



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](http://www.standrewspdx.com)

### Thoughts from Pastor Sarah

Dear Kindred in Christ,

Pastor Sarah is returning from vacation this Sunday!

Pastors Tom & Patty Campbell-Schmitt are on call for pastoral care in her absence.

If you have an urgent need, please contact the office and we will put you in contact with someone who can assist.

### SCRIPTURE

August 24

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

August 31

Jeremiah 33:14-18; 31:31-34

John 17:1-8

### New News & Announcements

#### TELL ME A STORY

Please join us for an incredible event this Sunday, August 24 from 10:30-11:30am.

After a shorter service, we will adjourn to small groups for a storytelling exercise. We invite you to share any and all St. Andrew's stories. These stories can be about our mission, cherished moments, and anything that reminds you of our history and helps others understand who we are as a congregation. It should be a wonderful discussion and provide some great fellowship too. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

This is one of the four ways that our consultants use to gather information for its report to Session at St. Andrew's -- the more participation that we have, the more representative the data will be. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Ihrig.

#### GRAB-N-GO ITEMS AVAILABLE

The St. Andrew's Ziploc Ministry has created extra supply bags/hygiene kits for those who like to have something in their vehicle to give to unsheltered individuals who they encounter while out and about in the community.

Please feel free to take them from the bin located in the hallway by the church office.

Come join us on Saturday, September 6 at 10:30am to help fill Ziploc bags. Can't stay? Drop off your donations and we'll take care of the bag filling for you. Additional information about this ministry and the people it serves can be found below.

#### **Learning & Fellowship Opportunities**

##### ANTI-RACISM DISCUSSION GROUP

We have arrived at chapter 7 of "Anti-Racism as Daily Practice: Refuse Shame, Change White Communities, and Help Create a Just World," by Jennifer Harvey.

We are taking a break in August, so our next meeting will be on the second Thursday in September (9.11) at 7pm on Zoom. We will try to keep the discussion to one hour. Join us on Zoom.

##### SUMMER SPIRITUAL FORMATION AT ST. ANDREW'S

1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 12:30-2:00pm in the Lounge

Summer is the perfect time to sample spiritual practices that bring meaning and joy to everyday life. Amy Houchen and Jan Reynolds will teach a variety of ways to tap into the Life of the Spirit. We also spend some time in silent prayer and share from our lives. Everyone is welcome; please join us! For more information, contact Jan Reynolds.

##### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's Bible study group meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7:00am on Zoom. They have wrapped up their study of the Old Testament and are preparing to start the New Testament once again. It would be a great time to jump in! Contact Larry Kelley for more information.

##### ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB

Our book group is up and running! We will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month, at 10:00am in the Lounge. Our next book is Tilt by Emma Pattee - come join us on September 18 to discuss it! If you have any questions, please contact Linda Jessell at 503-407-5475 or Sarah Pullen at 503-307-1591.

##### 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, you can sign up online. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.

##### SUPPER CHURCH

Join us for SUPPER CHURCH on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 5pm in the Lounge by the Chapel. We'll celebrate one another, share fun, fellowship, prayer, and praise. We'll have a story-related craft activity (and some fun outdoor stuff!) for the children, a chat time for the adults, and lots of dinner fellowship.

This event has been cancelled for August 24. Please join us for the next Supper Church on Sunday, September 14. Guests are welcome; please RSVP!

## NEXT STEPS IN ENNEAGRAM EXPLORATION

Our Saturday Enneagram group is on summer break. We'll resume on the fourth Saturday of September (9.27) at 1:00pm via Zoom. We are reviewing various aspects of Enneagram theory. Newcomers are welcome! All are welcome.

## CHOIR NEWS

The choir is on hiatus for the summer. We will announce our plans for fall at a later time. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the enhanced music we have planned for the next couple of months!

## Service & Mission

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

## MULTNOMAH SAFE REST VILLAGE NEWS

St. Andrew's supports the Multnomah Safe Rest Village in partnership with the Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village. Under the new 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. Here are ways you can help:

FMSRV Sandwich Mondays are back online, and we need lots of volunteers to make healthful sandwiches and drop them off at the gate: Sign-ups are online. You can add a few other snacks and cookies if you wish, but it's not required. Remember, some guests have few or no teeth (sad to say, this is a common result of being homeless), so make sure you include some things that are easy to chew.

For frequent MSRV updates, visit the Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village website, and join their Facebook group for updates, news, photos, connections. For more information about any of these programs contact the St. Andrew's office. Kara is happy to answer any of your questions.

## ZIPLOC MINISTRY

Saturday, September 6

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 our ministry partner Operation Nightwatch, who then distributes them to the houseless people who utilize their services. 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 first Saturday Ziploc bag filling, at worship on Sundays, or during office hours.

## 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. 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, check out the link [here](#).

## 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.

#### **ST. ANDREW'S QUILTERS**

The St. Andrew's quilters meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 9:30am. Their beautiful creations are donated to organizations that provide warmth to those in need. All are welcome to join them! Contact Gail Planck for more information.

#### **Virtual Gatherings & Events**

Sunday, August 24 & 31

10:00am Worship

Zoom & Facebook

(also in person)

Friday, August 22 & 29

10-12pm Virtual Coffee Chat, Zoom

#### **Reminders & Ongoing News**

##### **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.

#### **ST. ANDREW'S NAME TAGS**

As part of our welcome we encourage everyone to wear their name tags during Sunday worship. If your name tag is worn, has been lost, or if you never received one in the first place, contact the office and we will be happy to make you a new one (with our current logo!).

#### FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you would like to recognize a special occasion or person (i.e. 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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**Bookkeeper hours: 9:00am - 3:00pm, Mondays & Wednesdays**

**The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson-Doughty, Pastor and Head of Staff**

**Don Feely, Director of Music Ministry**

**Kara Errico, Office Administrator/Neighborhood Ministries Coordinator**

**Krissy Wilds, Bookkeeper**