



September 14, 2023

Services at St. Andrew's

This Sunday, September 17

**8:00 am: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**

**10:00 am: Church School Upstairs**

Children join their parents in the church at the Peace

**10:00 am: Morning Prayer in the Church**

This service is live-streamed on [Facebook](#), posted on [YouTube](#)

The **bulletin for the live-streamed service** is on our [website](#)



Coffee Hour in Brooks Hall



All are welcome to join us in Brooks Hall for coffee or a cold beverage after the 10 am service on Sunday. This is an opportunity for us to greet each other and introduce ourselves to people we haven't met yet.

**Service Notes:**

- This Week: **Shataya Taylor**, an alumna of The Neighborhood Academy, **will briefly speak about her experience at The Neighborhood Academy** and how it has impacted her life.
- We will host our first **Evensong** of the program year on **Sunday, February 24, at 5:00 pm.**



## Vestry Corner



Your Vestry is sponsoring a "St. Andrew's Christmas Tree" this year. The only 'catch' is the **ornaments have to be handmade.**

We have purchased several **kits for people to make their ornaments**, for anyone who would like to use them. The kit selections **will be set up in Brooks Hall** following both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services beginning September 17th. You **can also use your own designs** to make ornaments.

Please **bring in the ornaments by November 19**, so that the tree can be ready for the beginning of Advent. Enjoy!



## Around St. Andrew's



### Guests from The Neighborhood Academy

**This Sunday, September 17, two representatives of The Neighborhood Academy** will join us. **Carolyn Sanford, the Assistant Head of School for Development**, will introduce one of their alumni, **Shataya Taylor, Class of 2018**, pictured to the right. Shataya will give a brief talk about how her experience at The Neighborhood Academy has impacted her life.



**Shataya is currently a 2023 candidate for a Master's in Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh.** She is currently in her second internship at Children, Youth, and Families Services as part of the Master's program. Shataya is also a Research Assistant at Pitt studying how Black parents raise children with autism. After this study, she will be researching Black fatherhood and early childhood programs.

*Please welcome Carolyn and Shataya,  
as they join us in Coffee Hour after the service!*

## Celebration for Fr. Luke



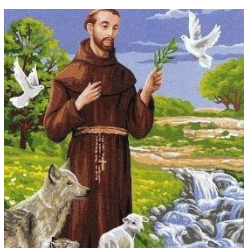
**On Sunday, September 24**, we will celebrate Fr. Luke's time with us as a Curate with a brunch in Brooks Hall after the 10 am service. Fr. Luke has been our Curate since July of 2021, and the 24th will be his last Sunday with us.

## Evensong on September 24

**Also on Sunday, September 24**, our first Evensong of the program year will be held at **at 5:00 pm** in the Church. Our organist and Director of Music, Benjamin Cornelius-Bates, will offer a short program of organ works after the service.



## Ready for a Retreat? — Deadline This Sunday



If you are looking for an opportunity to refresh your body and soul in a lovely and peaceful environment, you might consider joining us for a **Growth in the Spirit Retreat, Friday, September 29 – Saturday, September 30, at the Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat Center** in Baden PA. We will conduct a loosely structured schedule of prayer, small group discussion and meals together with ample time for walking the grounds in private and enjoying the beauty of their campus.

You may opt to spend one or two overnights in the Retreat House or join us for Saturday during the day. Participation is limited, so **contact Wes Rohrer at [wrun@pitt.edu](mailto:wrun@pitt.edu) by no later than Sunday September 17** to make a reservation.

## Choir Seeking New Members

Do you love to sing and have a good time? Well, our **parish choir has just begun weekly rehearsals on Thursdays at 7 pm in the choir room** on the second floor.



There are many good musical plans set for this choral season and you are more than welcome to join. Please don't hesitate to **talk to our organist and Director of Music, Benjamin Cornelius-Bates, [drericfritz@gmail.com](mailto:drericfritz@gmail.com), if you are interested in joining at any time!**

## Sacred Ground Series at St. Andrew's – Newcomers Still Welcome to Join



The Beloved Community Initiative is sponsoring a **Sacred Ground series at St. Andrew's** starting in August. Sacred Ground is a **film- and reading-based dialogue**

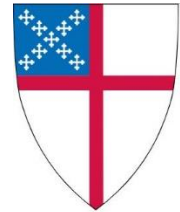
**series on race, grounded in faith.** Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.

**Newcomers are welcome to join us.** The sessions are held on **Mondays at 6:00 pm (new time) in Brooks Hall** and will run weekly through November 6. If you cannot attend in person, a Zoom option will be offered. Sessions will be led by Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger and Dr. David Boyd. Participants can attend even if someone misses sessions.

Please feel free to **reach out to Shahnaz**, the diocesan BCI Program Coordinator, at [s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org) or 412-251-7456, **or Arthur Noonan**, St. Andrew's BCI liaison, at [arthurnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:arthurnoonan@gmail.com), with any questions.

### Interested in Confirmation or Reception?

**Are you new to the Episcopal Church or interested in being confirmed or received?** Beginning in October, St Andrew's will host a **book study of *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* to prepare candidates for confirmation or reception during Bishop Solak's visit to St. Andrews on November 26th.** The group is not just for those seeking confirmation or reception, but will also be **open to anyone who wants to learn more about the Episcopal Church and Christian faith.**



**Please contact Fr. Luke by September 21 if you are interested** in confirmation, reception, or this class. The study will begin in October at a time to be determined later. ([lukezerra@standrewspgh.org](mailto:lukezerra@standrewspgh.org))



## Rector Search



### Invitation to Listening Sessions

The Discernment Committee will be hosting listening sessions with questions geared to exploring ideas such as our congregation's current gifts and graces, our current strengths and challenges, and the church we would like to become. **Everyone in the congregation is invited to participate in one of these sessions**, which will be held in Brooks Hall:

- Sunday, September 17, at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, September 20, at 5:00 pm
- Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 pm.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Becky Marinov, who has kindly volunteered to handle the scheduling, at [beckymarinov@gmail.com](mailto:beckymarinov@gmail.com). If you have questions, please contact Jodie Moore at [jodie.brodhead@gmail.com](mailto:jodie.brodhead@gmail.com).

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To find information on the Rector Search, please visit the [Rector Search tab](#) on the St. Andrew's website. This is where all the updates on the Rector search will be posted on a regular basis. As we mentioned last week, we have recently posted frequently asked questions and the parish survey results.

**Jodie Moore**  
Discernment Committee Chair  
[jodie.brodhead@gmail.com](mailto:jodie.brodhead@gmail.com)

## 🌿 Outreach Opportunities 🌿

### **Bed Linen Drive for Off the Floor Pittsburgh – Ends Sunday!**



Our ministry partner **Off the Floor Pittsburgh** has told us that they have an **urgent need for bed linens**.

**From now through September 17**, we will be **collecting bedding items** (new only):

- **Sheet sets:** twin-, full-, and queen-size
- **Blankets:** twin-, full-, and queen-size
- **Comforters:** twin-, full-, and queen-size

It is not necessary to purchase a complete set for a bed. Individual items are welcome! Please place your donations in one of the bins at the entrance to the church, in Brooks Hall, or on the porch of the office building. **A "shopping list" is attached.**

### [Amen to Action -- October 28](#)



We also have an opportunity to **address food insecurity in Pittsburgh**. St. Andrew's is once again collaborating with other East End congregations and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to **pack 100,000 meals in just three hours on Saturday, October 28**. This is a part of a larger movement in the greater Pittsburgh area called **Amen to Action** that will **pack 1,000,000 meals this fall for distribution by the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank**.

St. Andrew's Outreach Ministries is **contributing \$1,000** towards the goal of \$10,000 in donations from the East End churches.

Volunteers will **meet at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary** (just down the street at 616 N Highland Ave.) **starting** with a brief volunteer meeting **at 8:15 am on Saturday, October 28**, and should be finished by noon.

**If you would like to be part of the team** for Amen to Action, please **send an email** to Arthur Noonan at [arthurnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:arthurnoonan@gmail.com). Children are welcome, as long as they are accompanied by a parent. Act now -- slots are filling up quickly!

### [Save the Date: CROP Walk on October 8](#)

All are welcome to **join the St. Andrew's team of walkers** for the annual **CROP Hunger Walk!** The walk will start at **2:00 on October 8**, departing from the South Ave. Methodist Church in Wilkinsburg.



The walk has been shortened to **5 miles, with shorter options such as 1 or 1.5 miles**. You can **sign up to walk** on the [St. Andrew's team page](#) or by contacting team captain Wes Rohrer at [wmrun@pitt.edu](mailto:wmrun@pitt.edu). **More information to follow** as the date approaches!



## 🌸 Around the Diocese 🌸

### Inhumane Conditions at the Allegheny County Jail: Causes and Solutions



**On Sunday, September 17, at 7 pm**, the diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJO) and the Pittsburgh chapter of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN) will jointly present an **online forum on conditions at the county jail**. Approximately four-fifths of Allegheny County Jail residents have not yet been convicted of a crime. Yet they are all given mostly inedible food, often denied prescribed medicine or offered it at the wrong time, and are forced to spend nights in conditions too uncomfortable for sleep.

Since April 2020, 20 have died, more than twice the annual average for jails of similar size. Healthcare workers have supervisors without medical credentials who order them to violate best practices, putting their licensure at risk. Ninety staff positions are vacant and employees are forced to work excessive overtime.

**Detailed information** on this online forum, including **registration information**, is attached.

### Prayer & Share with the Beloved Community



The Beloved Community Initiative invites you to join us as we **come together to pray for healing, reconciliation and racial justice**. This online prayer and discussion event is offered at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. The next session will be held **via Zoom on Wednesday, September 20, at 7 pm**. The link to join can be accessed [here](#).

#### Parish Email List

**Would you like to receive this *Weekly Update* by email,**  
and also occasionally receive other email notices from St. Andrew's?

If so, please send your email address to our Communications Coordinator at [communications@standrewspgh.org](mailto:communications@standrewspgh.org), and you will be added to our distribution list.

You can opt out at any time. It's the best way  
to know what's happening in and around the parish!

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## 🌸 Looking Back 🌸

### Homecoming Celebration

Last Sunday, September 10, we gathered in Brooks Hall after the 10 am service for a Homecoming Celebration to mark the beginning of the program year. It was great to see everyone again!







## Donations for Off the Floor Pittsburgh

August 27 — September 17



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Opening Prayer, **Minister Ella Scales**, Union Baptist Church, VP PIIN

Panel:

**Leah Kozak**, PIIN organizer, Chair

**Brittany Hailer**, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

**Sister Barbara Finch**, former nurse at ACJ

**John Kenstowicz**, social worker

Concluding Prayer: **the Rev. Dr. Julie Smith**, Hospice Chaplain, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Register **in advance** for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEscOypqj0sGdyZwiEZSI97cwDR1btL076C>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.