

Presbytids July/August 2019

An outreach of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Words From Your Pastor: Matthew 25:31-46 is a familiar scripture passage to most of us. It's the one where Christ comes again at the end of history to judge all peoples, separating the sheep from the goats, the righteous from the unrighteous.

What may be surprising to some of us is the criterion by which we are judged. We are judged not on the basis of our declared faith in Jesus Christ but on how we live out our faith by caring for those in need. We are judged not by how orthodox are our beliefs but by how compassionate are our actions. If we are blessed, it is for selflessly helping to meet the basic human needs of our neighbors. If we are condemned, it is for our sins of omission, for our failure to act compassionately when faced with human need.

The law of love, applied to situations of everyday life, serves as the central criterion for the Last Judgment. In the end, Christ will ask: "Did you love me through your love of the poor in concrete acts of mercy? Did you feed the hungry? Did you give the thirsty something to drink? Did you welcome the stranger? Did you clothe the naked? Did you care for the sick? Did you visit the imprisoned? For just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

Inspired by this scripture passage, and in response to overtures to the 2016 and 2018 General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church (USA), our denomination has cast a new vision of itself as a church that takes Matthew 25 seriously and lives it out in the world. The denomination is asking PC(USA) congregations to identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches, to make a loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship, and to embrace one or more of these three focuses:

- **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- **Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

At the recommendation of the Social Justice Mission Committee, on June 18 the Session approved a motion that St. Andrew Presbyterian Church sign on as a "Matthew 25 Church," pledging to work on Building Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism, and Eradicating Systemic Poverty. One Session member commented: "I have been a Presbyterian all my life and have been a part of several different congregations. I would say St. Andrew fits the description of a Matthew 25 Church more than any of the others I have attended."

Of course, there is more that we could be doing in each area. "We don't want to just rest on our laurels," another elder said. Every Sunday we serve 25-45 people who are hungry and/or homeless, and we could do more to change structures in society that make people poor in the first place. We have held Adult CE classes on Racism, the Belhar Confession, and Native Americans and the Church, and we could do more to break down the systems, practices, and thinking that underlie racism. The commitments we made recently around our renunciation of the Doctrine of Discovery (see the June Presbytids) are steps in the right direction. Stay tuned . . . !

Peace, Roger



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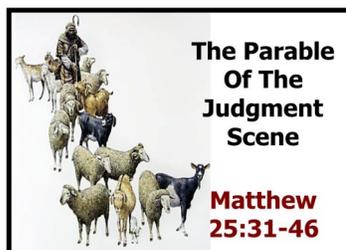
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Donation Needs for Asylum Seekers are Again Urgent!

To date, Albuquerque Interfaith (AI) has assisted over 1000 asylum seekers (21 buses) in their journey to their sponsors in the U.S. All five sites in ABQ assist about 500 asylum seekers per week. The Donation Center, which services all five sites, has listed priority needs. Selected items include: baby food (applesauce and banana), lip balm (chapstick), baseball caps, belts, shoelaces, baby blankets, baby toys (soft, small), crayons (8 or 10 count), clothing for men and women in small or medium sizes (no X sizes), children's shoes, all sizes. More information and a complete list is posted on the St. Andrew website. Donations accepted at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish, 820 Broadway SE, Mon.-



New Mexico Peace Choir Auditions

Want to join the choir that won the weekly Alibi's "Best of Burque" award this year? Auditions will be held on Tuesday, July 9,

at 6:30 pm at St. Andrew.

If you interested, contact Pastor Roger and he will put you in touch with choir's director.



Happy Fourth of July!

Volunteers Needed to Help With Presbytidings Mailings

On the last Thursday of each month (not in July) I need a few volunteers to help collate Presbytidings. I have changed the time to 9:00 am so that you can still attend any

other meeting or appointment later. For the past few months only 1 or 2 people have come. I really need some help folding, taping, putting on labels, and keeping them in order. If you can help, let Christy in the church office know. The next day is Thursday, August 29, no mailing in July. Call 505-881-9626 or email adm.standrewabq@aol.com. Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ABQ YAV'S FAREWELL COOKOUT & FUNDRAISER



SUNDAY, JULY 14, 4-7 PM
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Courtyard

Westside and Midtown Parishes:

Hope Works will be our responsibility for Saturday, **August 24**, the fourth Saturday in the month. There will be sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Room on August 4, 11, and 18.

Karen and Joanna ,
 Deacons



A New Beginning for the Chile Festival



Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church (SOTV) has worked diligently over the last 21 years to provide funds for an annual Presbyterian (sometimes in partnership with Catholics) Habitat house. This year, the Chile Festival will still happen, but the profits will **NOT** be in support of the Unity 4 Habitat house due to be started in September.

The SOTV Chile Festival Committee met last November to evaluate the previous Chile Festival held in August, garnering \$27,000 for the Unity 3 house. A period of discernment occurred in which they struggled to understand what they were currently thinking and feeling. Most felt the Chile Fest was still valuable, but too much emphasis was being placed on the fund raising only. Energy, time and labor were being spent on the book sale, the bake sake, the plant sale, the Silent Auction, the Vendor tents, building the Habitat house and transporting it to churches, managing the raffles, finding adequate parking space, and roasting outstanding chile. Volunteers had been doing all these things since 1998, leaving church members feeling weary.

Some members of the committee raised a question about the effort to help one Habitat family when they were needing and trying to help many families through their church ministries. They have a preschool program for low income families needing help, they help Fr. LaFond, an Episcopal priest and originator of ABQ Heading Home, they work with WINGS, a program for families who have members in prison, etc.

They spent time studying their Mission Statement - "To Experience, Explore & Express God's love in Christ." It seemed that "reorienting" themselves to serve "the many" in a wider distribution of their time, energy and labor was in order. A wider community engagement, especially for the support of families and their children, was desired.

Serving



OTHERS



How does all this affect St. Andrew? Our support of the Chile Fest over the past 15-20 years has been substantial. We have collected, sorted, prepared and sold books at the book sale, contributed to the Silent Auction and the bake sale, purchased raffle tickets for the Habitat house & quilts, and many have volunteered for a variety of tasks on the actual dates of the Chile Fest, including directing the parking of cars in the hot sun.

St. Andrew's Social Justice/Mission Committee discussed the situation at their June meeting. The members of the committee felt Habitat is still an important mission endeavor for our church, so we will continue to provide lunches, work crews for construction of the houses and funds toward covering the costs of the home for some family who would not otherwise be able to afford a home. It seems, however, that continuing our efforts toward the Chile Festival is distanced by their decisions. While supporting SOTV and their Chile Festival will not be an all-out congregational effort this year, any individuals within the St. Andrew congregation who wish to continue helping them should feel free to do so.

Stay tuned for future St. Andrew plans in support of Habitat Unity House 4!



Worshiping with Laguna Presbyterian Church



As part of our repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery we committed to "deepen our congregation's relationship with Laguna Presbyterian Church." We already have some ties to Laguna, and we would like to build on those ties by inviting members of St. Andrew to worship with the Laguna congregation. The Laguna Session has been approached about this idea, and they are enthusiastic about it. We will begin with a few people at a time accompanying Susan Quass (July 7), Rob Craig (July 21), and Catherine Robinson (Sept. 15) to Laguna when they go out to preach there. **If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Roger to sign up (pastor.standrewabq@aol.com or 505-881-9626).** If you have musical gifts to share (vocal or instrumental), they would be most welcome.

New YAV Housing Household Items Needed

Next year, the ABQ YAVs are moving to a new location! Thanks to the hospitality of First Pres ABQ, YAVs will have their own house! As such, we need to outfit the house with some basic furniture for our future YAVs! **If you have any of the following items you would be willing to donate, please contact ABQ YAV site coordinator Luke Rembold at abqyav@gmail.com.**

Twin Mattresses, bedframes, and bedding

Towels/Linens

Dressers

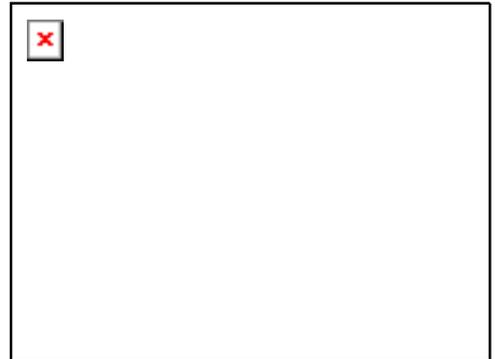
Bookshelves

Nightstands

Lamps

For our Presbytery

welcome dinner with our new group of YAVs in September, we'll do a housewarming party, so there will be plenty of time to bring other fun items that will help this new house feel like home! For now, we're limiting things to the items listed to make sure we don't end up with TOO much stuff.



The New Mexico Pilgrimage for Unity, LLC presents

*We Walk in Peace
We Walk as One
(Eph. 4:3)*

September 12th - 15th

A Three Day Ecumenical Pilgrimage Through Northern New Mexico to Build Up the Body of Christ.

For more information or to register visit our website at: www.nmpilgrimage.org.
Deadline for Registration is August 1st!



Presbyterian Women Birthday Brunch



Please join Presbyterian Women as they celebrate summer and the Birthday Offering with a brunch at Karen's home.

Date: July 16th at 10:00 am.

This is not a potluck so please just bring yourselves. And please RSVP so Karen knows how many to expect. Hope to see you there!



We collect non-perishable food and canned goods for the Rio Grande Food Project on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Remember to bring in your donation on July 7th & August 4th! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sexton Position Open

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is looking for the right person to fill a staff opening for our Maintenance Person/Sexton position. The job is part time. We are looking for applicants that are able and willing to address the occasional building maintenance concern, as well as maintain our church's landscaping and watering system.

Please contact Pastor Roger at (505) 881-9626 or Bill Fredrickson at (505) 828-0800 ext.#5, if you or someone you know may have an interest in filling this role.



The Church Office Will Be Closed July 1st Through the 5th



St. Andrew News



Summer Office Hours

Summer Hours (June thru August) for the Church Office: Wednesday thru Friday



Book Club

Women's Book Group

This group does not meet in June or July. We will continue to meet the 4th Wednesday each month from 6 - 8pm at St. Andrew in August.



The Memorial Service for **Helen Steck**, who joined the Lord Triumphant on May 8th, will be here at St. Andrew on Sunday, September 8 @ 2 pm with a reception following.



Our deep sympathy to Sharon Burkhardt and family for **Marcus Burkhardt**, age 67, a resident of Albuquerque, NM since 1982, died May 31 at home. He was an avid bow-arrow hunter, an enthusiastic fisherman, and enjoyed camping with family. He was retired from 20+ years in the U.S. Air Force. **The Memorial Service is Tuesday, July 16, at 2:00 pm @ St. Andrew.** Ashes will be interred at the Santa Fe National Cemetery on, Thursday, July 18.

Condolences for Bill Fredrickson, mourning the death of his father, **Wade Fredrickson**, who passed away on Tuesday, June 25. **The Memorial Service will be held at the French Funeral Home, 7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE on Wednesday, July 10 (time TBD.)**

A Letter to My Church Family (St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque)

by Steve Stogner



Our Church Family

Like most youngsters in the 50's I went to church occasionally. It was all right, but I never seemed to get the hang of things. Then, like a lot of young folks, I just quit going.

Things changed in 1979, with the birth of Roy. Jane, who had been a lifelong Presbyterian, decided we needed to begin going to church. So being a good husband, I said "Let me know when you find a good one." And she did. She had found this church, and it became my second home for almost 34 years.

Like most newcomers, I started slow, very slow. I had a good six months without any pressure from people to "get involved." But then Bob Reinovski cornered me one day after church, and I was suddenly on the Worship Committee. I knew next to nothing about worship (except sitting and standing and sitting again) and I knew I disliked committees of any kind.

But that that changed, although slowly on the liking of committees thing, and soon it was off to the races. Different committees, different mentors and different pastors. And always a lot of help and support from the members of the church.

In the 90's, I started helping Joe Mitchell with the landscaping. Over the summers that I was off from teaching, I learned a whole new way to contribute to St. Andrew, and without any committees. Just one person, the head of B & G. It got to be so much fun, that when I retired, it took just one short month before I was bored out of my mind and volunteered to work year round.

It was another life changing experience, just as my original introduction to St. Andrew changed my life in the 80's. And as I sit at my computer in Austin, Texas in 2018, I remember that without the people of St. Andrew, I would have never have survived the dark days of the winter of 2015/2016. It also laid a foundation for my recovery from both heart surgery and cancer. Without having something to look forward to and keep me busy, I probably would have curled up and died after Jane passed on.

It also convinced me, with a BIG shove from my brother -in-law, Art Albin, to seek and find a church that could fill some of the void that developed when I moved to Austin in 2017.

And so, as I write these words that will be read at my Memorial Service, hopefully not for many more years, I leave you with these words. **GET INVOLVED!**

In December of 2018 Steve was diagnosed with metastatic brain cancer with at least 13 aggressive tumors in his brain. On May 22, 2019, Steve gave up the good fight and joined the Lord Triumphant.

On June 23, 2019, St. Andrew was proud to celebrate the life of Steve Stogner at a Memorial Service where we were all able to say good bye to our dear friend. This letter was read at that service and we wanted to share it with everyone.





Lectionary Schedule

July

July 7 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 21 - Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 28 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

August

August 4 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 11 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40



July Birthdays

- 2 Shirley
- 3 Ramesh
- 5 Gregory
- 6 Roy
- 7 Cailin
- 7 Laura
- 9 Linda
- 9 Harris
- 13 Rogene
- 16 Donna
- 16 Erin
- 18 Sharon
- 19 Joe
- 22 Beverly
- 23 Joanne
- 24 Ken
- 25 Jean
- 25 Becca
- 26 Margo
- 29 Bill



August Birthdays

- 4 C.C.
- 5 Julie
- 9 Sally
- 10 John
- 11 Mary
- 13 Rod
- Marta
- 14 David
- 16 Jean
- 18 Marcos
- 19 Gail
- Alice
- 20 Bennie
- 25 Paula
- Jake
- Deanna
- Chuck
- 27 Amy
- 29 James
- 31 Christine

August 18 - Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 25 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17



Children's Summer Events Results



MAD Camp was a huge success! It was wonderful to see so many St. Andrew members joining us! I had the privilege of being in charge of the first nights art activity. We



created posters using fabric, yarn and crayons that represented either the parable of the mustard seed or the parable of the wedding banquet, both of which were told that night. The creativity and depth of conversation that I saw was truly inspiring! God's presence could be felt in that space as both young and old worked together to plan and create poster-sized masterpieces. These posters will travel through the four churches to be displayed for a week or two at a time. Keep your eyes open for them!

Summer Fun In The Park has been wonderful! We have had between 40 and 70

children coming to the tables we set up to do different, fun activities each day. It has been a time of exploration with lots of time to interact with one another and explore different materials. Again this year, we have had parents from the park see a need and donate materials. One family had been collecting oatmeal containers and donated them for next year's drum making. One of my favorite moments was when a little girl I recognized from last year looked at me on the first day of activities, and said "Hey! You're back!" It is good to see that even after a year without seeing these kids, connections have been made! I am so appreciative of the church family who continues to support this program, thank you! Laura Encino, Children's Director of CE



(Lily gave this drum to Christy, how cute is that!)



Youth News

Youth all over the country, including Darren & Chloe Encino, are gearing up for five sweaty days of "conversation, recreation, learning, worship and fun" at this year's Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

July 14th - Youth Commissioning Sunday at St. Andrew

July 16-20th - Triennium Week

July 28th - Mission Focus: Reflection from Triennium from Darren & Chloe Encino

Save the dates and pray for our youth throughout this incredible experience! Donations for Triennium can still be directed with a special "Triennium" on the memo line of your check.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019

July 16-20, 2019 · Purdue University

Claire Lewis, Youth Group Coordinator

Albuquerque Interfaith:

Rise Up and Act Together Campaign

St. Andrew has joined with our sister member institutions of Albuquerque Interfaith to conduct throughout the rest of 2019, a campaign for social justice: “*Rise Up and Act Together.*” Everyone is welcome to take some part in this effort.



We are beginning with a series of small group (“house”) meetings in each of our institutions. St. Andrew has already held three, and we hope that you had a chance to participate. At these meetings, we discussed the question: “*What is the greatest pressure acting on you, your family, or your community?*” Similar discussions in earlier years have raised such problem areas as reforming public education and improving our system for mental and behavioral health.

On Thursday, August 8th, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at St. Therese Catholic Church (300 Mildred Ave. NW), we will hold an AI-wide leaders’ meeting to compile the results of the house meetings and prepare a report for our Delegates Assembly. We are looking for folks from our member institutions who would like to become leaders; that is, they have a passion to rise up and get involved with the work required to find solutions for specific issues.



The Delegates Assembly will be held **on Thursday, August 22nd, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Monte Vista Christian Church.** All members of the St. Andrew AI organizing (core) team are urged to attend as we shape our issue agenda for 2019-20. (Are you a member of the organizing team? You are if you want to be! Please contact Pastor Roger, Marilyn Stoops, or Max Bartlett.)

On Sunday, September 22nd, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm, at St. Therese Catholic Church (300 Mildred Ave. NW), AI will hold a much larger Accountability Session, with candidates for City Council and School Board. We will be presenting our agenda to them and asking for support. There will be follow-up voter work during the weeks leading up to the November election. After that we will move to work at the State Legislature and the City and County governments, starting with a retreat in December.

Session Highlights

Dear Members and Friends of St. Andrew, at the June 18

Session meeting we had several interesting items:

- We are signing on as a “Matthew 25 Church”, pledging to work on Building Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism, and Eradicating Systemic Poverty.
- Approved a building use on 7/14/19 in the courtyard for a BBQ Fundraiser from 4 to 7 pm for the Presbytery Young Adult Volunteers (YAV).
- We approved an exciting Study Leave for Pastor Roger next year for a Footsteps of the Apostle Paul Tour.

Average attendance in May 2019: 86

We will not meet in July!

Membership as of May 31, 2019: 173



Treasurer’s Report:

May 2019	Current Month	Year-to-Date	Budget
Total Income	16,857	177,927	335,770
Total Expenses	26,664	143,267	342,781
Difference	(9,807)	34,660	-7,011

We had a lot of good discussion about the Matthew 25 Church. Ask us about it! It’s a new program developed by PCUSA. We’re already pointed in the right direction. Your Clerk of Session, Suzanne

Small Groups at St. Andrew



Choir: Rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. (Sept.-May). Director of Music: David Ziems

Presbyterian Women: Meeting & Bible Study on First Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library (Sept.-May); Meeting & Special Program on Third Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Adult CE Room (Sept.-May). Moderator: Linda

Women's Book Group: Meets Fourth Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., in the Adult CE Room (Aug.-May) Contact: Linda

Historical Jesus Group: Explores the impact and implementation of God's word in the present time. Discussions range from current political, social, and economic issues, to the founding tenets of Christianity. Selected books and articles provide the basis for lively discussion, differing opinions and ideas. Meets Second & Fourth Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Dick or Max



Spiritual Formation Group: Aims to take a deep dive into scripture, opening minds and hearts to whatever God may convey to us through the Word. We usually choose passages from the daily lectionary, reading each aloud and discussing what meanings we find in them. We also make use of the excellent Bible study resources in the library to better understand the original language, context, and meaning. Meets First & Third Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Contact: Bill or Max

Comfort My People: A support group for those living with a mental illness and/or care takers, meets for conversation, sharing ideas, experiences, and fellowship, all of which contribute to recovery. There are no lectures or advice given, just acceptance and care. Meets Third Sundays at 12:00 noon in the Library. Contact: Marilyn

Montgomery Circle: A recognition society for the members and friends of SAPC who have made arrangements (or are considering making arrangements) to donate to the church through their estate plan or other types of planned giving. The Montgomery Circle Committee provides information about planned giving, organizes social gatherings, and offers occasional adult Christian education programs. Contact: Rob Craig

Mission - Direct Service



Neighborhood Friends Sunday Lunch Ministry: Every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. (following worship) St. Andrew provides a hot lunch, sack lunches, clothes, and toiletries to people who are hungry and/or homeless. Contact: Bill



HopeWorks Evening Meal (formerly Project Share): St. Andrew provides food and serves the hungry bimonthly at HopeWorks in partnership with Second Presbyterian Church. Coordinated by the Board of Deacons. Contact: Ester



Family Promise: St. Andrew is one of 20 congregations that provides food, transportation, and companionship to families temporarily without a home. Contact: Julie Steck or Sharon continued....

Habitat for Humanity: St. Andrew raises funds, provides workers on the construction site, and makes lunches for workers each year. Contact: Marilyn

Health Ministries: Promotes health & wholeness in body, mind, and spirit. Central to this program are members/friends of the church -- “Knowledgeable Friends” -- willing to be confidential resource persons to those having public benefit problems or health-related concerns. We also participate in Christian Education, maintain a library, and collaborate with community organizations devoted to health and wellness.

Sanctuary Accompaniment: Some of our members serve as trained accompaniers for the two undocumented immigrants currently living in sanctuary in Albuquerque. Contact: Eleanor



Rio Grande Food Project: On the first Sunday of every month, we collect non-perishable food and canned goods for this food pantry located at Rio Grande Presbyterian Church. Contact: Ester or Marcos

Mission - Social Justice/Advocacy

Albuquerque Interfaith: A coalition of schools, churches, and non-profits working to create a better community. A broad-based, non-partisan, multi-issue organization that unites, trains, and organizes communities across religious, racial, ethnic, economic, and geographic lines to work collectively for the common good. Its primary goal is to develop leaders in who recognize and utilize their power to build a more just society. Contact: Max



Albuquerque Forum on Faith & Politics: A series of public conversations on critical issues at the intersection of faith and politics held occasionally on Sundays at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Contact: Rev. Roger Scott Powers



NM Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice: As an ally congregation to the Sanctuary Movement, St. Andrew supports NMFIJ financially, with volunteers, and in education and advocacy efforts. Contact: Liz

Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign: Seeks to legislate a health plan that will ensure comprehensive health care for all New Mexicans. Contact: Max



Bread for the World: St. Andrew participates in the annual Offering of Letters urging our nation’s decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad.

Contact: Fonda

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico: During legislative sessions in Santa Fe, St. Andrew works with LAM-NM to advocate for justice in public policy, with a particular emphasis on alleviating poverty and hunger.

Contact: Rev. Roger Scott Powers





social work

Neighbor News

FaithWorks Hires a Social Worker



FaithWorks, a collaborative consortium of Albuquerque congregations, has hired a social worker, Valerie Griego M.S., to broaden our services to the homeless and other friends served in neighborhood ministry. St. Andrew was the first congregation to join FaithWorks, with a \$5,000 commitment from Session. This is one of several responses to our congregation's urging that we should be doing more than just feeding people. The Sunday lunch program allows us to develop relationships with neighborhood friends, opening opportunities to help them access services and housing. (We stopped counting when more than 20 of our regular friends did get into housing and/or employment.)

Valerie Griego was born and raised in Albuquerque, and studied at UNM where she earned a degree in sociology and Spanish. She moved to Florida where she earned her M.S. degree and worked with a Public Defender's office. Now she's back in Albuquerque where she has worked with the Public Defender's office and Presbyterian healthcare, most recently doing social work with special education students. "I like being part of a team that is beginning new things, trying new ways to accomplish what needs to be done." She is eager to find out what the eight participating churches are doing—what's working, what's not working, etc. She visited St. Andrew on Sunday, June 16 to be introduced during worship and then learn about our neighborhood ministry. In addition to meeting directly with and assisting our neighborhood friends, Valerie is also available to provide training for volunteers who work in neighborhood ministry.

Meet Our Neighborhood Friend, Mylan

Interviewed by Sally

Mylan (nickname "Black") has been a regular and genial guest at Sunday lunch for several years now, so you may have seen him around. He moved here from Chicago 29 years ago and still misses the local food and the lake. New Mexico weather keeps him here, although his daughter would like for him to move to Minnesota.

Mylan is a licensed practical nurse. In that role he has held various jobs such as providing individual care through an agency, and as a substitute employee at a local methadone clinic. Recently he thought that a job in the computer field might be a good idea, but after some training he decided that computers are not his calling.

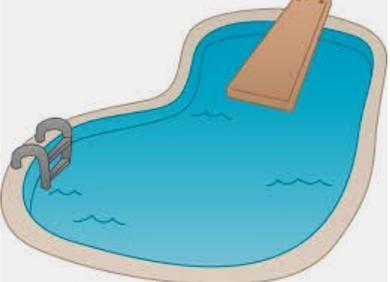
In 2016 Mylan's life took a major downturn when he was struck by a car while crossing the street. Hospitalization was followed by rehab. Full recovery can take a long time to accomplish, but his mobility has improved from crutches to a walker and now a cane. Even though walking was extremely difficult and painful, Mylan took an assignment to provide care for a patient at Copper Point apartments. The walk from Central Ave. up Tramway was very difficult. The solution? A "St. Andrew Transportation Service" made up of church members who lived in the area made sure he could get to work and home again on the two days he worked. A new bus schedule changed his need for our transportation help.



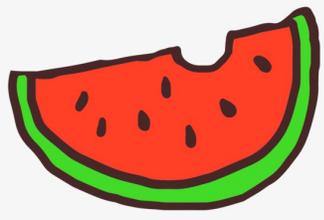
You might see Mylan at Albertson's, the library, or at Church's Chicken enjoying his favorite food. At the moment Mylan is hoping for a regular nursing position at the methadone clinic.

Mylan/Black wears a St. Andrew name tag. Introduce yourself and greet him when you pass through the narthex or are in the dining room at lunch time on Sundays.

July 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church	2 Office Closed	3 All Week ...	4 	5 Office Closed	6
7 9:30 am Worship Communion Service No CE Classes Until Fall 	8	9 7:15 am Finance Committee Mtg. Announcements Due for July 14 6:30 pm NM Peace Choir Auditions	10 Wade Fredrickson Memorial Service at French 	11 10:00 am Historical Jesus	12 	13
14 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Blood Pressure Check 11:00 pm Neighborhood Ministry Mtg. 4 to 7 pm ABQ YAV Farewell Cookout & Fundraiser	15	16 Announcements Due 2:00 pm Marcus Burkhardt Memorial Service Youth	17  Triennium in	18 10:00 am Spiritual Formation Indiana through	19  the 20th	20
21 9:30 am Worship Service 11:00 pm Comfort My People  <i>Tithes and offerings</i>	22	23 Announcements Due 	24	25 10:00 am Historical Jesus	26 	27
28 9:30 am Worship Service 	29	30 Announcements Due	31 		Summer Church Office Hours Wednesday thru Friday 9:00 am to 2:30 pm	

August 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 am Spiritual Formation 6:00 pm Worship & Music Committee Mtg.	2	3
4 9:30 am Worship Communion Service No CE Classes Until Fall 	5	6 Announcements Due 	7 5:30 pm Social Justice/ Mission Committee	8 10:00 am Historical Jesus		10
11 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Blood Pressure Check 12:00 pm Neighbor- hood Ministry Mtg.	12 	13 Announcements Due	14 6:00 pm Deacons	15 10:00 am Spiritual Formation		17
18 9:30 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Comfort My People 	19	20 6:00 pm Session Announcements & Presbytidsings Articles Due	21 	22 10:00 am Historical Jesus	23	24
25 9:30 am Worship Service 	26	27 Announcements Due	28	29 9:00 am Collate Presbytidsings 7:00 pm Choir 	30 Remember the Annual St. Andrew BBQ/ Potluck/Picnic on September 1st! 	31

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Building a community of faith unleashed into the world by the love of God.

Our Mission:

Proclaiming and living the Good News of Jesus Christ by:

- Listening to a loving God
- Celebrating our faith together
- Nurturing each other in Christian love and spiritual growth
- Working for social justice and peace
- Reaching out in compassionate service
- Being stewards of all God's gifts

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Worship Services: Every Sunday at 9:30 am