



**St. Andrew's  
Weekly Services**

**Tuesday**

9:40 am  
Morning Prayer  
in the Nave

**Wednesday**

9:40 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
in the Nave

**Thursday**

9:40 am  
Morning Prayer  
in the Nave

**Sunday**

8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
in the Nave

10:30 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
in the Nave

6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
in the Chapel

**Wednesday**

5:30 pm  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
with Holy Unction  
in the Chapel

# Breakfast

*Join us for Breakfast  
Sundays at 8:45 am  
in Parish Hall*

**Committee Meeting  
Dates to Remember**

10/10 @ 6:00 pm  
Properties Committee

10/17 @ 6:00 pm  
Finance Committee

10/24 @ 6:00 pm  
Vestry



**Blessing of the Animals**  
**Sunday, October 1st at**  
**4:00 pm**  
**and**  
**Tuesday, October 3rd**  
**at 7:45 am**  
**In the courtyard,**  
**Bring your pets to be**  
**blessed!!**

## Christian Formation at St. Andrew's

**Sundays**

9:30 a.m.  
Christian Formation  
in Lowndes Hall

**Adult Classes**

“Spiritual Journeys Workshop”  
St. Nicholas’ Room

“Living Our Faith”  
St. Catherine’s Room

**Children**

Ages 4yrs - 2nd grade  
“Weaving God’s Promises”  
St. Francis’ Room

3rd - 5th grades  
Mustard Seed  
St. Elizabeth’s Room

**Youth**

6th - 8th grades  
Rite 13  
St. Clare’s Room

9th - 12th grades  
J2A  
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EYC Room



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- FASO Concert
- Trunk or Treat



**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 12 noon: 1 - 5p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12noon

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**All Saints Day**  
**Holy Eucharist and Litany**  
**Wednesday, November 1, 2017**  
**6:00 pm in the Chapel**

# The Messenger

October 2017

## Pace's Pilgrimage



Here we are moving into October. At St. Andrew's, that means we've got wonderful traditions that sustain us throughout the month, like Blessing of the Animals, Oktoberfest, and Trunk-or-Treat. But October also means that we also turn our attention to Stewardship.

Often, when we think and talk about the finances of the Church, I most often hear language like: "how are we doing with the budget?" Or, "what's our giving look like compared to our expenses?" These are not bad questions. But stewardship is about more than simply looking at the Church finances.

**Stewardship starts with us recognizing that "all things come of thee, O Lord."** God is a God of abundance, not of scarcity. When we operate out of a sense of scarcity, or fear, or worry, or anxiety, these are not created by God. **God creates abundance. God creates kindness. God creates generosity of heart, of mind, of spirit, and of wealth.**

At St. Andrew's, we do have such a wonderful spirit of generosity and hope. Our church thrives because each of you are called to embody that generosity of God. **We all give of our time, our talents, and our "treasure."**

**We ask that each member prayerfully ask themselves how God's abundance is manifest in their lives?**

We would like for you to consider all of the ways that you can contribute to the abundant life of the parish in the upcoming year at St. Andrew's. **In what ways are you called to give of your time? What talents do you have that God wants you to share for the growth of the kingdom?** In support of the continuing mission, ministry, and abundant hope of St. Andrew's, **we also ask that you make a financial pledge for 2018.** Pledge cards will be available in the Nave, Chapel, Parish Hall, and Church Office, and will be mailed to all members separately. **We will have the ingathering of the pledge cards on Sunday, November 5 (All-Saints Sunday).**

I look forward to spending this wonderful month of October with you, experiencing God's **abundant hope, grace, and love!**

Robert+

## October Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

<b>October 2</b> Matt Capell Donna Miller Michael Pelfrey	<b>October 9</b> Michelle Corlew Dorothy Khoury Mirabella Lancour	<b>October 15</b> Hayden Baca	<b>October 22</b> Harrison Brown Megan Koenig Barbara Miner Brynne Voran HQ Wrampelmeier	<b>October 27</b> Bill Evans
<b>October 3</b> Margie Netherton	<b>October 10</b> Nick Aplin-Escoto Currie Smith	<b>October 16</b> Bill Patterson	<b>October 23</b> Tumi Johnson Bill Netherton Evaline Thompson	<b>October 28</b> Cate Dowdy Sean Pritchard
<b>October 4</b> Thomas Brittain Heather Lancour	<b>October 11</b> Jameson Findley	<b>October 17</b> Sandy Heck	<b>October 24</b> Sandra Childers Stephen Severn	<b>October 29</b> BreeAnn Kemp
<b>October 5</b> Coby Pritchard	<b>October 12</b> Pye Lay Chris Stegall Kirk Thompson Duane Wise Noah Zorsky	<b>October 19</b> Dan Novak Christian Tuls	<b>October 25</b> Richard Ladd Stan Marsh Kari Plequette	<b>October 30</b> Mary Katherine Kauffman
<b>October 6</b> Alexis Carroll Ned Creswell Stacie Fawell Charlie Masters	<b>October 13</b> Mikala Stephens	<b>October 20</b> Mary Moemmel Edie Kolius Bob Liston Jonathan Mobley Cathy Proctor	<b>October 26</b> Lauren Pronger Tom Smith	<b>October 31</b> Gay Chalfant Dick Ford Doug Voran
<b>October 7</b> Jennilee Lovelady	<b>October 14</b> Monty Nash Kristin Neumann	<b>October 21</b> Richard Cline Ann Jenkins		
<b>October 8</b> Tracy Dougherty Clara Ratliff				

### Happy Anniversary

<b>October 3</b> William & Callie Holton	<b>October 8</b> Dakota & Alecia Litchfield	<b>October 29</b> Brantley & Lauren Jones
<b>October 7</b> Chris & HQ Wrampelmeier	<b>October 23</b> Stephen & Kristin Neumann	

### Weekly Schedule at St. Andrew's

## October Calendar

An updated calendar can be found on the St. Andrew's website

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>8:00 am*</b> Holy Eucharist, Rite I	<b>1:30 pm</b> Parkinson's Caregiver Support Group (2nd Monday)	<b>9:40 am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>9:40 am</b> Holy Eucharist	<b>9:40 am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>10:00 am</b> Black Belt Bible Study	<b>9:00 am</b> Altar & Flower Guild
<b>8:45 am</b> Sunday Breakfast		<b>12:00 pm</b> Rector's Bible Study	<b>9:30 am</b> Daughters of the King (2nd Wednesday)	<b>1:00 pm</b> Pack a Lunch (Thursday before the 3rd Sunday)	<b>12:00 pm</b> Men's Prayer and Fellowship	<b>8:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous
<b>9:30 am*</b> Christian Formation	<b>6:00 pm</b> Centering Prayer	<b>5:00 pm</b> Tai Chi		<b>5:00 pm</b> Spanish		
<b>10:30 am*</b> Holy Eucharist, Rite II	<b>7:00 pm</b> DBSA-Depression & Bipolar Support Alliance (1st Monday of the month)	<b>6:30 pm</b> PASO-Panhandle AIDS Support Organization (2nd & 4th Tuesday)	<b>5:30 pm*</b> Holy Eucharist, with Holy Unction	<b>6:00 pm</b> Sweet Adelines	<b>7:30 pm</b> Empty Sky Contemplative Prayer Group	
<b>1:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous		<b>6:30 pm</b> Daughters of the King (3rd Tuesday)	<b>8:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>8:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>8:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous	
<b>6:00 pm*</b> Holy Eucharist, Rite II	<b>8:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>7:00 pm</b> Chess Club				
<b>8:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous		<b>8:00 pm</b> Narcotics Anonymous				

Childcare is available every Sunday, 7:30 - noon, unless otherwise noted  
\*childcare will be available for this event

October 2017	1	8	15	22	29
<b>8:00 am Rite I</b> Usher/Greeter	Phil Mullins	Mary Rusk	Wendell Davies	Don Patterson	Phil Mullins
Reader/Chalice	Will Severn	Mary Rusk	Wendell Davies	Richard Partney	Miriam Scott
Acolyte	Will Severn	Tammy Breitbarth	Judith Evans	Richard Partney	Miriam Scott
<b>10:30 am Rite II</b>					
Children's Chapel	Miriam Scott	Lacey Turman	Bill and Edee Aikman	Haley and Kenneth Brown	Margaret Jenkins
USHERS	Dakota Litchfield Bill Aikman Doug Voran Joe Bob McCartt	Rodney Steph Bruce Baca Richard Ladd Dick Ford	Corey Scott Vic Maza Mike Abdo	Mike Abdo Charlie Henderson Lori Golden JB Lane	Randy Dryden Bill Heck Mick Aplin-Escoto Jay Craighead
Angel Usher: 8:00 10:30	Rodney Steph J.B. Lane	David Stidham Cliff Craig	Charlie Henderson Corey Scott	Bill Heck Joe Bob McCartt	Kevin Golden Mike Abdo
GREETERS	Tammy Breitbarth Charlie Henderson	Neil Quattlebaum Cindy Reid	David Stidham Nate Stidham	Doug Voran Larry Wolff	Denise Warren Debbie Wynne
CHALICE BEARERS	Diane Vinyard Judith Evans Sharon Stones Darren Sorrells	Robert Kauffman Alan Kee Miriam Scott Don Paxton	Laurie Cizon Susan Willis Martha Russell Patricia Maddox	Doug Voran Heather Voran Jim Whitton Tammy Breitbarth	Taylor Withrow Debbie Wynne Don Paxton Darren Sorrells
LECTOR EPISTOLER Prayers of the People	Diane Vinyard Judith Evans Sharon Stones	Robert Kauffman Don Emerson Sally Emerson	Donna Miller Laurie Cizon Susan Willis	Doug Voran Heather Voran Jim Whitton	Taylor Withrow Debbie Wynne Don Paxton
OBLATIONERS	Heather and Doug Voran	Kela and Charlie Henderson	Tammy Breitbarth and Mary Emeny	Margaret Jenkins and Mike Abdo	Frank and Lynn Howell
ACOLYTES Crucifer Torch Torch Server <i>Acolyte Master on Duty</i>	Ellery Craighead Leyton Craighead Leni Scott Ethan Adamchak <i>David Hart</i>	Grayson Gandy Baylei Lewter Berklei Lewter Sterling Elza <i>Richard Ladd</i>	Kai Lancour Mirrabella Lancour Piper Laur Phoebe Laur <i>Tiffany/Johnathan Laur</i>	Shaniah Welch Cal Aikman Hudson Turman Maniah Welch <i>Colleen McCall</i>	Jonas Morrow Addyson Litchfield Leni Scott Maci Morrow <i>Tammy Breitbarth</i>
Eucharist Visitors	Miriam Scott Sharon Stones	Mariada George Judith Evans	Heather and Doug Voran	Lil and Taylor Withrow	Cliff Craig Vic Maza
Vestry Offertory Service	Annette Mullins Margaret Jenkins	Sally Emerson Richard Ladd	Mary Emeny Miriam Scott	Tammy Breitbarth Dick Ford	Leon Swift Joe Bob McCartt

Bread: Whitney Kelly  
Altar Guild: Margaret Jenkins

Wednesday LEMs:  
4th—Vic Maza  
11th— Whitney Kelly  
18th—Don Paxton  
25th—Martha Russell

# Deacon's Corner

In the name of this community, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

One way of thinking of this sentence is that it is a promise that we, as a congregation, make to one another. Those who say this at the end of the 10:30 Sunday service are representing the entire St. Andrew's community in supporting the ministry of the Eucharistic Visitors. The promise is that we will continue this ministry so that, starting now and for years to come, our church family will remember and minister to those who are no longer able to be physically present with us.

## WHAT IS YOUR PART IN FULFILLING THIS PROMISE?

There is room for many people to be involved in this ministry in some way:

Might you pray for the Eucharistic Visitors?

Might you talk to the Eucharistic Visitors to encourage them in their ministry?

Might you pray for those who are visited?

Might you notify the clergy about people that you believe might enjoy being visited?

In addition, some of you may find that it is your ministry to be a Eucharistic Visitor. You'll find that you will be a blessing to the people you visit and they will be a blessing to you. Will you consider that? We're looking for more people to be Eucharistic Visitors in two possible ways:

1. On a team that is scheduled on a rotating basis. (If you don't have a teammate, we'll find one for you.)
2. As a substitute who helps out occasionally when there is a need and you have time.

If you want to explore the possibility of becoming a Eucharistic Visitor, here's how to do so:

1. Become a confirmed member of St. Andrew's, if you aren't already.
2. Indicate your interest on the tear-off portion of the Angel's Alert or by contacting Deacon Mildred Rugger. (For detailed information, contact her by email at [mstrugger@gmail.com](mailto:mstrugger@gmail.com). For a faster response, call or text 806-316-7995.)
3. After Father Robert verifies your eligibility, participate in the training that will be arranged.
4. After completing the training, indicate to Deacon Mildred your interest in being licensed and how you would like to serve (on the rotation or as a substitute)

We who are many are one body,  
because we all share one bread, one cup.



## Reflections with Mother Jill

+I have been reading a lot lately about our Rite of Baptism. Whether we are infants, older children, or adults when we are baptized, a transformation takes place within us. Our baptisms are an "outward and visible sign" of this magnificent grace that God bestows upon us. It's not that we don't have God's grace before. It's that we become aware of God's grace. In response to our recognition of this grace, we vow, with the help of all the other baptized who are present, to live out our lives in the study of scripture, worship, fellowship, and service to our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as those whose voices are seldom heard. Although we sometimes think of Baptism as one individual's experience, we *all* take part in each Baptism. The support of our brothers and sisters in Christ and, with God's help, we have a hope of carrying out our baptismal vows. Thank goodness we have this help because we can't do it alone! So, the next time you find yourself feeling like you can't do what Christ would have you do, remember...you are not alone! We are all on this journey together and God is with us!!

Mercy and grace,  
Mother Jill+

# Seminarian's Corner

My dear church family -

I have just embarked on my SENIOR year of School for Ordained Ministry (SOM). Several things have changed with SOM for this year, and I thought I'd take a few minutes to tell you about the changes.

For one, St. Andrew's now has four ministry students at SOM. As you may have heard in the prayers of the people, Tammy Breitbarth, Alan Kee, and Miriam Scott have begun the process of discerning towards and studying for holy orders.

For two, SOM has switched to a "one-room schoolhouse" model. In the past, the juniors studied Holy Scriptures, the middlers studied Church History, and the seniors studied Theology and Ethics. This year, instead of each cohort of students meeting separately and studying separate academic topics, all students meet together and we are all studying Theology and Ethics. This has been especially nice for me, because I get to be in class with Tammy, Alan, and Miriam!

Third, we have some rearrangement with the SOM mentors for this year. Father Robert is back with us as a SOM mentor this year, having previously been a mentor for the class of 2016. Also joining SOM in a mentoring role is Fr. Jared Houze, vicar of St. Stephen's in Sweetwater, and All Saints in Colorado City. Fr. Jim Haney, of St. Paul's in Lubbock, previously a mentor for my class, continues as a mentor this year. Fr. Dave Huxley will not continue on as a mentor this year, as he is battling an illness that has forced him to take an early retirement. The SOM class of 2018 recently announced the creation of a scholarship for bi-vocational clergy education in his honor, and we would ask that you prayerfully consider joining us in contributing to his legacy and to the formation of future ministry students.

I think I can speak for all of the ministry students from St. Andrew's when I say that it is not a coincidence that our parish produces the majority of ministry students at SOM. I thank you for being a parish that takes seriously the call to love God and love our neighbors. Thank you for being a parish that consistently asks "If it is your ministry . . ." and for being a parish that consistently raises up and equips people to minister as they are called. I also know that I speak for all of us when I thank you for continued love, prayers, and support throughout this academic year.

Courtney Jones

Please join us for the **20th Beans & Cornbread Luncheon** to be held on Monday, October 30th at 11:30 AM, at the Amarillo Civic Center. This annual event is the kickoff for the **Interfaith Campaign for the Homeless** which unites local communities of faith in support of agencies in our area who serve people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless due to economic hardship, domestic violence, addiction or incarceration. St. Andrew's has purchased two tables. Signup sheets are in the nave or you can email [bwhitton@standrewsamario.org](mailto:bwhitton@standrewsamario.org) or call (806) 376-6316 ext. 105.

**Saturday, October 7th, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Come help make our grounds beautiful for all of the fall activities! Many hands make light work!**

**A meal will be provided.**



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## OKTOBERFEST

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH @ NOON

A potluck lunch will be served, please bring sides, salads and desserts to compliment sausage and chicken.

(We will provide drinks, meat and bread)

Dress casually and join us for the fun!

The Hannoona family will be visiting St. Andrew's during Oktoberfest to offer beautiful carved items for sale. For centuries, Bethlehem's Christians have supported their families by carving religious art from olive wood for visiting pilgrims. Your purchase will go to support the Hannoona family and other Christians living in Bethlehem and the Holy Land.



Sunday, October 29th 4:00 - 6:00 pm

In the south parking lot

Hot Dogs and fixins will be served

Last year we served over 1200 people!

Join us with a decorated trunk.

Come cook, serve or hand out candy!

It's fun and service for the whole family!

Sign up sheets and candy donation buckets can be found in the back of the nave and in the hallway outside of the Children's Chapel

## A Note From Your Treasurer

As your Treasurer, I am always looking for better ways to provide you information regarding our financial status. Currently, the way we report our information in the Angel's Alert does not give you an accurate picture of our status. After much consideration and discussion with the Finance Committee we have decided to change our reporting format and information to try and provide a more informative view of the finances of St. Andrews.

**First, we are going to only publish information once a month on the second Sunday of each month. Second, we are going to report only on the status of our pledges.** The weekly reporting in the past has included an overall budget number that considers other types of discretionary giving that we gratefully receive (and count on) at different intervals during the year. Because this is not "regular" income and therefore, when we report our "deposits" weekly against the expected overall budgeted income, it either over states or under states our true financial situation. Pledges, on the other hand, are made annually, and for the most part come in monthly. A better indicator for you as a parishioner is to know the total amount of annual pledges, how much should have been collected through a specific time, the end of a specific month, and how much has been paid to that same date.

**Beyond our pledges, we do need all gift, contributions, loose plate offerings, and other income to make our budgeted expenses,** but because of the irregularity of these and the fact that all our expenses are not evenly distributed over each month the way we have reported in the past was not very clear. **According to the canons of the Episcopal Church, all cash gifts on the first Sunday of the month (often referred to as "loose plate offerings") go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund to be used to help those in need.** We need to support this fund with our gifts, but it's important for you to know that these contributions are not added to the budgeted income of the parish.

As Treasurer, I review each line item monthly, the Finance Committee and I discuss it and then we take it to the Vestry for additional discussion and approval. We discuss any non-budgeted expense that may come up and any increases that might be needed in the next budget. We are all very diligent about our roles and feel that this change will be a more accurate and informative way of providing our financial status to you.

We are the largest Church in the Diocese and have the largest budget and a great deal of time is devoted to try to be good stewards and manage all our monies to the mission and ministry of St. Andrews.

Sincerely,  
Annette Mullins, Treasurer



### All Saints Eucharistic Liturgy

Sunday, November 5th

8 am 10:30 am & 6 pm

Please write the names of your loved ones who have died on one of the sign up sheets. You can find sign up sheets in the back of the nave and outside the Children's Chapel. These names will be read during the Eucharist.

# Save the Date

For these fun

## EPISCOPAL DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENTS

**October 27-29**

Fall Retreat

Middle & High School (grades 6-12)

**November 17-19**

Primary Youth Retreat

Elementary (grades 2-5)

**January 12-15**

Midwinter Retreat

Middle & High School (grades 6-12)

**March 23-25**

Primary Youth Retreat

Elementary (grades 2-5)

ALL YOUTH RETREATS WILL TAKE PLACE IN LUBBOCK

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REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.standrewsamario.org](http://www.standrewsamario.org)



Friday, October 13, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Halloween Theme, Pizza provided

\$10 Per child

RSVP to Maddie Coleman at [mcoleman@standrewsamario.org](mailto:mcoleman@standrewsamario.org)



Sunday, October 21, 9:00 am til Noon

Halloween Theme, Donuts provided

\$10 for first child \$5 each additional child

RSVP to Maddie Coleman at [mcoleman@standrewsamario.org](mailto:mcoleman@standrewsamario.org)

**Help us with planning for children and youth at St. Andrew's by taking our survey!**

To take the survey:

- Scan this QR code with your phone.
- OR watch for the survey in your email.
- OR check out St. Andrew's social media accounts for a link!
- OR go to <https://goo.gl/forms/KvOeD46ut0ShQSTy1>



**Thanks for any feedback you have to offer!**  
**St. Andrew's Youth and Children Advisory Board**



"Relationship Building," "Community," and "Belonging": these are the words and ideas you will hear repeatedly in discussing our new vision for St. Andrew's youth. It is no coincidence that they are the same words and ideas adult Episcopalians use when they talk about the importance of diocesan youth events such as Spring Fling, Mid-Winter, and Fall Festival— not just in their adolescence, but still today.

*BQCC events gave me the confidence and faith to be myself and know that I wasn't alone, to know that I fit in somewhere.*

— Gypsy Austin

*Looking back, I can see where going to summer conferences, mid-winter retreats, and teaching VBS in other towns greatly enriched my experience of fellowship and worship—and provided a foundation that now enables me to feel at home in the Episcopal Church, no matter where I go. Not to mention it was a lot of fun with a bunch of great folks!*

— Carrie Roland Brain

For me there was an energy, a contagious spirit, a closeness with God that I looked forward to all year. I only saw my Episcopal youth friends a few times a year, yet the moment two or three were gathered in His name, He was there. I cannot recall a time, an instance, or a place I have more felt in His presence and His love. It is that spirit of community and place to belong that got me through some difficult teen years. The lack of that same community and place to belong, caused me to struggle in my early college years. Of course, I found it again when I returned to St Andrews after "the requisite Episcopal break in your 20s." Finally, it is that same community and place to belong that I desire for my children and all of the children in our Episcopal community.

*BQCC was such a great place. Meeting new people and making life-long friendships was how it shaped my life. The best times of my young life were spent there.*

— Douglas Ogan

The physical structures we knew as the "Bishop Quarterman Conference Center" were deconsecrated and no longer serve as the place where youth gather for Episcopal youth events. However, our **Diocesan summer camps, retreats and special events continue**. Camp Quarterman and Camp Quarterman Jr. summer camps are held in Colorado and Ceta Canyon, respectively, and Fall and Spring Youth Retreats are held in Lubbock.

While many of us still mourn the loss of the place where *our* memories were created, we can take joy in knowing that the same opportunities exist for our children. New generations are attending the same events we recall so fondly. They are making memories, and forming lasting friendships as they grow in their Christian faith. The community, the love, and the place to belong are very much alive!

— Lacey Turman