St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church eNews

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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 Kim

Dear friends in Christ,

Just before our second reading on Sunday, Jesus has been teaching his friends about the end times. It is all very bleak and scary. But Jesus' message is clear: we need not fear. We have been forewarned. And so we get to decide how we will prepare for the moment Jesus returns like a thief in the night and the Kingdom of Heaven is ushered in. We get to decide, just like the ten bridesmaids who were invited to meet the bridegroom heading their way. The ten bridesmaids who each had an equal chance to go and wait and watch.

We read that all ten brought lamps, filled with oil, for who knows what time of day the groom will show up? But of those ten, five were absurd and nonsensical in their thinking, while the rest were sensible and savvy in their understanding. Because only half of them thought to bring extra oil, for who knows how many days we will have to wait till the Beloved appears?

Who knows? Only God. So we must be ready. And to be ready means we must consider. As we wait, what do we need to do to make sure we do not miss the return of Jesus? How do we make sure we are mindful, every second of every day, for the promised redemption of the world? Where do we need to be to ensure we hear the call to gather in the presence of the risen Lord? What does this mean for us, now? What has this meant for everyone, of every time and place, since Jesus first told this story?

Only God knows. But God has told us that there will come a day when the Kingdom of God is ushered in and all things will be made new.

Let us give thanks for that promise, even as we long for the day. Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Kim

SCRIPTURE

November 8	November 15
Matthew 25:1-13 *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*	*Matthew 25:14-30* *Judges 4:1-7*

News & Notes

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 New Testament themes around KING DAVID, next comes the SEED of David and the KEY of David.

The SEED of David connects with the Old Testament promise about the Messiah. In the gospel of John, we read of crowds in Jerusalem, which is called "Village of Peace." They declare that "... scripture says the Christ comes of the SEED of David.' The Apostle Paul opens his first letter to the Romans by making this point: David's descendant was God-and-man in one person. In his final letter to Timothy, Paul encourages his protégé to 'Remember Jesus Christ ... of the SEED of David, according to my glad tidings.'

Fast forward to the book of Revelation. The Lord declares to have "the KEY of David." This links Isaiah's prophecy to its ultimate fulfilment in Christ. Christ will hold the KEY, and administer God's kingdom.

Roberta Schlechter, CCE

FALL PARKING LOT WORK PARTY
When: Saturday, November 14
Time: 9am-3pm
Where: St. Andrew's Parking Lot

As we've done for several years, at least twice a year, we will be working together to clean up the parking lot, maintain the vegetation along the perimeter, and any other work that arises to keep our grounds beautiful and inviting for all. The Scouting America troops that regularly meet at St. A's will be here lending a hand throughout the day and refreshments will be served. We hope you will attend! Questions? Please contact Jeanette Kloos for more information.

WELCOME HOME!
Please plan to join us to welcome Pastor Kim to our St. A's church family, share some yummy Fall comfort foods and fellowship at our next after-church potluck event. We'll meet in the chapel following next Sunday's service (11/15). We hope to see you there!

Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food donations for our friends at Neighborhood House too! (We've made it a tradition and are always impressed by the generous haul that is delivered to the free food market the following week.)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
We regularly report to you how many pounds of food is dropped off to Neighborhood House, following our potlucks, Communion Sunday collections, and other events.

Roberta snapped a picture before service last Sunday and you could already see how quickly the cart was filling up at that point. Jeanette reported to us that the total delivered to Neighborhood House Free Food Market totaled 157 lbs this time around. That's incredible! Your support means more than you can imagine to our neighbors in need. Thank you to everyone who donated!

CLOTHING DONATIONS HELPING ST. A'S

In early December last year, the yellow shed you have grown accustomed to seeing in the parking lot across Dosch Road was delivered. Kudos to the crew who helped hoist the shed off the flatbed truck and set it up! It was quite a sight to see all of the cinder block "shims" in various shapes and heights put into place to ensure a stable (and level) footing.

Marilyn Palumbo, your Mission Elder, noted the following regarding this initiative, in the event you'd wondered why the shed exists and how it benefits St. Andrew's:

"A charity clothing drop-off shed is located in our parking lot, aimed at collecting clothing donations that will be redistributed to government agencies, relief agencies, and private companies across the United States and internationally to assist those in need. The items accepted include clothing, shoes, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. Donations placed in the shed will be picked up once a week, and in return for housing the shed, St. Andrew's receives a monthly stipend to support this community service. St. Pauly also invites us to keep donations of warm clothing, coats, and winter gear to use in our local ministries, such as Southwest Outreach."

For several months, our collections didn't amount to much on the financial end (our very first check received was only $2.29) but we've seen the money coming in increase dramatically in just nine months' time. Just as we've done with the sale of donated books, the idea behind this partnership with St. Pauly Textiles was to provide some additional funding to the church. And even in the smallest amounts, every little bit truly has helped support your Mission Team's activities.

As time has gone by, we've noticed an uptick in donation activity (likely from families who attend the preschool downstairs and others in the community, based on the amount of little children's clothing we've seen spill out of bags). **And the total amount we've raised is $195.61.** Not too shabby!

Kara tends to the shed once a week, making sure bags are tied off and items that aren't accepted are pulled out (and donated elsewhere), moving what's been collected to the far walls of the shed to ensure any additional drop-offs not only fit into the slot but have room to stack up as they accumulate on the inside of that space.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR HOURS

This has been a busy few weeks! And it just so happens that Kara's family and friends have all planned a number of celebrations back-to-back that require her to travel.

Please note that she will not be in the office on Monday, Nov. 16 and will be leaving early on Wednesday, Nov. 18 and is out again on Thursday, Nov. 19.

A huge thank you goes out to Pastor Kim for diving in and working several weeks ahead of schedule to make this time off possible -- and to all of you for your flexibility and understanding too.

Learning & Fellowship

SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP

Come join us as we continue to discuss Richard Rohr's book *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*. Amy Houchen will be teaching at our next meeting (**Wednesday, November 18**) -- we hope you will be able to join us in the lounge from **12:30-2:00pm** on that day. This is always a drop-in group. (No need to have read the book!) We hope to see you there. Questions? Please contact Amy or Jan.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP: COME JOIN US!

We need to shift things a bit this month and will be holding Family Fellowship on **Sunday, November 15**. Families in attendance will join everyone in the chapel for the post-service potluck and will then head downstairs to Calvin Hall.

Our Fellowship Team looks forward to seeing everyone, especially visiting families with young children. We invite guests to join us as well. If you would like to join us, please contact Roberta Schlechter, Elder of Christian Formation, for planning purposes. Can't make it on 11/15? Mark your calendars for the coming months, as Family Fellowship is typically held on the 2nd Sunday of each month, following worship. (Should any St. A's activities during Advent and Christmastime affect the year-end schedule, we'll announce those changes in this newsletter as well as in Sunday's bulletin.)

ST. A's BOOK CLUB

Please plan to join us as we discuss our next book, *Yellow Crocus* by Laila Ibrahim. The Book Club meets regularly, always on the 3rd Thursday of each month.) Our next book club gathering will take place in the lounge on **Thursday, November 19** from **10-11am**. We look forward to seeing you all!

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

Please join us in this virtual Men's Bible Study on Zoom when we resume on **Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00am**. Can't make it for this next study session? Not to worry! This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month using this same Zoom link. Contact Larry Kelley for more information.

Connected In Christ

In this section, you will find information about events published by the Presbytery of the Cascades and other local churches and like-minded groups who uphold the vision, values, and mission of St. Andrew's. By supporting those beyond our walls, we show that the Connectional Church helps us achieve more together than we ever could alone.

DISAGREE BETTER

Interactive worship presented by Braver Angels (Back by Popular Demand!)

Saturday, November 21, 2026
9:00am
First Presbyterian Church

Learn how to listen carefully, acknowledging what you share in common, and then share your own perspectives in ways that connect rather than create more misunderstanding. Led by Braver Angels certified moderator, Rev. Cynthia O'Brien.

HARVESTING HOPE – Recovery Café Roseway Fundraiser

Saturday, November 14, 2026
5:30-7:30pm
Recovery Café Roseway (3516 NE 71st Ave)
Ticket Price: $35 per person

Join us for a night of music, heavy hors d'oeuvers, paddle raise, and a raffle! Sneak peek at raffle items: $160 Trek merchandise card, $100 ReRun gift card, 2 Tickets to Cascadia Thermal Spa, $75 gift certificate for Gado Gado Indonesian food, and more! ***All proceeds go to support Recovery Café Roseway.***

SEEKING SACRED WISDOM SPEAKER SERIES
Workshop with Diana Butler Bass, Ph.D.

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:00am - 1:00pm
Rose City Presbyterian Church

Diana is an award-winning author, popular speaker, inspiring preacher, and one of America's most trusted commentators on religion and contemporary spirituality.

Agenda

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (Fri., 11/6): Lecture & Book Signing
Ticketed lecture will begin at 7pm with doors opening at 6:30pm. Seating is general admission. Book signing and reception to follow.

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Sat., 11/7): Workshop
Join this half day workshop with further sharing from Dr. Bass. Doors open at 8:30 with refreshments.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (Sun., 11/8): Sunday Worship
All are welcome to join us for worship with preaching by Dr. Bass.

You can purchase tickets on the Eventbrite website (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/seeking-sacred-wisdom-series-diana-butler-bass-tickets-1989398236679). To learn more about Diana, visit her website (https://dianabutlerbass.com/).

BECOMING THE GRIEF INFORMED CHURCH
This seminar, held at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 14, equips faith communities to understand grief and better support those who are grieving. Grief Educator Becky Oswald will cover common expressions of grief, death and non-death losses, what grief needs for healthy mourning and healing, and practical ways churches can care for grievers. This seminar is for pastors, deacons, elders, church members, friends, and anyone seeking to become grief informed. To view a promotional video and register for this event, check out the event page at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church's website (https://hillsboropres.org/news-events/the-grief-informed-church).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
(A call for volunteers from the Presbytery)

Next January, Cascades Presbytery will host the Annual Event of The Association of Partners in Christian Education (APCE). Several hundred Christian Educators from the US and Canada will gather at Portland's Waterfront Marriott Hotel for three days of fellowship and learning.

Rev. Joyce Emery and Elder Roberta Schlechter, CCE, co-chair the Local Welcome Team. They are joined by Rev. Amy Delaney, Rev. Carolyn Hampton, HR, Susan Young Thornton (Covenant Network of Presbyterians), and Elders Kay Hope Gold and Vickie Forrester of East Woods-Vancouver. The Welcome Team is hard at work arranging meaningful excursions, creative introductions to the history and culture of the Pacific Northwest, and a table decor to reflect that story.

During the event, the team will help attendees find their way around the hotel and assist with logistics, among other tasks. This is a large, important event, and we seek interested people to come and help us ensure that every APCE attendee experiences the very best of Northwest hospitality. Interested helpers may reach out to Pastor Joyce at emery.joyce@gmail.com or Roberta at rrschlechter@gmail.com.

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

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am

The St. A's Quilters work year-round to create some beautiful items that are donated to organizations that provide warmth to those in need. Whether you're a novice or have some sewing/quilting experience, we hope you will join us. All are welcome! Can't make it this time? No problem! Stop in at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (in St. A's quilting room). Please contact Gail Planck for more information.

SUPPORTING MSRV

Our friends at the Multnomah Safe Rest Village (MSRV) always enjoy when volunteers drop off items for **FMSRV Sandwich Mondays**.

If you'd like to participate, you'll make a dozen of an item of your choosing and ideally:

- Can be consumed without utensils (e.g., sandwiches, wraps, burritos).
- Has a protein and/or vegetable included.
- Is easy to chew.

Check the Sign Up (https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9vq03k) to see what others have volunteered to bring (if they've noted they're bringing a certain type of sandwich, you could take another volunteer slot and bring something either to complement that item or sign up to bring something that will provide residents with a choice for their meal).

This community also needs folks advocating for their needs as well as shedding light on the need for real solutions to end homelessness. For more information about these activities or other ways in which you can get involved to help our at-risk, unhoused neighbors, text Robin at 503-703-7183. And please visit the Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village website, and join their Facebook group for updates, news, photos, and connections.

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. Check out the YouTube video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tEMx35jzJk) to see how programs like SW Outreach's weekly shower program at Village Grace Church (where guests get a shower, a hot meal, and a chance to connect with resources and engage in conversation) bless so many in need.

Volunteers are always needed as are material items (e.g., phones, tablets, laptops, and portable WiFi hotspots). of SW Outreach. You can also financially support SW Outreach (of which St. Andrew's is the fiscal sponsor) by donating online — select 'SW Outreach' in the drop-down menu when noting your designation. To get involved, please email Marilyn Palumbo. 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 to coordinate (971.235.5788).

Virtual Gatherings & Events

Sunday, November 8 & 15 10:00am Hybrid Worship In person or online (Zoom & Facebook)	Friday, November 6 & 13 10am-12pm Virtual Coffee Chat Zoom

Quick Reminders

NEED A RIDE?

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

SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FREE FOOD MARKET

During Communion (1st Sunday service of each month) and at potlucks and other events throughout the year, we collect non-perishable food donations for Neighborhood House Free Food Market. To further meet the need where it's greatest, we now have a list of most-requested items from our friends at Neighborhood House, which can be found on Neighborhood House's website.

ST. ANDREW'S NAME TAGS

As part of our welcome and when passing the peace, name tags help put names with faces - a crucial part of fellowship! Stop by the tower by the sanctuary doors in the narthex and grab your 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, or need a new one, ask one of our welcome team members on Sundays or contact the office during the week and we will be happy to make you a name tag for future use.

ACCESSIBLE (ADA) PARKING

Please remember that street parking along SW Sunset is reserved for picking up and dropping off those who need extra assistance for worship on Sundays. Additional parking spaces are plentiful in our lot across Dosch. Please contact the office if you have any questions or need elevator access.

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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