

THE WORD from St. Andrew's

January 2026



How Do I Join St. Andrew's Episcopal Church?

Recently, several people have inquired about how one joins an Episcopal Church. In many Protestant traditions, joining a church is merely a matter of walking the aisle during the altar call and stating that you want to join the church. Voila, you are officially a member. Or, if you are coming from a different church in the same denomination, you simply request that the church move your "letter."

It's not quite that simple in the Episcopal Church since we technically do not have "altar calls" (although I would argue that every Sunday when we come forward for the Eucharist that is an altar call, but I digress). We also don't have "letters" that can be transferred from church to church, although if you've been baptized and confirmed in an Episcopal Church you can contact the church office and ask to be put on our register. It's helpful to have your baptismal certificate and/or the place and date of the baptism, but sometimes such records are difficult to obtain. We can enter you into our church register regardless. This method is for those who prefer no fuss.

There are, however, three methods by which people can join a local Episcopal Church in a more public and celebrative manner.



First, if a person has never been baptized in any Christian church, they may become a member of an Episcopal Church by being **baptized**. In Episcopal churches, this usually occurs when children are infants. Later, typically around the age of 16, they go through the process of confirmation (see below). But adults may also be baptized in the Episcopal Church if they've never been baptized before. If you are interested in baptism, please talk with me (Mtr. Susan) and we will schedule a Sunday for you to be baptized. By the way, there is no such thing as being

"re-baptized" in The Episcopal church. We believe in one baptism (no matter when or where it was done) as long as it was in the name of the Trinity.

Second, those who have been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in another Christian denomination but did not go through confirmation in that denomination may join the Episcopal Church by attending a confirmation class and being **confirmed** by the Bishop at a special Eucharistic service. Only a bishop may confirm people, and it is an especially meaningful event with the laying on of hands. As with baptism, we acknowledge only one confirmation. It is not possible to be "re-confirmed" in The Episcopal Church (but see below).



Third, those who were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and confirmed in The Episcopal Church (or another denomination that practices confirmation) may choose to be **received** into their local Episcopal Church in a special Eucharistic Service where the Bishop is present. This is for those who wish to make their commitment to a local Episcopal Church public, and, again, it is a beautiful and moving celebration.

There's also a special category called **reaffirmation** which is for those who are baptized and confirmed, but who have experienced renewed spiritual growth or are returning to the church after a time of absence and wish to express that in a public way at a special Eucharistic service where the Bishop is present. Reaffirmation is not about joining the church, but about recommitting oneself to the Christian walk.

If you are interested in any of the above (or have questions), please contact the church office (575) 622-1353 or via email: church@standrewsroswell.com to let us know. I plan to offer a confirmation class this summer that anyone is welcome to join. The Bishop will be visiting our region in October 2026, and we will plan a special service for reaffirmation, confirmation, and reception at that time.

- Susan+ 

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Vestry Report

The Vestry met on December 15th

Mother Susan reported that attendance has been up during Advent, running between 60 and 70, with some new families attending regularly, and a couple of high school students who inquired about joining the choir. She's received several inquiries about joining the church so she is preparing an Inquirers' class.

She has hired a worker for the nursery, Tiffany Staffprd. Her first task will be taking Safe Church training and then she will evaluate the physical setup of the nursery and plan what is needed to make it a safe, welcoming place for our newest members. (a lot of outdated furnishings were discarded last year.)

She interviewed two applicants for the receptionist position, and hopes to hire one by the end of the year.

She reminded us of the dates for her Family Trip to Taiwan: Dec 30-Jan 14. Fr Maurice will serve as Supply Priest in her absence.

The Diocesan Leadership Team will hold a retreat at St. Andrew's Jan 15-18, but will provide all their own meals, and Mary Jewell, the Bishop's essential assistant, will be entrusted with the keys.

The Senior Warden reported on an ad-hoc team of volunteers who safely removed the old defunct swamp cooler from the choir room window, freeing up garden space in the courtyard. The glass in the window has by now been replaced, protecting the piano (AND the pianist) from drafts.

The junior Warden has called an electrician to assess and bid an upgrade of the wiring in the old part of the office building, where too many devices share too few plugs.

Updates on our two top priorities were positive:

1. The St. Andrew's table at the Downtown Christmas Market was a success (see p. 4)
2. The Angel tree gifts have all been delivered by archangels Sara Armstrong and Gini Bartley (see p. 5)

The Treasurer presented the first draft of the 2026 budget, noting that it will continue to be refined until the next meeting when it will be approved for vote by the Annual Meeting.

Under New Business the Vestry adopted the Housing Resolution, setting forth what portion of Mother Susan's compensation will be designated as Housing Allowance.

The next Vestry meeting will be Tuesday, January 20th at 5:00 pm. Visitors are welcome.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, after the church service. The Vestry will provide food to fuel the meeting.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

David Baker, Fred Telling, Dom Perri, Sharon Collins, Kevin Taylor, John Ahlen, Teresa Patton, Ronnie Whitaker, Charles Berry, Suzanne Berry, Dan Johnson, Marilyn Manatt, Kathleen Pittman, Bill Mayne, Bill Murphy, Beth Bierwirth, Nick Nickerson, John Fuss, Kap Kelley, Domenic Macaluso, Dom Perri, Jim Perri, Janet Macaluso, Pat & Carlton, Carol Anne Linson, Melody Green, Tim Wyatt, Jim Teel, Justin McClelland, John LeBarre, Cole Robinson, Chance Cavin, Eric & Gaylie, Mike Leshnov, David Knadle, Alice B. Smith, Lynn Townsend, Sevie Bates, Andrew W., Cory Woodbury, Lew Hightower, Pat Wiberg, Jeannine Byron, Fern Simpson,

- Ministries of St. Andrew's: Mother Susan, the Vestry, and the Foundation; Layreaders, EMs (Eucharistic Ministers), Ushers, Altar Guild, the Choir, EfM, Advent Study, Kids Quest, Loaves & Fishes hospitality ministries, Men's Group, Women of St. Andrew's, & Daughters of the King.
 - Our Sexton Don Lupien, Parish Administrator, and Janet Macaluso. Nursery Attendant, Tiffany Stafford, The search for Receptionist
- Outreach ministries: Andy's Community Breakfast, Four Paws Pet Pantry, Needle Arts ministry; Starting Line, Wings for L.I.F.E, Community Kitchen, Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group
 - The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe
 - The Diocese of the Rio Grande, Bishop Michael Hunn, Canon Kristin Kopren
 - For Camp Stoney, and the Missioner for Christian Formation, Rev. LeAnna Brun
 - For all seminarians, for the Commission on Ministry, and the Bishop's School for Ministry.
 - For Diocesan Councils, Committees, Commissions, and the Cathedral Chapter
 - Borderlands Ministries, Bridge Chaplain Ana Reza
 - For the SE Deanery, Rev. Heather Rose, Dean
 - All those in the Armed Forces and their families; and for First Responders
 - RCC Inmates & Officers, Guards, & Teachers; CCDC inmates & staff;
 - Those who are sick and those who care for them; for nurses, doctors and all medical staff
 - Those who Mourn
 - The People of Sudan, Ukraine, Haiti, and all who suffer the horrors of War
 - For those fighting Injustice or Suffering it
 - Refugees, and those providing help for them; for Episcopal Migration Ministries
 - For those in the path of storms, floods, fires, and other disasters, and all who work to relieve and support them
 - For the homeless; For the needy and hungry; For the will and means to help them
 - For the unloved and those who have no one to pray for them;
 - For our leaders in the city, state, and nation: wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties
 - For peace, and for those who threaten it, turning the hearts of those who would harm others

For a blessed New Year



Epiphany

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen. BCP p. 214

Andy's Breakfast!

Sat. Jan 31, 2026

7:30 – 10

Everyone is Welcome!



In November, we had our usual low attendance, common to the weeks after Thanksgiving and Christmas. **52 guests** signed in, and were served **79 plates** (including to-gos), by **13 Volunteers**.

Thanks to all who came, either as a guest or a volunteer!

We can always use help with the clean up. Please call Greg Anderson to find out how you can help. Or just **show up** in the Parish Hall at **9:30** for clean-up crew.

We have plenty of travel-size toiletries, but we can use Warm Socks, Warm Clothes and Warm Blankets.

Monetary donations ALWAYS Needed !!!

Make checks to St. Andrew's Church and be sure to note in the memo line: **Andy's Breakfast**

Thank you again for your generosity and support!!

If you would like to help in the kitchen, call Greg Anderson.

To help with the other distributions, call Eileen Grooms.

Downtown Christmas Markent 2025

Thank you to the wonderful St. Andrews Christmas Booth Team.

The response of our membership for this program was amazing! Our setup and breakdown team, Greg Anderson, Charlie Currier, Joanne Keas, and James Husby braved the early morning hours and physical labor. I want to give a special thank you to our table elves, Charmaine Martin, Sue and Derek Evans, Tom LaBarre and Mother Susan. We had many others waiting in the wings in case more help was needed. A special Thank You to Gini Bartley, for the beautiful Ministry tri-fold poster. Our outreach brought much joy and good cheer to the families visiting the booth. The willingness of the team to serve at the booth helped us share the joy of the Christmas season with so many of the community in Roswell.



They came for the sweet treats and gifts, but many stayed to hear about and ask questions about St. Andrews Church and our outreach programs. Best ever!

St. Andrews' table was spotlighted by the Mainstreet Roswell program staff in a Facebook video featuring Mother Susan. It can be viewed at the link below.

Thank you for being a light of St. Andrews.

Jerry ODette

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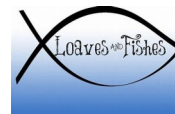
The Women of St. Andrew's

will meet **January 12th** in the **Parish Hall**.
Coffee and goodies at **9:30**, meeting at **10:00**,
(all the Women of St. Andrew's are invited!)

The Loaves & Fishes Team for **January** is:

Team 1: **Jan., May, Sept. & Dec** (Chair: Greg Anderson)
Shelly Currier
Almeta & Tom LeBarre
Marilyn Manatt

If you would like to serve on this team, or any of the others, or would be a substitute, please contact Greg Anderson 575- 420-1300.



Team 2: February, June, August, Oct . (Chair: Sue Evans)
Team 3: March, April, July, Nov (Chair: Charmaine Martin)



Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group

If you are dealing with the challenges of caring for someone with dementia, or know someone who is, there's help!

The Roswell Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of each month
at 11 am in the Parish Hall

The Group has a page on **Facebook**, where they share lots of useful information



- 1/1 - Angela Clair Craig
- 1/8 - Gary Hartwick
- 1/12 - Brenda Malone
- 1/17 - Kelley Pigott
- 1/26 - Mary Alice Lysak
- 1/27 - Sally Pretti

1/28 - Barbara Baker

1/30 - Karen Hendricks

1/31 - Johnathan Steinback



Thank You to all Angels!



these children's Christmas merry.

26 children had a brighter Christmas thanks to our Angel Tree volunteers. All the gifts were returned on time, and delivered by our jolly elves, Sara Armstrong and Gini Bartley. Thank you to everyone who participated in making



Daughters of the King

Monday January 19th

11 am Hunker Room

All women of St. Andrews are welcome!

Kids Quest is taking a break in January. Mother Susan and her family will be in Taiwan.



Needle Arts Ministry

We took six blankets and 10 knit hats and accessories to both Lovelace and ENMMC.

We continue to make mini prayer quilts for Rev. Susan to give to those she is working with. We also have a couple of prayer/comfort shawls available in the office for anyone in need of a St. Andrew's hug.

We will be needing blankets for January and beyond. Kits are available in the office - they are very easy to make - perfection not required. We appreciate everyone's continued support.

Our next meeting will be **Thursday, January 8th, at 10:00** in the conference room in the office.

Please come join us!!

Debbi Smith
St. Andrew's Needle Arts Ministry



The **Altar Flowers** book for **2026** is now available. It will be in the Narthex on Sundays and in the office during the week. Arrangements

remain \$35.00. Please sign up for a Sunday or two to help our Sunday service be even more beautiful. You can sign up in the Narthex on Sunday or run by the office or call Janet during the week. Thank you for your help in providing these flowers.

Debbi Smith
St. Andrew's Altar Guild



LINENS

Enjoy making a good im"press"ion? Volunteer to help care for our beloved altar linens.

Contact Joanne Keas
Or call the church office.
575-622-1353

The deadline for the **February 2026 Word** is **Jan 22th**.

Send anything you would like to share to Charmaine:

charmained704@gmail.com

Join **The Word Gang!** The extraordinary crew of Folders and Label-stickers!

Thursday, **January 29th** at 9:30 in the Church Office
View The Word Online! In Full Color, with working links:

<http://www.standrewsroswell.com/the-word.html>

Spotlight on Ministry...

Four Paws Pet Pantry



The Four Paws Pet Pantry is a unique ministry of St. Andrew's that seeks to assist people who need help feeding their pets. Each month, donors provide dry dog and cat food and/or monetary donations. Then, on the third Wednesday, volunteers gather at 2:30 in the Parish Hall to scoop food into bags. By 3:30, clients are lined up outside the Fifth St. door and distribution begins. The Parish Hall is filled with laughter and chatting during the entire process, with Ernie Meda hoisting 50-pound bags of food, dumping them into huge bins, and volunteers scooping, and zipping, and sometimes spilling food all over the place. The people who come to receive food are so grateful for this special ministry and their four-footed companions are as well.

Contact person: Debbi Smith.

We helped a record number of households at our November distribution - **127 !!!!**

We handed out 285 gallon bags of dog food, 168 gallon bags of cat food for a total of 453 gallon zip lock bags. We had 12 volunteers who helped with bagging and the distribution.



We appreciate the continued support of monetary donations, donations of dog and cat food and zip lock bags.
Debbi Smith and Donna Eastes
Four Paws co chairs

FOUR PAWS PET PANTRY

Next Pet Pantry Day:

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

3:30 to 5:30 at the 5th Street Entrance.

Bagging Begins at 2:30



Dog Food and Cat Food NEEDED!!

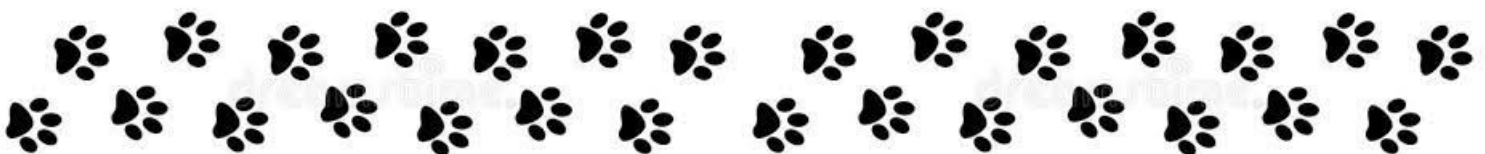
also Gallon size Ziploc Bags

Make monetary donations payable to St. Andrews, and write "Pet Pantry" in the memo line

OR just buy a bag of dog or cat food and drop it off at the Church

If you prefer you can order Pet food from

Chewy.com They Deliver!



From the Calendar of Saints...

SARAH, THEODORA, AND SYNCLETICA OF EGYPT “DESERT MOTHERS”, 4th – 5th c.

The Desert Mothers were female Christian ascetics living in the desert of Egypt, Palestine, and Syria in the 4th and 5th centuries AD. They typically lived in the monastic communities that began forming during that time, though sometimes they lived as hermits. Other women from that era who influenced the early ascetic or monastic tradition while living outside the desert are also described as Desert Mothers.

The Desert Fathers are much more well known because most of the early lives of the saints “were written by men for a male monastic audience” — the occasional stories about the Desert Mothers come from the early Desert Fathers and their biographers. Many desert women had leadership roles within the Christian community. There are several chapters dedicated to the Desert Mothers in the *Lausiac History* by Palladius, who mentions 2,975 women living in the desert. Other sources include the various stories told over the years about the lives of saints of that era, traditionally called *vitae* (“life”). The lives of twelve female desert saints are described in Book I of *Vitae Patrum* (*Lives of the Fathers*).



The Desert Mothers were known as *ammās* (“spiritual mothers”), comparable to the Desert Fathers (*abbas*), due to the respect they earned as spiritual teachers and directors. One of the most well known Desert Mothers was Amma Syncletica of Alexandria, who had twenty-seven sayings attributed to her in the “Sayings of the Desert Fathers.” Two other *ammās*, Theodora of Alexandria and Amma Sarah of the Desert, also had sayings in that book.

According to written accounts, Amma Syncletica might have been born around AD 270 (since she died about AD 350 and is said to have lived to her eighties), to wealthy parents in Alexandria and was well educated, including an early study of the writings of Desert Father Evagrius Ponticus. After the death of her parents, she sold everything she had and gave the money to the poor. Moving outside the city with her blind sister, she lived as a hermit among the tombs outside of Alexandria. Gradually a community of women ascetics grew up around her, whom she served as their spiritual mother. Even though she was an ascetic and hermit, Syncletica taught moderation, and that asceticism was not an end in itself.

Theodora of Alexandria was the *amma* of a monastic community of women near Alexandria. Prior to that, she had fled to the desert disguised as a man and joined a community of monks. She was sought out by many of the Desert Fathers for advice—reportedly Bishop Theophilus of Alexandria came to her for counsel.

Sarah of the Desert’s sayings indicate that she was a hermit living by a river for sixty years. Her sharp replies to some of the old men who challenged her show a distinctly strong personality.

Some Sayings:

Amma Sarah said, “If I prayed God that all people should approve of my conduct, I should find myself a penitent at the door of each one, but I shall rather pray that my heart may be pure toward all.”

Amma Syncletica said, “There are many who live in the mountains and behave as if they were in the town; they are wasting their time. It is possible to be a solitary in one’s mind while living in a crowd; and it is possible for those who are solitaries to live in the crowd of their own thoughts.”

Amma Theodora said “There was a hermit who was able to banish the demons. And he asked them: “What makes you go away? Is it fasting?” They replied: “We do not eat or drink.” “Is it vigils?” They said: “We do not sleep.” “Then what power sends you away?” They replied: “Nothing can overcome us except humility alone.” Amma Theodora said: “Do you see how humility is victorious over the demons?”

http://satucket.com/lectionary/desert_mothers.html

ANNUAL MEETING



On January 25th, we'll gather in the Parish Hall after the service, and hold the Annual Meeting. There will be reports, both written and spoken, thanks given, and elections to offices:

NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following candidates for parish offices:

For Vestry (Vote for three)

Mary Geldert
Tom LeBarre
Candy McClelland

For Delegate to Convention: for Alternate:

Charles Currier Eileen Grooms

Nominations can be made from the floor. Be sure your proposed candidate has agreed to serve. If possible, get a picture and brief bio to the office by Jan 16th so they can be presented in the Annual Meeting booklet.

Be on the lookout for more information about the meeting as it nears.



EfM Community Gathering

If you are an alum of Education for Ministry, or are interested in finding out what it's all about, on Sunday, January 11th, our Zoom seminar group will open our meeting to anyone interested.

For our first Community Gathering, we will explore three short videos that invite us to explore our identity as theologians. "In theology there is a home for both the vast and the intimate. No question is foreclosed. Visually immersive, poetic, and global in scale, these short films invite viewers into a conversation about life and its limits, which is as vibrant as it is challenging."

If you are interested in joining this conversation, or just observing it, contact Charmaine Martin, and she will send you links to the videos and the zoom link for our meeting.

Stewardship Committee

Thanks to all who submitted a pledge form. It will help make the budgeting process much more certain. If you have not done so, it is not too late. I urge you to think about what you give to the church and make it an intentional, regular practice, a part of your personal budget, whether weekly, monthly or annually. Even if you don't put the plan down on a pledge form, make a plan, and strive to keep it. (If you do fill out a pledge form, and circumstances change, you can easily change your pledge by calling the office.) Again, **thank you** for all the ways you support St. Andrew's.



Name that Parishioner...

Who did this lively cutie grow up to be? She's a parishioner who has agreed to be the fore-runner in a new, parish-wide "getting to know you" game.

We'd like to gather childhood photos of parishioners and print them, along with their adult photos. The catch? The photos will be jumbled. You will have to match the child with the adult.

The photos will go up on Parish Hall bulletin board, and everyone will have a chance to fill out an answer sheet with their best guesses.

We'd like to do this as part of our Easter celebration, so we'll need some people to follow the lead of today's mystery parishioner.

Send your photos (child and adult) to Charmaine, or to the Office by February 11th. (If they are not in a digital format, they will be quickly copied and returned.) Participants will receive a thank you gift.

The person who gets the most right answers will win an extra-special Easter Basket. In the case of ties, one of the winning entries will be selected in a random drawing.



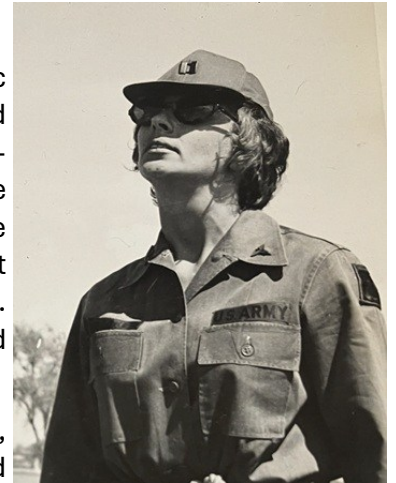
Eloise (Ellie) Blake



Eloise Blake was born in Reading, Pennsylvania. She was the youngest of two siblings. Ellie was raised in the Catholic faith and spent two of her earlier school years attending Catholic School. The remainder of her education was in the public schools. Ellie graduated from Wilson High School in Reading in 1952. She received her degree as a Registered Nurse from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She worked at the hospital until 1962. Her interest was in neurosurgery. Ellie attended a nine-month course at the Neurological Institute in Quebec and observed Dr. Wilder Penfield, who at the time was mapping the human brain. At the end of that course, she worked with a team of neurosurgeons at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with Dr. Eugene Spitz who developed a "shunt" for children with hydrocephalus

and spinal bifida. Ellie also continued her education and received her BA (University of Delaware), MA (ENMU), and MS University of Texas.

Ellie moved in 1962 to Wilmington, Delaware to continue working with neurologic patients. In 1965, she made a life-changing decision and entered the military and received a direct commission in the Army as a First Lieutenant and entered the Delaware Army National Guard. This required additional military education and she attended Army Reserve military courses at Sandia Base in Albuquerque where she was now a Captain and course instructor in July 1971. It was there that she met another instructor, Lieutenant Colonel Harry Blake, an Army Reservist from Roswell. Ellie called this a tape recorder/phone romance due to traveling. They were married in October 1971 and were married 32 years before Harry passed away in 2003.



Prior to marriage, Ellie had earlier begun attending the Episcopal services in Newark, Delaware. Harry was a practicing Episcopalian from Roswell, NM. Back then and prior to marriage, permission had to be granted by the two diocesan Bishops (Delaware and New Mexico). Ellie was then accepted into the Episcopal Church. The couple settled in Roswell, NM where Ellie's status changed from National Guard to Army Reserve.

From 1974 to 1988, Ellie taught in the nursing program and from 1988 to 1999 was Chair of the Division of Health at ENMU-R. In 1988 she was appointed by the NM Governor to a four-year term on the NM Board of Nursing.



Ellie retired in 1984 after 25 years of military service in the U.S. Army Reserve and five years in the Delaware Army National Guard at the rank of Colonel. As an Individual Mobilization Augmentee, she was assigned as Special Assistant to the Chief, Army Nurse Corps and served as a member of the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Army Surgeon General on Reserve Medical Affairs. In 1999 she was named as the Paul Harris Fellow by the Roswell Rotary Club which is the charitable wing of the Rotary International and a great honor. She also served as a CASA volunteer for seven years. In 2003, she was honored as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award at Wilson High School in Pennsylvania. In 2004, she was appointed Army Reserve Ambassador for the State of New Mexico and served in this position until 2009.

Ellie stated that she tried to live each day by a philosophy as stated by Pablo Casals: "I believe the capacity to care is the thing which gives life its deepest significance." Not only was she proud to wear the Army Green, but I can attest as one of her nursing students from 1979-1981 that she was an excellent instructor. Eloise Blake not only taught the basics of being a health care professional but demonstrated the importance of recognizing and treating with respect the integrity of each patient for whom one cares.

In the Diocese

New Deans have been named for the four deaneries. For our SE Deanery the Dean is now



The Very Rev. Heather Rose

Of the Episcopal Church in Lincoln County (Holy Mount, Ruidoso; St. Matthias, Tucumcari; & St. Anne's, Glencoe)

<https://eclc.us/>



CAMP COUNSELOR & COUNSELOR-IN-TRAINING APPLICATIONS - CAMP STONEY 2026

We are now accepting applications for **Camp Counselors** for the **2026**

Camp Stoney program. Camp Counselors must be at least 18 years old, complete all Safe Church Safe Community coursework requirements, pass a background screening, and love to work with kids outside. **COUNSELORS-IN-TRAINING** must be at least 15 yrs old and pass all of the same requirements as the Counselors. If you haven't been a Counselor at Camp Stoney, you are missing out. Bishop's Ridge is beautiful, the camp is amazing each time, and the kids are a blast! [Apply Today!](#)

CAMP STONEY REGISTRATION- CAMP STONEY 2026!

Summer will be here before you know it! Our camp weeks will be **July 5th-11th and July 12th-18th.**

We will run two tracks side by side again this year. Track 1 will be Rising 4th graders through Rising 6th graders. Track 2 will be Rising 7th graders through Rising 10th graders.

Early Bird Registration saves you \$50 per camper, if you register prior to April 1st.

[**Camp Stoney Early Bird Registration 2026**](#)



Women of the DRG... Coffee Klatch

The Rev. Hilary Smith from Holy Spirit, Gallup will share "Epiphanies and Ignatian Spirituality" for the Jan. 24th Zoom Coffee Klatch (10AM Mountain time). Hilary is new to the diocese, so let's have a nice turn-out to make her feel at home!



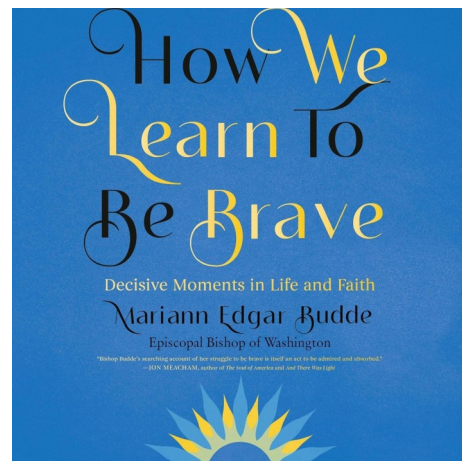
If you need the Zoom link for the event, please email Cindy. If you've participated in previous Coffee Klatch events, you will automatically get the link. The link will be sent out a couple days before the event. cynthiadavisau-thor@gmail.com

Upcoming: Lent Book Study

The book chosen via survey was: *How we Learn to be Brave* by Bishop Mariann Budde of the Diocese of Washington, DC.

We will meet on **Thursdays at 7PM from Feb. 19-Mar. 26.**

Email [Cindy](#) to get the link.



(The book is available on [Amazon](#) or many other platforms. The 2025 edition has a new preface plus the Jan. 21, 2025 sermon, but if you already have a copy, feel free to use that)

February 7, 2026

Holy Faith Women's Spirituality Group will present the 11th Annual **WOMEN'S LENTEN QUIET DAY**
Megan McKenna, Theologian, Storyteller, and Spiritual Writer:
"Women Rising: First Witnesses and Preachers of the Resurrection"

Contact [Irma](#) at Holy Faith to register.

On January 13th, the Episcopal Church held a prayer vigil in Minneapolis "to mourn, lament and remember people who've died by immigration enforcement actions in and out of detention." led by Bishop Craig Loya of Minnesota and Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe.
<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2026/01/14/thousands-join-episcopal-church-vigil-to-lament-violent-immigration-enforcement-unite-in-pursuing-justice/>



**World Council
of Churches**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, observed between Confession of Peter and Conversion of Paul since 1908) January 18-25

<https://www.oikoumene.org/news/churches-worldwide-invited-to-join-the-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-in-january>

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity>

This year, the resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity were prepared by the Armenian Orthodox Church. Besides resources for ecumenical services*, they offer Online Daily Devotions:

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/65903-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026/day/1>

Here's a Sample:

Day one: **Our Calling**

In Ephesians 4:1, Paul emphasizes the significance of living a life worthy of the “calling to which you have been called”, which is intrinsically linked to the unity of the Christian community. In the midst of a divided society, the Gospel calls believers to overcome barriers and foster reconciliation. This divine calling invites us to embody God’s values within the fellowship of believers. By aligning our conduct with this calling, we not only reflect Christ’s teachings but also contribute to the unity and growth of the Body of Christ. Recognizing and embracing this calling is essential for living out the true essence of Christian community and nurturing a harmonious, supportive fellowship.

A question to consider

How does reflecting on the “calling to which you have been called” as described in Ephesians 4:1 inspire you to actively contribute to unity within your local and wider church communities?

Prayer

God of light,

You have called us out of darkness into your light.

May our response to your call lead us to actively seek reconciliation and share your light in the world.

Amen.

Scripture

[Ephesians 4:1](#)

[Micah 6:6-8](#)

[Psalms 133](#)

[Mark 3:13-15](#)

***Christian Unity Service and Reception**

Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 2:30 PM
Norbertine Abbey - 5825 Coors Blvd. SW
Albuquerque, NM 87121

Presider: Rev. Lucas Grubbs

Homilist: Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson

Topic: “The Soulwork of Justice in the Search for Christian Unity”

Reception and short presentation following the service.



Outreach Ministries Funds — November 2025

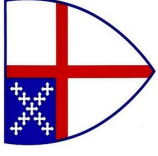
Unused funds carry over from one year to the next. This doesn't tell the whole story: much of our outreach ministry is accomplished by donated materials and **ESPECIALLY** by volunteer labors. **Thank you** for supporting these ministries.

FUND	Beginning Balance		NOV DONATIONS	NOV EXPEND-ITURES	Nov 30, 2025 FUND BALANCE
Andy's Breakfast	\$ 3,339.69		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 329.47	\$ 4,010.22
Needle Arts	5,575.40		500.00	0.00	6,075.40
Pet Pantry	6,801.33		1,050.00	0.00	7,458.72
Rector's Outreach (Discretionary)	3,669.01		1,334.50	1,000.00	4,003.51
Starting Line	1,353.49		0.00	0.00	1,353.49
Unspecified Mission and Outreach	8,906.05		0.0	58.02	8,848.03
Altar Fund	924.41		0.00	0.00	924.41
Capital Improvements Fund	5,903.96		0.00	1,308.48	3,595.48
Saving Grace Campaign Fund	20,000.00		500.00	0.00	20,500.00
Choir Fund (& Advent Fest)	5,715.79		0.00	.00	5,715.79
Children's Choir	4,216.77		0.00	0.00	4,216.77
Scholarship Fund	7,140.42		0.00	0.00	7,140.42

Income and Expense Report — Nov 2025

	Nov 2025	Nov Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
Ordinary Income:				
Plate Offerings	\$ 674.59	\$ 625.00	\$ 6,470.00	\$ 6,850.00
Current Pledges	18,878.00	9,634.67	132,087.50	105,981.33
Pre-Paid Pledges	85,000.00	40,000.00	85,000.00	40,000.0
Unpledged Contrib	956.00	4,166.67	38,304.01	45,833.33
Special Offerings *	.00	166.57	100.00	1,833.33
Foundation Income	0.00	0.00	95,538.52	95,538.52
Altar Flowers	140.00	133.33	1,286.00	1,466.67
Other Income	60.00	166.67	3,071.00	1,833.33
Income—Total	\$ 105,717.59	\$ 54,893.01	\$ 361,857.46	\$ 299,361.51
Payroll Expenses	18,039.04	22,603.59	234,040.86	242,029.90
Other Expenses	18,274.39	16,377.70	155,183.54	152,862.66
Total Expenses	36,313.43	38,981.29	389,224.40	394,892.66
Net Ordinary Income	69,404.16	15,911.72	(27,366.94)	(95,531.05)
Transfer from Savings**		0	10,000.00	0
Net Income + Transfer	\$ 69,404.16	\$ 15,911.72	\$ (17,366.94)	\$ (95,531.05)

*in addition to the donations to specific funds—see first table. **Trans from Money Market



January 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	1	2	3
Holy Eucharist 10	Office Closed	Mail Word 9:30 Tai Chi 4 pm	Office Closed NO Choir Practice New Year's Eve	New Year's Day	Swiss Cheese Day	JRR Tolkien Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Holy Eucharist 10	Holy Eucharist 10	EPIPHANY Tai Chi 4 pm	Alz Group 11. Choir Practice 6	Needle Arts 10 Argyle Day		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Holy Eucharist 10	Women of St. Andrew's 9:30	Men's Group 7:30 Rubber Duck Day Tai Chi 4	Int'l Kite .Day Choir Practice 6	Nat'l Bagel Day	Dragon Appreciation Day	Ben Franklin Day
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Holy Eucharist 10	Daughters of the King 11 am Office Closed M.L. King Day	Tai Chi 4 Vestry 5	Alz Group 11. Pet Pantry 3:30 Choir Practice 6	Polka Dot Day WORD deadline	Nat'l Hand-Writing Day	Visit your local Quilt Shop
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Holy Eucharist 10 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	Chocolate Cake Day Tai Chi 4	Lego Day Choir Practice 6	Mail Word 9:30	30 Croissant Day	Andy's Breakfast Clean-up Crew 9:30	

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Sunday Services

In-Person and Livestream

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St.AndrewsRoswell/videos](https://www.facebook.com/St.AndrewsRoswell/videos)

10 am

Followed by:

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

ANNUAL MEETING



Sunday

January 25th

After service