

GRAPEVINE SPECIAL EDITION A RECAP OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2020



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Be sure to inform them if you or anyone you know in the parish is ill and/or in the hospital.

REV. JOE'S ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Sister and Brothers in Christ,

This year, I will begin my report with statistics about our worship life at St. Andrew by listing the number of various worship services we have had in the past year:

Holy Eucharist Rite I	9
Holy Eucharist Rite II	34
New Zealand Eucharist	10
Morning	2
Noon Prayer	1
Evening Prayer	1
Burial	3
Memorial Services	2
Holy Eucharist/Special Circumstances	17

We worship a lot at St. Andrew's. But the statistics say a lot more than that when you look beneath the surface. For one thing, a lot of effort, by a lot of people, goes into making these services happen. Aside from my work to lead most worship services and prepare sermons for you, there are lay readers, lay Eucharistic ministers, acolytes and greeters whose roles are crucially important for proclaiming the word of God and creating the experience of the worship services. Each of these lay ministers faithfully arrives when scheduled and diligently attends to their roles. And there are leaders for each of these groups of lay ministers who ensure that schedules are arranged and substitutes are found when necessary. We have a choir organized by Craig, our Music Director. They gather to practice several times a month, working faithfully to ensure that our music program, which is very important to us at St. Andrew's, is varied and inspirational. Our altar guild does an amazing job, coming in during the week, and early on Sundays, to reverently prepare our worship space. Dawn spends a lot of time between Sunday school Sundays preparing lessons and recruiting volunteers so that our young people can learn about their faith and appreciate God's word. And, of course, Sunday would not be complete without the fellowship time of coffee hour, an activity that happens thanks to Bev who gets the coffee going, and many of you who show up with delicious treats to share.

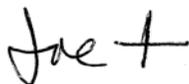
But wait, there's more! We are blessed with hard-working staff, whose work happens behind the scenes during the week between Sundays. Eileen prepares our bulletins, worship booklets and prayer lists so we know what we're doing, and whom we're praying for. Wayne cleans the church and our facilities to make them ready for us to enjoy.

REV. JOE'S ANNUAL REPORT (CONT.)

We're still not done. Our lay leaders are ready to jump in if problems might interfere with Sunday worship, like heating, plumbing, snow, and ice troubles. Other lay people serve as Eucharistic visitors, bringing the word of God and communion to our sisters and brothers who are unable to get to church. That is the category of Holy Eucharist/Special Circumstances, listed above. Those are pastoral visits with communion that our lay pastoral visitors, and I, make to people who are confined to home, nursing homes and hospitals. I'm pretty sure there are more such visits than 17. Many of our visitors make these visits as a matter of course, not always logging them into our records. The point is, there is a lot of this outreach happening because people among us are prepared and committed to doing so.

We often think of ourselves as small at St. Andrew's. Maybe we are in numbers, and scheduled hours of clergy and staff time. But we do a lot in living the life of the Church as faithfully and conscientiously as we can. As I've described above, so many among us do a lot just so we can have fulfilling worship lives. But so many also do a lot to help us share God's love with our neighborhood and world. We've been blessed with another year of successful outreach through our food pantry, Christmas gifts for neighborhood children, the community garden, our memorial garden, and our water project in Nghumbi, Tanzania. With all of the things we accomplish, we still find time for fun and enjoying each other's company, through game nights, book groups, and events like bean suppers and the St. Patrick's Day dinner. Yes, maybe we're small in numbers, but we're mighty in faith, and in experiencing God's love, and sharing it with the world. Yes, "small but mighty" is how I would describe our parish community in service to God, this past year, and as I think about it, every year I've been blessed to be among you.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,



Rev. Joe+

SENIOR WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

St. Andrew's faced a few challenges in 2019, beginning at the very start of the year with the sudden and unexpected passing of our Sexton, Paul Schermerhorn in January. Since Paul was not in touch with family, his St. Andrew's "family" tried to make sure that he was laid to rest properly, and we held a memorial service for him in late April. We miss Paul greatly, but were fortunate to find a new Sexton, Wayne Simone who has helped us to keep the building and grounds in good shape. Paul took tremendous pride in the care of the church, and we keep him in our prayers.

Financial challenges are always present, but despite this constant concern, the work of our staff and volunteers is remarkably effective in keeping our parish active, busy and looking outward to our local neighborhood and far beyond.

We continue to work closely with our local neighbors on many fronts. We completed a second successful summer season with our Community Garden providing space and resources to families from the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood for growing fresh produce for families. Once again our gardeners were blessed with a bountiful harvest. The community garden area also became the host site for a "Little Free Library" placed there by the Nevins Library, and will provide books for kids and adults who wish to take free books all season long this coming year.

SENIOR WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT (CONT.)

Our Arlington Neighborhood Food Pantry continues to help six local families each week, and again this year we participated in National Night Out, providing an ice cream smorgasbord at the Tenney St. Park. Additionally in the spring of 2019 a small group of parishioners, led by Valerie Carey undertook to make monthly visits on Saturday to the community center on Tenney St. in order to help entertain and teach crafts to neighborhood children Unfortunately a delay in the community center's funding put our fall craft sessions on hold, but they will begin again in Spring 2020.

International mission work continues as well. After several months of worry about the quality of water in the well we had paid to have dug in Nghumbi, Tanzania, our prayers were answered late in 2019 with the good news that the water was running clean and drinkable. More engineering needs to be done before the well is fully functional, but we are now able to move ahead. In September of 2019 the Church hosted a very successful fundraising dinner, organized by Laura Walta, which raised approximately \$6,000 for the water project. This joyous evening was especially meaningful as we were joined by the UNH students involved with Engineers without Borders, who went to Nghumbi last year to help with digging the well. These young people spoke most eloquently about the importance of this experience to them and the people of Nghumbi. We look forward to more reports of the progress with this project in the months ahead.

The Christian Education of our children is an important challenge that we face each year. We were sorry to see our former Senior Warden, and volunteer Director of Christian Education, Janet Ratcliffe move away to warmer climes last summer. However, we were lucky to have one of our newer parishioners come on board to teach our Sunday School. Dawn Schmidt has done a great job creating a fun environment in which our kids can meet and learn on Sunday mornings. Dawn also accompanied two of our older children to the Middle-School Weekend Retreat at the Barbara C. Harris Camp in November. We were very happy to see our children growing in their knowledge and love of Christ with Dawn's guidance.

In 2019 we were pleased to see an uptick in the rentals of our Hall. This can become a good source of income for us. Since our renovation of the Hall several years ago, it is a good, affordable venue for family or community gatherings. Our income for Hall rentals was up this year, and we hope that this trend continues. We encourage parishioners to spread the word, and help up rent the Hall more often!

Our 2019 St. Patrick's Dinner was a great success, and we added another successful dinner to our calendar in the fall, with a Ham & Bean Supper in early November. This was well-attended and netted over \$600 for general parish support. Volunteer cooks made crocks of beans with their own family and favorite recipes, and attendees enjoyed the variety of the menu. And as always we also hosted Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Easter Breakfast, Recognition Sunday cookout, and Welcome Back Sundaes Sunday in 2019. Our monthly Game Nights/Simple Suppers remain popular also. These fellowship events give us an opportunity to grow our connections as a parish family.

SENIOR WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT (CONT.)

Right after Christmas this year we discovered that 2020 will bring us a new challenge. Fr. Joe announced that he will be retiring in June, and while we are very happy for him, we know that we will miss his ministry, leadership, sense of humor, and steady guidance. We were blessed when he arrived at our parish over a decade ago, and he has helped us rebuild St. Andrew's into a stronger, more mission-oriented parish family. I know that the retirement of a minister is a stressful time for any parish, and perhaps more so for a congregation which has had challenges finding a minister in the past, and which has fiscal concerns. However, if we all believe in the mission of our parish and are dedicated to the future of St. Andrew's, we can honor the Fr. Joe's legacy, and that of our predecessors by moving forward to find new leadership and new ways of ministry. No year is without its challenges...but St. Andrew's has a history of meeting challenges and exceeding expectations, and I suspect we will do it again. Thanks to all members of our parish family, and to our staff, Craig Seaman, Eileen Woelfel, Wayne Simone, and Dawn Schmidt for the help and support that brought us success in 2019. Special thanks to the Vestry. The Vestry has been an extraordinary group this year, committed, cooperative, and enthusiastic. Our Vestry represents a variety of viewpoints and priorities within the parish, but they always work with courtesy, respect and the best interests of our church in mind. They represent you well.

Once again, I want to thank the parish for the support and trust you have offered me as Senior Warden. It is an honor to serve God and our parish in this role.

Krista I. McLeod, Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

I would like to applaud our new Sexton, Wayne Simone, for his efforts with our routine housekeeping, maintenance, and the overall attention to detail required to keep the facilities in good working order. It is through his initiative that we always have a wonderful space for our weekly worship. Thanks to all for helping us to complete the following over 2019:

Cleaned the Kindergarten school yard.

Got a pricing on a new pump from Roto-Rooter.

Replaced the gutters for the hall roof.

Repaired the wall in back parking lot.

Repaired the Messer Ave. entry way to the rear parking lot with hot top.

Got a pricing on the air conditioning in the hall.

We had a busy year and we thank our volunteers for helping us to complete all we did in 2019.

Yours in Christ,

Harry

ALTAR GUILD'S ANNUAL REPORT

(Submitted by Joanne Markavitch)

Balance January 1, 2019		\$8342.87
INCOME:		
Donations:	\$2589.00	
Total Income		\$2589.00
EXPENSES:		
Flowers	\$1155.46	
Order St. Anne's (wafers)	29.00	
D.A.G. (dues)	10.00	
Palm Gardens (palms)	55.25	
Wine	52.00	
Linens	<u>3249.05</u>	
Total Expenses	(\$4550.76)	
 Balance December 31, 2019		 \$6381.11

Anyone looking or thinking about joining the Altar Guild?? Come and join us after church sometime and we would be more than happy to tell you what we do. It's not very time consuming, but is very rewarding as a way to be a part of the service behind the scenes. Joining us is a great way of getting to know some of our church family and creating new friendships. It is a time of giving an hour to God and the church. It doesn't cost anything just a little time and a few laughs.

TOGETHER NOW CAMPAIGN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Huib Walta

The Capital Campaign funds continue to pay for repairs to our historic organ. This year, the chests and pipes were removed and the 16 foot Treble stopper was re-leathered, the 16 foot Treble Windchests were restored and work on the Pedal was completed and the Pedal reinstalled. Which is all to say that the Organ sounds better than it has in a long time.

With just over \$11,000 left in the account, funds are available to help with the cost of putting air conditioning in the parish hall, improving the kitchen facilities, or any other project involving the organ restoration or the parish hall deemed a priority.

ARLINGTON DISTRICT MISSION WORK'S ANNUAL REPORT

For the past 20 years St. Andrews has worked with The Methuen Arlington Neighborhood. We have tried to help working families make ends meet. We do this by preparing six bags of food each week. The items we give have been donated by parishioners and we add bread and milk. Each week the food is given to families in need, these are different each week. We as a church also reach out to help families at Christmas. We do this by adopting children of six families. This activity has grown over the years and many of us get great pleasure in bringing Christmas to children who might not have a special day.

St. Andrews opens it's church hall to M.A.N. on a December evening for a wrap party where gifts are wrapped for their Christmas party. The following day M.A.N. uses the hall for their party.

On National Night Out we sponsor and serve ice cream sundaes to all in attendance at the park adjacent to M.A.N.'S center.

In March we have a St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage meal. The proceeds from this help to cover any costs incurred. It is a fun evening with a great meal, raffle baskets, and a sing-a-long. This year it will be held on Saturday, March 14th; we would love to have you attend!!

I thank all who bring food items to church each Sunday. When preparing for church each week please try to remember to bring some of the following for our food bags: pasta, sauce, vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, soup, or cereal. Any donation is most helpful!!

Each week we end services with the admonition "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord". This is some of how we are doing this.

Thank you all for your most generous support!

Bev Brown

ACOLYTE'S ANNUAL REPORT

This year we have changed the acolyte program so that everyone is at the same level. We have a new position of a lead acolyte who will train the younger acolytes. The ladies who are serving are doing an excellent job. We continue to need new acolytes so if you are ten or older including adults please consider this as an opportunity to give service to the church.

Submitted by

Beth Regan

BOOK GROUP'S ANNUAL REPORT

The St Andrew's Book Group had another great year. We continue to average 10 to 14 people at each meeting. Below is the list of titles we discussed this year. We don't love every book we read, but we love the chance to talk with each other!

- Wednesday January 23rd The Help by Kathryn Stockett
- Wednesday February 27th Between the World & Me by Ta Naehsi Coates
- Sundays during Lent Lenten Book Study / Standing Naked Before God:
The Art of Public Confession by Molly Phinney Baskette
- Wednesday April 24th Bel Canto by Ann Patchett
- Wednesday May 22nd Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust
by Immaculee Ilibagiza
- Wednesday June 12th The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
by Mark Haddon
- Wednesday September 25th Plain Truth by Jodi Picoult
- Wednesday October 23rd The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
- Wednesday November 13th The Book Thief by Markus Zusak



Please consider helping out with the coffee hour ministry and take a turn providing cookies or pastries.

The sign up sheet is on the door connecting the downstairs parlor and kitchen.

CHURCH BOOK CLUB 2020

Upcoming Dates & Selections

Wednesday February 12th
The Testament of Mary
by Colm Tòibin

Sundays during Lent
(March 1st, 8th and 22nd)
Lenten Book Study

Wednesday April 29th
The Chosen by Chaim Potok

Wednesday May 27th
The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down
by Anne Fadiman

Wednesday June 24th
The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver



All dates and titles are tentative, based on availability of books and the scheduling of other church activities. Check the weekly bulletin for updated information. All meetings are scheduled to take place in the Church Parlor. Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to participate, you may attend just one session, or all. Guests are welcome.

*For more information or to request a book, please contact:
Krista McLeod 978-975-8224*

**REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED 2020
ANNUAL MEETING/APPOINTED BY VESTRY**

SENIOR WARDEN: Thanked for her service and re-elected is **Krista McLeod**

JUNIOR WARDEN: Thanked for his service and re-elected is **Harry Noorigian**

TREASURER: Newly elected is **Huib Walta**

CLERK: Newly elected is **Elecia Miller**

VESTRY: Thanked for their service are **Beth Regan, Joanne Markavitch, Patti Eldred** and **Matt McKeon**; newly elected are **Jim Beagan** and **Anne Duffy** for a term of three years

DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN CONVENTION: Thanked for their service for many years and re-elected are **Matt McKeon** and **Harry Noorigian**

DELEGATES TO DEANERY: Thanked for their service for a number of years and re-elected are **Patti Eldred** and **Dawn Schmidt**

REPRESENTATIVE TO COMMUNITIES TOGETHER: Thanked for her service for many years and re-elected is **Beverly Brown**

HISTORIAN: Newly elected is **Madeleine McKeon**

Val Carey was thanked for her service for many years as Treasurer

Jim Beagan was thanked for his 2019 service as Clerk

Elecia Miller and **Gary Sifferlen** were thanked for their service of three years as Vestry Members

Thank You

I would like to thank you all, once again, for your generous support for the Adopt -A-Family this past Christmas. Many children had a great holiday thanks to you. I continue to be grateful for all the food that appears each Sunday. On March 14th we will have our St. Patrick's Day dinner. This is the only fund raiser for the Arlington Neighborhood. Monies raised help to buy food needed for the weekly bags given out in addition to bread and milk. Please try to come. The meal is great (and a bargain) and we raffle off many wonderful gift baskets. Hope to see you there!!
Bev Brown

**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER**



**Tuesday, February 25, 2020
5:30-7:00pm**



Join us on Shrove Tuesday for food and fellowship and fun!

ST. JOHN'S NGHUMBI, TANZANIA WATER PROJECT AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Laura Walta

The Water Project in Nghumbi kept everyone on the team very busy in 2019. After finding abundant water at the end of 2018, we were devastated to have the water testing show high levels of nitrates coming from the borehole. Nitrates cause brain damage in children, making the water non-potable. Everything ground to a halt, while the UNH team of Engineers Without Borders (EWB) put together plans for an on-site visit and investigation in May. A group of six visited Nghumbi for 7 days in mid-May where they completed a number of surveys, conversations, measurements, mapping, and other engineering tasks that provided the data needed to move the project along.

Meanwhile, we were awarded another grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts for \$10,000, to help pay for a solar pump and distribution system. God has been so good to us!

Months of investigation later, the engineers agreed that the hole could have been contaminated by the lubricant used to get the drill through the hard clay. A plan was developed to flush the well for a month, taking weekly water samples for lab testing. The flush finally began in October and indeed, the nitrate levels decreased almost linearly, and in November, we got word that the water had passed the necessary tests and the well was officially registered with the government! Further testing shows the nitrate level still well below the government maximum. We should be praising the Lord with thanksgiving, as our brothers and sisters at St. John's are doing. I wish you could hear them sing!

At that point we finally knew that further investment in the project would not go to waste. December saw a flurry of activity, with plans drawn up by the engineers for a chain link fence to protect the well and pump equipment, plans completed by the Tanzanian Water District Engineer for the election and training of the Community Owned Water Supply Organization (COWSO), and the installation of a smaller scale temporary pump system at the site of the borehole where residents of the village can gather clean water for their families. While it still requires them to travel to obtain it, it no longer needs to be boiled before consumption.

Meanwhile back here at St. Andrew's a Well for Nghumbi, Tanzania fundraiser dinner in September netted \$6013 in profit toward the project. It was a fun night of Tanzanian food, music, guests, and stories from Tanzania. To date we have raised over \$47,000 toward the completion of this important and life changing project. We sent over \$10,000 this year to pay for local contractors and materials. We have also inspired other churches in our diocese to become involved in neighboring villages, where they are also partnering with EWB and following our example as they develop relationships and help dig new wells.

Laura will be traveling to Nghumbi in early June 2020, and will be accompanied by her husband Huib Walta, St. Andrew's member Gary Sifferlen, and member Bertha Rothwell's niece Pat Boutin-Skene. We begin a Mind/Body/Soul preparation series of meetings on February 2nd. All are welcomed to attend and learn more about this wonderful travel opportunity, where we will meet our friends face to face, assist them with the digging of a well in Chamhawi, experience worship together in both Chamhawi and Nghumbi, and spend time assisting in the school in Nghumbi. It will be a full week of new experiences! Later, a team from EWB will visit in August 2020 to install the final system. Please pray for all of us as we travel this long journey.

ST. JOHN'S NGHUMBI, TANZANIA WATER PROJECT AND CHILDREN'S LIBRARY'S ANNUAL REPORT (CONT.)

Meanwhile, the Children's Library program is doing very well and is helping hundreds of children in the village to develop their English skills. They have asked for more books, and we were awarded a Deanery grant of \$475 to ship two more containers of books for the Children's Library at St. Johns. We've collected books from members of the congregation and the Nevins Public Library. Along with the books, the Altar Guild has donated older altar linens that have been replaced, and the Sunday School has donated old curricula materials. I'm in touch with Douglas, the Sunday School teacher at St. John's, and he is very excited to see what we're sending! We have a shipment ready to go in February!

You can follow updates and see photos from Nghumbi in every issue of The Grapevine.

ST. ANDREW'S COMMUNITY GARDEN FOR THE METHUEN ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL REPORT

Submitted by Laura Walta

The Community Garden continues to be very popular with the residents of the Methuen Arlington Neighborhood, and has allowed us to deepen our relationships with one another. In fact, several families attended our St. Patrick's Day dinner and festivities. They had a wonderful time, participated in the songfest, and won several of the raffle baskets. The leadership of MAN, Inc. and St. Andrew's have worked closely together throughout the year on important issues of concern to the neighborhood as a whole, involving things like zoning, liquor licensing, gun violence, and drugs. This type of close cooperation and support has been made possible through the trust that has formed between our respective communities as a result of St. Andrew's many ministries with the neighborhood.

The big event of the 2019 season was the installation of a colorful sign drawing attention to the garden, its partners and its sponsors and donors. The garden was re-opened and prepped in April, planted on Memorial Day weekend with donated plants and seeds (solicited by the gardeners themselves), and produced fairly abundant vegetables throughout the summer and fall. We cleaned up for the season on Veteran's Day weekend in November. Many thanks to the team that helped with the prep and planting and shared watering duties- Gary Sifferlen, Jim Turmel, Fr. Joe Wilkes, Paula Campbell, and Paul Sparta created a schedule to help me make sure the beds were watered and weeded every day. As the saying goes, many hands made light work for all. And all that help made it a lot more fun for me!

The bounty from the St. Andrew's bed was shared with members of the congregation during coffee hour. There was another bed devoted to the Food Pantry, adding fresh veggies to the six bags of groceries we provide each week. There was also a bed devoted to tomatoes, which were shared by all gardeners, and a bed devoted to squashes that were intended to be shared as well. Unfortunately, that particular bed had a serious problem in the soil that killed, without discrimination, everything planted in it. The mystery persists....

Issues with pH, abundant rain (and poor drainage) and compacted soil had the effect of a poorer harvest than 2018, and led us to contact the kind folks at Bonanno's Pleasant Valley Gardens. We are blessed to have such wonderful neighbors and donors, and we are looking forward to having their professional advice and guidance in 2020, beginning with soil testing so that we can correct any soil issues before we plant in May. With information in hand, a Deanery Grant for nearly \$250 will allow us to purchase the materials necessary to amend and prepare the soil for planting in the Spring of 2020.

Follow the progress of the Community Garden and see photos in every issue of The Grapevine.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church presents the 2020

St. Patrick's Day Dinner



Saturday, March 14, 2020
 5:00 pm
 St. Andrew's Church Hall
 90 Broadway
 Methuen, Massachusetts
 978-689-0463



Featuring:

Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Irish Sing-Along

Door Prize

Basket Raffle



Tickets on Sale Now 978-590-8094



Donation: Adults \$18.00/Ages 5-12 \$9.00/Under 5 Free

Bring Your Own Beverage

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Proceeds to Benefit the Arlington Neighborhood Food Pantry



Message from The Pledge Clerk

The fourth quarter, year-end 2019 giving and pledge reports have been sent out. So please check your email or mail. These reports are sent out to all contributors for use as tax records.

We ended 2019 with a total pledge income of \$50,697, \$689 under the pledged amount. We thank all pledging members, but especially the fourteen who gave \$2,739 over their pledges. This was balanced by \$3,428 under pledge from eleven members. Some of these have already made up their pledges in 2020. If your statement shows a shortage, please consider also making it up this year.

This is the list of parish members who have returned a pledge for 2020. We are very grateful to them for making formal commitments to support St. Andrew's Church. These thirty-five members of St. Andrew's have pledged \$50,900 for 2020, which is a decrease of \$486 from last year. We lost several pledges, which was almost offset by increased pledges from 15 generous souls, who increased their pledges by almost \$3,900. A big thank you to them and to all who pledged their support.

Jim Beagan	William McBride
Beverly Brown	Krista McLeod and Matt McKeon
Blanche Campbell	Chris and Elecia Miller
Paula Campbell	Harry Noorigian
Jim and Valerie Carey	Virginia Palmieri
Sharon Chase	Robin Palmieri
Carol Collopy	Dick and Gail Ratcliffe
Charles Currie	Molly Ratcliffe
Anne Duffy	Beth Regan
Patti Eldred	Bill and Amanda Robinson
Jim and Carol Elliot	Bertha Rothwell
Mr. and Mrs. George Hargreaves	Dawn Schmidt
Lawrence and Barbara Hill	Craig Seaman
Kathleen Hillis	Gary Sifferlen and Javier Rivera
Karen Keleher	Paul and Joyce Sparta
Maureen Lira	Huib and Laura Walta
Betty MacKay	Reggie and Nancy Weisenborn
John and Joanne Markavitch	Reverend Joseph Wilkes

If you have not yet pledged, please consider doing so. Your parish needs your contributions since we are facing a deficit and will be most grateful for your support.

We cannot count contributions as pledges without a formal pledge communication from the member. We recognize that there are other members who contribute on a regular basis but who do not complete a pledge card. If any of those members wish a year-end acknowledgement statement, they may fill out a pledge card and indicate 'no pledge'. They will be assigned envelope numbers to use so we may record their donations. We are most grateful for their contributions as well.

If we have not recorded your pledge, please contact Jim Beagan via the church office, or at 978-557-9007, or at pledgeclerk@Saintandrewsmethuen.org.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- February 1 Huib Walta
- February 1 Aria Harper Dearden
- February 5 Gail Ratcliffe
- February 6 Brenda McKenney
- February 7 Kyleigh Cooley
Robert Pauley
Robert Ratcliffe
- February 16 Mally, Clive & Lars Falk
- February 17 Shaelyn Hoegen
- February 18 Nicholas Wunderlich
- February 19 Krista McLeod
Peter Kwakye, Sr.
- February 19 Paula Campbell
- March 5 Beverly Brown
- March 12 Joshua Kwakye
- March 24 Ryan Collopy

Feb. 2nd	9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Annual Meeting
Feb. 4th	6:30pm Game Night
Feb. 12th	6:30pm Book Club
Feb. 16th	9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Vestry Meeting
Feb. 25th	5:30-7:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Feb. 26th	Ash Wednesday 7-9am. Ashes will be administered. 7pm. Ashes and the Eucharist
Mar. 1st	9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Lenten Book Study
Mar. 3rd	6:30pm Game Night
Mar. 8th	10:30am Lenten Book Study
Mar. 14th	St. Patrick's Day Dinner - 5:00pm
Mar. 15th	Sunday School 9:15am Vestry Meeting after services
Mar. 22nd	10:30am Lenten Book Study
April 1st	Communities Together Ecumenical Service - Noon
April 5th	Palm Sunday Easter Flower Memorials Due 9:15am Sunday School
April 7th	6:30pm Game Night
April 9th	Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
April 10th	Good Friday "Way of the Cross" 7pm
April 11th	Altar Guild & helpers meet to prepare the church
April 12th	Easter Sunday Easter Breakfast 8:45am Service 9:30am
April 19th	9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Vestry Meeting

