

# GRAPEVINE



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*Please do not hesitate to call Rev. Joe  
or Janet at any time at the above  
numbers with pastoral emergencies.  
Be sure to inform them if you or  
anyone you know in the parish is ill  
and/or in the hospital.*

## GREETINGS FROM REV. JOE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in  
Christ,

As we celebrate Labor Day, say farewell to summer, prepare for fall, and begin to contemplate Advent, we face increasing tensions around the world, especially in the Middle East. It's impossible not to be anxious about what lies ahead for our country, each other, and our sisters and brothers throughout the world. Now is an especially good time to be together in prayer. We might ask God for guidance about our own feelings and responses to what is happening. What can each of us, and all of us together as a parish, do that might make a difference when events seem so overwhelmingly and globally fearsome? The answers we discern individually will vary. The possibilities depend on our own circumstances, gifts, connections, and passions. What is true for all of us is the nourishment, support



and encouragement we can find by being together in worship of God in whom we must place our trust, depending as we do on God for all that we are, have, and can do. What is also true is that God abundantly loves us, and provides for us what we need to make our own part of the world at St. Andrews a loving and holy place so we can gather strength to meet the world as we each encounter it. We're blessed to have so many among us who work with dedication to prepare for our worship. We're blessed with people who work diligently to educate and form our children as

people of God through Sunday School and Youth Group. Our children and youth are our hope for the future. And we're blessed with people who reach out to those in desperate need for the necessities of life, pastoral care, and companionship. The more we pull together, not just to support but to join in these ministries, the more hope we will bring, and the more hope we will feel, in anxious times. Please let us gather together on Sundays, and keep each other in our prayers every day.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,

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## MESSAGE FROM SENIOR WARDEN

Dear St. Andrew's Friends,

While it always makes me sad to say good bye to the long, lazy days of summer, I am equally happy to welcome the new fall season

and all of the excitement it brings. I love the crisp autumn weather and fall colors, digging out my woolen sweaters and seeing the kiddos (mine especially!) return to school. I also love

seeing all of my friends and family return to church for regular Sunday worship. On Sunday, September 8th, our Vestry returns from its summer hiatus to its regular

### Church Service

*Now that we are in the fall season, our Sunday services have reverted to their regular 9:30 start time.*

## MESSAGE FROM SR. WARDEN...

monthly meeting schedule. St. Andrew's kicks off its new program year with what has become our traditional Welcome Back "Sundae" on September 15th. Join us on the 15th for Sunday school registrations and a "make your own sundae" ice cream social following the service. Our book club kicks off its new season with Abide with Me and its first meeting is on September 25th. Soon after that, we'll move into Creation Care season which will include our annual blessing of the animals to be followed

by our annual pledge drive, Advent and Christmas. Also, since the folks who have run our fall flea market in the past have decided to take this year off, I'd like to ask you all to put on your thinking caps to help me come up with ideas for a fall fundraising/fellowship event. As you may or may not know, the flea market contributed the equivalent of an annual pledge to our budget so it's important to try to come up with a way to replace those funds

(and hopefully have some fun and fellowship along the way). I would love to have your help with this. Finally, and most importantly, I look forward to seeing you all in church!

Peace,

Janet

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## THANK YOU



I would like to thank everyone who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday and who sent me such beautiful cards. This has meant so much to me. I will be forever grateful.

Elaine Morissette

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## WELCOME BACK "SUNDAE"



We will have an Ice Cream Social after the service on **Sunday, September 15th** so that we can...  
Reconnect with our church family after summer vacations  
Re-establish our outreach, educational, and social programs

## BOOK CLUB NEWS



Book club meetings will resume on **Wednesday, September 25th** at 6:30pm with the fiction book, *Abide With Me*, by Elizabeth Strout. We've also identified a tentative schedule for the balance of the year, including some Sunday dates in hopes that folks who are not able to venture out in the evening will be able to join us. Everyone is welcome! Please let Krista McLeod or Janet Ratcliffe know if you are interested in joining the group.

### *Tentative Schedule*

Nov. 13th at 6:30pm	Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
Jan. 5th after coffee hour	The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis
Mar. 2nd after coffee hour	The Gift of Rest by Joseph Lieberman
May 14th at 6:30pm	Song of the Magdalene by Donna Jo Napoli
June 11th at 6:30pm	Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich

*"We read fiction and non-fiction. We seek books that enlighten and enrich our spiritual journey. We seek books that tell stories or have characters to which we can compare and contrast our own faith journeys. We seek books that challenge our notions of God, conventional religion, heaven, and good and evil. We seek books that challenge us to think about the human family and our relationship to our world and our history. We seek books about comparative religions and alternative faiths. We select books that will create discussion and make us think!"*

## FROM THE ORGAN BENCH



Fun Facts to know about the Organ

Did you know that the organ

- was built in 1904, at the same time as the church.
- has 2 manuals (keyboards) of 61 notes, and a pedal-board of 30 notes.
- has 26 drawknobs and 5 combination pedals.
- has a pedal to open and close the shades on the Swell division
- has 20 ranks of pipes, each of which has a different tone color.
- has 1402 pipes, and 55 non-speaking pipes in the case.
- was hand-pumped at the time it was built.
- at one time had a water motor, but now has an electric blower to provide wind.
- contains evidence of the coal furnace that once heated the church.

*Submitted by Craig Seaman, Organist/Music Director*

# MEMORIALS

**Music Fund**  
Eddie D'Addario



A donation has also been made to the Music Fund in honor of Elaine Morissette's birthday

# COMMUNICATIONS

From time to time, we have folks express an interest in our disseminating news regarding comings and goings of members, births, deaths, and the like in between our regular Sunday services. While it's true that we have the technology to accommodate this request, given the very part-time nature of our office, we simply do not have the people power to oversee this operation. We

would, however, be happy to assist a volunteer who wishes to take on this project. The duties would include putting together the list of people who wish to receive notifications, obtaining necessary permission to disseminate information, and then providing the office the notice that needs to be sent. Please speak with Janet if you have any interest in this project.

# CONGRATULATIONS!



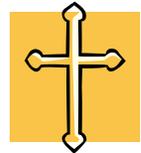
Congrats and best wishes to Robert Pauley who plays the role of Strephon in this summer's production of Gilbert & Sullivan's Iolanthe by Methuen Young People's Theater.

MYPT provides an excellent summertime educational and cultural experience in musical theater to youth in Methuen and neighboring communities. This is Robert's 7th summer with MYPT and his second in a principal role.

# WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to Jay and Helen Palmieri who were married at St. Andrew's by Rev. John Phelps on August 2nd.



## **Pastoral Care and Prayer List**

*Please notify the church office if you or someone in your family is ill or hospitalized.*

*In addition to keeping you in our prayers, our Pastoral Care team would like to send one of its members to visit you and bring communion. We refresh the prayer list quarterly.*

*Please contact the office 978-689-0463 or [admin@standrewsmethuen.org](mailto:admin@standrewsmethuen.org) if you wish keep someone on the list or add someone new.*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September 1 - Victoria Milo  
 September 9 - Elaine Morissette  
 September 15 - Albert Harvey  
 September 18 - Kendra Cooley  
 September 23 - Janet Ratcliffe

October 2 - Dick Ratcliffe  
 Molly Ratcliffe



October 4 - Mary Durant  
 October 6 - Melissa Saindon  
 October 20 - Natasha Lee  
 October 22 - Peter Kwakye  
 October 23 - Heather Hudson  
 October 24 - Michelle Stehm  
 October 28 - Adam St. Marie

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## FOOD PANTRY



I would like to thank those of you who continued to make donations to the Food Pantry throughout the summer. With autumn coming and larger weekly attendance, I am confident we can continue to provide food for six families in the Arlington neighborhood. In speaking with people who receive food assistance, I was made aware that often they cannot afford such items as toilet paper, toothpaste, dish detergent, etc.. Therefore, I try to supply at least one of these items each month. I ask that you remember this mission at St. Andrew's as you shop and bring donated items to church with you. Speaking for our neighbors, I thank you very much.

Beverly Brown

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## FREE STUFF

St. Andrew's has received several free tickets from the Methuen Firefighters Local 1691 for a Comedy Night at the Andover Wyndham Hotel on Thursday, November 7th at 7:30pm. You must be age 21 and older to attend. If you are interested in attending, let us know. First come first served!



If you are in the market for a new Keurig coffee maker, please stop by the office. We have a limited supply of 50% off coupons which are available on a first come first served basis.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

The St. Andrew's Sunday School staff would like to provide you with some information, important dates, and activities that are happening during the months of September and October.



Registration begins on Sunday, September 15th. Sunday school begins at 9:15 and the children will be brought up to church at 10am for the balance of the church service. After church on the

15th, we will have our traditional ice cream Welcome Back "Sundae" social. We have a lot of activities planned for the fall, including the painting of a Kids as Peacemakers sign that will be posted in front of the church. Please see below for a preview of what you can expect.

We look forward to seeing you in Sunday School!

## SCHEDULE



- 9/15 Registration Sunday.  
Creation/Adam & Eve  
"You're Special"  
Peacemaker Sign—Design
- 9/22 Noah's Ark  
"Things we are Thankful for"  
Peacemaker Sign
- 9/29 Abraham  
"Getting Along with Others" skit  
Peacemaker Sign
- 10/13 Jacob  
"Important Things God Has Given to Us"
- 10/20 Joseph  
"Forgiveness—Being Treated Fairly"

### **Our Office is Temporarily Closed**

*Our church office will be closed until we are able to find a new secretary. We will return all phone calls and emails as soon as possible, but, in the meantime, please reach out directly to Rev. Joe on his cell phone should you have*

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Grapevine via email is  
a tremendous cost  
savings for us.*

*Thank you!*

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## MARK THE DATE



**September 15<sup>th</sup>** Welcome Back Sundaes  
Sunday School Registrations

**September 25<sup>th</sup>** Book Club, 6:30pm