

NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S November—December 2018

Jay's Say:

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I've climbed Mount Kearsarge countless times, but I'd never hiked the Lincoln Trail that runs from the summit to the high school. When I graduated from Kearsarge Regional High School in 1979, Norman Charpentier talked about mobilizing students to blaze a new trail to the summit of Kearsarge. A wonderful teacher and mentor, Norm must have translated aspiration into reality — as usual, modeling what he expected of his students.

Descending through groves of old, twisted birch trees with sunshine dappling the raspberry and rhodora bushes, I had the trail to myself. And yet I was acutely conscious of Norm Charpentier and all those who had scouted, mapped, designed and built the Lincoln Trail.

Hebrews 12.1 came to mind: "Since we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and run with resolution the race which lies ahead of us, our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith."

It was a mystical moment. I felt connected to — and buoyed up by — those who have gone before me.

On 4 November we celebrate All Saints' Sunday. The first part of our Eucharist celebrates the heroes of the faith — the men and women in whose lives we see the grace of God powerfully at work. Encouraged by the example of those unnamed saints, we are reminded that sanctity can grow in the ordinary circumstances of human living.

Holy Communion unites the church, living and departed.

Receiving the consecrated bread and wine, we commune with those feasting at the heavenly banquet. This, too, is a mystical moment.

And so we celebrate All Souls and are powerfully united with our own loved ones who died. On Sunday, 4 November, each of us will have the chance to light a candle in thanksgiving for those whom we love but see no longer. (*Continued on p. 3*)



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Also on 4 November, twenty-seven of us will travel to the Holy Land. Here again, we are united in a special way with those who have trod this ground before us: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Miriam, Saul, Hannah, Samuel, David, Bathsheba, Solomon, Elijah, Rachel, Ruth, Naomi, Peter, Andrew, Mary Magdalene, blessed Mary and Jesus himself.

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints (and sinners) whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

(Charles Wesley)

HYMN for All Saints/ All Souls
by Richard Baxter, 1615-1691

1	He wants not friends that hath Thy love, And may converse and walk with Thee; And with Thy saints here and above, With whom forever I must be.	4	Still we are centered all in Thee, Members, though distant, of one head; In the same family we be, By the same faith and Spirit led.
2	In the communion of the saints Is wisdom, safety and delight; And, when my heart declines and faints, It's raised by their heat and light.	5	Before Thy throne we daily meet As joint petitioners to Thee; In spirit we each other greet, And shall again each other see.
3	As for my friends, they are not lost; The several vessels of Thy fleet, Though parted now, by tempests tossed, Shall safely in the haven meet.	6	The heav'nly hosts, world without end, Shall be my company above; And Thou, my best and surest Friend, Who shall divide me from Thy love?

Last Sunday Looks Ahead

Habitat for Humanity of the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area (HFHKSA) on 25 November

2018 marks the 30-year anniversary since our local Habitat organization was founded by the late Dr. John Ohler. Habitat for Humanity of the Kearsarge /Sunapee Area (HFHKSA) has built 22 homes for those in need and has completed countless ramps, handicap bathrooms, roof replacements, additions and rehabs. None of this could have been possible without generous financial support from the surrounding communities of the Kearsarge/Lake Sunapee area

This locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is a non-profit, ecumenical Christian housing organization. Habitat works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses are then sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged.

Volunteers provide most of the labor. Both corporate and individual donors provide money and materials to build Habitat houses. A well-established process is used to select families who qualify for housing. Habitat holds the mortgage and owners are expected to pay between \$800 and \$1000 monthly including mortgage and taxes. Selected families invest hundreds of hours of labor called "sweat equity" into building their own homes and the homes of others. The fall season is dedicated to yearly fund-raising, and 100% of the money collected by HFHKSA is designated for local housing projects.

My prior experience involved more than five years of volunteering with our local church Habitat group, building homes in the Hudson River Valley in New York State. After retiring from IBM I moved to New Hampshire and have since been a member of HFHKSA. Working as the Monday Crew Chief, we help construct new homes and restore countless older homes.

At St. Andrew's, the November "Last Sunday" Outreach recipient is Habitat for Humanity of the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area. Please plan to support them on Sunday, 25 November. -- *Harvey Best*

What's new at St. Andrew's Thrift Shop? Lots! The newest innovation is that the shop now accepts all major credit cards. This is something we had hoped for, and now that it is in place customers seem to be thrilled. Thanks to our new parishioner Alison Vernon, the shop has been revitalized and reorganized into a modern boutique-like place for customers to find great bargains in an inspiring atmosphere for very reasonable prices. Sound interesting to you? Well, please stop and see for yourself. The shop is open Monday - Saturday, 10:00 - 2:00. Then, we ask that you might consider becoming a volunteer in the shop: it's only two hours a week, and it's FUN! Contact Jackie Thompson if you're interested. If that isn't your "thing," please consider donating lightly used women's clothing and accessories, and especially those necklaces and bracelets you haven't worn for years, which would look lovely on someone new. You can donate household items, but nothing electrical, please, and no furniture. All proceeds benefit parish outreach programs that could use your support. Thank you in advance. -- *The Thrift Shop Team*

Last Sunday Looks Ahead

Sowers of the Kingdom on 30 December

The Last Sunday recipient for the month of December will be the Sowers of the Kingdom. The mission statement of this charitable foundation is "Sowing the seeds of God's love by partnering with those who serve Him." This 501(c)3, non-profit, faith-based organization was established in the State of New York in 2008 to provide support to those in need. By being in partnership with both missionaries who serve in the Dominican Republic as well as people within their own communities who wish to make a difference, the organization strives to pour out God's love in a variety of ways. Presently, the organization's focus is in the Samana Peninsula of the Dominican Republic. The vision of the group is to establish and maintain long lasting relationships in 12 communities throughout that region.

Working in the communities there to meet their vision, the teams who travel to the country offer medical and dental clinics, community outreach with construction projects, home visits and a school sponsorship program. These are specific examples of their efforts to build relationships. The latest ministries include sponsoring two local church baseball teams and an adult literacy program.

The foundation sends teams of 20-25 people three times each year to the Dominican Republic to offer assistance in the ways cited above. To date, more than 30 teams have travelled to the country and have touched the lives of more than 15,000 people. I have experienced their work and have participated directly over the last two years. I have worked with the team and the residents to help build a mission house in the Palmarito community, a small impoverished village in the mountains of the Samana Province. I have also assisted the dental team coming from Putnam County, New York, and have gone on several home visits to minister to the people in their homes. I will be going back for my third trip in early November and look forward to sharing what this team does on a Sunday in December. These mission trips have been both very emotional as well as uplifting experiences, and I have felt enriched by my participation in them. I previously wrote about these experiences in an article in the March-April 2018 edition of *Network News* (see <https://www.standrewsny.org/newsletters.html>).

The congregation of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church has been very generous in their support of the organizations recommended by our Outreach Commission. It is our hope that this generosity will continue by supporting Sowers of the Kingdom on 30 December. -- *Greg Vogt*

Saturday morning, 6 October, was somewhat cool and grey, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits, beast or human, for the Blessing of the Animals held on the Town Green. About 30 dogs and their masters/mistresses attended and as always, everyone quieted down for the service. The dogs almost always seem to know when they are receiving a prayer and act accordingly!

All sizes were present, from enormous to tiny, and all appreciated a "cookie" afterwards. One man who brought his St. Bernard also brought a photo of Jay blessing **two** of his St. Bernards last year as well as a tapestry he had made depicting the photo. It was quite a sight!

This always seems to be a happy experience, and we already look forward to welcoming pets or photos of pets next year for an annual blessing. - *Wendy Sloan*

The Wardens' Words:

Fall is upon us and with it come budgets, stewardship, travel and the making of holiday plans as we move toward the end of the calendar and the church year.

As a representative to the Western Convocation, I heard about the Diocesan 2019 Convention resolutions, which will be presented and voted upon 3 November in Exeter. The first resolution is the Diocesan budget. The Diocesan staff has been reconfigured and the budget has been decreased by 2.3% from the 2018 budget. There has also been a reduction in the Fair Share from 15.9% to 15.5%. The second resolution is a program proposal about renewing our faith and inspiring each member of the church to live a Jesus-centered life and providing opportunities for all to "turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest" as a rule of life. The third resolution is to embrace the current call for mentoring our youth and invites every parish to consider partnering with a mentoring organization like Big Brothers Big Sisters of NH. If you would like more information on any of these resolutions, please feel free to speak with Marni.

Our Stewardship campaign here at St. Andrew's is off to a good start. We are blessed to be part of a vibrant church and your pledge supports the church and the activities that help us to live out our mission. As the vestry works on a balanced budget for 2019, we are reminded of just how blessed we are. With your financial support in 2018, we were able to support our youth groups, strengthen our partnership with El Hogar and support our mission trip there in February 2019. We insulated the floor in the church and installed cost-efficient LED lights in the hallway. With your continued support, we will be able to continue to fund our outreach programs and improve our facilities. We are looking forward to celebrating a successful campaign at the potluck dinner on 30 November. —
Marni Eaton and Bruce Avery

Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

The mystic on her knees, the clasping
hands,
the swaying of the incandescent flame,
inside the church, the cancelled wedding
banns,
the chanted words and humming vowels
proclaim
an empty heart, an empty soul, the loss
of light inside a thrilling, beggared heart,

impatient with the ritual of dross
and longing for a rapturous fine art
that echoes in the music of the dark
and calls the bride to look with magic eyes
to see the unseen exclamation mark.
Though blind, she swears to wear the
wedding gown,
and kneels to wash the feet and shine the
crown.

— *Suza Lambert Bowser*

“God’s Fun” at Epiphany Intentional Community (EpIC)

With the winding down of our liturgical year and the anticipation of the beginning of a new one, my mind and prayers are prone to thinking of Advent, and planning for the next season of life, both my own life and the life of the church. And then, as if on cue, Jesus constantly reminds me, as he did in Matthew 6:34: “...do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

With that in mind, I would like to stop and acknowledge what has been done. I would like to thank all of you at St. Andrew’s as well as our friends at Epiphany in Newport for such a warm welcome here to New Hampshire. It has been a whirlwind of a month, getting settled into life in the Parish House in Newport, parish life at Epiphany and here in New London, as well as juggling my full-time job at Hannaford’s in New London. Time sure flies by when you are having fun, especially when you are living into what I call “God’s fun.”

When we live into “God’s fun,” I think we realize that the present moment is all that we have, and that there is no use in trying to force the next moment. We must wait, patiently, and live into the moment, allowing mischievous grace to bring it to us with joy and peace. That being said, as we await news of when our other members of our new intentional community will arrive, I am hopeful to get to know each of you and the communities of Newport and New London better. And in the meantime, hopefully with grace, you will get to know me better as well.

I would like to say a special thanks to Nonie Reynders and to David McCrillis (of Epiphany, Newport) for their hard work coordinating and leading the charge to transform the ground floor of the Parish House in Newport. I would also like to thank all of you who generously donated your gifts of time, talents and treasure to make this transformation possible. And also, I would like to thank all of you for your openness to the dream of God that is playing itself out here in Newport and New London. It takes the practice of great faith to open your doors and step out into the unknown. We have come this far, and now, I believe we are being invited to step out further, to walk with Jesus in the way of love, and with each step, becoming more deeply part of that beloved community to which we are called. I pray blessings on our journey together.

In Christ’s peace,

James



Stewardship: Blessed to be a Blessing to Others

Jay got our 2019 stewardship campaign underway with a flourish on Sunday, 7 October when he preached about St. Francis and the example he set for sharing God's gifts with others.

Following that example, stewardship allows us to show our gratitude for God's bounteous gifts to us by sharing them to further His work in ourselves, our parish and our community -- helping to nourish our own spiritual life and foster the wellbeing of those whose lives we nurture.

To support our parish needs and build on the varied ministries, missions and programs that make St. Andrew's such a vital and vibrant church we have set a goal of \$390,000 for the 2019 stewardship campaign, or \$10,000 more than we raised in 2018.

Last year 46% of the pledges were for increased amounts, resulting in an average pledge of \$2,468. To meet our 2019 goal we need to continue and build on that momentum. We're confident we can if we appreciate that our faithful stewardship is rooted in gratitude for God's blessing on us and our calling to be a blessing to others.



Like last year we have decided on a short stewardship campaign. You told us how much you appreciated the brevity. This year we will celebrate the conclusion of our campaign with a potluck dinner on St. Andrew's Day, Friday, 30 November, complete with Scottish-themed entertainment to honor our patron Saint - and the ancestry of Clan MacLeod.

Nicole Densmore and her Folk Fusion colleague, Laurie Reeder, will light up the evening with a selection of popular Scottish folk songs and ballads. There will also be a prize for the most authentic Scottish dress. Mark your calendar, it should be fun. -- *Morris Edwards*

YouthOnMain (YOM) is an interdenominational initiative serving the Lake Sunapee area middle-school youth of all faiths seeking ways to connect with peers. Leaders include Lynn Wenger, Teresa Jackson, and Ellen Yenawine. This initiative is supported by local churches including St. Andrew's. To sign up your 6th-8th-grader or for more information contact Ellen Yenawine.

YOM is a program designed to nurture faith, hope, and charity, build strong peer relationships, encourage mutual respect, civility and generosity, and provide service to the community as well as to provide activities that are fun and inspirational for our middle-schoolers and their friends on the second Saturday of each month. **Details will be confirmed each month, published in the Kearsarge Shopper, and sent via email. Please RSVP and bring a friend.** — *Ellen Yenawine*

10 November: "Chopped": Cooking, serving, and fun! Dress up for a fancy night out

Where: Our Lady of Fatima, New London

When: 6:15 PM

Cost: Free!

8 December: Game Night (includes snacks)

Where: First Baptist Church, New London

When: 6:30-8:30 PM

Cost: Free!

Voices in Counterpoint

Dear Friends,

Holy Serendipity!

Recently a friend pulled me aside at coffee hour (What would we do without coffee hour?) and asked me a question concerning Parish Choir and Christmas. My friend asked whether or not a person could join the choir just for the season.

I replied that I thought it was a fine idea, and that I would give it some thought and come up with a plan. The conversation went even further. I was asked whether we might sing some of the Christmas music of English composer John Rutter. Rutter's music is quite well-known and loved, and our Parish Choir has sung a few of his anthems and carol settings in the past. It has been a while, however, since we last sang something by him.

After coffee hour, I went down to the choir room to close up shop for that Sunday morning. I remembered that there was a little collection of music for the season in our library. I had never really paid much attention to this volume before. It had been on the shelf from long before I arrived at St. Andrew's. Out of curiosity, I looked for the copies. I found them immediately, more than 30 in number.

Christmastide: Twelve carols for mixed voices. Looking inside I found a bouquet of holiday delights! These included two arrangements by Rutter, as well as his original carol, *Mary's Lullaby*. I was so taken by the morning conversation and discovery that I decided to share this little story with the singers in the choir.

We have a plan. Beginning on Thursday, 15 November, choir rehearsal will start half an hour earlier, at 6:30 PM. Anyone who wishes to sing with the Parish Choir for the Christmas season is most welcome to join us. We will spend the first hour of each rehearsal working only on music for the season.

The "season" will include singing on the following Sundays as well as on Christmas Eve at the Candlelight Eucharist.

23 December, The Fourth Sunday of Advent, 10 AM Eucharist

24 December, Christmas Eve, Candlelight Eucharist

6 January, Feast of the Epiphany, 10 AM Eucharist

Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings. During Thanksgiving week, rehearsal will be on Tuesday evening, 20 November. This schedule should give us adequate time for preparation.

If you are interested in joining us, please let me know. You may call me at home, leave a message for me with Shelly in the Church Office, or – best of all – catch me or another choir member at Coffee Hour on a Sunday morning.

Peace and Love,
David

Getting to Know Us

This is the fourth issue where we profile vestry members. Please see next page for another member, and subsequent issues for additional bios, or our website at <https://www.standrewsnl.org/newsletters.html> for back issues you might have missed. Please contact any one of us (identified on the back page) with your questions or concerns about life at St. Andrew's.

Harvey Best is serving a three-year term in the Vestry that began in January 2017. He has been involved in the life of St. Andrew's for 15 years including two other non-consecutive terms on the Vestry and serving on the Search Committee when we called Jay. His involvement with habitat for Humanity, November's last Sunday recipient, is also addressed.



Brooklyn born, raised, educated and married. The Episcopal Church was always my spiritual base and foundation in life. My parents came to America from Canada during the Depression. They instilled a strong work ethic and love of God in me.

I married young and travelled the Northeast working for sub-contract engineering firms building components for the Lunar Excursion Module (LEM). Our travels took us to numerous towns until we ended back in East Fishkill, New York working for IBM Corporation. I stayed with IBM for 30 years as an equipment engineer and manager, until retirement.

I was married to Janet for 35 years until cancer took her life in 1999; we had raised three children. In those years the church was always a part of our family life and it included Sunday school teaching, Vestry membership, Building & Grounds activity, Sexton and membership on search committees.

In 2003, I married Rosemarie and we moved from New York State to Andover, New Hampshire. We quickly discovered St. Andrew's Church in New London. With a second marriage for each of us, we now enjoy five adult children and 12 grandchildren. We have been here now 15 years and continue to be involved with Vestry, Building & Grounds, Craft Group, Outreach Commission and winter and summer fairs.

My activity outside church includes volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and helping maintain The Fells Historic site in Newbury. Once a month I read to the pre-school children at the Andover Library. As time permits, my hobbies are fly fishing, skiing, furniture restoration, boat-building and travelling the world with Rosie.



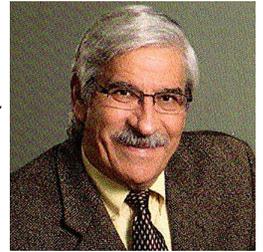
MARK YOUR CALENDERS---The St. Nicholas Fair will be on 8 December this year from 9 AM to 2 PM. The craft group is busy making items for the craft table. We are also collecting items for Santa's Treasures, and there will be a bake table, children's activities and a wonderful luncheon. Watch for more information to come and sign up to help when sheets show up on the narthex shelf.

Remember everyone is welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 at the craft meeting through the first week in December, and later when we start up again in the new year. Enjoy fellowship, great refreshments and join in the making of projects to sell. Any ideas you may have for projects are always welcome. — Barbara Smith

Getting to Know Us

Greg Vogt is also serving a three-year term on the Vestry that began in January 2017 and has been active in the life of St. Andrew's – and St. Andrew's in his life – since coming to the area in 2008. See also p. 5 where Greg highlights December's Last Sunday recipient Sowers of the Kingdom.

I was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, and, to this day, despite living in New England, I remain a strong Buffalo sports fan. My early schooling was part of a good Catholic family with four sisters and I continued to stay with that tradition until I decided to explore the Episcopal faith. This study became more intense when I met my wife Janis who was born and raised Episcopalian. We were married in St. John's Episcopal Church in Pleasantville, New York on Woodstock weekend in 1969. I was received into the Episcopal Church in 1972.



Jan and I raised two wonderful children, Jennifer and Justin, and now they have two sons each, so I have four grandsons.

My career was spent in education. After receiving my Bachelors and Masters degrees from Canisius College in Buffalo, I began my teaching career in Alden, NY as a middle school English teacher. Service in the Army came next and, on the strength of the GI Bill, I earned my PhD degree in Educational Administration from Syracuse University. I served as a Junior-Senior High School Principal in Pennsylvania before returning to New York to work as a Superintendent of Schools. I worked in several districts in New York for the next 27 years as a Superintendent, retiring as a Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Superintendent from Monroe #1 BOCES – a regional service agency providing key programs which school districts cannot offer on their own – in Fairport, NY in 2005. My work then as a Professor of Educational Administration at SUNY Brockport ended in 2008 when Jan and I moved to New Hampshire. We lived in New London while we built our home in Washington, NH, where we resided until Jan's passing in 2015. I remained in Washington until my move to New London this past July. I have also worked as a Superintendent for the Plainfield and Croydon school districts in New Hampshire.

St. Andrew's has been an important part of my life ever since we came here in 2008. I have felt completely at home in St. Andrew's and have tried to be involved in church life to help in any way I could. I have served the parish in a variety of roles, as Lay Eucharistic Minister, lector, usher, Vestry member and now as a member of the Outreach Commission. I am also assisting with the service team trip to El Hogar in Honduras for February 2019. I have also spent time performing missionary work in the Dominican Republic for the past three years. When I am not busy with all of that, I enjoy reading and working on my stamp collection. Throughout everything I do, however, St. Andrew's remains an integral and vital part of my life.

Reel and Novel Theology

We take a break in November and December this year. Please join us when we resume in January. 9 January (Wednesday) – *Shoes of the Fisherman* (reel)

13 February (Wednesday) – *East of Eden* (book)

Additional suggestions for discussion are always welcome. Please keep in mind that the titles we choose – book or film – are meant to shape our understanding of ideas like love, compassion, forgiveness, redemption; in other words, those markers we encounter in following Christ.

Sunday School

Sunday school, held on the second, third, and fourth Sunday of the month is composed of two groups: children in kindergarten through third grade, and children from fourth grade up and any children not yet confirmed. We use the Whirl curriculum materials, which are relevant for all ages and focus on applying faith in daily life as well addressing the questions and challenges that arise in our Christian formation.

On the first Sunday of each month, we include children and families in all aspects of the service as we celebrate All-age worship. Nicole Densmore, our Director of Youth Music, often shares a song with the children prior to Sunday school.

We have an *urgent* need for teachers and shepherds. Shepherds are not responsible for lessons but support the teachers and provide extra hands in the classroom. The kids are wonderful; collaborating with them is lots of fun! We will be happy to mentor teachers; the curriculum is easy to follow and administer. If you feel the tug, *even slightly*, to teach or shepherd, please get in touch with Ellen Yenawine.

Please also see p. 8 for information about "Youth on Main."

Faith Adventures



Faith Adventures is our ecumenical middle-school youth group for those in 6th-8th grade. Our leaders include Steve and Nancy Allenby, Cindy Johnson, Jeff Maguire, and Ellen and Gardner Yenawine. Please contact Ellen Yenawine if your child is interested in joining us. We are also encouraging our youth group members to bring friends with them!



Our beach picnic in August was graced with good weather, fun and fellowship, and good food! Kids, parents, siblings, and leaders enjoyed kayaking, paddle-boarding, paddle-boating, swimming, and picnicking on Little Lake Sunapee.



In early October several youth as well as Jay and some adult members of the St. Andrew's and Epiphany congregations attended a retreat on the Psalms at Moosilauke Ravine Lodge facilitated by Dr. Don Saliers and Nicole Densmore. Despite the misty weather, everyone enjoyed the beautiful setting where all could relax, sing, play soccer and nighttime hide and seek, and study the Psalms with Don. Each participant also had the opportunity to create individual psalms and to share those with the group.

On 21 October Faith Adventures joined the folks at Bittersweet for a Fall Fling party, which included riddles, fall Jeopardy, fall songs, and lots of good food and socializing. Bittersweet residents provided lots of goodies and great decorations. A good time was had by all.



Coming up on 18 November, we will meet at St. Andrew's for Thanksgiving Jeopardy and a Christmas cookie bake-off. On 16 December, we will join for a caroling party and cookie delivery. — Ellen Yenawine

High School Youth Group Happenings

Now in its second year, the Youth Group provides a space for high school students to deepen their faith and support one another on the journey. We meet every Sunday after church to explore our faith together and discuss how it manifests in our day to day lives. On the last Wednesday of every month, Kate and Isabelle (a junior at Colby Sawyer) lead a bible study/fellowship where peers take a break from their hectic schedules to encourage and support one another as they delve deeper in their faith journeys together. We also offer opportunities to put faith into action through monthly service projects in the local community, and encourage participation in various programs such as retreats, workshops and service trips that enhance leadership skills and support spiritual growth. Oh, and we also have lots of fun! At least twice a semester Emmy and Erin help coordinate field trips and/or social activities like movie nights, lock-ins and sledding.

A few highlights from our inaugural year: we logged lots of volunteer hours doing things like helping out at Reuben's Rescue Ranch and gleaning at Spring Ledge Farm; we took field trips to see the Christmas lights and nativities at La Salette and the Clothesline Project at Colby Sawyer; we had fun at game night, movie night, our first lock-in, and during a day filled with pizza, sledding and hiking; we attended the March for Our Lives Rally in Concord (*pictured below*); and we hosted a community forum on Gun Violence. This group may be small, but they are mighty!

This year is off to a great start. We participated in the CROP Walk in September and, thanks to your generous donations and sponsorships, were able to make a significant financial contribution. In October, we were blessed with the chance to refresh and renew at the Psalm Retreat With Dr. Don Saliers. We're just getting started though... Here's a glimpse at what's coming up in the next couple of months: community service including gleaning at Spring Ledge Farm, helping with Thanksgiving Baskets, assisting with children's activities at the St. Nicholas Fair, and organizing a warm clothing drive in advance of our participation in the Homeless Vigil in Newport; field trips to see the movie *The Hate U Give* and to visit the Church of the Woods; and the chance to participate in the diocesan Youth@Convention event.

If you are interested in learning more or just chatting about the wonderful things going on with this amazing bunch of young folks, please feel free to contact Lisa or Billy Kelly.



Opportunities to Serve Others in the St. Andrew's and Area Communities – *by Anne Hall*

There are many other ministries in which you may serve in addition to the liturgical ministries on Sunday morning (outlined in the September-October *Network*). In this issue I would like to highlight those which reach out to others. Please let me or the contact person know if you are interested in an activity. (Contact email address information can be found in the church directory.)



Greeters welcome people to church as they arrive, assist them with their belongings, introduce them to clergy and orient them to the building. Contact Janet Miller Haines.

Ushers work with greeters to ensure guests and newcomers are welcomed, distribute orders of worship, assist in seating and during communion ensuring safety. Contact Anne Hall.

Loafers visit newcomers to welcome them, providing a loaf of bread and a “newcomers” packet. Contact Marilyn Paradis.



Hospitality – Those scheduled provide light refreshments during coffee hour following the Sunday services. Contact Gail Goddard.

Music and Memory offers weekly singing sessions for those struggling with Alzheimer's and memory loss, and their caregivers, on Wednesday mornings, 10:00 – 11:30. Contact Sally Asher or Jen Giles.



Thursday Tots is an informal group for babies and toddlers and their parents, grandparents or caregivers meeting during the school year from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. Contact Sally Asher.



College Care Packages provides packages of goodies to those away from home. Contact Rosie Best and Diane Orecchio.



Food Pantry is an area food pantry to which St. Andrew's members donate different items monthly (*see p. 15*). Contact Gail Goddard.



Friendly Kitchen, a soup kitchen in Concord at which St. Andrew's serves the evening meal on the fourth Friday every other month (*see p. 15*). Contact Judy Ackroyd.

Epiphany 4 H Explorers, a once weekly afterschool program for Newport youth at Epiphany Church that provides hands on, experiential learning opportunities with a focus on science, art and community service, Mondays 2:30 – 4:30. Contact Aaron Jenkyn.



Upbeat Youth Choir, a once weekly afterschool program for Newport area youth at Epiphany Church with a focus on singing and percussion. Members of Upbeat are welcomed back on Saturday to help lead the music for Epiphany's evening worship service. Fridays 2:30 – 4:30. Contact Aaron Jenkyn.

Calendar of Events

November:

4 (Sunday) - All Saints Sunday

23 (Friday) - Friendly Kitchen

25 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, open plate to benefit Habitat for Humanity of the Sunapee/Kearsarge Area (see p. 4).

30 (Friday) - Stewardship celebration pot-luck dinner, 5:30 PM (see p. 8)

December

8 (Saturday) - St. Nicholas Fair, 9 AM–2 PM

30 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, open plate to benefit Sowers of the Kingdom (see p. 5)



Watch for announcements of Christmas season services.

Monday to Friday 12 Noon Midday Prayer ▼ **Mondays** 6 PM Meditation
Tuesdays/Thursdays 9 AM Morning Prayer
Wednesdays 10 AM Music & Memory
Thursdays 10 AM Thursday Tots, 7 PM Choir *except* 6:30 PM, 15 Nov. – 3 Jan.
Saturdays 5 PM Worship at Epiphany, Newport



Help Re-Stock the KLS Community Food Pantry

November: Cereal

December: Hearty Soups and 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 planned for Friday, November 23. Watch for the sign-up sheet to see how you can help in November.



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