

# NETWORK NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S July—August 2022

## Jay's Say:

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Our vestry retreat began with this question:

"Reflecting on your experience of St. Andrew's, when have you felt most alive, most involved, most spiritually touched or most excited?" Divided into pairs, we went on to ask each other, "What do you value deeply about St. Andrew's, what is the single most important thing that our church has contributed to your life?" And having considered the past and present, the final question was about the future: "If God gave you three wishes for your church, what would they be?"

Working in pairs, small groups and all together, with time in between for prayerful reflection on our own, we listened, synthesized, strategized and imagined until we identified several priorities and goals (which we'll be ready to share by summer's end after a bit more refinement). Thanks in large part to Susan Schweizer's facilitation, our retreat was exceptionally fruitful. It was also exhausting. And as our wardens suggest in their article (*see page 6*), it was a joyful experience.

Twenty-four hours before the vestry gathered at Karen Zurheide's home, we celebrated Brooks' baptism at our 10 o'clock Eucharist. In Christian tradition joy is associated with gratitude, childlike delight, simplicity and purity of heart, and all of these were abundantly evident on Sunday morning.

That word "joy" also describes our Messy Church celebration of Pentecost five days after our retreat. According to the Bible, the coming of the Holy Spirit so infused the first followers of Jesus with joy that observers suspected them of being drunk on new wine (Acts 2.12). Across all ages and in each element of Messy Church — the welcome, the activities in the parish hall, the celebration in the sanctuary, and the shared meal on our patio — there was abundant joy (*see p. 3*).

"Alleluia," the great cry of joy, is our special song from Easter to Pentecost. The Psalms and the book of Isaiah speak not just of human rejoicing; trees, mountains, heaven and earth, and all creation sings (Ps 66.1, 96.12; Is 49.13, 55.12). That joy is something that sixty youngsters from some of Boston's toughest neighborhoods will have a chance to experience on 19-20 July and 2-3 August when we host them for outdoor adventures (*see p. 9*).

When we sing cascades of Alleluias on Easter Sunday, we do so after sharing in the anguish of Jesus's last days — betrayal, abandonment, suffering, cries and the awful silence of the cross. Christian joy is not self-satisfied contentment; it is more akin to the peace "that passes all understanding" (Phil 4.7). Our joy can live in the midst of difficulty, pain, sorrow, polarization, persecution and even death.

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## Parish Updates

### Baptism

5 June

**Brooks John Gobeil**

### Interment

26 June

**Jack Tate**



*Jay's Say, continued*

The psalmist enjoins every congregation to "sing joyfully to the Lord" (Ps 98.4), and our wonderful musicians and singers help ensure that our worship is radiant. Indeed, joy should be a key ingredient in all aspects of our common life and our mission. Every activity in service of God and neighbor shares a joyful quality. Serving those in need becomes an "enjoyment," one of the chief ends of human existence.

In common parlance, joy signifies pleasure, contentment and satisfaction in contradistinction to pain. In Jewish and Christian understanding, joy is not contingent upon fortune, good or bad, but is grounded in God's overflowing truth, goodness and beauty.

Alleluia!

*Alleluia*



John Chiarella	1
Karen LeMaire	1
Billy Kelly	2
Frances Wilson	3
Jeanne Edwards	6
Ginny Register	6
Jackie Thompson	6
Shirley Avery	7
Chloe Midgett	8
Troy Densmore	12
Kate Kelly	12
Stevie Spina	14
Nonie Reynders	15
FiFi Mitchell	22
Claire Pace	23
Jerry Coogan	27
Anne Hall	27
Susan Clark	31

## Parish Birthdays

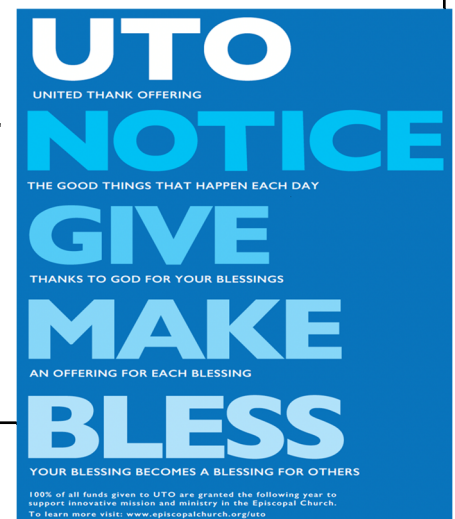


George Sutherland	4
Becky Forbes	10
Jeremy Kellett	10
Florence Millett	11
Suza Lambert Bowser	14
Kathryn Potter	15
Ann Feeley-Kieffer	16
Kathleen Hunter	17
Lucretia Jevne	17
John Tilley	17
Erin Wheeler	18
Janet Miller Haines	20
Tricia Tilley	21
Michele Frenkiewich	22
Jacob Densmore	23
Janie Webster	24
Peter Hope	25
Bobbie Hambley	28

## United Thank Offering

100% of all funds given to UTO are granted the following year to support innovative mission and ministry in the Episcopal Church.

Pick up a box from the Narthex shelf to toss change into when you are thankful for a blessing. The ingathering of boxes will be during Diocesan Convention in November. —  
*Anne Hall, Diocesan UTO Representative*







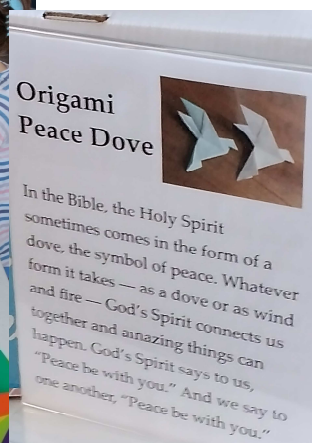
Youngsters from the elementary school over seven springtime Friday afternoons enjoyed an after-school program at St. Andrew's – **Dodge, Drum & Sing** – designed to help them flourish physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.



Noting the youngsters' interest in things they observed in the sanctuary, Jay concluded it was time to re-institute Messy Church after a hiatus caused by COVID.



**Messy Church: Church, but not as you know it!** We had a great time on 11 June as people of all ages met God in the fun space of play! Thanks to those who helped with our ten craft stations and with our meal. And thanks to Susan Feyrer, Will Ögmundson, Linda Peters and Kyle Cannon who are attending online training sessions in preparation for future Messy Church events.



Look out for our **next Messy Church on Sunday, 28 August 2022 from 4-6 PM** when our theme will be A Fresh Start and our worship will include a blessing of school backpacks. (See p. 8)

## ***Last Sunday* Looks Ahead — 31 July** **Rising Senior at Voorhees University**

The July recipient of our Last Sunday Outreach Offering is a rising senior at Voorhees University, one of The Episcopal Church's two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Located in rural Denmark, South Carolina, Voorhees has long been a higher education choice for students who are the first in their family to attend college. The first HBCU to be founded by a woman — Elizabeth Wright, in 1897 — Voorhees has recently added graduate programs and become Voorhees University.



The current media is replete with stories of college student debt; many of us have family and friends who are still paying off student loans years after graduation. Because 99% of Voorhees' students receive financial aid and beginning salaries in rural South Carolina are low, our offering will help a rising senior, already accomplished academically, go forth into the world with a smaller economic burden. The acknowledgement from last year's senior who received our support was deeply heartfelt. Our generosity indeed made a difference in that young life. We hope to do so again this year!

**The Outreach Commission** meets in person on the first Thursday of even-numbered months to receive and consider suggestions for our *Last Sunday* offering. We have agreed that our efforts should be focused on humanitarian needs, both domestic and international; and we welcome suggestions from parishioners. At our meetings we discuss potential recipients and decide who among us will do the required research and the writing.

Committee members are Elizabeth Lowell, Janet Heyl, Christine Kellett, Russ Potter, Tom Rubin, Becky Rylander and Karen Zurheide. Their contact information is in the 2022 St. Andrew's Parish Directory.

### **PLANNED GIVING AND THE LEGACY SOCIETY**

As you may know, our vestry has created a Legacy Society to recognize people who have decided to remember Saint Andrew's Church in their will or estate plans through a documented planned gift.

Gifts to the Legacy Fund are acts of hope for the future of our parish. Through God's grace and your generosity, Saint Andrew's Church will be well equipped to serve our community for generations to come.

You may become a member of the Saint Andrew's Legacy Society simply by notifying us that you have named Saint Andrew's Church as a beneficiary in your will or estate plan. If you have already done so, I'm asking that you notify the church either through me or by completing an enrollment form available in the church office.

Every year, names of new members of the Society will be added and announced at our All Saints' Day celebrations. Or, you may remain anonymous if you wish.

The Planned Gifts Committee will be contacting individual members of our parish with respect to a legacy gift. We want to thank those who have already made such a gift and will not annoy them with an additional request!

Thanks for your help! -- George Jamieson



***Last Sunday* Looks Ahead — 28 August**  
**American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**  
**Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza, Palestine**

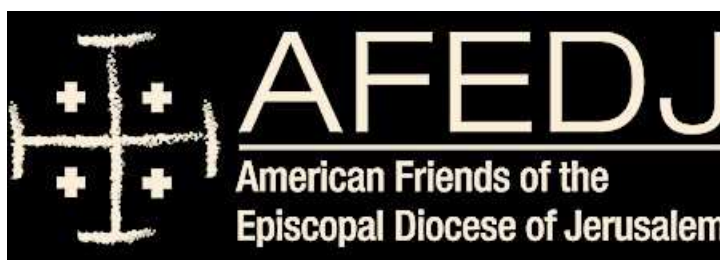
The very small land (25 miles long and 3.7 to 7.5 miles wide) of Gaza, Palestine — bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the west, Egypt to the south, and Israel to the east and north — is a densely populated home to 2.1 million people who are blockaded by both Egypt and Israel. Its impoverished residents basically captives there, “the Strip” suffers from more than 50% unemployment, lack of reliably clean water and only intermittent electricity service.

It’s been over a year since the 11 days of war between Gaza and Israel in May 2021 that killed 256 Gazans, along with damaging or destroying schools, businesses, clinics/hospitals, mosques, basic utilities, and countless residences, displacing thousands. Addressing recovery from that conflict, Suhaila Tarazi, director of Gaza’s Ahli Arab Hospital, has said, “Nothing has happened, nothing has been rebuilt. There are huge rubble piles that used to be buildings, and streets are still impassable. Those who lost homes have moved in with their families. Now you see 20 people living in three rooms.”

To help it meet the healthcare needs of people living in these difficult conditions, Ahli Arab Hospital, a mission of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ), is the designated recipient of our Last Sunday outreach offering for August. “A nonpolitical, nonsectarian 501 (c)3 organization, AFEDJ is dedicated to raising financial support for schools, hospitals and centers for children with disabilities in Palestine, Israel, Jordan and Lebanon. These institutions serve everyone, irrespective of their religion, ethnicity or ability to pay. . . . The Christian values of equity, justice and respect for the dignity of all are at the heart of our efforts.” (Pilgrims to the Holy Land from St. Andrew’s in 2018 visited an AFEDJ institution in Jordan, which left a very positive impression.)

We have contributed to this work in the past. Marking the one-year anniversary of last year’s war in Gaza, AFEDJ has asked Episcopalians across the church to demonstrate to the remarkable leaders of Ahli Arab Hospital that they are not forgotten. Living conditions in Gaza are still appalling, and sadly hundreds of thousands of children are living in extreme poverty and suffering from the trauma of war. But Ahli Arab Hospital and its dedicated director (one of few Gazans who could leave, as she holds a U.S. passport) are still there, embodying God’s love and healing each day.

Through Ahli Arab Hospital, our giving will make a difference to people in Gaza facing incredibly challenging circumstances of daily living, compounded by their medical needs. Please help as you are able, knowing that your gift will be matched by our generous anonymous donors.



## Wardens' Words

### Retreating to Move Forward

Your Vestry and Rector were on retreat together recently. No, not at some exotic upscale location with fancy beverages being served on silver platters, but at a home in New London for a full day together reflecting on what is valuable to us about St. Andrew's and what dreams we have for our shared parish. We used a method called appreciative inquiry to tease out and then consolidate our thoughts. This included carefully listening to each other – which was also a great opportunity to get better acquainted. Susan Schweizer, a professional mediator, generously gave her time in planning the retreat program with Pastor Jay and the two of us Wardens, and in very ably facilitating our work that day.

In coming weeks, after a bit more time among ourselves to discuss the so-whats and next steps, you'll be hearing details about what and how it all came out. No big surprises! Nothing mysterious, but yet we believe we have settled on important organizing concepts that will provide greater focus for the congregation's future direction and the actions that will help move us forward.

Besides the six key goals that emerged, there was overarching reporting on our significant appreciation of worship at St. Andrew's, with all its elements: liturgy, music, sermons and special rites (such as the occasional baptism). While some aspects of worship are of more importance to one person than to others, we agree that our worship is moving and meaningful. Our Rector Jay is, of course, a big part of this. We are fortunate to enjoy his leadership, including in worship. Our current music staff, Will and Nicole, as well as those who have preceded them in recent years, enhance our worship beyond measure. Again, we are blessed.

And overall, an exciting word emerged: JOY! We worship with joy. We engage with each other with joy. We give with joy. We serve (most of the time, anyway) with joy.



Which brings us to a request of the parish. No doubt in part because of its "quality" and its joy, we continue to see visitors in worship each week. Please do your parts, along with Wardens and Vestry and Rector, to reach out to them with welcome. Our meaningful worship can attract people to St. Andrew's, but it is likely it is our joyful community (that's YOU!) – and more on that coming from the retreat later – that will lead them to become a part of our parish. Thanks for doing your part.

With joy in serving you, your wardens,

*Karen Zurheide and Joe Daly*

Kearsarge Chorale is seeking to recruit new singers before rehearsals begin on 22 August for Handel's MESSIAH. The chorale will perform two public concerts on 19 and 20 November. Kearsarge Chorale is a local, volunteer, non-denominational group of dedicated singers of all ages whose goal is to bring the best of classical and contemporary choral artistry to the Lake Sunapee Region. Artistic Director Alex Ager provides the challenge and guidance for achievement and musical artistry. For more information, please see their website at [kearsargechorale.org](http://kearsargechorale.org).

## Calendar of Events

### July:

7 (Thursday) - Summer weekly cook-outs commence, 5:30 PM on the patio

19-20 (Tuesday-Wednesday) - Phillips Brooks Partnership (*see p. 9*)

22 (Friday) - Friendly Kitchen (*see below*)

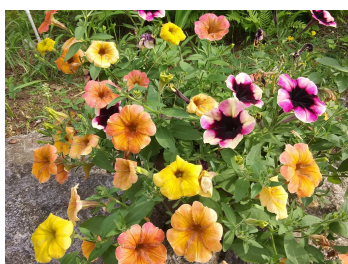
31 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, to benefit Voorhees University student (*see p. 4*)



### August:

2-3 (Tuesday-Wednesday) - Phillips Brooks Partnership (*see p. 9*)

28 (Sunday) - Last Sunday, to benefit American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ) (*see p. 5*); Messy Church, 4-6 PM (*see p. 8*)



Summer is the perfect time to try out choir! We'll be meeting every Sunday at 9:15 AM to go over the service music, so give it a try if you're interested. No Thursday rehearsals until fall and no music reading required!

**Monday to Friday 12 Noon Midday Prayer (Healing Eucharist Thursday)**

**Mondays 6 PM Meditation**

**Tuesdays 10 AM Craft Group**

**Thursdays 5:30 PM, Cook-Outs on the patio (through 1 September)**

*NOTE: We continue to recommend masks and physical distancing regardless of vaccination status for indoor activities. Doors and windows will be open.*

Our next visit to the **Friendly Kitchen** is Friday, **22 July**. Friendly Kitchen is one of St Andrew's longest running outreach projects. The kitchen has one purpose -- to feed the hungry. Everyone is welcome, no questions or qualifications.

Let Janet Heyl know if you would like to help.



**Help Re-Stock the KLS  
Community Food Pantry**

**July: Cereal**

**August: 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.



Congratulations to KRHS graduate Margaret Greenwood. Sorry we missed your picture in the May-June newsletter. Best of luck!!!



The Seamen's Institute website <https://seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea> has many **knitting and crocheting projects** for all levels of expertise. The collection box is in the office and our donations will be sent off in the fall.



## Church, but not as you know it!

- FUN** All ages gather to engage in activities, crafts & games
- FAITH** Activities bring the Bible to life & lead us into Communion
- FOOD** Supper included with new & old friends

## A Fresh Start

As school begins, God makes a way for us.

What excites you? What are you glad to leave behind?

**Sunday, 28 August, 4-6<sup>PM</sup>**





***Faith and Issues*** continues to meet via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30. Alternately reading and discussing faith-based books with issue-based ones, we often find aspects of one type in the other. For four weeks beginning 9 July *Faith and Issues* will meet to discuss a new **Faith** book. We are reading the Pulitzer Prize winner *God: A Biography* by Jack Miles.

The group will resume on 13 August with an **Issue** book. Please check St Andrew's website under Learn for the next book and reading assignments for each week, and plan to join us!

-- Katrina Wagner



Kearsarge, a night hike and campfire, BBQ and swimming at Sunapee State Beach, and taking the kids for tube rides.

Lisa Kelly, one of our coordinators, is recovering from knee surgery, so we'll need to lend her a hand when it comes to lifting, loading and toting stuff around. Please reach out to Lisa if you have any questions.

### ***Phillips Brooks Partnership***

Thirty campers from three low-income neighborhoods in Cambridge will be with us on 19-20 July. Two weeks later (2-3 August) we'll be hosting campers from Boston's South End and Lower Roxbury. Lots of help is still needed in all areas. Sign up sheets are out, so please consider how you can help. You don't have to limit it to just one area – sign up for as many as you'd like! Specific areas where help is needed include: providing meals to campers, setting up and taking down camp, and participating in hiking Mt.



### **FROM DEEP ROOTS NEW LIFE**

As the diocese transitions to the feasibility phase of the diocesan capital campaign we have explored over the past five months, we are invited to watch a video of lay church leaders who have already seen the beneficial impact on their own churches: <https://youtu.be/syo4LJoVaAA>

As before, you are invited to "let us know your thoughts" by visiting <https://www.givingsites.com/deeproots/our-plan.php> and scrolling to the bottom of the page.

A Feasibility Study is expected to be completed by our next diocesan convention. The results will be reported on 5 November.



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