

Greetings to all Parishioners and Friends of St. Andrew's:

During this time of self-isolation and quarantine we have all missed seeing one another and exchanging the Peace! Our lives have been uprooted and changed like no other time in history. Never have Christians had to grief in this manner. We all long to be together it is how God created us. It is, as Bishop Mayer described, "as we have physically distanced ourselves from one another, our longing to "be together" reveals that human beings are designed to be connected; we are created to be in communion as one human family."

Thanks to the efforts of many we have been able to have "Virtual Services" to help during this time. We are embarking on new times, where we will worship in new ways. We will learn new talents that our fellow Parishioners and Friends have. We will learn to be more understanding and forgiving of one another.

With COVID-19, financial matters changed for many; however, St. Andrew's has been blessed as many have continued their giving faithfully. We were able to apply and get a loan in order to continue to pay our entire staff all of March, April, and May. The loan is part of the PPP Loan program to help keep as many people as possible employed. We are eligible to apply for "forgiveness of the loan" under the terms. We will be applying this month and hopefully have it forgiven during June or July. This has mean an additional \$43000.00 for us to use to cover Salaries for employees. We have done our part to help keep people employed and keeping the economy going.

Now, St. Andrew's must step up and continue to support the Church during these "dog days of Summer," when we usually fall behind in our giving. Until, mid- May we were doing great—now we are starting to fall behind a little. We have been able to cut some expenses. Everyone has been great with continuing to mail in pledges and contributions, many are giving online thru our webpage, some have called and asked me to charge their credit card and some have dropped them in the mail slot on the south side of Lowndes Hall. Please feel free to call me if you need to know how to give.

Our Deacons, Mother Jo, the Finance Committee and the Vestry and many others have worked hard to provide pastoral needs, virtual services and identifying and calling a new Rector in July. Rev. Jared Houze brings a wife and young family with him and is very enthusiastic about joining our Parish family. Let us continue to show our financial support to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church during these times of new opportunities emerging from this uncertainty.

Blessings,

Annette H Mullins