



## the left-hand column

☩ We have a big month coming up—more and more we are getting back to normal. What a wonderful feeling!

☩ We need ushers. This is not an arduous job, but it makes things go so much more smoothly. Contact [parishadmin@standrewsleonardtowntown.org](mailto:parishadmin@standrewsleonardtowntown.org).

☩ We're forming a building-and-grounds committee—yes, we have a wonderful garden elf, and hard-working holy mowers, but we can bring maintenance and restoration of the church, care and management of the campus, and maintenance of the parish hall together and make an overall plan. Contact [parishadminstandrewsleonardtowntown.org](mailto:parishadminstandrewsleonardtowntown.org).

☩ Look inside for information about and dates for potlucks, Homecoming, and the new Sunday School year.

☩ And, speaking of the new school year, Joyce could use some volunteers; [jmphifer@yahoo.com](mailto:jmphifer@yahoo.com).

☩ We're hosting the retired teachers luncheon on the tenth; can you help? Bobbi Brown, [brbrown62@md.metrocast.net](mailto:brbrown62@md.metrocast.net).

☩ Don't forget to thank Steve and crew for another hugely successful (\$5,000+) yard sale.

# Loaves & Fishes

## SEPTEMBER 2024

*If faith puts us on the road, love keeps us there.*

~~William Sloane Coffin

As must be obvious by now, I am a fan of Coffin's observations on faith, especially because he felt compelled to live them. As the famous son of a famous preacher, he didn't have to spend numerous hours talking with young people about the necessity of living-out the faith we profess, of spending hours in jail for civil disobedience making good on his claims or, late in life, being the voice of radical love from the pulpit of Riverside Church in New York, preaching in a world divided by political disenchantment and apathy. He simply lived the love he professed and created a more loving world in doing so.

We have many of the same opportunities in front of us. In the recent yard sale, what I saw was more than a commitment to raise funds for the church, what many (including the treasurer) view as a necessary endeavor, and was spectacularly successful in that sense. But it was an effort built on the way we say yes to community, within our church membership and with the community where we find ourselves. As many of you would know better than I, a lot of those folks were repeat customers—one of the thrift shop volunteers could tell me something about nearly all who came through the door. The entire experience spoke to the love within this worshipping community and the way it overflows its bounds. I'm eager to see it again soon.

The partnership we are beginning with Oakville has



the potential to offer the same expression of faith and love. As in any partnership, we have mostly our faith to guide us in the beginning. As a project rooted in relationship, we hope that it will blossom into something deeper, but we are taking this road step-by-step. When we get the signal this fall to move ahead, my hope is that we will see this opportunity for mutual affirmation as something sacred in our common life.

If love has kept this community on the road, I believe it is useful to reflect that the road is where we always meet the kind of love we are celebrating. In the gospels, we are always on the road, toward Bethlehem, toward Emmaus and Jerusalem. It is in the DNA of a movement that was originally called The Way. It is rare that we have an opportunity to celebrate both the accomplishments and the road we continue to travel as people of faith. I hope you will join me in celebrating what we are doing and what lies ahead for us as a community of faith. If, as the hymn says, they will know us by our love, that fact alone is reason enough to celebrate.

Mark+



***“All shall be well and all will be well and all manner of things shall be exceedingly well.”***

~~Julian of Norwich



I carry Julian’s saying with me as a sort of mental rubbing-stone, something to keep my mind occupied when I am especially concerned about my family, the country, the church or anything else that distracts me from the hope I see in God’s work. It interests me that her thought came out of an extended illness that formed

a book of reflections or “showings” about the love of God.

Julian’s times were as turbulent as our own. She

lived through two waves of the Black Death in the middle of the 1300’s, the Peasants’ Revolt and its suppression, the political crisis of a dual papacy in Rome and Avignon. It was a reminder that no age has a monopoly on crises. Yet it is hope that characterizes her reflections, that if she could be healed then the world was also under divine care.

It is in that spirit that we are beginning our healing services at 12:30 on Wednesdays, an opportunity to bring our own concerns (and those for our world) before God. The liturgies will be short but I hope they will bring an opportunity for peace. Our first gathering will be September 11. Please join us.

Mark+



***Coming Up:  
Homecoming Sunday***

Mark your calendars: September 8 is Homecoming, the start of the new program year. In addition to having the sounds of our wonderful choir again, and the beginning of Sunday School, we will also have a potluck following the 10:30 service and a chance to welcome back our friends, hear about trips and vacations and to hear about the opportunities for the coming year. Please bring your favorite dish and great stories to tell!

***Adult Forum --9:15 on Sundays,  
beginning September 8***

*The Church Cracked Open*  
Stephanie Spellers, Church Publishing



For those of us who know the church both as a guide in broken times and an institution dealing with its own brokenness, Spellers’ book is an insightful chronicle for the church in the twenty-first century. Called a book, “that will make a profound difference for the church in this moment in history” by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, it deals with thorny issues facing the country and reflected in the church, including privilege, racism, perceptions of decline and, finally, the hope that informs our future. Spellers gives us much to think about and food for the journey of imagining a church for our own time.

Mark+

***It's Back-to-School Time at St. A's***

And Joyce has lined up a variety of things to look forward to in the coming months.

**Sunday School**

The first day of Sunday School for the 2024-2025 program year will be Sunday, September 8. During the 10:30 service we will leave the church and go over to the hall prior to the first reading and return for communion. I will have sign up sheets at Coffee Hour the next two weekends. You may also contact me at [jmphifer@yahoo.com](mailto:jmphifer@yahoo.com) with any questions.



Photograph by Joyce Austin

**An Opportunity to Help**

We're looking for people to teach and assist with Sunday School on a rotating basis. All materials for each lesson will be provided.

Please contact me at [jmphifer@yahoo.com](mailto:jmphifer@yahoo.com) or 240-298-9112.

**Parents Afternoon Out**

The church will be providing an afternoon out for parents. Your children will be provided fun activities such as crafts and games—both table and physical activities—and a snack. Take note of these dates: October 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and December 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. More information to follow as the dates get closer.

**Family Movie Afternoons**

Family movies are scheduled from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on October 5 and November 9. Titles will be chosen closer to the event. There will be a variety of snacks and drinks for your enjoyment. Save the dates!

***And Potluck All Month***

Or so it seems.

First, there's Homecoming September 8. We'll be embellishing the after-10:30 coffee hour with a gathering to welcome old friends, so of course we need sustenance. Bring a dish and memories to share.

Then, there's the wine-and-appetizer potluck the evening of the 14th at 5:30. Cindy Kilcoyne has answers to all your questions (240 577-3737).

On the 29th, a fifth Sunday, we're inaugurating a new tradition (we can always use another tradition, can't we?). So coffee hour after the 10:30 service will be potluck. Bring your favorite morning pastry. Coffee too, if you have a taste for something exotic you'd like to share.



***Celebrating September with a Wedding***

- 4 Paul & Beth Wagner
- 6 William and Shannon Hargreaves
- 14 Donald & Jean Torgerson
- 15 Chuck & Ginni Stein
- 16 Peter and Amy Ulrich
- 21 Sean and Laura Biggerstaff
- 22 Mark and Charlene Mallory
- 24 Rick & Lori Werrell
- 29 Steve & Emily Labows)

***School and Birthdays***

- 2 Matthew M. Brigham
- 5 Laura Biggerstaff, Beth Wagner
- 6 Erica Wible
- 9 Trey Bergen, Tim Vallandingham
- 10 Alan Easterling,
- 11 Andy Stickney, Bob Aldridge
- 12 Henry Ulrich
- 13 Dan Donnelly
- 14 Jenna Carnes
- 19 Christina Labows
- 23 Jill Morris
- 25 Elizabeth Labows
- 26 John McKendrew
- 28 Judy Ersek
- 29 Sean Biggerstaff, Sam Walls

***Helping Out at Oakville***

As our partnership with Oakville Elementary begins this fall, Beth Wagner has kindly provided a list of materials for students and for the school; the tub for collecting them is the back of the church and the list is below.

Because we will be in close proximity to the students, we will all need to be registered through the St. Mary's Public School system. The steps are very easy:

1 Go to [www.smcps.org](http://www.smcps.org) .

2 Go to "Offices"

3 Select "Safety and Security"

4 Select "Volunteer sign-up" and complete the form.

You will be asked to read the safety handbook and watch a video or two. The actual sign-up goes very quickly (in my experience) and you will receive notification within a couple of hours.

If you have any trouble with the above process or do not have a computer, please let me know and we will solve the situation a different way.

I am very excited about this partnership! If you have any questions, please ask.

God bless,

Mark+

***Here's What's Needed***

As we think about St. Andrew's new partnership with Oakville Elementary School, one of the ways we can support students and teachers is making sure they have the materials to succeed. Below are school and classroom supplies lists. If you can, please buy some of these items and place them in the box at the back of the church.

***School Supplies***

Plastic folders with pockets

Plastic folders with prongs

Pocket folders (2nd grade—one each red, blue, green,)

Plastic pocket folders (3rd grade—one each red, green, blue, yellow, orange, purple)

Three-prong Pocket folders (5th grade—one each red, green, blue, yellow)

Large pink erasers

Rectangular erasers

Pack of wide-ruled paper

Pack of yellow #2 pencils

Three-subject notebooks

Manual pencil sharpener with lid

Pairs of headphones

Yellow highlighter

Pencil boxes (lower grades)

Pencil pouches (upper grades)

Blunt-tipped scissors (lower grades)

Student Scissors

Marble composition notebooks

Packages of 16 Crayola crayons

Packages of 24 Crayola crayons

Packs of colored pencils

Packages of glue sticks

Packs of Crayola markers

Washable Crayola markers

Transparent plastic protractor

***Classroom Supplies***

Packages of 3-ounce cans of Playdoh

Pack of flimsy white paper plates for crafts

Package of fine-tip black Expo markers

Package of black Expo markers

Package of black Sharpies

Pack of white card stock

Pack of colored card stock

Box of gallon-size Ziploc bags

Box of quart-size Ziploc bags

Box of sandwich-size Ziploc bags

Bag of arts-and-crafts pom poms

Pack of

colored

printer paper

Rolls of paper

towels

Package of

popsicle sticks

Unscented

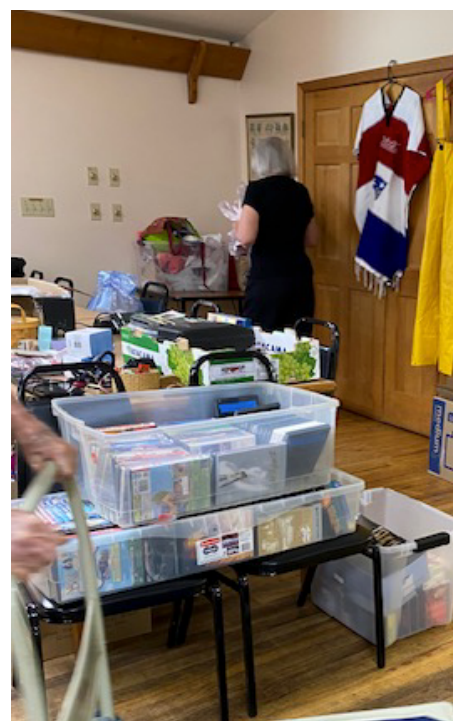
baby wipes

Boxes of

Kleenex

Bottle of

hand sanitizer.



*Remember this: There are always two worlds. The world as it operates is power; the world as it should be is love. The secret of kingdom life is how we can live in both—simultaneously.*

~~The Rev. Richard Rhor

**September 1**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 *or*  
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15  
James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Jerry Gehrig  
Altar duty: Lynn Duff and Margaret Hallau

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Dee McRae  
Lector: Don Schramm  
Coffee hour: Susan Bennett and Svenna Gonzalez

**September 8 Homecoming Sunday**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 *or*  
Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146  
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Mary Larson  
Altar duty: Susan Bennett and Svenna Gonzalez

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Mary Maker  
Lector: Joie Samuelson  
Coffee hour: Homecoming celebration

**September 15**

Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 *or*  
Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-8  
James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Ron Leonard  
Altar duty: Helen Rotzinger and Mary Makr

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Don Schramm  
Lector: Robert Abell  
Coffee hour: Anita Baxter and Peter Woodside

**September 22**

Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 *or*  
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 *or*  
Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Iris Hall-Willey  
Altar duty: Mary Maker and Michael Dyson

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Susan Bennett  
Lector: Svenna Gonzalez  
Coffee hour: Austin Family

**September 29**

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124 *or*  
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

**8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Clara Stark  
Altar duty: Mary Maker

**10:30 a.m.**

Verger: Nancy Edwards  
Lector: Ginni Stein  
Coffee hour: Fifth Sunday Potluck

***Please Hold in Your Prayers***

Pam Baake, Jan Barnes, Melanie Baisley, Robert Bennett, Eunice Benson, Grace Billingsley, the Blackwell Family, Caroline Bradford, Carol Brimm, Art Carson, Donna Carter, Donnie Carter, Judy Cavin, Jennifer Ceriale, Ash Chandler, Judy Consoli, Lanette Cowles, McKenna Cox, Marilyn Crosby, Noel D. and family, Laine Dogget, Judi Donnelly, Billy Doughty, Phyllis Doughty, Becky Frazer, Gretchen Frazer, Brian Gardner, Gloria Gehrig, Susan Geary, the Girard family, Willy Hansen, Susan Hogan, Ryker Hurst, Greta, Keith Johnston, Salty Joyner, Terrie Leonard, Thomas Leonard, Barbara Lorton, Elinor Mattingly, the Mattingly family, Dee McRae, Artie Miller, Bernice Nunes, Annamaria Pache, Kenda Parker, Kyle Patrick, Chase Phifer, Lisa Powell, Ellie Preta. the Rev. Michael Pumphrey, David and Natalie Reed, Jane Roderick, Helen Rotzinger, Diane Rudish, Bob Sisson, Alice Snyder, Jonathan Tanner, Tegan, Isabella Tenczar, Angelica Wilkinson, the Willett family, Stuart A. Wood, first responders, and all who serve in the military and their families.



*Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen*

~~Book of Common Prayer

September

- 1 Sunday
  - 8:00 a.m. H.E. I
  - 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
  - 10:30 a.m.— H.E. II
- 2 Monday
- 3 Tuesday
- 4 Wednesday
  - 9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
- 5 Thursday
  - 9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
  - 6:00 p.m. AA
  - 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 6 Friday
  - 6:00 p.m. AA
- 7 Saturday
  - 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m Thrift Shop
- 8 Sunday Homecoming Sunday
  - 8:00 a.m. H.E. I
  - 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
  - 10:30 a.m.— H.E. II
  - 10:30 a.m. —Sunday School
- 9 Monday
- 10 Tuesday
  - Noon—Retired Teachers’ Luncheon
- 11 Wednesday
  - 9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
  - 12:30 p.m.—Healing Service
- 12 Thursday
  - 9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
  - 6:00 p.m. AA
  - 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 13 Friday
  - 6:00 p.m. AA
- 14 Saturday
  - 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m Thrift Shop
  - 5:30 p.m. —Wine and Appetizers Potluck
- 15 Sunday
  - 8:00 a.m. H.E. I
  - 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
  - 10:30 a.m.— H.E. II
  - 10:30 a.m. —Sunday School
- 16 Monday
- 17 Tuesday
- 18 Wednesday
  - 9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
  - 12:30 p.m.—Healing Service

- 19 Thursday
  - 9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
  - 6:00 p.m. AA
  - 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 20 Friday
  - 6:00 p.m. AA
- 21 Saturday
  - 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m Thrift Shop
- 22 Sunday
  - 8:00 a.m. H.E. I
  - 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
  - 10:30 a.m.— H.E. II
  - 10:30 a.m. —Sunday School
- 23 Monday
- 24 Tuesday
- 25 Wednesday
  - 9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
  - 12:30 p.m.—Healing Service
- 26 Thursday
  - 9:00 a.m.—noon Thrift Shop
  - 6:00 p.m. AA
  - 6:30 p.m. AlAnon
- 27 Friday
  - 6:30 p.m. AA
- 28 Saturday
  - 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m Thrift Shop
- 29 Sunday
  - 8:00 a.m. H.E. I
  - 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
  - 10:30 a.m.— H.E. II
  - 10:30 a.m. —Sunday School
- 30 Monday
- 31 Tuesday



*Lord, take me where you want me to go.  
 Let me meet who you want me to meet.  
 Tell me what you want me to say,  
 and keep me out of your way.*

~~The Rev. Mychal Judge,  
 Chaplain to NYC fire department

## Looking for Someone?

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## Food for Thought

*Once again Richard Rohr has pondered ways to live our commitment to follow Jesus in love. As he considers the discipline of living as Christ taught, he suggests that this is also the ultimate freedom.*

The world has suffered much from the various forms of Christian colonialism. Yet the reign of God is an alternative to domination systems and all “isms.” Jesus teaches that right relationship (that is, love) is the ultimate and daily criterion. . . .

God’s reign is about union and communion, which means that it’s also about mercy, forgiveness, nonviolence, letting go, solidarity, service, and lives of love, patience, and simplicity. Who can doubt that this is the sum and substance of Jesus’ teaching? In the reign of God, the very motives for rivalry, greed, and violence have been destroyed. We know we’re all part of God’s beloved community.

Jesus called into community a small group of people. They were his disciples and friends. He taught them the essence of faith—the love of God and the love of neighbor—and he became a role model to them. . . . If you want to be children of God, he said, you need to be engaged in peacemaking; if you want to imitate God and be God’s children, you have to love your enemies and to pray for those that persecute you. If you want to resist evil, do not use evil methods. You have to practice forgiveness and reconciliation. You must be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. . . .

Wherever we’ve tried to force Christianity on people, the long-term results have been disastrous. The gospel flourishes in the realm of true freedom.

But it’s a freedom we must choose for ourselves. It is almost impossible to turn away from what seems like the only game in town (political, economic, or religious), unless we have glimpsed a more attractive alternative. It’s hard to imagine it, much less imitate it, unless we see someone else do it first. Jesus is that icon of the more attractive alternative, a living parable. Jesus has forever changed our human imagination, and we are now both burdened and gladdened by new possibility. There is good news to counter the deadening bad news, but we first have to be turned away from a conventional way of understanding.