

THE WORD from St. Andrew's

March 2026



Confession



Now that we've entered the Lenten Season, my mind has been drawn to the concept of confession, especially the prayer of confession we pray every Sunday (except during the Fifty Days of Easter).

Confession is, of course, a thoroughly biblical concept. Not only are there multiple narratives which describe the people of Israel coming before God to confess their sins (for example Joshua 24; 1 Kings 8:31-53; Ezra 10; Nehemiah 9), there are also many psalms which we can label "psalms of confession" (Pss. 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; and 143).

A confession typically is a form of apology in which the person who has offended another, confesses what they've done, repents for their actions (or inaction), and requests forgiveness. Sometimes, however, confessions are affirmations, for example when Peter "confesses" that Jesus is the Messiah after Jesus asks, "Who do people say I am?" (Matt. 16:13-17, Mark 8:29; Luke 9:20; see also Rom. 10:9-10; Phil. 2:10-11; Heb. 4:14; 10:23; 13:15; 1 John 4:15). This sort of confession is a statement of belief rather than an apology. In this article

I am going to focus on confession as an admission of wrongdoing.

Although I think most of us recognize that we are supposed to confess our sins to God, the Bible also adjures us to confess our sins to one another (James 5:16). In addition, many interpreters believe that when Jesus told the disciples "Whatever you bind on earth is bound in heaven, whatever you release on earth is released in heaven," (Matt. 16:18-19) Jesus was giving them authority to forgive or not forgive sins. John 20:23 explicitly states this. Confession, therefore, is both an individual action (a person confessing directly to God) and a corporate action (a person or persons confessing their sins to another person or persons).

Confession is required of us as believers if we wish to share in the celebration of the Eucharist. Paul exhorts all of us to prepare ourselves carefully before partaking, ensuring that we have clear consciences and are participating for the right reasons (1 Cor. 11:27-29).

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) offers two prayers of confession to be said during celebrations of the Eucharist. Confession is also said during Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline.

The first prayer of confession (I'll call this "Confession A") is found only in Rite I of the Holy Eucharist (BCP, 331).

Confession A (Rite I only)

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have
committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against
us.

We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Vestry Report

The Vestry met on Monday, February 16, 2026, with new members, Mary Geldert, Candy McClelland, and Bob Willis attending.



Mother Susan reported on the Ash Wednesday services: Father Maurice would celebrate the 8:00 service, and Mother Susan would celebrate at 12:15 and 5:30. During the day, she would walk around the downtown area, assisted by Richard Smith offering ashes to anyone who was interested.

She reported the appointment of the Parish Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee: Almeta LeBarre, Derek Evans, Marilyn Manatt
Audit Committee: Joanne Keas (chair), Betty Cosio-Avalos, Sharon Collins

Bylaws and Policies Committee: Charles Currier (chair), Lew Hightower, Janet Macaluso (clerk),

Compensation and Performance Review Committee: Greg Anderson (Senior Warden); Cat Husby (Junior Warden); Charmaine Martin (Treasurer); Susan Pigott (Rector, ex-officio)

Committees that are as yet unfilled: Finance & Investment Committee, and Stewardship Committee.

During January, there was only one Wednesday available for assistance, but on that day, we helped 12 families with utility bills, rent and fuel for a cost of \$1,112.48.

Senior Warden Greg Anderson reminded the members that the parochial report was due to the Diocese by March 1st. Clerk Janet Macaluso requested that any input be received ASAP, as she was planning to complete the report this week before her planned trip.

He also reported the choir room window repair was complete, thanks to help from our Sexton Don and from Donald Daugherty,



Ken Hernandez reported that he is making plans for the prayer garden, and that planting season was coming soon. He is watching for plants to become available, with a focus on perennials.

Under Old Business plans for the "Life is Changed, Not Ended" Luncheon were discussed and the concept explained for the new Vestry members.

Unfilled Offices were elected: Cat Husby to continue as Junior Warden, and for the new office of Assistant Treasurer, Cory Butler was elected. (The office was established to ensure that more than one person knows how to perform the office.)

In New Business, Bob Willis was elected as Vestry representative to the Foundation Board, The Vestry Covenant was signed by all members present, and it was decided to once again sponsor St. Andrew's Night at an Invaders Baseball game, with a potluck picnic on the grounds, date pending availability.

The next Vestry meeting will be March 16th at 5:00 pm. Visitors are welcome.

Confession ... continued from p. 1

As you can see, this confession is lengthier than the one we presently use in our celebrations of the Eucharist at St. Andrew's. It is also much starker in language, emphasizing our wickedness and our deservingness of God's wrath. The focus is completely on how we have sinned against God, and there is no mention of sins against fellow humans. This prayer begs for God's mercy as we recognize how burdensome our sins against God are. While the emphasis of this prayer is on the heinous nature of humanity's sinful condition, it concludes with a plea for forgiveness and the hope that we may continue serving Christ. Although the language of this prayer might make some of us uncomfortable with its talk of God's righteous wrath and indignation, it may help us to take more seriously the problem of sin. Not only does sin grieve God, but it weighs us down and its burden is intolerable. It is good to be reminded of this, especially during the season of Lent.

The second prayer of confession (I'll call this "Confession B") is found in both Rite I (BCP, 331) and Rite II (BCP, 360). The only difference between the prayers is that Rite I uses traditional language whereas Rite II uses modern language. I've italicized the words of this prayer that echo words in Confession A above.

Rite I Confession B	Rite II Confession B
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in <i>thought, word, and deed</i> , by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. <i>For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,</i> <i>have mercy on us and forgive us;</i> that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.	Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in <i>thought, word, and deed</i> , by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. <i>For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,</i> <i>have mercy on us and forgive us;</i> that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Confession B focuses on God's merciful character and never mentions wrath or indignation. Not only does the confession identify the ways we've sinned against God both by our actions and inaction, but it also focuses on how we've sinned against other people (unlike Confession A). As in Confession A, there is a plea for forgiveness and mercy so that we may continue walking in the ways of Jesus.

When we say the Confession of Sin as part of the liturgy of the Eucharist, we are praying *to* God and asking forgiveness, but we are also confessing our failures *in the presence of* our brothers and sisters, thereby confessing our sins to one another. And, although many worshipers don't know this, when we pass the peace, we are *completing* the act of confession by greeting one another in love and actively reconciling with anyone we might have offended. Our last opportunity for confession is when we say the Lord's Prayer prior to the Fraction (the moment when the priest breaks the bread). "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us" is a plea for forgiveness and, therefore, another act of confession.

The Episcopal Church also provides an opportunity for any parishioner to offer a more personal and thorough act of confession. It is called Reconciliation of a Penitent (BCP, 447-52). Although some think this rite is reserved only for people who are dying and wish to make a last confession, it is actually offered to anyone who desires to unburden their hearts, especially for sins they feel are unresolved. Episcopal churches do not have confessional booths, so typically this rite is done in the priest's office or in a side chapel or other private area. The priest listens to the confession, offers counsel or encouragement if desired, and pronounces absolution (forgiveness). If the situation requires greater resolution, the priest might assign the penitent something to do as a sign of penitence. Confessions are held in complete confidence and that confidence cannot be broken. If you are interested in this special rite, please contact the church office, and make an appointment with Mtr. Susan.



Confession is a wonderful and necessary act of worship. As we kneel before the Lord, confessing our sins, we open ourselves to God's grace, forgiveness, and healing. In this season of Lent, may we carefully examine our hearts for thoughts, words, and deeds that need to be confessed, and may our repentance be genuine and liberating.

"Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective" (James 5:16).



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Domenic Macaluso, Teresa Patton, Susie Shippey, Twyla Rob, Pam McArthur, Fr. Maurice, Fred Telling, Tom LeBarre, David Baker, Charles & Suzanne Berry, Dom Perri, Sharon Collins, Kevin Taylor, John Ahlen, Ronnie Whitaker, Janet Macaluso, Marilyn Manatt, Bill Mayne, Bill Murphy, Beth Bierwirth, Nick Nickerson, John Fuss, Lauren Greenwade, Kap Kelley, Melody Green, Eric & Gaylie, Pat & Carlton, Carol Anne Linson, Jim Teel, Justin McClelland, John LeBarre, Cole Robinson, Chance Cavin, 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, Earth Keepers, Kids Quest, Loaves & Fishes hospitality ministries, Men's Group, Women of St. Andrew's, & Daughters of the King, \.
- Our Sexton Don Lupien, Parish Administrator, Janet Macaluso. Receptionist Lila Sanchez, Nursery Attendants, Tiffany Stafford, and Lena Gamboa .
- 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 Gsza, 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 quiet and reflective time of Lent



I did not see sin, for I believe that it has no kind of substance, no share in being, nor can it be recognized except by the pain caused by it. And it seems to me that this pain is something for a time, for it purges and makes us know ourselves and ask for mercy; for the Passion of our Lord is comfort to us against all this, and that is his blessed will.

– Julian of Norwich

<https://matthewroot.ca/home/keeping-lent-with-julian-of-norwich/>

Andy's Breakfast!

Sat. Mar 28, 2026

7:30 – 10



Everyone is Welcome!

In January, we served **50 guests**, filling **77 plates** (including to-gos), by a **baker's dozen of 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 (575-420-1300) to find out how you can help. Or just **show up** in the Parish Hall at **9:30** for clean-up duty.

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.

Daughters of the King

Monday March 16th

11 am Hunker Room

All women of St. Andrews are welcome!



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 Howden Hall

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

The Women of St. Andrew's

will meet Monday, **March 9th** in the **Parish Hall**.

Coffee and goodies at **9:30**, meeting at **10:00**, (all the Women of St. Andrew's are invited!)

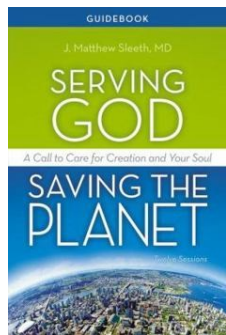


On the agenda is planning for the Holy Week Lenten Luncheon, to be held Monday March 30th If you have a good soup recipe, come and join the fun!

Lenten Study...

Earth Keepers

"Earth Keepers," this year's Lenten study, will be taught by Richard Collins. It will cover conservation



creation as described in the Bible. There is a book to accompany the study *Serving God, Saving the Planet Guidebook* by J. Matthew Sleeth. You can find it at your favorite online bookseller. The church office has a few copies for \$8 each

Wednesday Evenings beginning February 25th

5:15 pm In the Parish Hall
Contact the office for Zoom link

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

Team 3: **March**, April, July, Nov (Chair: Charmaine Martin)

- Sara Armstrong
- Gini Bartley
- Kate McClelland
- Katie Rico



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

Team 1: Jan., May, Sept. & Dec (Chair: Greg Anderson)
Team 2: February, June, August, Oct (Chair: Sue Evans)

The Quest Continues!

Kids Quest

Meets Sunday 9 - 9:30

All kids from kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome !



Bring friends!

Needle Arts

In January we took six receiving blankets and hats to both ENMMC and Lovelace. The nurses again told me that they appreciate having these items to give to moms and babies in need. We have enough blankets made for February but will need some for March and beyond. The blankets are very easy: in the kit is one yard of flannel, and all you need to do is hem the four sides. Perfection is absolutely not required - the babies love them no matter what!! There are kits always available in the office or you can contact me and I can get you a kit or answer any questions you have. Sewing one blanket will help us keep this ministry going !!!



We continue to make the mini prayer quilts for Mother Susan to hand out. These are also available for any parish member to share or keep for themselves. They are small enough that they can be mailed in a regular business envelope. There is a poem that can also be given with the mini quilts.

There are also a couple of comfort/prayer shawls available in the office if you know of someone who could use a St. Andrew's hug. We appreciate all of you who support this outreach with monetary donations, donations of fabric and yarn, and making blankets and knitting the baby hats!!!

Our next meeting will be

Thursday, March 12th, at 10:00 in the conference room in the office.

Please come join us!!

Debbi Smith
St. Andrew's Needle Arts Ministry

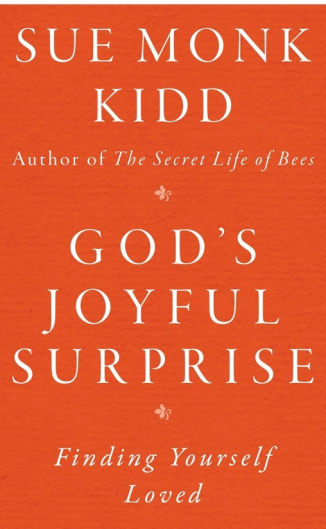
Education for Ministry

EfM Community Gathering, coming up March 15th and 22nd at 4-6 pm. These are special seminars that we open to anyone who has participated in EfM or who might be interested.

For this Gathering, we will all read *God's Joyful Surprise* by Sue Monk Kidd, author of the *Secret Life of Bees*.

The book is available from your favorite online bookseller.

Email Charmaine Martin for a link to our Zoom seminars:
charmainem704@gmail.com



3/3 - Janet Macaluso
Pat Wiberg

3/14 - Jerry Jordan

3/11 - Tom LeBarre

3/15 - Katie Rico
Debbi Smith

3/16 - Eileen Grooms

3/18 - Nick McClelland

3/20 - Gini Bartley

3/21 - Kap Kelley

3/24 - Derek Evans

3/28 - Carol Anne Linson

3/31—Karen Fuss



The deadline for the **April 2026 Word** is **March 19th**.

Send anything you would like to share to Charmaine:

word@standrewsroswell.com

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

Thursday, **March 26th** at 9:30 in the Church Office
View The Word Online! In Full Color, with working links:

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

The Word is *love*

LENTEN LUNCHEON

Once again, the Roswell clergy association has planned a series of Prayer services, with a light lunch each weekday in Holy Week. Full details will be available soon, but for now we know that Monday, March 30th, St. Andrew's will be the host church. The Women's Group is planning our traditional soup & cracker luncheon. We usually have seven different soups on offer, with a variety of flavors, made with care to include some vegetarian soups, and some gluten-free, so everyone can partake. As our numbers are becoming fewer (and older) we could use some help: do you make a soup your family loves, or can you bake some cookies for dessert? Call Charmaine Martin or Jerry Odette. We'd love to have you participate.



FOUR PAWS PET PANTRY

Next Pet Pantry Day:

Wednesday, Feb 18, 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

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

If you prefer you can order Pet food from

Chewy.com They Deliver!

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

(We continue to have to purchase 90% of the food we hand out.)

In January we had a record number of people come for assistance. We helped 125 households handing out 318 gallon bags of dog food, 171 gallon bags of cat food for a total of 489 gallon bags of pet food. We gave 8 bags of dog food and 4 bags of cat food to the Salvation Army, which opened a warming center during the cold weather as they were allowing people to bring their pets. We had 13 volunteers help with bagging and distribution. These volunteers make the difference in this outreach!!!!

We really appreciate all the support we receive from parish members with monetary donations, donations of pet food and zip lock bags. We continue to purchase about 90% of the food we distribute and about 90% of the zip lock bags we use. If you know of a group that is looking for a service project please mention Four Paws--we would be glad to furnish any information they would need.

Debbi Smith and Donna Eastes
Pet Pantry co chairs

Sins of Omission

Morning Meditation by Charmaine Martin

I use Morning Prayer every day, alternating between Rite I and Rite II. I love the rich, old language of Rite I, except for the confession. (BCP p. 41) It's beautiful to speak of erring and straying like lost sheep, but that's not me. Of all places you want to present your authentic self, it's when confessing to God.

But I do like that when start getting specific, Rite I starts out with "we have left undone those things we ought to have done," as if saying what you fail to do is what is most important.

Rite II (BCP p. 79) begins by focusing on the active sins, "what we have done." But then it moves on to the sins that break the two great commandments that Jesus named: "We have not loved you with our whole heart," we pray, "We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves."

ALL sins, "what we have done, and what we have left undone" fit into one of those great Commandments. And therefore, all sins are sins of omission.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets." (Matt 22:37-40)

NURSERY

Good news! We have hired a second Nursery Attendant. Lena Gamboa will begin as soon as she completes Safe Church



Training, and with both Tiffany and Lena in place, they can start welcoming children to the Nursery.

Also in place is a new crib. Thanks to everyone who contributed furnishings or money to equip the nursery. Monetary Donations are still being accepted, to fill in the little "extras". Make checks payable to St. Andrew's Church, and write "Nursery" in the memo line.

"The wise ones know that we're in this together, and we're all just walking each other home."

- Ram Dass (paraphrased)

Harriet Monsell

Monastic, March 26

(1811 – 25 March 1883) founded the [Community of St John Baptist](#), an order of Augustinian nuns in the Church of England dedicated to social service, which by her death had expended to numerous houses, including in India and the Americas. She was born Harriet O'Brien, in 1811, to one of Ireland's oldest Anglo-Irish families. Harriet married Charles Monsell in 1839 while he was studying and receiving medical treatment at the University of Dublin, and they moved to Oxford the following year to complete his studies. He was later ordained, but, due to his continued delicate health, much of their later married life was spent in Europe, including Naples. After her husband's death in



1850, she began working in Clewer near Windsor among former prostitutes and unwed mothers at a House of Mercy. Soon, Harriet Monsell professed religious vows with two other women. Initially they were called the Sisters of Mercy, but later changed their name to reflect their inspiration from John the Baptist's call to penitence. She thus became Mother Superior of the Community of St John Baptist, established on 30 November 1852, and one of the first Anglican religious orders since the Reformation. Because of their affiliation with the town of Clewer they are commonly called the 'Clewer Sisters'. The women lived according to a rule attributed to St Augustine of Hippo. During the new order's first five years, it expanded from assisting about thirty marginalised women to dedicating a building to serve about eighty. As the Community of St John Baptist, guided by Mother Harriet's energy, extensive correspondence and humour, the nuns extended their original mission to running about forty institutions, including mission houses in various parishes, as well as orphanages, schools and hospitals.

Mother Harriet retired to Folkestone in 1875 for health reasons, although she was occasionally able to visit the communities she founded. She died on the morning of 26 March 1883, which was Easter Sunday that year.

more at [Wikipedia](#) and at [Project Canterbury](#)



The Community of St. John Baptist

A Religious Order for Women in the Episcopal Church

<https://www.csjb.org/>

"He must increase, I must decrease" (John 3:30)

The Community is still very active, from their Mother House in Mendham, NJ, leading prayers and retreats in person and online, and ministering to the needs of God's world.

One of their projects is the Good Shepherd Home in Cameroon, West Africa.

<https://www.goodshepherdhome.org/>



In the Diocese...

Bishop Hunn on Lent:

https://youtu.be/4L195Enut0s?si=6rW_jCy2bQQR8hlu



A message to the Diocese of the Rio Grande introducing Lent as a season of wilderness that prepares Christians for Holy Week and Easter by recalling Jesus' temptation in the desert. Drawing from the Ash Wednesday liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer,* it explains Lent's purposes: training disciples (including preparing converts for baptism), and restoring those estranged by sin through penitence, forgiveness, and reconciliation. The speaker invites viewers to observe a holy Lent through self-examination and repentance, prayer, fasting and self-denial, and reading and meditating on Scripture. Practical suggestions include joining the diocesan discernment program run by the Commission on Ministry for vocational discernment (lay or ordained), and reading resources such as *Living the Sabbath* (Norman Wirzba), *Reconciliation: Preparing for Confession in the Episcopal Church* (Martin Smith) with guidance on both general and private confession, Mary Earle's introduction to the desert mothers, *The Calling of the Laity* (an anthology compiled by Verna Dozier) on lay vocation, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship* and *Life Together*. The script also discusses the 1904 fictional short story *The Archbishop's Test*, which imagines the Church of England canceling programs to focus on fully living the prayer book through the Daily Office, weekly Eucharist, Evensong, and catechism teaching, arguing that deeper prayer renews the Holy Spirit's energy for ministry. Viewers are encouraged to begin Morning and Evening Prayer (or Compline) using the Book of Common Prayer, online resources like Forward Movement, or an app, and to use Lent to deepen faith, confess sins, seek reconciliation, and cultivate silence and solitude.



The author of the Forward Day by Day meditations for the month of March is

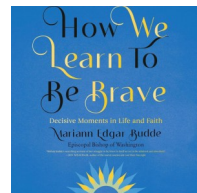
one of our DRG clergy: Fr Mike Angell of St Michael and all Angels

Fr. Mike is a preacher, writer, and activist. He is passionate about language, contemplation, and connecting across human boundaries to pursue Jesus' vision of the Beloved Community.

Pick up a copy of Forward Day by Day in the Narthex, the Parish Hall or the Office. Or follow online at <https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd>

Women of the DRG LENT BOOK STUDY

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



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

(The book is available on Amazon or many other platforms.) Email Cindy to get the link. cynthiadavisauthor@gmail.com

A little more information about the Frey Scholarship Fund in Support of Residential Seminarians

At our special ingathering on Feb 22nd, we raised \$497.44. We won't write the check until next week, so if you'd like to contribute, please make your check payable to St. Andrew's and write "Frey Fund in the memo line.

The Diocese currently has 10 students at the following seminaries:

- Church Divinity School of the Pacific - 1
- Seminary of the Southwest (Austin, TX) - 6
- School of Theology at Sewanee (Sewanee, TN) - 2
- Virginia Theological Seminary (Alexandria, VA) - 1



Enjoy this 2 minute video with St. Mark's Youth (Jordan, Thomas, and Eric) sharing highlights from Camp Stoney 2025

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9IpcLPYsik>

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!

<https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/ff3ead0c-e7b8-4b0a-a3f7-7f8cda020f9f>

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: <https://giving.myamplify.io/App/Form/938535e7-c67e-4d3a-8e5d-75196a1bf3a0>

* I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. BCP p.265

Web Bonus...

Where were you in the pre-dawn hours on March 3rd?

Dawn Willis was outside, taking pictures of the Lunar Eclipse (Blood Moon):



The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters
He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

St. Andrew's rector in the sixties, Fr. Charles Davies, eventually retired here and was treated as Rector Emeritus. When he died, his funeral instructions stated that it was to be held in conjunction with the next scheduled service of the church. This happened to be 7:00 am Wednesday Eucharist. Our Rector, Fr. Steve Birdwell, took a little license, and made it the 9:00 am Wednesday Eucharist. The Gospel was the Good Shepherd.

This was before the gallery with ADA bathrooms was built, before the Columbarium, and the North side of the church was directly against the courtyard, which was used as a playground by the nursery school. Coincidentally (?) that day, the school had invited a petting zoo to set up in the courtyard, so while Fr. Birdwell spoke of how Fr. Davies had exemplified the Good Shepherd, we could hear lambs bleating.



Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe's letter to the Church on the military strike on Iran

February 28, 2026

Dear people of God in The Episcopal Church,

Here in the United States, we awoke this morning with alarm to the news that the United States and Israel have launched a large military strike on Iran. This violent attack comes despite weeks of negotiations that many of us had hoped would prevent armed conflict in this fragile region, which is home to so many religious traditions and faithful people.

Bishop Jeffrey Mello of Connecticut and a group of pilgrims from that diocese are in the Holy Land now, and when we spoke this morning, he let me know that they are safe at St. George's College in Jerusalem. I ask you to pray fervently for them and their safe return.

Pray, too, for all the people of the Holy Land, and especially for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and its leader, Archbishop Hosam Naoum. I had planned to be with Hosam today and tomorrow when he made a long-planned visit to our church. Many Episcopalians who had hoped to see him and assure him of our support will feel his absence keenly in the coming days. I commend to you the [letter that he has sent to the people of his diocese this morning](#).

As news reports tell us of fear and panic in Iran, I ask you to pray especially for the people of the Diocese of Iran and for all of the Iranian people. In recent weeks, we have mourned as the regime in Iran has killed peaceful protesters, and watched with alarm at both its increasing repression of the Iranian people and the escalating response of the U.S. government. As Christians who follow a Prince of Peace, we mourn that today's attacks will surely mean further hardship for the most vulnerable Iranians and, as retaliation inevitably follows, suffering that will spread across the entire region.

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church



<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/letter-from-presiding-bishop-sean-rowe-on-military-strike-on-iran/>

Archbishop Hosam Naoum's letter:

28 February 2026

Dear Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you are all now painfully aware, in the early hours of this morning, February 28, a coordinated and massive military assault was launched by the United States and Israel against numerous cities and installations within Iran. This operation, described by the leaders of the two nations as a "pre-emptive" attack, has brought fire and destruction to the heart of Tehran, Isfahan, and beyond, striking at the very centers of governance and civilian life. Moreover, just prior to these events, Israel had also "pre-emptively" attacked various targets in southern Lebanon, where the number of casualties has yet to be determined.



Tragically, the cycle of violence has expanded with terrifying speed. In the hours following, Iran launched a widespread reprisal, with missiles and drones targeting Israel and U.S. military assets across the Gulf—striking installations in Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Kurdistan-Iraq, Jordan, and Qatar. Sirens also blared across the Holy Land, warning of incoming missiles from Iran. Suddenly, our people from the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf find themselves once again huddled in shelters, fearing for their lives as the shadow of a total regional war looms over us.

These developments strike at the very soul of our Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East. Every single nation now engaged in this combat, and those bearing the brunt of the retaliatory strikes, resides within our ecclesiastical boundaries. Our brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Iran are currently enduring the terror of aerial bombardment; our members in the Diocese of Cyprus & the Gulf are witnessing the arrival of war at their doorsteps; and our faithful in the Diocese of Jerusalem—extending across Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria face an unprecedented threat of military escalation.

In the face of such overwhelming force, we recall the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matt 5:9). Today, that calling feels heavier than ever before. When the "spirit of fear" threatens to consume our hearts, we must anchor ourselves in the "spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Tim 1:7).

First, I call upon the global Church to join us in urgent, unceasing prayer. We implore God to protect the innocent—the mothers, the children, and the elderly—who are caught in the crossfire of this "Operation Epic Fury" and the subsequent "crushing responses." We pray specifically for a "sound mind" for the leaders of the United States, Israel, and Iran, that they might recognize the futility of this bloodshed and turn back from the precipice of a global catastrophe.

Second, we must offer each other the sanctuary of Christian love. I therefore urge our clergy and laity to be beacons of comfort. In a time of "regime change" rhetoric and military ultimatums, let our message be the unchanging promise of Christ's peace: to build each other up (1 Cor 8:1), for our hope is not in the strength of armadas or missile shields, but in the Prince of Peace.

Finally, we must remain "Bridge Builders." Even as diplomatic windows seem to slam shut, the Church must keep the doors of reconciliation open. We refuse to see our neighbors as enemies, whether they be in Tehran, Tel Aviv, or the military bases of the Gulf. I extend an urgent invitation to the wider Anglican Communion and all people of goodwill: Intercede for us now. The hour is late, and the danger is great. We remain "battered and bruised, but not defeated." May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

In Christ, The Most Reverend Dr. Hosam E. Naoum
Primate and President Bishop The Province of Jerusalem & the Middle East



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Outreach Ministries Funds — January 2026

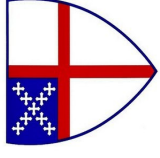
Unused funds carry over from one year to the next. This doesn't tell the whole story: much of our outreach ministry is accomplished by donated materials and **ESPECIALLY** by volunteer labors. **Thank you** for supporting these ministries.

FUND	Beginning Balance		JAN DONATIONS	JAN EXPENDITURES	Jan 31, 2026 FUND BALANCE
Andy's Breakfast	\$ 4,645.53		\$ 0.00	\$ 277.13	\$ 4,368.40
Needle Arts	5,958.19		0.00	14.23	5,943.96
Pet Pantry	7,157.86		4,368.00	725.80	10,800.06
Rector's Outreach (Discretionary)	9,285.35		448.50	1,112.48	8,619.37
Starting Line	1,503.49		0.00	0.00	1,503.49
Unspecified Mission and Outreach	8,847.94		0.00	0.00	8,847.94
Altar Fund	924.41		0.00	0.00	924.41
Capital Improvements Fund	3,595.48		0.00	0.00	3,595.48
Saving Grace Campaign Fund	40,500.00		0.00	0.00	40,500.00
Choir Fund (& Advent Fest)	6,215.79		0.00	.00	6,215.79
Children's Choir	4,216.77		0.00	0.00	4,216.77
Scholarship Fund	7,140.00		0.00	0.00	7,140.00

Income and Expense Report — Jan 2026

	Jan 2026	Dec Budget	YTD	YTD Budget
Ordinary Income:				
Plate Offerings	\$ 246.50	\$ 625.00	\$ 246.50	\$ 625.00
Current Pledges	6486.69	9,663.37	6486.69	9,663.37
Pre-Paid Pledges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unpledged Contrib	10,430.00	5,416.63	10,430.00	5,416.63
Special Offerings *	.00	0.00	.00	0.00
Foundation Income	97,725.00	97,725.00	97,725.00	97,725.00
Altar Flowers	140	116.63	140	116.63
Other Income	35.00	308.37	35.00	308.37
Income—Total	\$ 115,063.19	\$ 114,155.00	\$ 115,063.19	\$ 114,155.00
Payroll Expenses	18,990.40	20,864.76	256,019.75	264,633.46
Other Expenses	35,097.36	21,028.99	175,787.85	177,627.11
Total Expenses	54,087.76	41,893.75	431,807.60	442,260.60
Net Ordinary Income	60,975.43	72,261.25	60,975.43	72,261.25
Transfer from Savings**				
Net Income + Transfer	\$ 60,975.43	\$ 2,261.25	\$ 60,975.43	\$ 2,261.25

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



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Kids' Quest 9 Holy Eucharist 10 St. David's Day	2 Happy Purim	3 World Wildlife day Tai Chi 4 pm	4 Alz Group 11 Lenten Study 5:15 Choir Practice 6	5 Name Tag Day	6 World Day of Prayer	7 Spring+th Forward
8 Kids' Quest 9 Holy Eucharist 10	9 Nat'l Nap Day Women of St-Andrew's 9:30	10 Tai Chi 4 pm Harriet Tubman Day Men's Group 7:30 am	11 Lenten Study 5:15 Choir Practice 6	12 Nat'l Girl Scouts Day Needle Arts 10	13 Pi Day	14 Pi Day
15 Kids' Quest 9 Holy Eucharist 10	16 Daughters of the King 11 am Vestry 5 	17 Tai Chi 4 St. Patrick's Day	18 Alz Group 11. Pet Pantry 3:30 Lenten Study 5:15 Choir Practice 6	19 WORD deadline	20 Alien Abduction Day	21 Alien Abduction Day
22 Kids' Quest Holy Eucharist 10	23 Nat'l Tamale Day	24 Tai Chi 4 Little Red Wagon Day	25 Lenten Study 5 Choir Practice 6 Abp of Canterbury Installation	26 MLB Opening Day Mail Word 9:30	27 World Theatre Day	28 Andy's Breakfast Clean-up Crew 9:30
29 Kids' Quest 9 Holy Eucharist 10 Palm Sunday	30 Holy Week Prayers & Lunch 12:15 in Parish Hall	31 Nat'; Crayon Day Tai Chi 4	Apr 1 Alz Group 11 Lenten Study 5:15 Choir Practice 6	Apr 2 Maundy Thursday 5:30 pm	Apr 4 Good Friday 12:15	Apr 5 Holy Saturday Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 pm

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Sunday Services

In-Person and Livestream

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10 am

Followed by:

Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday

Mar 29, 10 am

Begin in Courtyard

Maundy Thursday

Apr 2, 5:30 pm

Eucharist and Footwashing

Good Friday Liturgy

Apr 3, 12:15 pm

Holy Saturday

Apr 4, 7:30 pm

Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday,

Apr 5, 10 am **Eucharist,**
followed by Reception in Courtyard