

# NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S May—June 2026

## Jay's Say Exile with a Spark

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The people of Israel did not choose exile. Babylon came to them – violent, disorienting, total. The Temple, the center of their worship and their world, was gone. And yet, in the silence left by that catastrophe, something remarkable happened. Freed from the grooves of routine, the scribes and sages of Israel began to write. The great narratives of Genesis. The searching laments of the Psalms. Isaiah's astonishing announcement that God was doing *a new thing* in the wilderness. Much of what we treasure most in the Hebrew Bible was born not in triumph but in displacement.

We begin our own small exile this week.

The sanctuary we love will be off-limits as renovation begins. That's hard, and it deserves to be said plainly. Letting go of beloved space is a genuine loss.

But consider what is already emerging. I hoped for a handful of people on Monday morning to move Prayer Books, hymnals and artwork from the sanctuary and clear flood-damaged rooms downstairs. Over twenty people turned up, including many of our newest members, sleeves rolled up. This is not a congregation in retreat.

Our summer worship will have its own character. The altar at Old St. Andrew's stands against the east wall, as altars traditionally did, and the priest faces east with the people rather than gathering together around a table. Worshipers at both the 8 and 10am Eucharists will have the Prayer Book in their hands. Our kneelers, lovingly crafted by parishioners past, will find a new home at the OSA railing. The wooden altar will be freed of its cloth in the spirit of the building's Adirondack simplicity. Old traditions and fresh simplicity can be friends.

We'll also worship at 5pm on Saturday at 52 Gould Road in the parish hall, on the patio, or in the Kelsey Memorial Garden – weather and black flies permitting.

Sign-up sheets rather than fixed rotas mean that new readers, acolytes, intercessors and ushers will find their way forward.

The exiles returned. And they brought back more than they had taken with them.

**Parish Birthdays**



Mary Bayerl	1
Patricia Stewart	2
Charlie Giles	5
Karen Zurheide	9
Ben Horne	10
Lyman Smith	14
Kathleen Rusnak	18
Sue Venable	21
Louise Moses	22
Gail Goddard	23
Harvey Best	24
Mary Ivey	27
Jim Oates	31



Brenda Tirrell	1
Lynn Salo	3
Bernie Seifert	4
Linda Potter	5
Nick Eaton	6
Jeffrey Seifert	6
Whit Smith	6
Jeanine Berger	10
Lisa Gover	14
Michael Loftus	15
Tanner Boucher	16
Kelby Frenkiewich	17
Lisa Kelly	17
Woody Canaday	18
Brian Frenkiewich	18
Joe Daly	19
Tina Helm	19
Susanna Schweizer	19
Ed Orecchio	23
Kent Wheeler	26
Gretchen Crandall	28
David Almond	30
Anne Watkins	30

**Parish Updates**

**Baptism**

*5 April*

**Hazel Gobeil**

**Memorial Services**

*17 March*

**David Major**

*28 March*

**Connie Appel**

*14 April*

**Frank Butkus, Jr.**



*Above, Luke and Stephanie Concannon offer an anthem at 10 AM on 15 March. Right, Luke sits with Youth Choir members during snack on 16 March. Below, left, the choir prepares to sing "Light It Up," their composition completed in one hour. Below, right, the youth and adult choirs join to sing Boyce's "Alleluia."*



## **Ministry Musings**

by  
**The Rev'd Jennifer**

Mandatum is a Latin term meaning *commandment* or *mandate*, and during Holy Week we live into the mandate Jesus models for us by washing each other's feet. Not only does Jesus model servant leadership but he also models and mandates how we are to love and care for one another, which requires a certain degree of vulnerability. Being vulnerable is rarely easy for most of us, but Jesus teaches us that vulnerability is an essential quality in embodying Christ's love.

One of the ways I have witnessed Christ's love being embodied at St. Andrew's is through the Congregational Care Committee. A group of committed volunteers gather each month to share in the pastoral care of the congregation. Some make home visits, some have watchful and faithful eyes to notice when another parishioner hasn't been in church for a while, and all embrace the vulnerability of pastoring to another who is suffering in mind, body or spirit. We are so blessed to have such a caring and committed team of parishioners who assist the clergy with the care of the congregation.

As a clergy person, I often hear people say, "I didn't tell you I was in the hospital because I know you are so busy." I can assure you that NO clergy person is ever so busy that they wouldn't want to know that you or your loved one is suffering. Care of the community is paramount in ministry and lives into the commandment or mandate that Jesus gave us the night before he suffered and died on the cross. "Love one another as I have loved you," Jesus says. Caring for one another - washing each other's feet if you will - is how we do that in a community of faith.

In a congregation the size of St. Andrew's with the added fluidity of seasonal residents, our Congregational Care Committee is an essential element of the pastoral care of the community. Claire Pace beautifully and faithfully leads our volunteers Anne Watkins, Jennifer Giles, Betsy Dexter, Nonie Reynders, Elizabeth Lowell, Gail Goddard, Diane Caldwell and Bill Morgan in assisting Jay and me with visits and reaching out to parishioners who need care. Please let us know when you or someone you love falls ill, when a loved one passes away, or when you will travel for an extended period. None of us are ever too busy, distracted, or preoccupied to make room for YOU! YOU are what matters at St. Andrew's and we want to continue to live into Jesus' commandment to love one another in the best way possible.

*The Youth Choir* reached exciting new heights during March and April. We spent a special day with Luke Concannon, who guided us in listening deeply and turning those moments into music. He encouraged the choristers to notice how inspiration can come through feelings, melodies, and even quiet moments. Through creative exercises – like singing freely while facing a wall or listening closely into their hands – students began to discover their own musical ideas. When we came back together, their shared ideas grew into an original song, "Light It Up," which was performed on 12 April. With so much creativity still flowing, we continued writing original songs in the following rehearsal. The choir also took on the challenge of performing "Alleluia" by William Boyce, a three-part canon, beautifully supported by the adult choir sopranos and altos. It has been a joyful and inspiring couple of months! Our final performance for the spring session will be on Saturday 16 May at 5 PM (parish hall or patio TBD). – *Nicole Densmore*

*See photos, p. 2*

## *Last Sunday* Looks Ahead – 31 May Anera

Our May Outreach will provide humanitarian relief to help the most vulnerable people in the West Bank, a long-embattled region that in recent months has experienced increased conflict, turmoil and suffering.

Hunger, housing, water and other basic human needs have always been core priorities for our monthly Outreach appeals. Recent campaigns have supported people as far away as the Sudans, Sierra Leone, Haiti, Honduras, and Gaza. We have also helped communities and people as close geographically as Newport, Claremont, Concord and the Kearsarge region.

In May our appeal will aid those suffering in the West Bank where present needs are profound and immediate. Anera (American Near East Refugee Aid), whose motto is “Where Hope Finds a Way,” stood out as a clear choice among many organizations that respond to the basic needs of those in Palestine.

Since 1968, Anera has worked to help refugees and communities affected by conflict in Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan rebuild their lives with purpose, opportunity and hope. What began as a response to urgent humanitarian needs has grown into decades of sustained partnership, working through teams that live and work in the communities it serves and ensuring sustainable and immediate impact.

Anera’s website ([anera.org](http://anera.org)) describes its values regarding humanitarian assistance:

Inspired: We bring energy and determination to every initiative, motivated by the strength and resilience of the communities we serve.

People-centric. We listen first. Every individual has dignity, potential, and the ability to contribute meaningfully to their community.

Collaborative. Partnership is at the heart of what we do. We work alongside local organizations to achieve shared, lasting impact.

Versatile. In challenging environments, we adapt, innovate, and find practical solutions that move work forward.

Impactful. We focus on results that matter, delivering programs that create real, measurable changes in people’s lives.

Accountable. We hold ourselves to the highest standards, responsible for the trust placed in us.

Anera is focused on the greatest current challenges to those living in the West Bank: food insecurity, healthcare, access to clean water and sanitation, restriction of movement, infrastructure breakdown, economic hardship and education. Anera runs critical programs in these areas. It invests in job creation and vocational training programs to empower youth and women with practical skills, enabling them to build livelihoods amid persistently challenging conditions. Early childhood development and infrastructure projects have improved learning environments for thousands of children, ensuring safer, more supportive spaces to grow and thrive.

Anera has suggested we mark our check “West Bank - Emergency” to assure that our funds go where our donation will do the most good in the West Bank. Please consider a contribution to this vital safety net, knowing that all donations will be matched by our generous anonymous donors.



## *Last Sunday* Looks Ahead – 28 June Childcare

Childcare at St. Andrew's soon could be a reality, and our church community will begin to fulfill our commitment, made a few years back, to help address the severe shortage of high quality, affordable childcare in the Kearsarge region. Your generous financial support through our June Outreach campaign is essential to maximizing the success of this exciting venture.

Precious Moments at St. Andrew's will serve up to 12 children and offer year-round childcare, assuming final Vestry approval of project details. The center will be run by Candace Smith, *right*, an experienced childcare operator and mother of five who currently runs a small childcare operation from her home in Wilmot. The new center will be owned and governed by a nonprofit corporation. Candace and any other employees will work for the nonprofit. The center is designed to operate without contribution from the annual church budget.



*I'd love to see little kids running around in our backyard. It brings energy and vitality to St. Andrew's. – Jerry Coogan, St. Andrew's Vestry member*

A bonus of this new relationship is that St. Andrew's will be enriched by the presence of happy, chirping youngsters. The children will use Classrooms 1 and 2 during weekdays. We also need a fenced outdoor play area with safe recreational equipment. This play area will be available to local children and families when not in use by the childcare center. (New Hampshire law provides broad liability protections to encourage such community access to privately owned recreational areas.)

*By supporting childcare opportunities, you are supporting educational opportunities and rights for all genders and future generations in your own backyard. What better way to support our neighbors, family and friends than to share our church building to pave the way for future generations? – Liz Kellett, St. Andrew's parishioner and, with Jeremy, parent of three*

Why do we believe our effort can succeed where so many fail? Success is never guaranteed, of course, but our venture has several key advantages that arise from the church's active involvement. First, because this endeavor fits squarely within our Outreach mission as a church, we will provide space at substantially reduced cost. Second, the nonprofit board, which we are helping to create but will not control, will provide business acumen, operational support, and childcare experience to promote quality, affordability and fair treatment of both families and the childcare providers.

Third, our church possesses volunteer energy and relevant experience, so that we might lend a helping hand to the center by working and playing with the children and offering occasional relief and assistance to the hardworking childcare staff. Finally, St. Andrew's can raise substantial funds to defray initial infrastructure and startup costs, playground construction, address special needs and opportunities that may arise, and deliver financial assistance to deserving families (whether at Precious Moments or another area childcare center).

Success takes a village, and we as a church community are that village. We have already made needed improvements to the lower level. Much of this work has been handled by selfless church volunteers, dramatically reducing the expense. Nevertheless, lead-safe remediation and testing,

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## Wardens' Words

A few of us from Saint Andrew's recently had the pleasure of attending the post-season celebration at the Warm Welcome Shelter (WWS) in Claremont. Pizza was served in the parish hall at Trinity Church, where on colder nights guests would be sleeping on cots.



Zadiah Eisenberg, the pastoral community connections coordinator at Trinity, welcomed volunteers and took a moment to celebrate some important victories. She noted that the mission of WWS is to "provide a welcoming space and to ensure anyone in our area has access to a warm place to sleep during the coldest time of the year. Uniting volunteers and local partners, we provide emergency shelter, meals and dignity to our unhoused neighbors, creating a safe space and upholding a culture of respect and care for the people in a situation that is no one's first choice." She explained how her work at the shelter taught her about faith, both in her community and in her fellow human beings, as people stepped up to care for one another.

In January of 2024, Trinity Church opened its doors as a "low barrier" shelter after ministering to someone who later died from exposure to the cold. The hope was that other area churches would follow and support the shelter where, although no drugs (or weapons) are allowed, people are not required to be sober to sleep with everyone else in the parish hall. Several Claremont churches, including First Congregational Church, St. Joseph and St. Mary's provided monetary donations and/or volunteers in support of WWS. Southwestern Community Services, a Keene-based non-profit that assists low-income people and families, has provided financial support and valuable expertise on running shelters.

This past winter, WWS opened on 1 December 2025 (a month earlier than a year ago) and closed on 31 March. The shelter was open 121 nights from 8 PM till 8 AM, a 50% increase from before. WWS provided 1340 "bed nights" for its guests who ranged in age from 3 to 78 years old. WWS now has 11 paid staff members and over 40 volunteers, with responsibilities ranging from welcoming guests to making laundry runs. Zadiah was happy to report that a donated washer and dryer are also to be installed on premises, which should cut down on clothing being discarded.

She thanked the volunteers and supporters that raised over \$154,000 for the shelter. That includes St. Andrew's, which has provided funding through our Last Sunday Outreach program, clothing donations from our Thrift Shop, and multiple volunteers including both our clergy members Jay and Jennifer. — *Paul Catsos and Nancy Rollins*

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new wiring and signage, paint supplies, and door upgrades all cost money. In addition, it will be expensive to build a play area with fencing and equipment that makes us all proud. Financial assistance requires significant funding as well. All funds raised will be held and managed by the church.

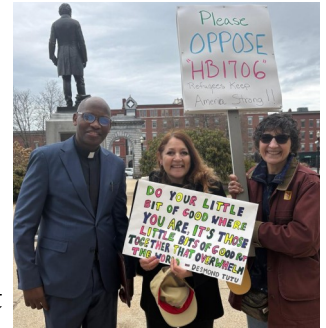
Through your characteristic generosity, and with the benefit of our matching donors, we can build a sturdy financial safety net as a tangible indication of our shared church commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of local children and families. The need is real, and the stakes are high. If you want to learn more, please reach out to Jim Mathias.

**St. Andrew's** hosted a remarkable conversation between Michele Flournoy, Jared Goldfarb and Jim Mathias on the war in Iran (*see photo, p. 10*), and we continue to gather around the flag on Thursdays from 5:00 - 5:30 PM to pray for healing in our nation and in the world. No signs or slogans, just silent prayer punctuated by song (*see photo, p. 8*).



**STAND for Justice and Peace** is of the church but does not speak for St. Andrew's. Formed by members who feel called to follow up prayer with action, we take steps to address social and political issues in our community and in our nation. STAND meets regularly in the parish hall to identify, discuss and plan action steps to draw attention to issues that affect the well-being of people living in New Hampshire. Our advocacy has contributed in its own small way to some notable successes:

- The release of Pastor Steven Tendo from Strafford County Jail
- The rejection of a new ICE facility in Merrimack
- The defeat of HB1706 in the state legislature that would have ended federal funding for support of refugees in N.H., including Overcomers (the recipient of our March Outreach Offering that is led by Rev. Clement Kigugu)
- The surprise defeat of SB101 which would have mandated open enrollment for all public schools and deepened educational inequality
- An uplifting "Hands Around the Green rally" as part of a national No Kings Day in March



We also heard first-hand about the Rev. Mark Pendleton's experience ministering to ICE detainees in the Dover jail via an online conversation. We are reaching out to the Principal of Kearsarge Regional Middle School in response to his plea for a community-wide response to racist behavior in our local schools. Finally, we have scheduled a "Rapid Response Training" to be delivered by the Rev. Jon Hopkins of the Granite State Organizing Project that teaches how to be a responsible bystander when witnessing an ICE arrest.

Church and community members are welcome to attend STAND for Justice and Peace meetings. The next meeting is on Monday, 11 May at 12:30 in the parish hall. — *Lou Moses and Angela Strong, Conveners*

### LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBERS WANTED

Would you like to give witness to the value of St. Andrew's in your life and to ensure its ministries for generations to come? If so, we invite you to become a member of St. Andrew's Legacy Society and join the 23 families and individuals that have already chosen to do so.

Our Legacy Society recognizes people who have remembered St. Andrew's Church in their wills or have made provision for the church through other planned gifts. Those in the Society are a select group and our aim is to make the Society better populated! You can help us do so!

You can become a member of the St. Andrew's Legacy society by simply notifying us that you have named St. Andrew's Church as a beneficiary in your will or planned gift. Enrollment forms are available in the church office or on its website. There is no minimum gift required. If you have questions about your participation, contact George Jamieson. We are grateful to all of you who have contributed to the Legacy Society and for your support of the future of St. Andrew's. — *George Jamieson*

## Calendar of Events

### May

- 7 (Thursday) - Open meeting to discuss childcare at St. Andrew's, 5:35 PM (see p. 5)  
 11 (Monday) - Composing a Life book group, 10 AM (see p. 10); STAND meeting, 12:30 PM (see p. 7)  
 13 (Wednesday) - Composing a Life book group, 4 PM (see p. 10)  
 18 (Monday) - STAND Rapid Response training, 7 PM (see p. 7)  
 22 (Friday) - Friendly Kitchen (see below)  
 23 (Saturday) - Kearsarge Chorale concert, 3 PM (see p. 10)  
 31 (Sunday) - Last Sunday offering to benefit Arana (see p. 4)



### June

- 5 (Friday) - Voorhees scholar interns arrive  
 22 (Monday) - Composing a Life book group, 10 AM (see p. 10)  
 24 (Wednesday) - Composing a Life book group, 4 PM (see p. 10)  
 28 (Sunday) - Last Sunday offering to benefit Precious Moments at St. Andrew's (see p. 5)

**Monday to Friday** 12 Noon Midday Prayer (in parish hall and on ZOOM)

**Tuesdays** 4 PM Bible study with Jared

**Thursdays** 5 PM Vigil for the Nation (photo above);

7 PM Choir Rehearsal (in choir room downstairs) through 18 June

**Third Thursday** (most months) 4:30 PM, Vestry

**Saturday** (May to September) 5 PM Eucharist in parish hall or on patio

**Sunday** (May to September) 8 & 10 AM Eucharist at Old St. Andrew's



*Almighty and ever-loving God, be constantly with us during this period of discernment. Guide us as we collectively identify the spiritual gifts and devotion to the church that we seek in the person who will become our next bishop. Hold open our hearts and minds, help us to see and to listen, and look with favor upon all who engage in this holy work. We ask this in the name of our savior Jesus Christ, sent by you to accompany us in ministry and shepherd us into life eternal. Amen.*

The Bishop Search Committee notes that applications to be the 11th Bishop of New Hampshire are open through 11 May. Our diocesan profile can be found at <https://www.nhepiscopalbishoptransition.org/profile>. Read it and share it!

### Help Re-Stock the KLS Community Food Pantry May: Cereal

### June: Hearty soups & stews

Paper towels, toilet paper, coffee (regular, decaf and instant), peanut butter and jelly, cake and brownie mixes and monetary donations are always welcome.



Our next visit to the **Friendly Kitchen** is Friday, 22 May. Friendly Kitchen is one of St. Andrew's longest running outreach projects. The kitchen has one purpose -- to feed the hungry. Let JoAnn Hicks know if you would like to help. With lots of help, she says, it is an easy task.



## United Thank Offering



The UTO Grants Committee has begun the process of reviewing the requests for 2026 grants, which focus on fostering justice and bridging divides. Forty grant proposals were received totaling \$1.52 million. For awards to be announced in May, proposals address issues of gender-based violence and social injustices, to peace building, to ministering to historically marginalized communities.

The focus of 2027 grants will be the Gifts of God for the People of God. Projects that focus on connecting the unique gifts of a particular church, diocese or province with the unique needs of its local community will be awarded.

An example of a project that would align with the 2027 call for a proposal might come from an urban church located near a hospital and realizing that the nurses who work there have difficulty finding daycare for their infants. In response the church proposes adding an infant room to its existing preschool to meet this pressing need. The give-back is that the nurses can return to work after giving birth, confident in the knowledge that they can walk across the street to breastfeed during work breaks. The nurses give back by continuing to provide health care to the community at large.

In addition to the UTO boxes on the narthex shelf, there are envelopes in which you may place a one-time offering and mail it directly to UTO at any time. Please consider using either to express your thankfulness for something good. – *Anne Hall*

*Thrift Shop co-manager Jackie Thompson continues a series of biographies of the volunteers at St. Andrew's Thrift Shop with Jeannie Henskens. Jackie notes that Jeannie is very friendly, always willing and eager to take on new tasks while volunteering, and always has a great new idea to share.*



Jeannie Henskens is one of our younger volunteers, at age 65! Born and brought up in Deerfield, Massachusetts, she holds a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Syracuse University, a Bachelor's in Nursing from Columbia University, and a Master's Degree in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania. Married to Bob Henskens, they adopted twin daughters, now 27, from Ukraine at age 3. They feel so incredibly lucky that Lela and Vica came into their lives.

Jeannie began her nursing career at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia from 1986-2003, after which time she began working at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon. She says she totally loves working with children, and has had such a wonderful career!

She has been volunteering at the Thrift Shop for about five years, taking time during her day off to spend time in the shop. She loves meeting people and chatting with them. She also "loves the clothes – you never know what you are going to find!" she says.

Jeannie would like to be remembered as a kind and friendly person. There is no worry about this. Anyone who has come into the shop on a Thursday morning can attest to how kind and helpful she is to all of the customers. She also thinks "how truly blessed we are to have a community like St. Andrew's. It is a treasure not to be taken for granted." – *Jackie Thompson*



Above, in March, parishioners gathered for Lenten study based on Merton's writings; Jim Mathias, Michele Flournoy and Jared Goldfarb discussed issues involving the U.S., Israel and Iran, open to the public.



Iona pilgrims in April were blessed from the start (left) with blue sky and waters that lasted all week. Above, we gather at the Nunnery.

Alison Seward has announced **Composing a Life book group** titles for May and June. Titles for subsequent months may be discussed at meetings in June as well.

We will discuss *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor on Monday, 11 May at 10 AM and Wednesday, 13 May at 4 PM.

On Monday, 22 June at 10 AM and Wednesday, 24 June at 4 PM we meet to discuss *Stone Yard Devotional* by Charlotte Wood. A review of this title appeared in the March-April Network.

**Faith and Issues book group** meets on Zoom most Saturday mornings beginning at 9 AM.

Into May the group is reading and discussing the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three Families* by J. Anthony Lukas. *Meditations for Mortals: Four Weeks to Embrace Your Limitations and Make Time for What Counts* by Oliver Burkeman will take the group into June.

For the Zoom link, please contact Katrina Wagner.

The **Kearsarge Chorale** will present its spring program, *Celebrating America*, under the artistic direction of Alex Ager on Saturday, 23 May at 3 PM. The program comprises a mix of American composers and lyricists as we celebrate America's 250th anniversary. Among the eleven pieces are familiar and expected ones, including "Shenandoah" and "America the Beautiful," while others including "Love Is Love" and "Resilience" by Abbie Benitis may be new to the audience. Several St. Andrew's members are part of the Chorale.

Local instrumentalists of the New London Brass, who played at our Palm Sunday services, join the Chorale for the four songs comprising Gwyneth Walker's "The Morning Train."

Advance sale tickets at \$15 each (students free) are available on the Chorale's website ([www.kearsargechorale.org](http://www.kearsargechorale.org)), from Chorale members and at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London. Tickets at the door will be \$20 each.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE**

Thanks to an enormous outpouring of volunteer help, there has been activity in nearly every part of the St. Andrew's buildings in the last two months!

With help from Shelly Boucher and Billy Kelly, security cameras were installed at the primary doors on Gould Road. We also installed a keypad and a buzzer at the main door. A new phone system and photocopier were also purchased.

John Moses and Harvey Best put a fireplace insert in the Parish Hall and John refinished andirons to match. Downstairs, preparing classrooms #1 and 2 to host Precious Moments at Saint Andrew's (see p. 5), Harvey installed new door jambs, replacing ones that had tested positive for lead paint. We pried open some windows and repainted, and had hard-wired fire alarms and exit signs installed, bringing the spaces up to code for hosting children.

Betsy and Jim Dexter repainted the downstairs vestibule. With some help from Jim, 30+ boxes of documents from behind the altar, where construction workers will soon install new insulated windows, were moved to the downstairs lobby. Uninsulated windows in the kitchen will also be replaced.

We are grateful to everyone who helped purge, shred and sometimes dry three decades worth of documents. Special thanks to Anne Watkins for organizing what turned out to be a bit of a rescue mission. That's because we moved the documents downstairs just before 26 March when the water line into our building from the street ruptured. By the next morning, water spread into the hallway, the library and where those boxes of documents were now. In short, it damaged every room we had renovated following the water damage in 2024, and more.

With some extremely timely help from the Water District and Bruce Smythe, we shut off the water and located the damaged section of pipe a few feet underground in the sanctuary crawl space. Donnell's Plumbing repaired the leak late on 28 March but we were left with quite a mess, including original floor tiles that peeled up beneath the recent new flooring -- necessitating an abatement company, as asbestos was found in both the original tiles and their glue. Fortunately, our insurer has indicated there is coverage for the loss, including removal of the asbestos tiles.

We greatly appreciate everyone's patience as we deal with this unexpected setback, including the inability to access the downstairs bathrooms for a while. The abatement work is wrapping up, so we can again walk through the downstairs areas.

The sanctuary renovations, which Bob Feuerstein has been heavily involved in planning, are not impacted by the flooding. Work there will begin in earnest during the week of 4 May, with both Sunday services commencing at OSA, and with oil ordered and the furnace there serviced for the first time in 11 years! -- *Paul Catsos*



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**The Rev. Charlie Tirrell**

**The Rev. Dr. Katrina Wagner**



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**Paul Catsos (expires Jan. 2027)**

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**Mike Quinn (expires Jan. 2027)**

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*Term Expires Jan. 2027*

**Gerry Coogan**

**Susan Feyrer**

**Kathy Mathias, Clerk**

*Term Expires Jan. 2029*

**David Crandall**

**Jennifer Giles**

**Anne Watkins**

*Term Expires Jan. 2028*

**Billy Kelly**

**Jim Dexter**

**Kathleen Hunter**

**Western Convocation Delegates**

**Alternates**

*Term Expires Jan. 2027*

**Jennifer Giles**

**Lynn Salo**

*Term Expires Jan. 2028*

**Mike Thomas**

**Nancy Rollins**

*Term Expires Jan. 2028*

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