

# December 2015

## The Piper

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Monthly Newsletter



### Sunday Worship Services

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken service
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II Choral Eucharist
10:00 am	Church School – <i>Sept.- May</i>
11:10 am	Coffee Hour

The Rev. Robert C. Smith, Interim Rector  
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### OUR VISION

To be a beacon in the community, calling our members and our neighbors to:  
Worship – Giving thanks for Christ's Love  
Education – Learning about Christ's Love  
Leadership – Demonstrating Christ's Love  
Community – Coming together in Christ's Love  
Outreach – Serving others through Christ's Love  
Music – Glorifying Christ's Love  
Evangelism – Spreading Christ's Love  
Stewardship – Responding to Christ's Love

**Our Mission:** St. Andrew's is a joyful community of God's faithful people transforming lives by growing in Christ's love and shining His light into the world through prayer, worship and service to all.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 – ADVENT II

Adult Forum 9:00 am  
Choir 9:00 am  
Treble Choir 9:15 am  
Christmas Tree Decorating 11:00 am

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 – ADVENT III

Adult Forum 9:00 am  
Choir 9:00 am  
Treble Choir 9:15 am  
Lessons and Carols 10:00 am  
Membership Appreciation Brunch 11:00 am  
Christmas Pageant 5:00 pm  
Christmas Pageant Dinner immediately following

### SUNDAY – DECEMBER 20 – ADVENT IV

Adult Forum 9:00 am  
Choir 9:00 am  
Treble Choir 9:15 am

### CHRISTMAS EVE-DECEMBER 24

Family Service - 4:00pm  
Candlelight Service-5:30 pm and 9:00pm

### SUNDAY – DECEMBER 27 – CHRISTMAS I

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 am spoken service  
Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
No church school or child care  
No Adult forum

**From the Interim Rector  
The Rev. Robert C. Smith**

**Advent's Great Expectations**

The rhythms of December in the church have to do with variations on what may be the heart of the Christian revelation to the world: the coming of new life. Because the idea and the constant reality of the faces of new life (new birth; our new rebirth in Christ at our baptism; our annual celebration of the birth of Jesus, which marked the beginning of new life for the world brought to us by his life and ministry; and by his death and resurrection, with its promise of new life in him in this world and after: thus we proclaim the mystery of faith.

During Advent, in the rhythms of worship life at church, our services are marked by words and music that emphasize not just waiting for the coming of the Christ child, but by mindful and prayerful waiting. We are called to be sharply aware of the gifts that await us ("Sleepers, awake!" Bach will have us singing). Our great gift in Advent is to be ushered into the Christmas season with heightened senses and greater awareness of the power of Jesus' coming among us.

This Advent season, on Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, at the 10 o'clock service, we're also marking the season with Advent Lessons and Carols. It's a service that showcases both our choir and scripture by combining readings, hymns, and songs of the season. Lessons and Carols teaches and lets us take part in the joyful celebration of God's unfolding purposes for his people that culminates in Christ's humble coming among us with his gift of grace and forgiveness of sins.

So here is a summary and St. Andrew's 2015 schedule for Advent and Christmas:

- Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: Tree Trimming
- Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>: 8 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite I, spoken service  
10 a.m.: Advent Lessons and Carols  
5 p.m.: Church School Christmas Pageant & Dinner
- Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>: 8 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite I, spoken service  
10 a.m.: Rite II Choral Eucharist
- Christmas Eve, Thurs., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>:  
4:00 p.m.: Family Holy Eucharist with Treble Choir, fewer verses of hymns and carols, and a brief homily for children.  
5:30 p.m.: Candlelight Choral Eucharist, sermon  
9:00 p.m.: Candlelight Choral Eucharist, sermon
- First Sunday After Christmas: Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>:  
8:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist, Rite I, spoken service  
10:00 a.m.: Choral Eucharist, Rite II (no Church School, The Nursery will be available)
- Second Sunday After Christmas, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016:  
Regular service schedule (8 and 10 a.m.)  
All Church School classes resume.

May your season of waiting be thoughtful and joyous, and may Christmas, once again, be the time of feeling the childlike confidence of knowing that you have new life in Christ.

Faithfully,

*Bob*

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## Search Committee News

The Search Committee is in the process of finalizing the parish profile and the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) questionnaire. The broad congregational input we've received has given the Search Committee essential input to ensure the profile reflects an accurate picture of St. Andrew's – Past, Present and our Future aspirations. The Profile and OTM questionnaire are the two vehicles that serve as our "classified ad" on the National Church's website where candidates seeking a new calling search for opportunities. We are working as a committee and with our consultant to complete these two documents over the next two weeks.

There is an important change to the timing that we previously shared with you about when the parish profile would be shared with the congregation. We will publish the profile via the St. Andrew's website and via a special email communication as soon as the diocese approves it – which we expect the week of December 20. This acceleration of about a month from what we had planned is because we've learned the diocese posts the material to the national church website once they approve it. You will recall we had planned on sharing the profile at the annual meeting in January (January 24<sup>th</sup>).

We remain on track to hit all our key dates for the profile and OTM questionnaire. In summary they are:

- December 9 – special joint vestry/steering committee meeting to review the profile and OTM questionnaire
- December 16 – Vestry approval
- December 18 – Submission to the bishop and diocese for approval
- Week of December 20 – Diocese approval (Christmas holiday dependent) and posting to national church website
- Week of December 20 – Upon approval by the diocese, profile shared with congregation via special email and link on the St. Andrew's website.

The profile and OTM questionnaire are designed to generate interest in St. Andrew's with as many qualified, suitable prospective candidates as possible. As such, the documents must be an accurate, succinct, sufficiently complete representation of St. Andrew's. Condensing our rich history, active ministries and future hopes and aspirations into a short document is no small task. We are using narrative to describe the St. Andrew's story and photos to bring it to life.

We look forward to completing this crucial step in our search for a new rector and moving on to the interview process in the New Year. If you'd like to see the overall process and timeline for our rector search, remember it has been posted to the back wall of the Upper Hall. Please continue to share your thoughts on the process and our future with any member of the Search Committee. Our names and photographs are on a poster board just outside the doors into the Upper Hall.

*Frank Dilenschneider.*

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## Outreach Bill Koch

### *Updates*

**Bridge of Hope** – All menu items (including the turkeys) for 10 complete *Thanksgiving dinners* were delivered to Bridge of Hope on Sunday, November 22, 2015 for distribution as appropriate. Sign-up sheets to provide menu items for *Christmas dinners* are now in place. Questions / comments – please contact Joan Bradford or Connie Happersett.

**Christmas Tree Tags** – We have been in touch with Trinity Coatesville – Rev. Sherry Deets (Rector at Trinity) will soon provide us with the names of children to receive *Christmas gifts* from folks at St. Andrew's. Questions / comments – please contact John Rieder or Christine Whaley.

**Atkinson Center Men's Shelter** – Monthly meal hosted by St. Andrew's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month. Kathy / Bill Cobb and Martha Thomae hosted on November 21, 2015. Questions / comments – please contact Martha Thomae.

**Lord's Pantry** – Collection of non-perishable food items is ongoing. Baskets are in the Biddle Room. Questions / comments – please contact John Rieder.

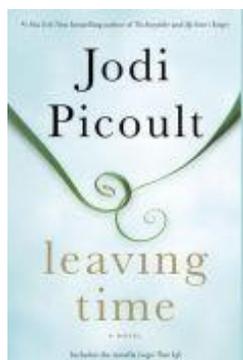
**Syrian Refugee Crisis – \$2,000.00 Donation** -- At our recent Outreach committee meeting on November 15, 2015 the group decided (overwhelmingly) to send a check for **\$2,000.00 to Global Giving**, a top rated aid organization working with the Syrian refugee relief effort. Questions / comments – please contact Bill Koch.

### ***Outreach "Possibilities"***

Members of the Outreach committee recently shared some thoughts, ideas and aspirations for the future – near term and beyond (the following summary indicates potential Outreach efforts in addition to our ongoing collection schedule and quarterly monetary donations to our Outreach "Partners").

1. Sponsor a refugee family – Furnish housing, clothing, food, help them find work, etc.
2. Partner with a school to provide materials and support – could be to a local school with lower income students – or a school in Guatemala.
3. Sponsor / participate in mission trips with our youth / adults.
4. Trinity church (Coatesville) struggles to keep its monthly dinner program funded. They also have a program geared to Veterans. We could help support either or both programs.
5. Help the homeless people living along the river between Pottstown and Limerick (could be hands-on as well as financial support).
6. Sponsor mission trips for all ages (especially older teens and college age) to visit our companion churches in Guatemala – gain first-hand knowledge of the situation there – experience not only the extreme poverty but also the depth of faith and joy that is part of the Guatemala experience.
7. More financial assistance for our companion churches in Guatemala – especially for the Computer Lab Program / help with tuition for University classes.
8. Provide financial support to help pay the legal expenses of Hispanic youths (Pottstown area) trying to establish legal status in the U.S. (the Outreach committee has a relationship with *El Centro Cultural Latinos Unidos* in Pottstown via our lecture on "Immigration").

Wednesday Night Book Group  
Pam Bennett



On **December 2nd**, 2015 we will discuss *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult.

For more than a decade, Jenna Metcalf has never stopped thinking about her mother, Alice, who mysteriously disappeared in the wake of a tragic accident. Refusing to believe that she would be abandoned as a young child, Jenna searches for her mother regularly online and pores over the pages of Alice's old journals. A scientist who studied grief among elephants, Alice wrote mostly of her research among the animals she loved, yet Jenna hopes the entries will provide a clue to her mother's whereabouts.

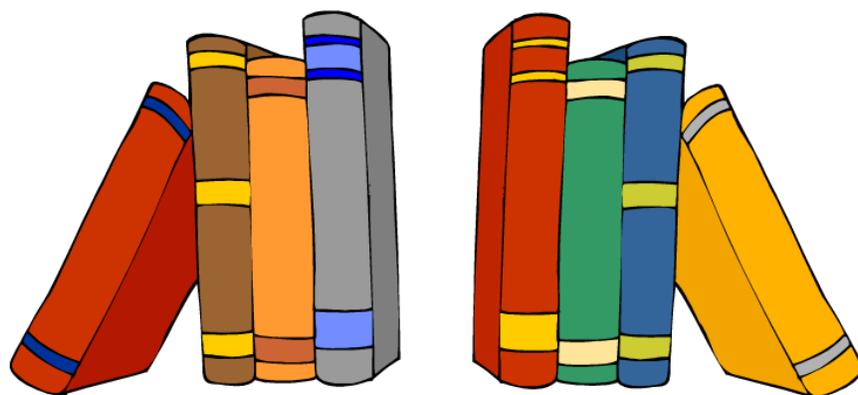


On **January 6, 2016** we will discuss the *Vacationers* by Emma Straub.

Celebrating their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary and their daughter's high school graduation during a two-week stay in Mallorca, Franny and Jim Post confront old secrets, hurts, and rivalries that reveal sides of themselves they have tried to conceal.

Copies of *The Vacationers* will be distributed from a *Henrietta Hankin Branch Library Book Club Bag* at the December meeting for everyone returning a copy of *Leaving time*.

Please forward any questions or comments to Pam [prbcallig@verizon.net](mailto:prbcallig@verizon.net) or Anne [algayl@verizon.net](mailto:algayl@verizon.net), and we will look forward to seeing you at 7:00 pm in the Werner Room.



## Building and Grounds Committee

### Jeff Herrera

I'd like to thank everyone that came out for the Fall Cleanup! With all the helping hands, we were able to get a lot of leaves raked, blown and dumped in the woods. Being a small country church nestled in the trees is one thing that we all love about St. Andrew's, but that also means that leaves blow back and are a nuisance until the hard winter. We'll be sure to stay on top of things so that our church looks its best to all that travel down our lane.

In addition to normal maintenance, we have also been busy coordinating a couple of property improvement projects. On the outside, we will be proceeding to repair and reset the headstones from the old part of the cemetery. There should be a very noticeable difference when you walk along that side path and see a field of properly placed restored headstones. On the inside, we are working to get a much larger capacity source of hot water to feed the kitchen. Anybody who has cleaned the dishes after coffee hour or one of our events will be greatly pleased with this one simple improvement!

As always, please don't hesitate to let us know what you think could use repair or improvement so that we all can work together keeping St. Andrew's beautiful and strong.

God Bless.

### Accounting Warden Chris Bastian

#### October income statement:

- Total Revenue in October was **\$34,815**
  - \$28,502 was Giving
  - \$1,253 was Fundraising
  - \$170 was Building Rental
  - \$4,890 was Investment Income
- Total Expenses in October were **\$29,796**
  - \$17,951 was Personnel
  - \$3,953 was Building & Grounds
  - \$3,612 was Programs & Administration
  - \$4,280 was Outreach
- The monthly surplus (Revenue minus Expenses) was **\$5,019**
- The year-to-date surplus (January to October) was **\$1,208**
- This year-to-date surplus compares to last year's deficit of **(\$20,568)**

*Please keep your pledges coming in so that we can maintain this surplus.*

#### October balance sheet:

- Total Assets are **\$3,644,891**
  - \$69,699 in Checking
  - \$88,120 in Money Markets
  - \$736,670 in Long Term Investments
  - \$2,750,402 in Land & Building
- Total Liabilities are **\$6,002**
  - \$614 in Accounts Payable
  - \$5,388 in Other Current Liabilities (e.g. accrued expenses)
- Total Fund Principal (Total Assets minus Total Liabilities) is **\$3,638,889**

**Altar Guild**  
**Dru Kring/Evie Baird**

Do you remember how lovely St. Andrew's looked at the Christmas Eve Services last year? The Altar Guild is responsible for making this happen every year. With hard work and many hands, the church is turned into a beautiful space filled with many poinsettias, cyclamen, holly and greens.

Would you like to remember or honor a loved one? Envelopes will be placed in the pews starting December 6<sup>th</sup>. Your gift will help with the cost of the flowers and your name and the person you are honoring will be listed in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Suggested donation is \$35 (checks can be made out to St. Andrew's). Contact Dru Kring – [dkring@verizon.net](mailto:dkring@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

*I always feel as if the loved ones I am thinking about on Christmas Eve are sitting with me in church when I honor them this way.*

**Membership**  
**Kimberly Camp**

Every year I ask my children to name 5 things they are Thankful for. This year I would like to share with you what I am Thankful for. My husband, George, whom I have known for 27 years and there is a lot to be Thankful for over that length of time. My children, my son Willson who is a really smart cookie, my son Connor who has a heart of gold and my daughter Charlotte who is the kindest person I know and mature far beyond her years! My parents Herman and Rosalie who taught me right from wrong, love me beyond belief and guided my path...sometimes even to this day. My brother, Herman, who would do absolutely anything for me and lives right around the corner. We are an extremely tight knit family, talking every day, laughing, disagreeing and arguing. But most of all, loving each other no matter what. We did not grow up attending church but it somehow got through, what God teaches us to do, love each other no matter what. Love and Family are the most important things in my life. I hope that at this time of year you are all enjoying some love and family. I feel like here at St. Andrew's, we all put God and family first and that is the common thread that makes us family to each other.

A few updates on Membership. I placed a holder in the Narthex with a "Thank You for Visiting Us" letter written and some visitor cards with decals. It is there for any visitor to take but also, if any of us notice a visitor please hand one of the letters to them. It has all of St. Andrew's information in case they would like to contact us. I would really appreciate help with this! Thank you.

I sent out 40 "Celebration" cards inviting new residents to join us on any given Sunday so if in the next few weeks you notice someone visiting please let me know.

And lastly, but not least...I would like to invite you to a Member Appreciation Brunch on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 after the 10:00am service! Hope everyone can join us!!

**Children's and Youth Ministries**  
**Kathy Dilenschneider**



*The Children of St Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Cordially invite you to attend their 2015 Christmas Pageant  
"On the Way to Bethlehem"*

*Date: Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>*

*Time: 5:00 p.m.*

*Place: Church Sanctuary*

*A festive dinner will be served immediately following the pageant  
in the Upper Hall.*

*All Are Welcome*

**All Parish Christmas Tree Trimming Event** – We invite the entire parish to join us on Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour to make ornaments and trim our freshly cut Christmas tree. Many thanks to Windridge Farm for donating the tree. Christmas cookies and hot chocolate will be served. Please join us for the fun and fellowship!



### Sunday School Schedule Notes

There will be **no Sunday school classes** on **Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>**. Childcare will be available as usual. **Classes resume on Sunday, January 3, 2016.**

### Christmas Pageant

The following rehearsals remain for this year's Christmas pageant:

- Sunday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – Immediately after the 10 a.m. service until 12:30 p.m. **Speaking parts only**
- Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A pizza lunch will be served. **All participants**
- Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Final rehearsal. All participants**



### Treble Choir

The Treble Choir will lead the singing on **Christmas Eve** during the **4:00 p.m. service**.

The choir will take a two week break after Christmas. There will be **no rehearsals on Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Rehearsal will resume on **Sunday January 10, 2016 at 9:15 a.m.**

### Communion Class

A Communion Class for children in first through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be held on Saturday mornings, January 9, 16 and 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. Content covered will include the meaning of the Eucharist, prayer, the church seasons and vestments. The children are expected to attend all three classes. If your child is interested, please let Father Bob or Kathy Dilenschneider know by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> so we can order enough books



# Worship Leaders –December

	<i>December 6</i>	<i>December 13*</i>	<i>December 20</i>	<i>December 24^ 4/5:30/9</i>	<i>December 27</i>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke Najim Harry N. Whaley	Eloise Gebert	Rebecca Reese Dante Sordilla	<i>Eloise Gebert Faith Lebling xxxxxx</i>	Julia Berutti Parry Ryan
<b>Chalice</b> 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Dave Killingbeck Frank Dilenschneider	Adam Rogers	Bob Bardwell Burt Todd	<i>Bob Bardwell Adam Rogers Geoff McConnell</i>	Matt Haverstick John Wenner
<b>Lectors</b> 10:00 AM	Frank Dilenschneider Geoff McConnell	St. Andrew's Members	Burt Todd Pam Bennett	<i>Maddie Gebert Caroline Roumpz Mac Caughey</i>	John Wenner Bill Koch
<b>Ushers</b> 10:00 AM	Jennifer & Rob Cordivari	Margie Gebert Christine Whaley	Chris Bastian John Reider	<i>Jennifer &amp; Rob Cordivari Cici &amp; Tim Lebling Burt Todd &amp; John Baur</i>	Burt Todd Bill Koch
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Martha Thomae Mary Volk Lynn Elliott Julie Geer Helen Mastony	Connie Happersett Nina Baur Charlotte Griggs Margie Gebert	Dotti Atwater Joan Bradford Kathy Cobb Christine Whaley	<i>All Members of The Altar Guild</i>	Kathy Hassinger Judy Erickson Dru Kring Jennifer Hillegas Evie Baird
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Tree Trimming Party	Membership Brunch			
<b>Counters</b>	Don Castagna Geoff McConnell	Jackie Irey Lee & Judy Erickson	Don Castagna Geoff McConnell		Jackie Irey Judy & Lee Erickson

\*Lesson and Carols ^Christmas Eve

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> NA 7pm  <i>Mandy DeMattia</i> <i>Patrick Spencer</i>	<b>2</b> Book Group 7pm AA 7pm	<b>3</b> Choir Practice 7pm  <i>Margie Gebert</i> <i>Craig Hurtt</i>	<b>4</b> MA 7:30pm  <i>R. J. Stretch</i>	<b>5</b> Pageant Practice 9-12
<b>6</b> Adult Forum 9am Choir Practice 9am Treble Choir 9:15am Church School 10am Tree Trimming 11am <i>Irene Castagna</i>	<b>7</b>  <i>Andrew Elliott</i> <i>Marianne Rausch</i>	<b>8</b> NA 7pm  <i>Martha Thomae</i>	<b>9</b> Search Mtg 7pm Vestry 7pm  <i>Dillon Claffey</i>	<b>10</b> Choir Practice 7pm	<b>11</b> MA 7:30pm  <i>Chris Cassella</i>	<b>12</b> Pageant Practice 10-12
<b>13</b> Adult Forum 9am Choir Practice 9am Treble Choir 9:15am Church School 10am Lessons & Carols 10am Membership App. Brunch 11am Christmas Pageant 5pm  <i>Will Gelches</i>	<b>14</b>  <i>Rebecca Bogusz</i> <i>Marisa Stoltzfus</i>	<b>15</b> NA 7pm  <i>Kimberly Camp</i> <i>Rose Koch</i>	<b>16</b> Vestry 7:15pm AA 7pm  <i>Christopher Hurtt</i>	<b>17</b> Choir Practice 7pm  <i>Bradley Kellogg</i>	<b>18</b> MA 7:30pm	<b>19</b> Atkinson Dinner 5pm
<b>20</b> Adult Forum 9am Choir Practice 9am Treble Choir 9:15am Church School 10am	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> NA 7pm  <i>Josie Funaro</i>	<b>23</b> AA 7pm  <i>Madeline Gebert</i>	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED <b>Christmas Eve Services</b> <b>4pm Children</b> <b>5:30/9:00 Candlelight</b>  <i>Judy Elliott</i>	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS OFFICE CLOSED MA 7:30pm	<b>26</b>  <i>Ted Rausch</i>
<b>27</b> Choir Practice 9am	<b>28</b>  <i>Paul Funaro</i>	<b>29</b> NA 7pm  <i>Jennifer Cordivari</i>	<b>30</b> AA 7pm  <i>Helen Farnham</i>	<b>31</b> Choir Practice 7pm  <i>Carolyn MacFarland</i>	<b>Notes: Birthday's in Italics</b>	

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***Christmas Eve Services- 4:00 pm Children's Service  
5:30 pm/9:00pm Candlelight Services***

