reid
Volunteer

August 11

Billy Suggs
Steve Thurkill

August 18

Linda Hutcheson
Jan Arnold

August 25

Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci

GREETERS

Nancy Knapp

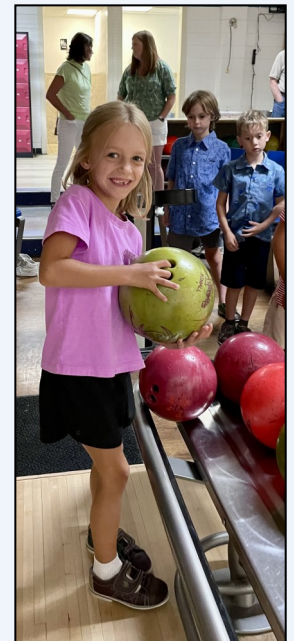




Youth Fellowship at the Bowling Center



July 21, 2024





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.

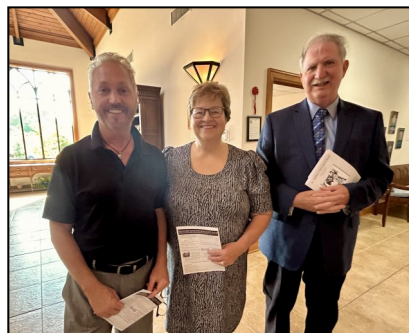
Rev. Les Carpenter and his sons Sam and James helped Landon Newcomb and Rita Coggins pick fresh blueberries for our Food Pantry Patrons.



Thank you to Rita Coggins for bringing in hand picked blueberries and to Dick Arnow for his beautiful cantaloupes to give out to the food pantry!



Playground update: Big thanks to John Schacht, Tommy Parker, and Billy Suggs for all their work on the playground! New mulch will be coming in soon. We are working to remove the sandbox and the fence around the air units. Two new tricycles have been added for our preschoolers!



St. Andrew's Preschool and Kindergarten



St. Andrew's Preschool and Kindergarten is about to begin a new school year this month! Starting August 20th our halls will be filled with the sound of excited chatter as a new round of children grace us with their presence. We look forward to another year of fun and learning!



Every year, the church puts together Welcome Bags for all our incoming preschoolers filled with things they will use in the classroom, fun toys for home, and of course information about St. Andrew's.

These will be distributed at the beginning of the school year by Rev. Les. If this is something you would like to be a part of, please call or email the office and we can add you to our volunteers list for 2025.





Auction Benefitting Bill and Kitty Hudgins

We are selling tickets for the
auction on

Thursday, August 22, 2024
at 6pm

\$50 per person

Night will include a cocktail
hour, silent auction and voice
auction

In the Parish Hall at
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Call, email or come by the church to
sign up and get your tickets!

Mark Your Calendars:

Silent Auction Preview Party

Sunday, August 18th

In the Commons following the
service

If you see something you like, you
may leave a sealed bid and on
Thursday night that bid will be
entered with those attending.





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Our Parish Family

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



Jim Royal
June 3, 1945—July 1, 2024

Husband of Dotsy Royal

MH Pridgen
August 8, 1933-July 3, 2024

Husband of Diana Pridgen

Welcome Darius Hyman!

We have a part-time Sexton joining us at St. Andrew's! He will allow us to have more flexibility in dealing with the maintenance of the church.



We will pack food pantry bags on August 18th after the 9:30am service in the Parish Hall



Men's Club meets Saturday, August 3rd at 8am in the Parish Hall.

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Carriage Court School Supplies

We will collect school supplies for the kids at Carriage Court Apartments. Please bring items to the Commons by Sunday, August 11th. You can find a full list of supplies in the Commons.

