



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

eNews

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Office Hours: 8:30am – 2:30pm, Mon - Thurs

Join us in person for worship every Sunday at 10:00am, or on Zoom & Facebook.

An online version of the weekly worship bulletin can be found on our website – www.standrewspdx.com

Thoughts from Pastor Amy

Dear friends in Christ,

It was a blessing to worship with so many old and new friends last Sunday at Multnomah Presbyterian church as three SW Portland Presbyterian churches (Valley Community, Multnomah, and St. Andrew's) came together for Palm Sunday worship. It was a celebratory time with so many gathered together. I think I would love playing in a marimba choir, wouldn't you? And also, it was a serious time for reflection on how we are living out the good news of Jesus in today's world.

This week has opportunities for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship at Valley Community and Multnomah, respectively. I hope you can join me for one or both of the services. On Sunday at 10 AM we will great Easter Sunday worship in our sanctuary with the words, "Christ is Risen! Christ is risen Indeed!", celebrating with choir, brass, and communion as we joyfully worship together. We will add our cut flowers to a flower cross in recognition of the great good news of the new life we have in Jesus.

I also wanted to update you on the work of the Session. The position description for a transitional pastor has been approved and we are beginning to advertise the position locally and regionally. It has been posted on the Presbytery of the Cascades job openings webpage (<https://cascadespresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Transitional-position-revised-3-29-2026.pdf>), and in a few weeks, we should also have the position posted on the national PCUSA job site just in case the one person we are looking for will find us through that network. Meanwhile, you can read more about our transition on the St. Andrew's website by clicking the "About" tab (<https://www.standrewspdx.com/about>) and then the "St. A's in Transition" button at the top right side of the screen. And you'll also see the posting for position just below that (the "We're Hiring!" button).

However you celebrate Easter this year, I pray that it will be memorable, reflective, and filled with joy.

In Christ, Pastor Amy, Your Bridge Pastor

(written April 1st)

SCRIPTURE

April 5
John 20:1-18
Psalm 118:21-29

April 12
John 20:19-31
Psalm 145:13-21

Special Offering – April 5 (Easter Sunday!)

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The work done in support of the causes supported by **One Great Hour of Sharing** (OGHS) — disaster, hunger, poverty, climate change, and immigration/migration and refugees — serves individuals and communities in need. This work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (Feb. 18–April 5), each gift to this Special Offering helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God’s love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

We will dedicate this offering on **this Sunday, April 5** (Easter Sunday!). Please give generously.

News & Notes

HELP DECORATE THE CROSS!

As is our Easter tradition, you are welcome to bring flowers from your morning **this Sunday** to decorate the cross in our sanctuary as part of our Easter Sunday celebration. If you don't have any flowers to bring, no worries -- there are always plenty to share!

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES

Please don't forget that Palm Sunday service is taking place **this Sunday (March 29) at Multnomah Presbyterian Church at 10:30am!** You can also view their service online (please see MPC’s website for the YouTube link to live stream).

Easter Sunday service is back at St. A's, but please don't forget that our kindred churches will be hosting evening services for Holy Week tonight and tomorrow:

- **Maundy Thursday** at 6:30pm at Valley Community PC (after a shared meal at 6pm).
- **Good Friday** at 7:30pm at Multnomah PC in person and online (please see MPC’s website for the YouTube link to live stream).

POLITY

Dear brothers and sisters in faith: When I served on the St. Andrew’s staff (1990s-2009), I was encouraged and financially supported as I worked my way through the extensive PC(USA) Certified Christian Educator training. Now, as Elder of Christian Formation, I’d like to share a bit of what I’ve learned, with a brief message each month.

Continuing with the ORDINATION QUESTIONS that Elders and Deacons respond to, the next ordination question is about how we govern.

Question #4: *Will you be governed by our church’s polity, and will you ABIDE BY its discipline? Will you BE A FRIEND among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God’s word and spirit?*

This question deals with a churchy word, "Polity." It's a benchmark for making decisions while showing grace to one another. Polity is about doing things right ... and about prayerfully doing the right things. We "do church" in keeping with our freedom in Christ. We are to discern the will of God together ... in shared hospitality and common commitment. Prayerfully calling on the Holy Spirit, we are summoned to SPEAK truth ... and LISTEN to those who differ.

It's about bringing hospitality and grace to our common fellowship.

Roberta Schlechter, CCE

SW HOPE 2026 - DINE FOR A GREAT CAUSE

There are two more dates available to participate in Dine Out to Donate (part of SW Hope: The Hope in Neighboring). The restaurants shown here will donate a percentage of their sales to support Neighborhood House's Free Food Market and related programs. By participating, you help ensure families, seniors, and children have reliable access to nutritious food.

April 7: Salvador Molly's

April 8: Bless Your Heart Burgers

District 4 Budget Open House

April 4 10:00am - 12:00pm



Be a part of the conversation at this drop-in event!

Stop by a station on Housing and Homelessness and share your thoughts with Mayor Wilson and our 3 City Councilors, Mitch Green, Olivia Clark, and Eric Zimmerman.

Things to emphasize with elected officials (pick a few favorites):

- **Stop the sweeps.** They destabilize people who are already struggling. They chase people deeper into neighborhoods, trying to hide and protect themselves.
- **People don't want overnight shelters, they want housing.**
- **Allocate spaces where people can legally camp, with regular garbage pick-up and port-a-potties.**
- **Support self-governed micro-villages.** They are cheaper, and get more people into housing.
- **Support the continued presence of Multnomah Safe Rest Village (MSRV)** in our community, serving all unhoused people. Let them know our community wants to be part of the solution.
- **Improve the quality of care inside the MSRV.**
- **Support increased oversight at every level.**
- **Provide more rehab services, mental health services, and housing.**
- **Support rental assistance and rent buydowns.**

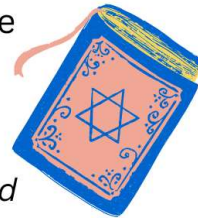
Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Ave • Room 108 (Leah Hing Room)

Passover Neighbor-to-Neighbor Witness at ICE



Wednesday, April 8 2-3pm

Faith communities have been gathering since December for interfaith witness rituals at the ICE building – joining in solidarity as we declare our moral outrage at the cruel practices of this administration. On this day, our ritual will draw on traditions and teachings from our Festival of Liberation. Led by Rabbis Brian Mayer and Benjamin Barnett, and Student Rabbi Noah Dor Lind, we invite Jews and non-Jews to gather as we sing, connect, and tell the story of a more liberated world.



4310 SW Macadam Ave., Portland

REGISTER NOW! SW HOPE 5K & BUNNY CHASE

SW Hope Feed the Hungry 5K is back again (for the 5th year!), benefiting Neighborhood House Free Food Market. This year, the event takes place on **Saturday, April 11**.

Where: Oregon Episcopal School (6300 SW Nicol Rd, Portland)

When: Kids Fun Run (and Bunny Chase) begins at 9:45am; 5K Run/Walk following at 10:15am

Register today for the walk/run or to enter your littles in the Kids Run and Bunny Chase! For more information about the race and how the 5K supports our neighbors here in SW Portland experiencing food insecurity, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/OR/Portland/swhope5k>. And consider adding an event t-shirt with an adorable design when you register -- proceeds further go to supporting the mission of SW Hope.

A NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Big changes are afoot with our church communications! Stay tuned for a new format to this weekly newsletter, which will provide readers with a "TLDR" (Too Long, Didn't Read) style -- directing them to our website for information about fellowship groups, mission work, and other activities at St. A's that happen on a recurring basis.

That means less scrolling for those accessing the weekly newsletter online, ensuring we are highlighting the latest and greatest information without losing resources for anyone looking to take part in something at the church. And while we are taking away from the newsletter, the website will be getting an overhaul to accommodate these changes (and hopefully provide a more user-friendly experience to navigate to the information you seek).

For those who prefer a printable version, this may look drastically different as well, so we may be following up to confirm your preference for non-HTML formatting and/or fielding more calls to redirect folks to the website for information.

Learning & Fellowship

CHOIR REHEARSAL

The choir will be taking a break for a bit! Rehearsals, which take place each Sunday after service in the chapel, will resume on **Sunday, April 26**. Everyone is welcome; just bring a love of singing. For more information, contact Don Feely.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. ANDREW'S

We have enjoyed discussing the seven days of creation through the lens of Celtic Spirituality! Our final meeting, at which Jan will teach "The Seventh Day: The Stillness of God" will take place on **Wednesday, April 15 from 12:30-2:00pm** in the lounge. This group is always a drop-in gathering -- no need to have read the book! Please contact Amy or Jan if you have questions. And stay tuned for our next session, where we will be discussing *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr.

SUPPER CHURCH

With Holy Week activities happening now, Supper Church will take a short pause and resume on **Sunday, April 12**. For planning purposes, please RSVP via the SignUp Genius link. We hope to see you there. Guests are always welcome! Questions? Please email Roberta Schlechter.

ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB

Our next meeting will be at **10am on Thursday, April 16th** at which time we'll discuss the book will be *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Whether it's your first time attending a book club (ours or one in general), or if you're a seasoned reader with lots of book club experience, ALL are welcome. We hope you will join us! If you have suggestions or questions, contact Sarah (Sadie) Pullen.

BE A "COFFEE ANGEL" DURING FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers are always needed on Sundays to make post-worship coffee hour & fellowship happen. If you would like to sign up for one or more Sundays, please do so on the SignUp Genius link. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Whether you are new to studying the Bible or someone who considers themselves a student of the Word, this men's study group is looking for you. Come as you are (in comfy clothes and/or with coffee in hand) and log on to Zoom **every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00am**. Set your alarm and jump right in to group discussion, contemplation, and prayer. Contact Larry Kelley for more information.

Mission & Ministry

*If you have any questions about our ministries
or would like to be a part of our Mission Team, contact Marilyn Palumbo.*

ST. ANDREW'S QUILTERS

The St. Andrew's quilters will resume their sessions at **9:30am on Wednesday, April 8**. If you're interested in learning more about the beautiful creations this group makes (donated to organizations that provide warmth to those in need),

please contact Gail Planck for more information. All are welcome to join this bi-monthly group gathering (2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 9:30am in the quilting room at St. A's).

DID YOU MISS IT?? (DINE TO DONATE FOR CUBA)

Did you think you missed your chance to join your church family in a home meal and support our sister church in Santa Clara, Cuba? Think again! We have another group forming for those who haven't yet found their place. Please leave a message with Kara at the church office or Carolyn Gazeley at 503.519.6764 to indicate your interest. Carolyn will offer dates to find one that is mutually acceptable.

ZIPLOC MINISTRY

First Saturday of Each Month

10:30am-12:00pm - Ziploc bag filling and donation drop-off

Each month, St. Andrew's sends large Ziploc bags filled with essential items to distribute to those in our community who have found themselves without a home. Thanks to generous donors, along with additional Neighborhood Ministries funds, we receive enough funding each month to cover these costs. We are grateful to be able to continue this important work.

So what can you do to help? It has been brought to our attention the constant need for donations of new socks and new men's boxer-briefs, for many of our ministry partners. These can be dropped off at our **April 4th** Ziploc bag filling, at worship on Sundays, or during office hours.

LEND A HAND TO MSR/V

St. Andrew's supports the Multnomah Safe Rest Village (MSRV) in partnership with the Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village. Under the ownership of Urban Alchemy, our unhoused neighbors are provided clean hygiene facilities and offered healthy meals, through an approach that supports guests' physical and mental health, as well as by empowerment and skill training.

How can you help?

- Speak out to support the MSR/V and dispel misconceptions!
- Sign up to make and drop off sandwiches (and easy-to-chew snacks, if you're so inclined) for FMSRV Sandwich Mondays.
- Drop off donations of food, gently used clothing, new hygiene items, and pet food.
- Get involved! Opportunities are available to serve meals, assist with art or garden projects, and engage with the community by Tabling at Hillsdale Farmers Market.
- Put up a "We Support FMSRV lawn sign." (Text Robin at 503-703-7183 for info.)
- Visit the Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village website, and join their Facebook group for updates, news, photos, and connections.

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SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS AT WEST WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S SHELTER

We prepare and deliver monthly, homemade casseroles and other food items to this domestic violence shelter. Recipes and instructions are provided (and reimbursement for the cost of ingredients is available). Casseroles are dropped off at St. A's during the first Saturday Ziploc event. We always need more volunteers who love to cook. If you'd like to share in serving our neighbors at WWCS, you can use the usual SignUp Genius link (Kara can assist, if necessary).

SOUTHWEST OUTREACH

Southwest Outreach is an active civic group connecting with our neighbors living outside in SW Portland through visits, conversation, and relationship-building through a variety of programs and services.

If you see (or know of) someone living outside in our area and you are uncertain how or whether to approach, you can always contact Southwest Outreach for a team to visit them. Call Marilyn Palumbo at 971-235-5788.

Shower Program

Located at Riversgate Church in Multnomah Village, this weekly SW Outreach shower program is a welcome day center for people being displaced in our area. Our guests find a few peaceful hours to get a shower and a hot meal, connect with resources, and engage in conversation.

Request for Electronic Devices

Many of our neighbors who live outside desperately need electronic devices: phones, tablets, laptops, and portable WiFi hotspots. This connects them to the world of housing, medical care, employment, emergency services and other resources. If you have a device in any condition that is usable or can be repaired, please contact Marilyn Palumbo. The device should be reset to factory status from the settings menu. We'll help with that if needed! Thank you.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering with this important and effective group, contact Marilyn Palumbo. You can also contact them if you're worried about someone in the neighborhood who might be houseless and needing help. St. Andrew's is the fiscal sponsor of SW Outreach. You can make money donations through our website, choosing 'SW Outreach' in the drop-down menu.

Virtual Gatherings & Events

Friday, April 3 (Good Friday) 7:30pm Worship Live Streamed (YouTube) (in person at Multnomah Presbyterian Church)	Sunday, April 5 & 12 10:00am Worship Zoom & Facebook (also in person)
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Quick Reminders

NEED A RIDE?

If you need assistance getting to or from the church, please call Larry Kelley at 503-724-1966.

ST. ANDREW'S NAME TAGS

We've created all new name tags for everyone! Stop by the tower by the sanctuary doors in the narthex and grab your new name tag and wear it during worship. (Don't forget to return it there after service so you'll have it next week too!) If you don't see yours, ask one of our welcome team members if we already have an updated one on hand. (Kara updated all of the tags that were previously on the tower, and there is now a "backup" bin full of tags -- what's on the tower are folks in our current directory ... rest assured, we haven't forgotten the many folks who make St. A's such a wonderful, welcoming space and want to have tags available for anyone who may only be able to make a service in-person on occasion.)

As part of our welcome and when passing the peace, name tags help put names with faces - a crucial part of fellowship! If you're new or we missed creating a new name tag for you, please contact the office and we will be happy to make you a name tag for future use.

DISABLED STREET PARKING ACCESS

Please note that the street parking along SW Sunset is reserved for picking up and dropping off those who need extra assistance getting inside for worship on Sundays. We ask that you please leave these spaces open and not park there. There is plentiful parking in our lot across Dosch. Those needing assistance can also use the driveway on Dosch for dropping off and picking up, and take the elevator up to the main level. If you have any questions or need further assistance on Sundays, please contact the office.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you would like to recognize a special occasion or person (e.g., birthdays, anniversaries) or memorialize a loved one by placing flowers on the chancel, please contact Bev Ruggles to confirm a date. (Contact the office for Bev's phone number if you don't have it.)

NATIONAL SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

People experiencing a mental health crisis have a way to reach out for help in the U.S., by calling or texting the numbers 9-8-8. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. It will function much like 9-1-1, but is solely dedicated to addressing mental health needs. See their website for more information on this potentially lifesaving program, and help spread the word.

**Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of St. Andrew's
through your online donations and checks sent by mail.**

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