

St. Andrew's Annual Report

Giving Glory to God for His Faithfulness in 2022

*Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!
Psalm 115:1*

In consonance with the Psalmist, as we reflect on our life at St. Andrew's in 2022, we want to make every effort to give glory to God for all that He has done. This is His church, His ministry, and we are His people; so all of it is for His glory, honor, and praise. This is why the primary mission of our new vision is to glorify God, taking the emphasis off of us ("not to us!" the psalmist repeats), and keeping it where it needs to be. That is my hope with this Annual Report letter to you all.

And there is much to glorify God for what He has done in us! 2022 was a year of change under the shadow of the wings of God's faithfulness: saying goodbye to some beloved members and welcoming new ones; changes in staff; and of course, the launch of a new vision for our church.

At the Annual Meeting last year, I shared that I did not know what our vision as a church would be yet, but I asked you all to pray with me and seek the Lord for a direction for us. And we saw the Lord answer that prayer! As we honored and said goodbye to Rev. Kelly last summer when she resigned her Family Minister position, it became clear that the Lord was leading us into His good timing for discerning a new vision. Our sense among the leadership was that this was not a time to try simply filling a crucial gap in the staff, but to take the opportunity to chart a new way forward for us. And so a long process of discernment began. After many conversations and prayers and questions with many of you, our vestry, staff, and other wise voices, we crafted our new mission and vision: *To glorify Jesus Christ as a Community of Disciples on Mission*. Coupled with our core values as St. Andrew's, this new vision was not intended to be a drastic change in our identity as a church, but rather a rearticulation of our core identity in a way that will lead us boldly in this new season. It was wonderful, and very educational, to see the Lord hear and answer our prayers.

We also welcomed a cohort of new members in 2022! After several years hindered by Covid and transitions, we launched a new members class in Lent and saw nine people sign our membership covenant and formally join our

church. Glory to God! In Lent we also experimented with some special services, with Saturday night compline, and (one of my favorite services of the year) a joint Maundy Thursday foot washing service with our daughter church, St. Peter's. This was a truly beautiful time of fellowship and re-connection with one another, and my hope is that we can do this or something similar again.

As we sought to craft and implement our new vision, it was a privilege to hire Abigail Renner as full-time staff, creating

a new position that fit her skills and worked toward that new vision. We are so grateful to have her on board as our new Children's Minister/Community Coordinator. Abigail has taken on a wide range of duties, from leading our children's ministry to Avanza director to leading our efforts at community building and outreach. Please continue to pray for Abigail as she grows deeper into this role.

One of the new initiatives that Abigail has helped to implement is a program called Bread Breakers, where we have put together small groups to gather together once a month around a dinner table to share a meal with one

another. Once these groups rotate through hosting a dinner, they will disband, and we will do it again later this year. This is a great way for us to build community with one another and to deepen our life together, in one of the godliest ways possible—around delicious food! Many thanks to those members who brought this idea forward and helped us practically get it started. Our hope is to do Bread Breakers groups twice a year, so that we can all get to know one another more and build godly relationships. So if you didn't get around to participating this time, there will be more chances, don't worry!

God has been so good and faithful to us in 2022, and He is the One who gets all the glory for His good work. He led us into a new vision for our church, and as we go forward into 2023, we are asking for His help and grace to explore more of what it means for us to glorify Him as a community of disciples on mission.

I'm so grateful for you all, and grateful and humbled to be your pastor.



Our daughter church, St. Peter's in Frankfort, joined us for our Maundy Thursday foot washing service.

TO GLORIFY JESUS CHRIST ... 'Worship the Lord with gladness'

Altar Guild

Altar Guild members set up the linens, dishes, and candles for our Sunday Holy Communion and other special services, like Ash Wednesday and Christmas or even a wedding. We would love to welcome new members in 2023 – men as well as women! – Katey Meares (859-619-5613/kateymeares@prodigy.net)

Audio/Video Technical Team

This group of people has enhanced our worship services and provided a weekly live-stream of our Sunday service. In 2022, we added some new volunteers, purchased some new technology and are in the process of permanently installing it. The A/V team's responsibilities include managing the audio for live worship, recording/streaming, camera work, and the projection of lyrics for singing. If you're interested in joining the team, we will train you (and if you're under the age of 20, you could probably train us)! – Kerry Dorrell (859-536-8055/kerrydorrell@gmail.com)

Chancel Serving Team

I want to thank all those who serve at the Lord's Table: The Crucifers, Acolytes, Torchbearers and our Lay Eucharistic Ministers who serve communion. If you are interested in serving our Lord and Savior on the Chancel, you are more than welcome and training will be made available to you. – Jewell Brandenburg (859-312-1642/jewell05141045@gmail.com)

First Sunday Prayer and Praise

Every first Sunday night of each month of 2022, we gathered to worship and pray for local, national, and international needs. It has been a rich time, with the youth group always joining a core of adults who faithfully attend. The Lord has blessed us with His manifest presence and we have experienced His leading and teaching as we are learning to pray together. We meet at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. See your service sheet for more information. – Kerry Dorrell (859-536-8055/kerrydorrell@gmail.com)

Flower Team

Last year our Flower Team added several new members. Arranging flowers was a new experience for some but they have all been willing and more gifted than they imagined. I appreciate that they have been prompt to sign up each month. We have grown closer spiritually even texting encouraging words and prayer concerns with each other. Getting to know each other over a meal or two has been a fun way to bond. I have been blessed by their friendships. It has been a joy to lead this delightful group of Christian ladies. Special thanks to Martha Sweet, our

honorary team member, for keeping our outdoor flower pot beautiful all summer! – Louise Dearborn (859-583-2600/louise.dearborn@gmail.com)

Greeters

This ministry is vital to a welcoming church. Greeters are often the first person that members, new comers and visitors meet. They greet and advise people of the location of the nursery, restrooms, fellowship hall, and sanctuary, all while extending a warm welcome. We'd love for you to join our team! – Paul Afdahl (859-753-3149/afdahlvik1@windstream.net)

Lay Readers

Our lay readers continue to faithfully read God's Word. Through illness, Covid, and winter storm damage we still have faith in God's Word to get us through whatever comes our way. Our readers know the importance of practicing our readings so that they will clearly read God's Word to the congregation to bring us closer to Him. We were blessed this year to read during our Lessons and Carols service. Our youth are

growing in Christ as they read scripture as well. We welcome all to join our team!

– Sherry Afdahl (859-753-3139/afdahlvik1@windstream.net)

Music

Congregational singing is an important part of our worship life here at St. Andrew's. During this past year, we have seen the congregational voice rise in strength! This is a blessing and a joy - to hear one another's voices as we praise God together. It is a small appetizer of what we will experience when God's Kingdom comes in its fulness! We have been led by a great team of vocalists and instrumentalists. We have continued to have a choir, helping to lead our services once a month and in special seasonal services. If you are interested in singing in our choir or playing or singing on a worship team, please let me know. We are always looking for new musicians! – Kerry Dorrell (859-536-8055/kerrydorrell@gmail.com)

Ushers

In many ways the usher team is the face of St. Andrews. Ushers welcome parishioners and visitors to the service as they distribute the bulletin. They guide us to the Communion rail, are responsible for receiving the offering, and tidy up the sanctuary after the service. The best part of being an usher is learning the names and faces of the parishioners. If you are interested in serving on the usher team on a rotating basis, we have a place for you.

– Jim Rogan (859-516-3784/jjrfarm@gmail.com)



Deacon Kelly Langdoc, Acolyte Brianna Perez and Torchbearer Henley Vickers bring the Gospel into our midst during worship.

... AS A COMMUNITY ...

'Use whatever gift you have received to serve others'

Birthdays Card Ministry

I am pleased to share that the birthday card ministry continued for St Andrew's for another year. I enjoy trying to select the right card for you and praying for you on your special day. I really hope that you are blessed by the card and words of inspiration that are sent especially for you. — Kristi Pinto (502-319-8588/kymichel@aol.com)

Book Discussion Group

During Lent of 2022 Elizabeth Parker and Bethany Engler began a book discussion group reading *Till We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis. It was a profound journey for many of us reading this book for the first time and God used our time together to strengthen our faith and build new friendships! Bethany and friends continued the group and in 2022 read and discussed *The Great Divorce* and the *Screw-tape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. During Advent we read *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens. Our group has seen God work in meaningful ways this past year through building relationships, applying the truths and lessons found in these works to our personal lives, and many engaging, challenging, and fruitful discussions! We have thoroughly enjoyed discovering the truth and beauty of God by journeying through these wonderful works of literature together! — Bethany Engler (859-553-1548/bethany.engler@gmail.com)

Bread Breakers

Bread Breakers is a small group experience designed to bring church members together over meals. Our first Bread Breakers groups started strong in November with eight groups and 56 participants! Church members have already learned more about each other's lives through this casual and fun experience. We are hoping to host Bread Breakers again in 2023, switching up the groups and adding new participants! — Abigail Renner (859-753-4364/abigailrenner7@gmail.com)

Coffee Hour Ministry

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb. 10:24

2022 was a good year for meeting and encouraging one another. After missing so much time together from previous years it was good to be back to normal. Coffee Hour

seems to be attracting more and more of our congregants each Sunday, and we look forward to expanding our offerings of coffee, doughnuts and an ever-changing array of beverages and treats each week in Nathan Hall. Friends reconnect and newcomers are welcomed, all in an atmosphere of relaxed enjoyment. We are always looking for more volunteers to assist with the setup and cleanup each week or to volunteer to bring a homemade treat. Anyone interested in joining and helping with this weekly ministry please contact — Bill Hallman (859-338-0979/chefwah@msn.com).



Our St. Andrew's community serving our Versailles community with Easter dinners.

Communications

St. Andrew's has various ways to communicate to the parish and community. We can watch our live-streamed services, find the current monthly church calendar and server schedule on our website. Parish emails are sent out regularly to help keep us all on the same page. We continue to place a weekly "note" in the Woodford Sun's Church Notes section. — Sharon Werner (859-492-1468/swerner@standrewsky.org)

Fellowship of the Strings

Living in community is at the core of the Christian experience. When we meet in casual settings and develop friendships in the good times of life, it sets strong foundations for dealing with the times that are not as good. This

was the thinking behind the creation of The Fellowship of the Strings this past year. We are a group of folks who just enjoy playing music. We have no plan or ambition beyond the simple enjoyment of coming together to play music and get to know each other through the vehicle of music. So far, the group has been a great success. Our meetings are lively with great participation. Members are supportive and understanding. We have our regular members and we continue to reach out to new people. Those who would like more information can call John Shore directly. Or, just come and play. — John Shore (859-536-6245/john@johnshoremagic.com)

Office Team

The church office team continues to serve the clergy, staff and ministry team leaders as well as being a welcoming presence to all who come into our doors during the week. In addition, we now all can work from home from time to time. As the building recovery continues to take place, the office team is working as best we can with minimum access to our office "stuff." Be watching as our office area

transforms in the coming year! —Sharon Werner (859-492-1468/swerner@standrewsky.org)

Prayer Team

The Prayer Ministry is composed of two groups, The Prayer List and The Prayer Corner. The Prayer List currently has 49 members who faithfully pray over every request we receive. Prayer requests can be submitted to me, or on a communication card and placed in the collection plate. Please contact me by email if you would like to be a member of the Prayer List. The Prayer Corner is held every Sunday during communion in the lobby. Two prayer team members are assigned every Sunday to pray with all who comes out to the lobby. We currently have 10 people on our weekly rotation and welcome more to join us email me or talk to me at church. All prayer requests for both groups are held in strict confidence. Praying for each other is very important and we have seen God move in powerful ways over the years. We have prayed for numerous church members, their families and friends. We have seen God respond in powerful ways. *"Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* James 5:16

— Courtenay Lancaster (859-550-3607/priuscw1@gmail.com)

Vestry/Sr. Warden

A return to normalcy seemed to be a characteristic of 2022. Most parishioners are attending in-person worship, and we also continue to live-stream our service. It was wonderful to have Pastor Ben Wulpi and his family with us for their first full year. Outgoing Vestry members Brad Metzger, John Sheffler, and Tom Thornbury were recognized for their service at the Annual Meeting in February. New Vestry members Brian McLaughlin, Dan Primm, and Jonathan Werner were elected. Summer saw the departure of Elizabeth Parker and the Vestry decided to operate for the remainder of the year with an open seat to be filled at the February 2023 Annual Meeting. There were staff changes in the past year. After many years of devoted service to St. Andrew's as our Family Minister, Kelly Langdoc resigned her position to spend time in discernment for where God would lead her next. Pastor Ben and the Vestry made the decision to hire Abigail Renner full-time to help fill part of that job as well as take on new responsibilities within the church and the community. Even with this staff change we were still able continue our children's outreach programs of Creative Arts Camp and Avanza. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who made this possible during a time of transition.



Water poured from burst pipes, flooding our children's wing and offices on December 26.

In November I attended the ADOTS Synod as a lay delegate. Our diocese has great leadership that carried us through the meetings. Our building suffered damage from burst pipes shortly after Christmas but our Junior Warden, Jonathan Werner, and many volunteers, have shown how God is at work at St. Andrew's. It was a great blessing to me to see how parishioners turned out when a call went out for help. Many hands used Shop-Vacs, mops, and squeegees to remove water and, later on, many hands moved tables and chairs and packed boxes. We look forward to getting our office/classroom wing back in usable condition as soon as we can with some possible updates and improvements. Vestry meetings are open to the parish and are held on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. — Ellen Backs (828-674-2280 / tgeb@roadrunner.com)

Vestry/Jr. Warden

2022 was eventful, full of many wonderful opportunities for facility improvements (disguised as routine maintenance tasks!). One of the tasks of particular mention would be the assembly of a building committee made up of a core of dedicated believers of strong character, which set the stage for setting clear facility related direction. Many thanks to this committee for their participation and guidance. A specific facility focus was "Church Beautification," which launched with a general clean up of the campus grounds. A parish work day was scheduled with a simple attack plan set. Parish members came and went as the

day unfolded. The results were amazing and the church property as a whole was renewed. From that experience, a special beautification planning team was established. There have been other necessary decisions made as well. Most of these decisions are facility management related, and regular detailed reports are being submitted to the vestry each month. Finally, in the last six days of 2022, prior to closing the year out, the church experienced a different and infrequent type of a facility challenge (and here I thought that my greatest challenge of the year was the removal of a massive wasp nest on an entrance door!). What will be known as *The Great Flood of 2022*, the office wing of the church was flooded by numerous water pipe fractures caused by the sub-degree temperatures. The resulting damage was extensive, which will indeed impact the first quarter of 2023 for our beloved parish! Reclamation and re-construction planning sessions are progressing as rapidly as possible, with a focus to be back to our full capabilities, facility wise, before the start of the Creative Arts Camp. Please pray with me to that end. — Jonathan Werner (859-221-3864/jdwerner@mymetronet.net)

... OF DISCIPLES ...

'Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior'

Nursery

With the addition of multiple families, our nursery has grown in 2022! St. Andrew's nursery seeks to show our youngest members the unconditional love of Christ through praise and play. Nursery staff and volunteers love honoring our church families by spending time with the children and ensuring their parents can fully participate in worship. We are hoping for more volunteers in 2023! – Abigail Renner (859-753-4364/abigailrenner7@gmail.com)

Children's Worship

In the season of Lent 2022, St. Andrew's began offering Godly Play to our preschool and elementary-age children! Godly Play is a child-centered curriculum that helps kids make meaning of the Bible for themselves. Our volunteers tell the children a story from the Bible, and then we wonder together about what the story means, how it applies to our lives, and what it tells us about God. The children can then choose from various materials around the room to respond to the story. We have already seen Godly Play make an impact on how our children interact with the Word of God and Anglican liturgy. Godly Play helps our children connect their time in the sanctuary with their time outside of the church building. Please come check out the Godly Play Room! – Abigail Renner (859-753-4364/abigailrenner7@gmail.com)



Our youth and leaders enjoyed a spring retreat in Eastern Kentucky.

Youth Ministry

2022 was a great building year for our youth ministry. We lost a few members but gained others. We continued to meet weekly on Sunday nights. In the spring, we did a Bible study series based on season one of "The Chosen." We also had a fabulous spring retreat featuring guest speaker Stephanie Wulpi! During the summer, we had some fun events, including a trip to Mammoth Cave. But the highlight of the summer was a mission trip to Leslie County, Kentucky with Big Creek Missions. In the fall, we did the ALPHA youth course. We're thankful for our 2022 Youth Team: Jack and Rosa Hill, Melinda McLaughlin, and Kathy Hauser. It's been a joy to co-lead with Abigail Renner on an interim basis while we seek the Lord about a new youth pastor. – Kerry Dorrell (859-536-8055/kerrydorrell@gmail.com)

Read Through the Bible

In 2022 our RTB group finished its fourteenth year reading through the Bible. Beginning in 2009 this RTB group read through the entire Bible either every year or every two years. This past year we took a major turn, reading through the Psalms and the Wisdom literature (Job, Proverbs, etc.), averaging only 13-15 verses per day with comments posted on an online blog and through email posts. Shorter readings allowed for more reflection over these smaller sections. Toward the end of the year we began again meeting monthly as a small group, discussing what we had been reading. No doubt, it was a major growth year for all of us. We are an open group - come join us! Fred Ruppel (859-979-4411/ruppelf@outlook.com)

Men's Group

The men's group resumed meeting this past fall. They have been watching short videos from *The Bible Project* followed by a discussion of that video. The subject matter is different every week. They meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the home of John Sheffler in Versailles. Refreshments and fellowship are followed by the video and discussion that begin around 7:30. – Jack Zoldak (859-492-3856/jzoldak@hotmail.com)

Women's Groups

The only relationships that count are when we know one another. God knows his children very well and we want to know Him even more. A small group of women continue to meet on Tuesday evenings to learn more about God. We are ever-changing and welcome new members to nurture new relationships. – Pam Stevens (859-753-4762/pamstevens1018@gmail.com)

A small women's Bible study meets Thursday afternoons from 12:30-1:45 p.m. for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. We choose different Bible studies or books on spiritual formation to read and discuss, share what God is doing in our lives, and pray for each others' needs. At the moment we are reading and discussing James Bryan Smith's *The Good and Beautiful Community: Following the Spirit, Extending Grace, Demonstrating Love*. We welcome all who are interested to join us anytime. – Carol Ruppel (859-979-4446/ruppelc@gmail.com)

... ON MISSION.

'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'

Alcoholics Anonymous

This past fall St. Andrew's became the site of a women's Alcoholics Anonymous group that meets from 8-9 a.m. each Saturday in the sanctuary. AA is a program that was created to help those struggling with problematic drinking get sober with the support of their peers through meetings and discussions surrounding addiction. AA gives men and women a safe place to come together and share their experiences, recover from alcoholism and maintain sobriety. For confidential information about the group contact the church office. — Sharon Werner (859-492-1468/swerner@standrewsky.org).

Anglicans for Life

St. Andrew's has an Anglicans for Life chapter which focuses on life issues. AFL nationally is headquartered in Pittsburgh and regularly publishes educational material and provides resources on life issues, from abortion to end-of-life, from the Christian perspective. We make these resources available to parishioners. Although Roe vs Wade has greatly changed the dynamics of abortion nationally, the issue now has moved to the individual states. It is important for us all to stay up to date with pending legislation in Kentucky. The main effort of our St Andrew's AFL chapter has been to support Avenues for Women in Frankfort. AFW is a pregnancy support organization which assists women who become pregnant and seek help or need life guidance. It provides counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasound, post-abortion support and parenting classes. We sponsored two AFW fundraisers in 2022: the Baby Bottle Blessing fundraiser in the spring and their fundraising banquet in September. Both were very successful and we had two full tables of folks attend the banquet. We are hoping for three in 2023! Our AFL chapter needs to better define St Andrew's mission in 2023 in order to be more effective. If you would like to become a part of our group we would love to have you! — Dick Ullery (412-720-3908/dickullery38@gmail.com)

Avanza

Avanza Tutoring is a ministry offered to English language learners at Hometown Elementary School. Avanza finished strong in the spring of 2022, when we took a fun field trip to a local orchard. This amazing ministry supports children by providing quality time with tutors who care about their individual lives and families. Each Tuesday, our students receive a snack, a Bible lesson, outdoor

playtime, and an hour of personalized instruction and support. Our Avanza students are an integral part of the St. Andrew's community. Some of the students faithfully attend service every Sunday morning. We hope to continue involving these students in the life of our church. Please see Abigail for ways to get involved with the blessing that is Avanza! — Abigail Renner (859-753-4364/abigailrenner7@gmail.com)

Avanza God's Girls

God's Girls began as a tutoring group for Avanza graduates but has since grown to include the friends of our original crew. We couldn't be prouder of the group these young women have formed. Our Wednesday afternoons are filled with laughter, stories from school, and meaningful conversations about our faith. In the fall of 2022, we began a simple book called "Grit and Grace" which outlines important women in the Bible. The girls have learned what it means to follow Christ as young women, and how their actions can impact the world in the generations to come. Because of our ever-increasing numbers, God's Girls is looking for more volunteers! Please see Abigail if you are interested. — Abigail Renner (859-753-4364/abigailrenner7@gmail.com)



Sewing is just one of many electives campers can choose to take part in during Creative Arts Camp.

Avanza Arts Academy

During the past year, we continued to have a strong group of girls meeting weekly to learn the guitar. During Creative Arts Camp, we taught ukelele lessons and acquired instruments to move forward in offering an elementary ukelele class. After our summer break, we paused both, as we put all hands on deck to continue to serve our Avanza ministry in the midst of staff changes. We're ready to re-start, but need some volunteer help - no musical ability needed! — Kerry Dorrell (859-536-8055/kerrydorrell@gmail.com)

Bus Ministry

Our St. Andrew's bus has been a real blessing - from hauling kids back and forth to Avanza and God's Girls to picking them up on Sunday mornings to sending the Youth Group off to minister to needs in eastern Kentucky - the bus has done what would have taken four or five cars to do in the past. This year (through Kerry Dorrell connections) we also received use of the red van that you see sitting in our parking lot. The bus and van are great, but the additional need is drivers and monitors! We're always looking for more drivers and monitors, especially for

once-a-month Sunday morning transportation. An additional bonus for drivers and monitors is getting to know our wonderful kids. Come join us!! — Fred Ruppel (859-979-4411/ruppelf@outlook.com)

Creative Arts Camp

Creative Arts Camp 2022 was back in full swing! For the first time since the pandemic, we were able to run camp as usual. Our theme this year was Praise! Each day, our campers learned of a time when the people of God sang praise in the Bible. With 35 campers and 50 volunteers, our church was very lively! The children chose from electives such as woodworking, dance, cooking, and painting and created fun masterpieces that demonstrate the beautiful world God made for us! At the end of the week, we hosted a small talent show for the parents of our campers and had Italian Ice to celebrate Kelly Langdoc's long-term ministry. Creative Arts Camp continues to be a great blessing to campers and volunteers alike! — Abigail Renner (859-753-4364/abigailrenner7@gmail.com)

Easter Dinner Outreach

For over 17 years, St. Andrew's has worked with Huntertown Elementary School (one of the schools St. Andrew's met in many years ago) to provide Easter dinners and treats to families and children who are struggling financially. This year Jack and I took over running this outreach from Bill and Shelly Hallman. We were able to bless approximately 40 families, with this year's baskets targeting our Avanza families. We have had people donate food, money and time to make this happen. This ministry has allowed us to connect with people in the community outside our church walls as we were able to pray and ask the families for any prayer requests. — Jack and Rosa Hill (859-940-8527/rosa.hill@woodford.kyschools.us)

Freedom Road

Freedom Road began in 2015, as an anonymous recovery group of men and women. We meet weekly at the Versailles Brewing Company, with additional participation via Zoom. Freedom Road applies the principles of 12-step recovery to the Christian life. If you just read "12-step recovery" and thought "skid row" or "strung out", you are wildly mistaken! Freedom Road is for anyone who considers sin to be what it is: an enslavement from which we need a Deliverer. Is there some sin or unhealthy habit you have a hard time giving up? Then Freedom Road is for you! All are welcome to join us on the road to freedom. — John Sheffler (571-232-6443/john.sheffler@gmail.com)



Dyer Rodes joyfully participated in the church work day.

Kroger Community Rewards/Ministry to Uganda

Since 2005 St. Andrew's has earned thousands of dollars for missions work in Uganda through Kroger rebates. To continue earning rebates with Kroger's Community Rewards Program, parishioners must register their Kroger Plus cards online at Krogercommunityrewards.com and choose St. Andrew's (ID number 11053) as the organization to receive rebates. — Laura Little-Zoldak (859-312-8856/littlezoldak@hotmail.com)

Men's Ministry

This ministry has been active in the church and the community. Since Covid, our activities have been at our church property. We have participated in yard clean up, repairs and, most recently, the clean-up after frozen pipes burst. Our best blessing has been participating in Creative Arts Camp, and seeing the beaming smiles on the children when they finish their projects. They experience the love of Christ and the gifts they received from him. — Paul Afdahl (859-753-3149/afdahlviking1@windstream.net)

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee at St. Andrew's exists to encourage and coordinate our parish's support for Christ's Great Commission by focusing our efforts and resources to make disciples locally, nationally, and internationally. To that end, we allocate funds to support various missionary efforts connected with our church and disburse disaster relief when situations warrant it.

Six missionaries receive yearly support from St. Andrew's:

- 1) Mark and Tommie Bruner in Czech Republic and Slovakia, whose ministry last year included supporting independent churches and youth ministries, resettling Ukrainian refugees, and working with pastors in Malawi and Mozambique.
- 2) The Gateway Center, run by Ken and Martha Shirkey, providing discipleship training and materials and leading revival ministry in the USA and abroad.
- 3) Timo and Laura Harkonen and family serving Christian churches and African refugees in Finland and around the world online.
- 4) The Jiran Collective and Megan Weber, a Christian outreach connecting with Muslims and other refugees in Dearborn, Michigan.
- 5) Joel and Elizabeth Peterson and family teaching English, working for the Christian community, and reaching out to Muslims in Cairo, Egypt.
- 6) Bethany Tennent living with the Alagwa people in Tanzania to witness for Christ and translate the Bible into their language.

Our commitment to the Bunyoro Kitara Diocese in Uganda continues in different ways. During 2022 church members sponsored 18 girls at Canon Njangali High School in Hoima. This is an ongoing partnership to support girls' education in a culture which is often male-focused. Additionally, we provided funds for refurbishing the girls' dormitory and a large gift for other needs of the diocese in honor of the 50th anniversary of their diocese. Plans to send a small delegation to Uganda for their Golden Jubilee Celebration were canceled after an outbreak of Ebola in the country. We are hoping to send a team to build relationships and participate in ministries there in the coming year.

We usually coordinate emergency funds through the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, which oversees development projects and disaster relief programs around the world; last year we donated funds for refugees in Ukraine through them. We also sent funds to Marco Marwa, a pastor of five churches in rural Tanzania, to help purchase a motorbike so that he could travel between the churches more easily and bring the JESUS film to unreached villages. Funds were also sent to help purchase sewing machines for a parish business startup for Pastor George Agun from Nigeria.

In addition, we provided a donation in connection with the fall mission trip led by Julie Renner to Big Creek Mission in Appalachia to work with flood victims in the region.

The Mission Committee submits weekly prayers for missionaries and the persecuted church in the Prayers of the People. On Mission Sunday in February, 2022, parish members signed cards to encourage the missionaries we support; we distributed candles and prayer bookmarks to increase members' awareness of their needs.

We welcome parishioners to submit requests for funds to support missionary or relief efforts they would like to participate in to the committee. Anyone can request assistance to spread the Gospel here and abroad. — Carol Ruppel (859-979-4446/ruppelc83@gmail.com)



The Peterson family serving the Lord in Egypt. Left to right: Joel, Nora, Isaiah, Asher, Simeon and Elizabeth.

Salvation Army's Innkeeper's Fund

Every year a special offering is taken at our Christmas Eve service for the Salvation Army Innkeeper's Fund, which supports the area's only emergency shelter for single women and families. In this way they are serving those who, like our Lord at the time of his birth, are in need of shelter. — Sharon Werner (859-873-3321/swerner@standrewsky.org)



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Mission: To glorify Jesus Christ

Vision: To be a community of disciples on mission

Our Core Values

**The Gospel
Renewal
Hospitality**

**Commitment
Joy
Anglican Heritage**