



January 25, 2024

Services at St. Andrew's

This Sunday, January 28

**8:30 am: Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**

**10:00 am: Children's Chapel Upstairs**

Children join their parents in the church at the Peace.

**10:00 am: Holy Eucharist in the Church**

The service will be **live-streamed and archived on [YouTube](#)**.

The service bulletin can be found on our [website](#).



Coffee Hour in Brooks Hall



All are welcome to **join us in Brooks Hall after the 10 am service.**

This is an opportunity for us to greet each other and welcome visitors and newcomers.

**Service Notes:**

- **This Sunday, January 28, the Rev. Carol Henley will lead the 8:30 Holy Eucharist service and the 10:00 service of Holy Eucharist.**
- **Rescheduled:** Due to the inclement weather last weekend, **Sarah Herndon, Five Talents Church Engagement Coordinator**, had to reschedule her visit to St. Andrew's to **this Sunday, January 21. During the 10:00 service**, Sarah will speak briefly and she will also **join us afterwards in Coffee Hour** to answer questions. **Please also see the information below** about Five Talents **and the attached story** about a person they have assisted.



## Vestry Corner



If you would like to honor loved ones or give thanks through a **gift of altar flowers**, please **see the notice below**. We invite everyone to select their preferred week(s). We thank all who have signed up for their generosity!

Check out the **monthly calendar pages** for January and February that are **displayed in the hall** outside of Brooks Hall. You'll be amazed at how many groups use our facilities on a weekly or monthly basis!

Please see the notice below about the **Adult Education survey**, which is **cutting off on Sunday**. In addition to being **available online**, we will also have **hard copies available during coffee hour**. Thanks to everyone for your time and participation.

Your Vestry

## 🌸 Lent At St. Andrew's 🌸

### [Ash Wednesday Services -- February 14](#)

Ash Wednesday services (February 14) will be **led by the Rev. Regis Smolko**.

**12:00 noon Holy Eucharist** with ashes

**7:00 pm Holy Eucharist** with ashes



## Lenten Dinner Series

Join neighboring parishes for dinner and Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon on Tuesday evenings this Lent. Note the **dinner and service at St. Andrew's on Tuesday, March 12.**

### **Hope – Rooted in Christ**

In the 2024 Lenten Series as we will pray, reflect, and discern together how God is calling us to hope; to be truly rooted in Christ, our Redeemer. Learn how we can be hopeful and share that hope authentically with others as we face both personal and societal issues.

**Tuesday Night  
2024 Lenten  
Preaching Series**

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**“Hope – Rooted in Christ”**

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**6 P.M. Dinner • 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon**

**February 20**  
**Calvary** ..... Preacher: The Rev. Moni McIntyre  
315 Shady Ave. at Walnut, E. Liberty

**February 27**  
**St. Thomas** ..... Preacher: The Rev. Charles Fischer  
378 Delaware Ave, Oakmont

**March 5**  
**St. Stephen's** ..... Preacher: The Rev. Liddy Barlow  
600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg

**March 12**  
**St. Andrew's** ..... Preacher: The Rev. Leslie Reimer  
5801 Hampton Street, Highland Park

**March 19**  
**Redeemer** ..... Preacher: The Rev. Carter Hawley  
5700 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill



## **Around St. Andrew's**



## Your Input Needed for the Adult Education Program – Last Opportunity!



**(January 28).**

The Adult Education Committee needs input from the congregation to support the development of our Adult Education ministry.

Please **use this QR code** to complete a short (approximately 5 minutes) survey **by Sunday**



If you prefer to complete a paper survey, you find one in Brooks Hall and either return it to the basket in Brooks Hall or mail it to the church. However, we **encourage you to complete the survey online** if possible.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper -- February 13

On **Tuesday evening, February 13**, we will mark the last day before Lent with our **annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**-- a festive feast featuring food, fun, and fellowship! Join us **anytime between 5:00 and 7:00 pm** for a meal of pancakes, bacon, and fruit (gluten-free options will be provided).

***You're welcome to bring your friends!***



Volunteers are needed to help with the Pancake Supper!

Please check the list of tasks on the Sign-Up  
to see if you can assist with any of them.

We particularly need help with **setup** and **serving**!



[Sign-Up Link](#) or

## Do You Know Someone?

The Church School is looking to hire a **Sunday morning nursery attendant**. This **paid position** would be every Sunday morning from **9:45 to 11:30**. Adults, teens age 16+, and college students are welcome to apply!

Applicants must be able to provide or be able to obtain current PA State Police, Childline, and FBI clearances as well as complete safe church classes. **Please email Becky Marinov** at [beckymarinov@gmail.com](mailto:beckymarinov@gmail.com) to apply or for more information.



## Honoring Loved Ones and Giving Thanks with Altar Flowers



St. Andrew's Flower Ministry invites us to sponsor one week (or more) of flowers at the altar. Donations may be made to give thanks for life's blessings, to remember a loved one who has died, or to honor family and friends.

Your dedication will be printed in the Sunday service bulletin. The recommended donation is \$50 per slot on a Sunday.



To sign up for a slot on an open date through July 7:

## 🌸 From Our Outreach Partners 🌸

### Faith in Action Activates Economic Empowerment in Bolivia



St. Andrew's mission partner Five Talents is an **international microfinance non-profit** whose mission is to **transform lives through economic empowerment**. Concurrently, they are **fostering spiritual transformations** in the communities they serve. This includes their **Bolivia program, which St. Andrew's has supported since 2014**.

**Five Talents partners with local churches** in these remote communities to teach basic literacy, numeracy, and business skills, so that men and women living in extreme poverty are able to find **sustainable pathways** out of it. This training happens within **community Literacy and Savings Groups**. Neighbors learn how to read, write, count, save money little by little and eventually how to start and run a small business.

And because Five Talents partners with the church, the principle of Faith in Action is inherently woven throughout these programs, becoming an activator for economic empowerment. **As women and men who join Five Talents Literacy and Savings Groups experience Christ's love** through Five Talents' implementing partners:

- They learn who they are in Christ and how God sees them
- They start to recognize and acknowledge their own inherent worth and value
- They see how their own community values them and their God-given talents

**This three-pronged transformation becomes the catalyst for sustainable economic empowerment. Mary's story of impact**, accessible [here](#) and attached in a shortened form illustrates this spiritual development.

## In Our Neighborhood 🌸

### Scholarships Available

**Renewable scholarships of \$4,000 to \$15,000** are available from the [Lola G. Duff and William H. Duff II Scholarship Fund](#) for students of Protestant Faith in Allegheny County, PA. Students can apply for financial need and/or merit based awards.



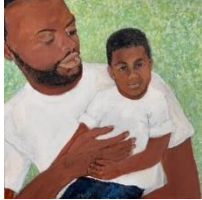
Applicants must:

- Be students who resided in, have attended two academic years, and graduated from, a high school or home school in Allegheny County, PA.
- Provide verification of Protestant faith.
- Be high school seniors or graduates who plan to enroll, or students already enrolled, in a full-time undergraduate course of study leading to an initial bachelor's degree at an accredited four-year educational institution.

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale.

The **application deadline is March 4, 2024**. Students can learn more and apply at [learnmore.scholarsapply.org/duffscholarship](https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/duffscholarship).

### **Souls Shot Art Exhibit: January 16 – February 14**



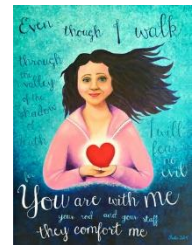
**From parishioner Wes Rohrer:**

*"This might be of interest to some of our folks. This is a very interesting exhibition with explanatory cards adjoining each portrait of the person killed by gunfire."*

**Jane Parkhurst also highly recommends** this exhibit.

From January 16 through February 14, **Shadyside Presbyterian Church will host** the final showing for **the 2023 Pennsylvania traveling exhibition of Souls Shot: Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence** in the Sharp Atrium.

**The Souls Shot Portrait Project** pairs fine artists with families and friends of victims of gun violence. The **artists create portraits using diverse approaches and emphasize the individuality and uniqueness of the victims** portrayed. The exhibition is a moving tribute, memorializing the victims and leading viewers to a place of empathy through the power of art.



This powerful experience is **free and open to the public during gallery hours**: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by appointment. Please also consider attending the **opening reception on Friday, January 12, from 5 to 6 pm**, in the Parlor and Sharp Atrium. Learn more about the Souls Shot Portrait Project at:

<https://www.soulsshotportraitproject.org/>

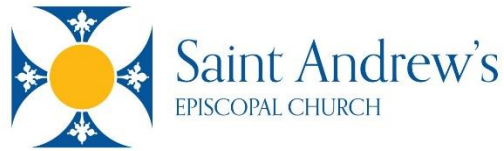
### **Parish Email List**

**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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### **Schedule of Service Leaders, January 2024**

1/7/24	Rev. Charles Fischer (8:30 am and 10:00 am)
1/14/24	Rev. Carol Henley (8:30 and 10:00 am)
1/21/24	Lay Minister: Jodie Moore, M. Div. (8:30 am) Lay Minister: Dr. Wesley Rohrer (10:00 am)
1/28/24	Rev. Carol Henley (8:30 and 10:00 am)

### **Schedule of Service Leaders, February 2024**

2/4/24	Rev. Charles Fischer (8:30 and 10:00 am)
2/11/24	Rev. Carol Henley (8:30 and 10:00 am)
2/14/24	ASH WEDNESDAY, Rev. Regis Smolko 12:00 pm (Noon) and 7:00 pm
2/18/24	Lay Minister: Jodie Moore, M. Div. (8:30) Lay Minister: Dr. Michelle Domeisen (10:00 am)
2/25/24	Rev. Carol Henley (8:30 and 10:00 am)



## Faith in Action Activates Economic Empowerment in Bolivia

**Mary**, a mother of three daughters, runs a baking business in Bolivia to support them. She bakes cakes, cookies, and other sweets in large quantities for a variety of clients.

She first heard about Five Talents' program from a church pastor in her community. When she initially joined her Savings Group, group leaders characterized Mary as *"shy and insecure about her opinions."* They say she typically sat quietly in a corner of the meeting room for fear of mispronouncing a word or because she didn't think what she had to say was important.



Over time, though, Mary says the support and acceptance she felt from the group leaders and fellow members helped her to recognize how God sees her and it helped her to see her own self differently. One of the group leaders shared: *"Mary was given the opportunity to teach the group and with great courage, Mary managed to express herself in simple words, and I congratulated her a lot..."*

Mary was trying to grow her business in order to make enough profit to build a house for herself and her children. Using a loan from her group, she was able to buy a laminator to better package and present her baked goods. This saved her a lot of time, so she could make more goods to sell. She says in addition to her growing business and a growing confidence in her own abilities, her faith in God grew too.

*"My business is an example of perseverance. My neighbors have seen my needs and difficulties. I believe that now I am someone who shows them how powerful God is. I maintain a business in which the daily bread is kindness, honesty, and love for others. And the most beautiful thing... my trust and dependence on the Lord... **I feel like I am growing in my life step by step. So that one day I managed to express myself with security and most importantly answer questions confidently, not just counting my life experiences, but also with Bible verses. I am preparing for this goal.**"*

Stories like Mary's are a testament to the power of Five Talents' holistic model. As Five Talents celebrates 25 years of impact, you can learn more about the ways this ministry has helped combat poverty around the world by heading to [www.fivetalents.org](http://www.fivetalents.org)