

Food Pantry Month for St. Andrew's

August is St. Andrew's month to operate the Oxford Food Pantry. The pandemic has resulted in more needy families and changes in procedures. The Pantry Board requires masks to be worn at all times. Sanitizer, gloves, and masks will be available for stocking on Mondays and Tuesdays and for the distributions on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Chickens continue to arrive early on alternating Monday mornings around 7:30. Stocking on Tuesdays remain the same, 8 to 10 am. New distribution measures are in place for Wednesday and Thursday shopping. There will be NO client contact; clients do not leave their cars. When clients pull in, a "parking lot person" will give them a simple form to complete and will place a number on their car. The form then goes to a "shopper" (us) who will fill the cart inside. This cart then goes to a parking lot person. Quite stream-lined.

Six to eight volunteers are needed to stock on Tuesday. Twelve volunteers are needed from 8:30 to 11:00, including two or three for the parking lot on Wednesday and Thursday. So we will keep a careful chart of who will be volunteering and on which days. Masks must be worn on all four days.

Your financial support of the pantry would be greatly appreciated too. Please make your check to St. Andrew's with food pantry in the memo line. We will be buying carrots and potatoes for the clients and all excess will be a gift to the pantry. Please contact Beverly Danahy by email at bdanahy548@gmail.com or message her on Facebook.

SPRC News

Unfortunately at the time of print for this newsletter, the decision has been made to suspend in-person Sunday worship. However, for the six weeks between June 7 and July 12, those of us able to attend either the 9:00 or 11:00 service were greeted by an expeditiously clean and disinfected sanctuary and common areas.

SPRC would like to recognize the outstanding work performed by Letty Taylor for making sure everything was impeccably clean for us to come together and worship. In addition to ensuring that the floors, shelves, restrooms, and virtually everything that could be touched was clean, every Friday or Saturday Letty would come in and disinfect the sanctuary to be ready for the 9:00 service. Then, after that service would let out, she would come in and disinfect all of the touch surfaces in the sanctuary again before attendees would begin arriving for 11:00 service.

Thank you Letty for all that you have done to keep us safe!!!

Kaleidoscope News

Starting Sunday, August 9, Kaleidoscope will meet in person from 5-6:30 every Sunday night. The children must wear a mask to attend. They will have music, crafts, Bible lesson, and snacks.

To start off the year in music, the children will be playing the handbells, which they will play for the congregation during worship service later this fall.

Craft time will feature crafts that the children can create individually and reduce the amount of materials shared within the group. During the Bible lesson, the children will be spaced out.

Instead of serving a full meal on Sunday evenings for the children, we will serve individually packaged snacks and drinks. Parents will be asked to volunteer and take turns providing snacks and drinks for the fall semester.

We look forward to being in-person together this fall. If we are not able to meet due to restrictions, we will switch over to Zoom.

Please be on the lookout for an email with more details about the fall semester.

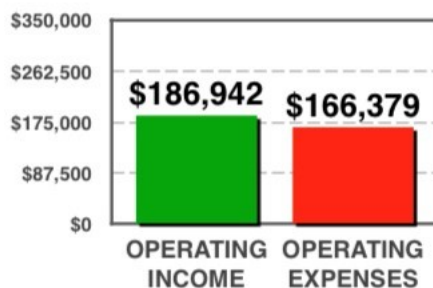
Youth News

The youth has begun meeting in person both Sunday and Wednesday nights. In August, our times will be 5-6 on Sunday nights and 6-7 on Wednesday nights. The youth will be helping at the pantry on Wednesday nights during the month of August. The youth will need to wear a mask at church and at the pantry.

Youth was not able to attend M28 in person due to the pandemic; however, M28 was recorded and uploaded online. The youth spent three separate evenings during the month of July experiencing M28 online. This year's theme was "Adopted in Christ".



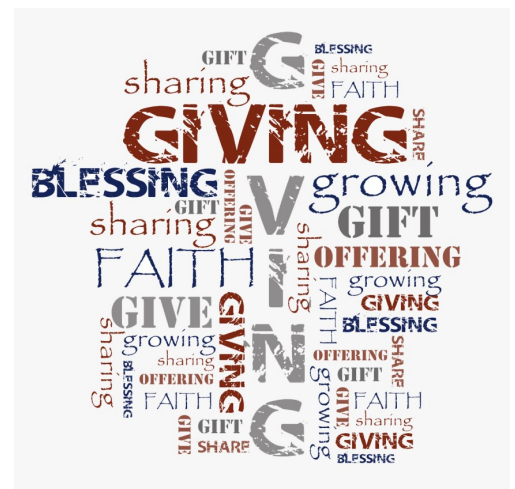
2020 Operating Budget as of June 30



St. Andrew's closed its books on the second quarter with \$20,000 cash on hand. Reduced activities due to the pandemic have eliminated some expenses — such as Vacation Bible School and Sunday school materials. On the debit side, major fixed costs, such as salaries, insurance, and utilities — remain unchanged.

On the other hand, increases in certain expenditures, for example the increased need for local services such as the Food Pantry and Interfaith Compassion Ministry, have occurred. Janitorial services and supplies have also increased in our efforts to limit the spread of the corona virus and infection. Nor have the risks of the pandemic deterred the ramp building team from its mission.

On balance, the families of St. Andrew's continue their faith-full commitment to its ministries and missions.





Back to School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our students. As they begin this school year, help them to use the talents and gifts you've given them to do their very best.

May they listen to their teachers with respect and open-minds. Help them to be honest and to always seek the truth. Help them to be kind to everyone at school, and to serve others as they would like to be served.

Help them to make good friends and be a good friend to someone in need. Lastly, help them to remember that You're always with them and that You'll never leave their side.

May they love You and follow You with all their hearts, soul, and strength. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen .

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!

