



2022
ANNUAL REPORT

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Report from the Rector

Submitted by Jay MacLeod

I spent the final hours of 2022 on the eastern edge of the Sea of Galilee, at the guesthouse of Ein Gev Kibbutz, with eight young people and fourteen adults on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Christian formation, worship and mission come together on pilgrimage. Twelve of us discovered this truth earlier in the year at St. Christopher's Mission in Bluff, Utah. We are not alone. Church attendance may be dropping in Europe and America, but pilgrimages are booming because they provide spiritual experiences which many people, even those who think they are not religious, crave.

Our pilgrimages were highlights of 2022, but there was also much to celebrate amidst the bread-and-butter of parish ministry. Thanks to our singers and dozens of others who contribute to inspiring liturgy week in and week out. Our Vestry retreat revealed the primacy of worship in our work and witness, and prayerful reflection led to ambitious plans for Christian formation, engaging children and young families, and pastoral care of older church members. Implementation began in 2022 and will continue apace in 2023.

Discerning God's Spirit at work in the world, St. Andrew's undertook several initiatives that had not been anticipated at the start of 2022. We teamed up with Braver Angels and offered four workshops that addressed the political polarization in our nation. We created Dodge, Drum & Sing to provide much-needed after school enrichment for local children. And we pioneered Messy Church, a monthly worship service where young and old experience God's love by playing and praying together.

Thanks to Kathleen Rusnak, we deepened our understanding of evil, and we were invited to confront our fears and to find our voice with the help of the Holy Spirit in a Lent course based on *The King's Speech*. An outdoor Stations of the Cross connected us to our crucified God. Under Katrina Wagner's leadership, *Faith & Issues* thrived in 2022. We offered God 101 in the Fall which proved popular with parishioners and the wider public and led nicely into the Bishop's Visitation when seven people were officially received into the Episcopal Church.

We re-roofed and re-opened Old Saint Andrew's Church, created new outdoor adventures for Boston youngsters, and enjoyed a jazz-infused Harvest Festival. The Thrift Shop had a strong year, and our congregation continued to prove its generosity in our Last Sunday Outreach Offerings and through annual pledges and planned giving.

This was a team effort, and while there are far too many people to thank by name, I'm especially grateful for Joe Daly's wise leadership as he retires as warden, and I want to thank retiring Vestry members Chris Heyl and Chuck Thompson as well as Convocation delegates Pat Goodwin and Karen Floyd Shepherd.

The Wardens' Report

Submitted by Joe Daly & Karen Zurheide

In last year's annual report, your wardens noted that 2021 was a disappointing year since we were still somewhat Covid-limited in terms of in-person gatherings (no coffee hours, no foyer dinners, no celebratory assemblies). On the other hand, we also noted that the spiritual life at Saint Andrew's burned perhaps brighter than ever, thanks to live-streaming of services, then the resumption of indoor services, and despite the ongoing pandemic, an increase in new parishioners!

In 2022, Saint Andrew's has continued to grow, not only in terms of new members, but also in prospects for Christian Formation, Serving our Elders, and Reaching out to Younger Families and Children. These three priorities, as you will recall, were identified by the Vestry at its retreat in June, and we have made great strides in developing methods for accomplishing these objectives during 2023.

The Rector and the Vestry focused on several challenges and initiatives in 2022 which will continue into 2023. The challenges included funding the replacement of the roof at Old Saint Andrew's, and at the end of the year the Vestry approved a plan to seek proposals for the repair of the crumbling walls, steps and patio facing Gould Road. A committee has been meeting with contractors and designing a selection process so that hopefully, by the end of 2023, these repairs will be completed. In addition, the Vestry appointed a Capital Needs Task Force consisting of Becky Rylander (Chair), Harvey Best, Mary Eysenbach and Bob Feuerstein. This group is charged with developing a 25-year plan to identify the needs of the physical plant of the church, including recommendations for scheduled maintenance, repair, or replacement. An additional challenge was to keep a watchful eye on the impact of Covid on our ability to worship in-person, and Russ and Ginny Register did so, providing weekly updates all year to the Rector and the Vestry. Thanks so much for your work, Russ and Ginny!

The initiatives accomplished were many: Messy Church, the resumption of a team of Eucharistic Visitors, a 'Newcomer's Gathering,' a new Parish Directory, and a grant from the Diocese for a part-time Missioner to assist the Rector in 2023. Under the leadership, guidance and teaching of Jay MacLeod, the St. Andrew's community can look forward to continuing to learn how to walk with Jesus in the way of love in 2023 and beyond!

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Michael Quinn, Treasurer

In the year just passed, 2022, we saw our congregation providing financial support at a gratifying level. We substantially exceeded our budgeted pledge revenue, while other operating revenue sources held steady.

On the expense side, over-all we underspent versus budget. The savings were concentrated in Buildings & Grounds Expense and Program Expense.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges (prior & current)	\$443,227	\$406,000
Other Operating Revenue	61,027	60,833
Total Operating Revenue	\$504,253	450,000
Investment Income	42,201	43,913
Personnel Expense	\$297,263	\$290,790
Administration/Finance	137,092	136,250
Buildings & Grounds	27,550	42,200
Utilities	17,357	16,250
Program Expense	30,964	40,800
Total Expense	\$510,227	\$526,290
Prior year carry over	--	25,000
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$21,746	\$(7,337)

With the benefit of our income stream from investments, we finished the year with a surplus.

In addition to these good results, St. Andrew's benefited from \$121K in special purpose and planned-giving. While these offerings are not considered operating revenue, they will be reflected in the financial statements for 2022 and will benefit the church over time.

We finished the year with \$146K in operating cash; down slightly from last year, but our net investment in fixed assets (equipment, buildings and land) increased from \$382K to \$451K. At this writing, we have not yet received our year-end investment report.

The church's liabilities are limited to day-to-day expenses and obligations under restricted gifts or deposits. As a result, subject to the receipt of the investment report, St. Andrew's has a preliminary fund balance of \$1,676,596.

2023 Budget is available at this link: [2023 BUDGET](#) and hard copies are in the office.

Music at St. Andrew's
Submitted by William Ogmundson

2022 was an exciting year, musically! The choir has grown to the point where we barely fit in our allotted space anymore, and now can easily handle four-part music. We have been blessed with many new members, including David Balfour, Kathy Thomas, Donna Grant, Janet Miller Haines, Michael Todd, Madelyn Gearheart, and an old friend of Saint Andrew's, Donald Cox.

We have also bolstered our instrumental offerings significantly. In addition to Nicole's regular flute playing, we have been fortunate enough to have instrumental performances by Ayla Frenkiewich, Emmy Potter, Michael Todd, Karen Lemaire, David Balford, Nina Rogers, Becky Rylander, Russ Potter, Alice Perry, Linda Barnes, and last but certainly not least, Oliver Andrews.

Highlights of the year include (but are certainly not limited to) Linda Barnes moving rendition of "The Crucifixion" on Good Friday, our joyous Easter morning celebration with two trumpets, two flutes and percussion, Jim AuBuchon's stirring bagpipe solo as prelude, and Nicole and Kathy's sizzling duet as a postlude on Saint Andrew's Day, the Gearheart family mini-concert on Christmas Eve, and also the choir's beautiful rendition of "Sleep, my Jesus, Sleep" a few hours later.

Also worthy of recognition is Jennifer Giles, for faithfully leading the singing for the 8am service every Sunday. Her angelic voice provides a sense of peace and calm, and Saint Andrew's is so fortunate to have her.

Last but very certainly not least is Dodge, Drum and Sing, the musical component of which was fearlessly led by Nicole Densmore. More than 40 kids from NLES were enriched by the experience, and Jay and Nicole deserve a standing ovation!

In conclusion, 2022 was a year of joy and growth, and we hope to build on that going forward.

Youth Music at St. Andrew's
Submitted by Nicole Densmore, Director

"Use what talents you possess. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best." - Mary VanDyke

In the spring of 2022, *Dodge, Drum & Sing* was born! Jay led the dodge (outdoor games on the green), I led the West African drumming and Will accompanied the children on the piano for the singing. Thirty-two area students, in grades K - 4, were engaged in this very popular program. (There was a waiting list with twelve more children on it as the YMCA afterschool care program closed.) We met for a total of seven Fridays, from 3 - 4:30 pm.

I'm very grateful for the help of the following "shepherds" who organized the preparations and serving of snacks, as well as general guidance for all the DDS participants. They made things run smoothly and became gentle supporters of many children.

Alice Perry
Paul Catsos
Fifi Mitchell

Marni Eaton
Ellen and Gardner Yenawine

Another whopping twenty-eight children participated in *Dodge, Drum & Sing* in the fall. We met for four Fridays in the month of September. Many of these participants also attended the October Messy Church. So fun!

Alison Vernon and her wood working helpers created a beautiful Advent offering in conjunction with December's Messy Church as another opportunity to engage area youth in artful experience.

Twelve tone-chime ringers met after school in the month of December to prepare two hymns for the Christmas Eve 4PM family service. Four of those children also sang the moving song "Star Child." A few of them experienced their first communion that day!

I am becoming increasingly aware of my role as a trusted educator in the area who becomes a familiar face when people walk through the doors of St. Andrew's. I look forward to welcoming more of my students through the engaging opportunities that this loving church offers to our community. It is an honor to work and live here.

Green Committee

Submitted by Ed Hoyt

The focus of 2022 was preparing a proposal for a solar array, a proposal which was warmly accepted by the Vestry in November. The array will be placed on the parish hall roof facing south toward Main St. It will have 45 solar panels (5 rows of 9 panels) and is expected to produce an average of 18,970 kwh annually over the life of the system. If everything goes according to plan, the array will be in place by August. The extraordinary backstory here is that someone approached the rector with a generous offer to anonymously fund a solar array, and now it is about to be installed.

During the first months of 2023, the Green Committee is represented on the Buildings and Grounds Task Force. This will help establish priorities and shape collaboration between the two committees going forward.

Buildings and Grounds

Submitted by Harvey Best & Chris Heyl

The major activity this past season was the installation and restoration of the roof at Old St. Andrew's.

Our roof on the Gould Road church is also showing need for repair. Ice dams on the roof caused melting water to leak over several sanctuary windows. A similar leak occurred in a ceiling fixture in church office.

Water was also a problem in the boiler room. Whenever heavy rain developed we found that water would drain into the basement through the main electrical conduit. We had to create a temporary drain away from electrical boxes until Eversource corrected the problem.

Numerous trees at OSA and Gould Road were trimmed and cleared as needed. Plumbing repairs were needed at OSA when water was turned on in the Spring. This Fall the building has been winterized with anti-freeze and drained-pipes. In both church buildings, as incandescent bulbs fail, we are replacing with energy-saving LED bulbs.

Future Project: On-going meetings with contractors to gather estimates for restoration of our patio and stairway.

Landscape & Garden Committee

Submitted by Mary Eysenbach

One more evergreen was planted to add to the six from last year along the border by the Inn's parking lot. All the new trees are doing well although threatened by snow-plowers. Four dead trees were taken down at St. Andrew's and one at OSA. Taking down costs a lot more than planting new! Wonderful volunteers again spread the work around. Especial thanks to Judy Brown as chief weeder, to the tree team of Ed Hoyt, Jerry Coogan and Woody Canaday, and to all the others who weeded or watered. I hope there may be some new faces (and hands) for 2023.

Altar Guild

Submitted by Judy Ackroyd & JoAnn Hicks, Co-chairs

The ministry of the Altar Guild is to prepare the sanctuary for services, care for the altar linens, and prepare for special services. Following services, we clean up and deliver altar flowers. Members are assigned to one of four teams and each team serves for 2 weeks at a time. There are usually two members serving at each service. New members are always welcome. We especially need members that attend Sunday's 8:00 service. If interested in serving St. Andrew's in a quiet way speak to any member or after a service stop in the sacristy to see what we are doing. Current members are: Rosie Best, Judy Brown, Diane Caldwell, Marni

Eaton, Janet Miller Haines, Fifi Mitchell, Pam Morland, Claire Pace, Marilyn Paradis, Alice Perry, Lin and Emmy Potter, Noni Reynders, Becky Rylander, Lynn Salo, Joanne Schuyler, Judy Ackroyd & JoAnn Hicks.

Eucharistic Service Ministers

Lectors, Intercessors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Acolytes

Submitted by Anne Hall, Verger

There are acolytes of all ages! That's right. If a person is willing to serve and is at least eight, St. Andrew's is happy to train and have individuals serve at either or both services. A crucifer carries the cross and two acolytes bear the torches. All participate in the Gospel processional. One acolyte assists the presider setting the altar for communion. Another acolyte handles the collection plates. We thank those who served this year: JoAnn Hicks, Marni Eaton, Claire Pace, Katy Potter, Erin & Jenna Wheeler, Gardner Yenawine, and the Frenkiewichs: Ayla, Kylin, Keby, and Aldyn. Please note that two of those individuals are now attending college and another has decided to stop serving as an acolyte. If you would like to serve St. Andrew's as an acolyte or have any questions, please contact the verger at verger@standrewsnl.org.

There are lectors and intercessors of all ages! Yes, as long as a person can read, they may serve St. Andrew's reading a lesson, psalm, or the prayers at the services on Sundays, Holy Days or at a celebration of life. A schedule for each season is provided listing the readings so that the lectors can prepare prior to the service. Training is provided periodically. We thank Jim AuBuchon, Harvey Best, Sharon Blain, Suza Bowser, Missy Carroll, Jody Cooper Rubin, Joe Daly, Marni Eaton, Nancy Fleming, Ginny & Randy Foose, Ayla & Kylin Frenkiewich, Tina Helm, Gail Goddard, Janet Miller Haines, JoAnn Hicks, Tina Helm, Christine & Mark Kellett, Elizabeth Lowell, Julie & Peter Machen, Emmy Potter, Alice Perry, Russ Potter, Nina Rogers, Nancy Rollins, Becky Rylander, Andy Seward, Susan Schweizer, Karen Floyd Shepherd, Leslie Smith, Jackie Thompson, Katrina Wagner, Loa Winter, Ellen & James Wassell and Ellen & Gardner Yenawine for serving St. Andrew's in this important ministry. Some of those serving in this ministry head south during the winter months reducing the number available. If you would like to become a lector and intercessor, please contact the verger at verger@standrewsnl.org.

Eucharistic Ministers are licensed by the Bishop after their application has been approved by the Vestry. They must be 16. After receiving training from the rector and verger, they assist clergy with the administration of the sacrament during the Sunday and other Eucharistic services. They are included in the lector/intercessor seasonal schedules so that they may know when they are scheduled to serve. Our thanks are extended to Marni Eaton, JoAnn Hicks, Christine & Mark Kellett, Nancy Fleming, Claire Pace, Alice Perry, Theresa Quinn, Karen Floyd Shepherd and Gardner Yenawine. There is a need for additional Eucharistic Ministers as you

can see from the short list provided. Please step up should you desire to serve. If you have any questions or would like to become a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the verger at verger@standrewsnl.org.

Another important ministry is that of ushers who keep the service running smoothly, following COVID protocols, greeting, maintaining quiet in the sanctuary prior to the service, seating late comers at the appropriate times, collecting and presenting the offering, assisting with traffic flow to and from communion and assisting the Altar Guild with cleanup of the church. Many thanks to Susie & Jim Aubuchon, Mary Bayerl & Peter Ruth, Rosie & Harvey Best, Diane Caldwell, Joe Daly, Gail Goddard, Pat & Gene Hall, Tina & Bill Helm, Janet & Chris Heyl, JoAnn Hicks, Lisa & Billy Kelly, Marilyn Paradis, Susan Schweizer, Maureen Strachan, Jackie Thompson, Ellen & Gardner Yenawine some of whom will be away over the winter months reducing those available especially at the ten o'clock service. A plus for ushers is getting to know members of the congregation. If this appeals to you, please contact the Verger at verger@standrewsnl.org.

Eucharistic Visitors

Submitted by Ginny Register

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Program is active again. This group of lay St. Andrew's Eucharistic Visitor volunteers was reactivated in the fall to establish a larger group to assist Jay in bringing Home Communion to members unable to attend church. Jay held two meetings at the end of October & early November for those who thought they might be interested in this spiritual ministry. He went over the duties and procedures of being a Eucharistic Visitor. An important aspect of being a Eucharistic Visitor is carrying out our mission of bringing God's strength and Grace through His son Jesus Christ to our parishioners. We provide a time for church members to take a moment out of their lives to pause and connect with the Healing Spirit and Peace of God. In the Eucharist we bring the "spiritual food that heals." We currently have 16 Visitors, and approximately 18 persons to be visited. Most of the visits are monthly, some are quarterly, and a few are weekly. We also can be inclusive of developing situations. For example, recently a Eucharistic Visitor was speaking on the phone with someone who hadn't been in church for a couple of weeks. This person had recently fallen and had been unable to attend church. Our Visitor asked if the person would like to receive Home Communion. The person said they would. So our Visitor picked up the consecrated elements at church and brought Home Communion. If you think you might want to become a Eucharistic Visitor, or would like to receive Home Communion, please contact Pastor Jay at: jay@standrewsnl.org or by phone at 603-748-8754 or at church 603-526-6344. Or for questions about the program you might also contact the Coordinator.

Craft Group (aka Crafty Critters)

Submitted by Barbara Smith

This year was much as it was last year for the Craft Group due to the ongoing covid pandemic. Again, in the warmer weather we grabbed our chairs and met on the church grounds to check on each other, catch up and work on our crafts. For the second year we held a church fair in September which was well attended, and the “Craft Tables” were quite full. We did very well in sales. During Advent we had Sunday sales of gift baskets, small Christmas trees, decorations and had a Cookie Walk. We plan to return to our old schedule of two fairs, one in July and one in early December in 2023. We would love to have you join us at 10am on Tuesdays for crafts, coffee, nibbles and fellowship. Bring your own craft or come to learn something new. You might even try your hand at making jewelry!

Network Newsletter

Submitted by Alice Perry, Editor

Published bi-monthly, St. Andrew’s newsletter, *The Network*, regularly includes “Jay’s Say,” from our Rector, “Wardens’ Words,” parish updates such as marriage, memorial service and baptism, and birthdays. Committee updates from all of the groups represented in this annual report, highlights and photos of recent activities plus announcement of future events, an occasional “lay contemplation” piece, items of community interest and suggestions for community service and outreach are all featured as well.

Each issue is posted on our website at www.standrewsnl.org under the Inform tab in advance of the first day of the odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September and November) with notification arriving within a standard parish email. (Please be sure the office has your current email address.) A limited number of printed hard copies is available on the narthex shelf. Please check out the current issue if you haven’t already.

The newsletter welcomes your submissions. To ensure timeliness, the deadline is the 20th of every even-numbered month (February, April, June, August, October and December) – but don’t wait! As soon as you have something of interest to share with our parish community, please do so. You can send text (Word format) and/or photos (jpg) electronically to the editor at perry46@tds.net. Please continue to send ideas or items that keep the church community informed of our mission, our programs, our people, our service: all that constitutes the life of the church.

OUTREACH COMMISSION

Submitted by Elizabeth Lowell

St. Andrew's parishioners responded generously to the needs of those less fortunate than we in 2022. And recipients have gratefully noted the difference that our support has made in enhancing lives. The following summary details our support:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Contributed</u>	<u>With Match</u>
January	Kentucky Tornado Relief	\$6,800	\$13,600
February	Dismas Home	\$4,545	\$ 9,090
March	Hero Pups	\$1,750	\$ 3,500
April	Migrant Justice/Milk with Dignity	\$3,500	\$ 7,000
May	Navajoland/Tiny House	\$8,500	\$17,000
June	TLC Family Resource Center	\$3,185	\$ 6,370
July	Voorhees University/scholarship	\$5,000	\$10,000
August	AFEDJ/Gaza Hospital	\$2,600	\$ 5,200
September	The Haven	\$3,283	\$ 6,566
October	El Hogar	\$4,785	\$ 9,570
November	Clinque Sant Esprit, Haiti	<u>\$3,731</u>	<u>\$ 7,462</u>
Total		\$47,679	\$95,358

Since the Outreach Commission started in May of 2019, this year of 2022 marks our highest level of giving. As we give from our abundance, may we never forget our Lord's call to care for "the least of these."

OUTREACH

Submitted by Becky Rylander

In addition to our generous Last Sunday donations, St. Andrew's engages in a number of outreach activities, many of which require personal action other than dollar donations. They are all outlined on the following chart. If one or two spark your interest, please contact the person whose name is listed by that activity for more information.

I'd like to call your attention to our Phillips Brooks Partnership especially. Twice during the summer we entertain a group of inner city kids from Boston who are part of the Summer Urban Program run by the Phillips Brooks House Association (PBHA)--a program that Jay was involved in helping to start when he was a Harvard student. PBHA is a non-profit located at Harvard that was started over 100 years ago and now comprises over 80 programs and 1400 volunteers. You can learn more about PBHA at PBHA.org.

The two groups of youngsters come to us for an overnight camp-out at Mt. Sunapee and a variety of outdoor sports such as hiking, swimming, and boating, to

say nothing of meals. It truly takes a village to feed them (two lunches, supper, breakfast, and snacks. Many volunteers are needed to lead and accompany the activities and feed them. The kids are invariably well-behaved and being part of their visits is rewarding and fun. Watch the newsletter, emails, and bulletins for more information.

<i>Project</i>	<i>What it is</i>	<i>What is needed</i>	<i>St. Andrew's Contact</i>
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In our parish:

Meals to the Rescue/Meal Train	Provides meals for parishioners who are ill or otherwise in need of help.	Help with cooking and delivering meals.	Sharon Blain
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Provides prayer shawls to parishioners or community members for whom we are praying.	Knitting or crocheting. See www.prayershawlministry.com for sample patterns and come work with the Craft Group.	Craft Group & others
Loafers	Welcome for newcomers.	Deliver fresh bread and information to new members. Answer any questions.	Marilyn Paradis

In our community:

Thrift Shop	Sells used clothing and uses the proceeds to benefit St. Andrew's outreach and many local philanthropic organizations.	Clean, gently used clothing appropriate to the season. Volunteer time working in the shop.	Jackie Thompson
KREM (Kearsarge Regional Ecumenical Ministries)	A consortium of local churches providing emergency assistance.	Prayerful support of our representative(s) and donations at ecumenical services and events.	Froncie Quinn
Kearsarge-Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry	Provides food to needy in the area via a food pantry located at the First Baptist Church.	Food, funds, & time. Non-perishable food, especially peanut butter, tuna fish, and other protein items. A collection box is located in the hall. Also \$\$ and volunteer time.	Gail Goddard
Thanksgiving Food Baskets	Collection of seasonal food during November for distribution—a joint effort with other churches.	Food and \$\$ when requested in November. Also help organizing. (\$\$ during pandemic)	Mark & Christine Kellett
The Giving Tree	Community Christmas Project for needy families.	Christmas gifts matched to identified wishes following instructions provided in Nov by LSRVNA.	Judy Wheeler
Pocket Crosses	Pocket-size crosses available in the hall in exchange for a free will gift to benefit LSR Food Bank, KREM, and the Friendly Kitchen.	Buy a cross or two and/or lend woodworking help.	Harvey Best
Dodge, Drum, & Sing	An after-school program held at church on Friday afternoons in spring and fall.	Help with activities and snacks.	Nicole Densmore
Messy Church	An all-age program that links creativity, worship, and a meal.	Help with creative activities and/or a simple supper.	Padre Jay Alison Vernon

In our state and beyond:

The Friendly Kitchen	Provides dinner bimonthly for 100-120 homeless and needy in Concord.	\$\$ and help preparing and serving food on the fourth Friday of every other month.	Janet and Chris Heyl
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ChiPs –Toys for Children of Incarcerated (on hold during pandemic)	A collection of toys for incarcerated parents to give their children for Christmas.	Unwrapped toys collected in October and delivered to Diocesan Convention in early November.	Volunteers
Phillips Brooks Partnership	Outdoor experiences for inner city children.	Volunteers and equipment for hiking, camping, swimming, tubing, sailing and cooking out	The Rev. Jay MacLeod Lisa Kelly
The Seamen’s Church Institute	The Institute provides spiritual, social services, and professional support to seafarers and river mariners.	Knitted hats and scarves, For patterns and info see website or Becky, Judy, or Shelly: www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea	Becky Rylander Judy Ackroyd Shelly Boucher
Annual Crop Walk	Regional, intergenerational walk around Pleasant Lake to raise funds for hunger relief. First Sunday in October.	Walk and/or donate \$\$.	TBD

In the world:

Clinique Saint Esprit, Haiti	Funding of a pediatrician’s salary for a project to save infant lives.	\$\$ from Last Sunday donations and other	Elizabeth Lowell Becky Rylander
El Hogar	A residential school in Honduras that equips very poor kids to succeed.	\$\$, support for a possible service trip, and becoming familiar with their programs..	Becky Rylander
Navajoland	Support work of Episcopal Church in Navajoland	\$\$ and possible participation on service teams. Learning about Navajo traditions.	Lisa Kelly, & Becky Rylander

Faith and Issues

Submitted by Katrina Wagner

During 2022 we read eleven books, alternating a Faith based theme book with one having a compelling Current Issue theme. We really enjoyed meeting via Zoom and sharing our insights on Saturday mornings from 9:00- 10:30. Depending on the book, on average, we “completed” each book in 3-5 weeks. For Advent and Christmas we chose our own readings; and during the year, also took a few sensible breaks! As always, we welcome newcomers!

Braver Angels

Submitted by Woody Canaday

Many of us are concerned with polarization in our public and private discourse and want to know how to communicate with people we disagree with in a way that honors our common humanity and mutual interest. Braver Angels is a national organization, largely of volunteers, committed to this end. Beginning in 2016, they have developed workshops and other events that help us to re-learn and practice tools for listening and speaking more effectively.

St. Andrew’s collaboration with Braver Angels began in late 2021 with an invitation from Bishop Mark Beckwith (retired), who is part of the leadership team

of the national organization. Braver Angels had previously engaged with individuals and wanted to start working with community and faith organizations as well. Mark introduced to Bishop Rob Hirschfeld and our Rector the idea of hatching a partner organization within a parish of the New Hampshire Diocese. Jay took up the invitation and asked the congregation for “blue”- and “red-leaning” volunteers to staff a leadership team.

The team includes David Balford, Woody Canaday, Paul Catsos (replacing Penelope Whitman who has moved to Asheville), Jennifer Giles, Peter Ruth, and Jeannie Sperry – with Jay as active advisor. Mark Beckwith was featured at our launch event on Palm Sunday, 2022, attended by 80 parishioners, and this was followed on May 14 and 15 with two sessions of a workshop, *Skills for Bridging the Divide*, moderated by Bruce France, from Albany. The challenges of working with materials not yet revised for “post-COVID” in-person meetings inspired the team to dig deeper into the curriculum and share suggestions with the partner team within the national organization.

Jeannie Sperry felt called to train as a Braver Angels Moderator so that St. Andrew’s now has its own “home-grown” talent. Jeannie subsequently moderated two highly rated workshops, *Depolarizing Within*, on September 25th and *Family and Politics*, on October 30th. In addition, Paul has recently been accepted for training as a Moderator, further deepening our in-house talent pool.

While Moderators are the “face” of Braver Angels, the workshops require extensive planning and careful execution and follow-through. Members of the team are actively involved in developing goals, objectives and strategy; testing online offerings and observing local events (including BA’s training of 100 New Hampshire legislators in Concord in 2022); doing dry runs of workshops and offering musical introductions and transitions; writing marketing materials and managing registrations.

After a successful introductory year, in 2023 we plan to invite the wider community to workshops and potentially other events. In the meantime, parishioners are encouraged to further develop and practice skills they have learned in the workshops by participating in online events of braverangels.org, and signing up for online forums managed by the New Hampshire Braver Angels Alliance. As a Braver Partners organization, St. Andrew’s can offer up to 100 free one-year Braver Angels memberships. Contact wcanaday@braverangels.org for the link.

THRIFT SHOP

Submitted by Jackie Thompson & JoAnn Lyon, Co-Managers

We were able to open the thrift shop from January – December without interruption. This allowed us to have a most successful year in many ways. Our volunteers and substitute volunteers remained steady and always ready to help with anything. We have the best volunteers who keep the thrift shop open and thriving. JoAnn Lyon has become my Co-Manager and is a fabulous asset to the thrift shop with her knowledge and background in retail sales. We work as a great team, and I am eternally grateful for her assistance. Several new volunteers have been added to our team during the year as well. We offered a 20% discount in the shop to college students, especially Colby-Sawyer College. It's been fun to meet the students who come in on foot and on bicycles! We opened a Boutique room which offered formal apparel from gloves to tuxedos, with an impressive selection of dresses and jackets for those special occasions. We have held bag sales which are always very popular, and BOGO sales (buy one get one free) on pants and shirts. During the Christmas season we displayed multiple shelves of ornaments and decorations at very low prices. Our selection of winter coats for the entire family far exceeded what we could ever have imagined. We are happy to report that we were able to provide \$750 in thrift shop vouchers to those families who frequent the food pantry. We remain available to assist Wish List NH, New London Hospital, and LSRVNA when they have emergency situations which require emergency clothing assistance. St. Andrew's goal was for an \$8,000 donation to the church budget. We were able to increase the figure to \$10,000. We also were able to increase our donations to \$2,000 for the School Nurses Emergency Health Fund with \$400 to each of the five local elementary school nurses. These nurses use the funds to provide needed clothing and accessories for children who might arrive at school without the proper clothing. And we again were happy to be able to donate \$1,000 to KREM, which is always facing emergencies especially during our winters. We added a \$1,000 donation to the Kearsarge Regional Partners this year as this organization strives to assist those in need in our area.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH	\$10,000
School Nurses Emergency Fund	\$ 2,000
KREM	\$ 1,000
Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
TOTAL FOR 2022:	\$14,000

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2 February 2022

With about 50 parishioners present on Zoom and representing a quorum, Jay opened the meeting with words of welcome and a prayer.

***Motion** was made and duly seconded, and so voted to accept the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 2021 as written and received.*

***Motion** was made and duly seconded, and so voted to accept the Annual Report of 2021 as written and received.*

Jay asked outgoing Warden Marni Eaton to present the slate as follows:

Karen Zurheide to a two-year term as Warden

Russ Register to serve second three-year term on the Vestry

Claire Pace and Billy Kelly to serve three-year terms on the Vestry

Chuck Thompson to complete Karen Zurheide's term on the Vestry (one year)

JoAnn Hicks and Barbara Smith to serve two-year terms as Convention Delegates

Alice Perry to serve a two-year term as Alternate to Convention

Because we are entitled to a second alternate, nominations from the floor were opened with Susan Schweizer's name submitted. ***Motion** was made and duly seconded, and so voted to accept the addition of Susan Schweizer to the slate as alternate delegate to Convention for a two-year term.*

There being no further nominations from the floor, ***Motion** was made and duly seconded, and so voted to approve the amended slate.*

Jay thanked vestry members going off after six years, Lisa Kelly and Barbara Smith. He also thanked Marni Eaton for her advice and hard work over the past four years as Warden.

Mike Quinn introduced the 2022 budget approved by the Vestry earlier this month, noting that the recent stewardship campaign resulted in some "extra room" in the budget. The budget had been open to parishioners for close review and discussion via Zoom earlier this week. ***Motion** was made and duly seconded, and so voted to receive the proposed budget for 2022.*

A slide show prepared by Alice Perry offered the year in review in pictures and text. In response, special compliments were paid to the Last Sunday offerings throughout the year, and to Will Ögmundson for the quality of his musical offerings, his verve and creativity.

When the meeting was opened to questions, Marni was asked what her favorite memory as Warden has been. She replied that she enjoyed all of it.

Gingie Nye noted that the pictures for the year in review were "inevitably joyful" even as we had all experienced dark days in the past year. As someone away much

of the year, she said she has been buoyed up by experiencing our “triumph and joy from afar” thanks to online availability of services.

Jay noted that some “things beneath the surface” were not captured by photos. In particular he noted and praised the Green Committee.

Asked about the number of weekly viewers of online services, Jay noted the numbers have been steady and in inverse proportion to the number of parishioners in the pews.

Leslie Smith extended compliments for the celebration of Jack Tate’s memorial service earlier this afternoon and in particular commented on the assortment of songs in the piano prelude and the Old Testament reading by Janet Miller Haines.

Katrina Wagner offered thank you to Sally, Toby, Asher and more recently Annie for their technology expertise needed weekly to share our services online.

There being no further questions or comments Jay expressed how grateful he is to the parish for our support this past year – and in turn Karen Zurheide offered thanks to the Rector.

After a moment of silence Jay closed the meeting with the words of the Grace (from Corinthians): *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Perry
Vestry Clerk