



**St. Andrew's
and
St. Swithin's
Annual Report
for the Year 2024**

Presented

January 26, 2025

The Rev. Laura Murray, Rector

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Agenda for Annual Meeting—January 26, 2025

1. Opening Prayer
2. Call meeting to order
3. Elect clerk for this meeting
4. Approve the minutes from the 2024 meeting
5. Elect vestry members
6. Elect Delegates to Diocesan Convention
7. Treasurer Jerry Stephanz to present 2024 budget
8. Vote to Affirm 2024 budget
9. Thanks to departing vestry members
10. A few words from Laura+
11. Meeting is adjourned

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2024

Opening: Laura+ called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with a blessing and a motion to elect Cheryl Young as clerk of the meeting.

M/S and approved.

Approve Minutes for the 2023 Annual Meeting –

M/S and approved

Vestry Elections

Laura+ noted previous vestries have had 10 members which has been difficult to sustain with interim appointments, vacated terms and a patchwork of tenures. The Vestry now consists of seven members; with elections this year we will get back on a regular rotation.

Philip Young is going off vestry this year.

Continuing Vestry members are Sandy Long, Angela Reynolds, John Bays and Martin Dillon.

Dick Van Calcar was due to go off but will pick up an additional 1-year term. (below). Sandy will continue as Senior Warden.

Incoming Vestry members are Dick Van Calcar (1 year); George James (3 years); and Linda Snyder (3 years).

M/S and Approved to elect Dick, George and Linda to Vestry terms per above.

Departing Vestry Thanks

Laura+ expressed her gratitude to Philip Young for his three (total 9) years of service as a Vestry member and for his many contributions to the church community. Prayers with him on his journey right now.

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Last year's convention delegates were John Bays, Nancy Stephanz and Angela Reynolds. Per custom, last year's alternates, Mary Reynolds, and Melinda Szatlocky will become this year's delegates; Martin Dillon will be the third delegate. Alternates will be selected TBA.

M/S and approved to accept the above delegates to this year's Convention.

Budget Presentation

Treasurer Jerry Stephanz presented the 2024 budget approved by the Vestry and invited questions and comments. Our projected income is \$197K; projected operational expenses is \$294, 241K; projected deficit is \$97, 241K. These projections are on the conservative side and adjust as the actual income/spending proceeds.

Deficits are accounted for: less income from pledges, loss in membership by natural attrition, declining legacy gifts, and generational trends in church attendance and giving.

Discussion and comments from the congregation:

- Are there things we are not doing that we should be doing because of finances?
- How does our declining size and financial base affect Diocesan status/standing? Rector salary? Designation as a C or D congregation?
- What responsibilities do we have for conducting financial audits or reviews and how do we work in good faith toward that?
- How do we demonstrate accountability short of formal/external CPA audits which are very expensive and difficult to execute?
- Vestry can appoint a team of lay members or partner with St. Luke's to use approved checklists for reviews. There was expressed interest in this.
- More frequent congregational conversations about money, finances and mission are productive. Invited conversations, such as in Parish Hall Meetings, support the community process in exploring possibilities and in holding mutual and shared responsibility for our finances.
- We are open to using our building as a source of income from either profits or non-profits. [See the Rector's report for initiatives in this area.] Expressed support for these initiatives.

M/S to affirm the 2024 budget. Affirmed.

Senior Warden's Report (See Annual Report)

In addition to a written report, Sandy expressed her earnest concern with the budget deficit and urged the congregation to give it heartfelt attention. We can't afford to just "run it out" to a projected end. As Senior Warden, she continues to seek ways to increase income through creative and productive building usage and good stewardship and encouraged people to give what they can both financially and through involvements.

Invited Mission Reports

St. Swithin's Report/ Spark House (See Annual Report for full report)

Deborah Dillon described their mission to renovate an abandoned house into an "Oxford House," a self-sustaining and self-governing safe house for people in recovery. They have a vision that this project might also incorporate their existing (but small) "Maker's Space," which Martin has currently housed in his garage. This is a space where people come to learn and be mentored in making, repairs and crafts as well as a resource for tools and other equipment. They have visions of expanding these projects and for a future homeless shelter. Volunteers for working and cleaning are welcomed.

One Parish/One Prisoner

Steve Deutermann and Paul Hansen reported on the project that started last fall with the guidance of Chris Hoke, a prison/jail chaplain. The intent is to provide a supportive community of re-entry for inmates newly released from incarceration. This is often a difficult time and the hazards for recidivating are great. This group of volunteers from St. Andrew's has begun communicating with female inmate due to release in June.

College of Congregational Development

Delegates from St. Andrew's are Pam Wilder, David Mattern, Anna Magner, Angela Reynolds and Laura+. CCD is a two-year program designed by the Diocese of Olympia to support congregational growth and development. Reading, study and activities follow thematic modules, Phase I being: ***Gather: Transform: Send.***

Pam described the process of using this framework to enrich our own process and to discover gaps or areas that activate us. Angie presented her version of a group project

using collages to describe our church community. She suggested this as a congregational activity that includes all ages. Anna and Laura+ presented a graphic map of our “neighborhood” as a way to invite an awareness of proximity and perhaps involvement in the who and what of our neighbors. David expressed the interest of this team in “bringing it back home” to involve congregational activities and engagement as they go through the successive modules of this program.

Closing Rector Remarks

Laura+ closed the meeting with gratitude:

- For the supportive contributions of Office Manager, Anna Magner.
- For the work of the Treasurer and the Finance Committee.
- For the Fellowship Committee and their amazing hostings.
- For the entire music program: Jim Couture, Rose Alexander, David Jones, and Choir.
- For our videographer and music accompanist, Phil M-E.
- For the Altar Guild for flowers and Eucharistic preparations.
- For the quirky Bible Study group who stay involved and curious.
- For all the many others, spoken and unspoken....who make it work.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon

Cheryl Young, clerk, January 28, 2024

Slide show presentation followed

Ralph Angulo is updating church directory pictures; see him for arrangements.

Candidates for the 2025 Vestry



Stephen H Cole (Steve), born and raised an Episcopalian. In a committed relationship with Steve Penning 37+ years and married in 2008. I have attended many churches over the years and have been active from an early age, starting with a children’s choir and as an Acolyte at 10 years old. I have served in many ministries over the years and as a vestry member. As an active vestry member, I have served both as a Jr. Warden and a Senior Warden and have always worked to serve my Church.

In the two years that we have attended St Andrews I have become very comfortable with this community and hope to serve in a more active role.



Sue Clary, a life-long Episcopalian, attending St. Andrew's now for over a year. Prior to that a member of St. Luke's in Sequim, with several terms on the Bishop's Committee there (a very long time ago!) and on the vestry; my home has been in Sequim for 49 years.

I am a happily retired elementary school teacher and principal (30 years). During the years 1978-2008, I was a volunteer for the Diocese of Olympia for leadership, group development, and congregational consulting and later served on the staff of the College for Congregational Development in its initial five years. I have been a Diocesan regional leader and served on Diocesan Council for three years.

At St. Andrews, I am currently involved as an usher and with the Fellowship Team. I am humbled and honored to be asked to serve on St. Andrew's vestry. St. Andrew's is filled with God's beloved children and ministries to the Port Angeles area which I am pleased to support. God bless us, everyone.

2025 Vestry Members

Class of 2025	Sandy Long	Angela Reynolds	Martin Dillon
Class of 2026	George James	Linda Snyder	
Class of 2027	Steve Cole*	Sue Clary*	

*Pending Election

Election for Delegates to Convention for 2025

Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Ministry Reports for the Year 2024

Rector's Report

The Rev. Laura Murray

“And the days went by, like paper in the wind; everything changed, and then changed again”

This bit of the chorus from Tom Petty's song *To Find A Friend*, speaks to me of the way days accumulate until first a week, then a month, and finally a year has passed. I'm always surprised to raise my head at the end of December and discover another year has ticked by. Where does the time go? Wasn't it just summer? It is always good, then, to look back through my calendar and remember what actually happened, what marked this last year.

My calendar from 2024 is peppered with notations of appointments, conversations, classes and services with you. Whether it was studying Barbara Brown Taylor's *Holy Envy*, trips to Poulsbo with Kathy Balducci, interviewing for a new sexton, or hosting a pizza dinner for newcomers, the days, weeks, and months have been rich, indeed. In amongst these sacred appointments, are the “regular” services marking the rhythm of our life together: Shrove Tuesday pancakes, Ash Wednesday; our Lent was marked by the organ and bassoon concert put on by Joe Pettit and Graham Logan this last year. And we can't forget the really singular event of electing a new bishop! Thanks be to God we don't do *that* every year!

It has been a good year; a full year. We have had new faces join us and the way they've folded into the community and enriched our lives together has been heartening. And, we've said farewell to a few long-beloved members as well. We lost Elsa Johnson in December of 2023, but didn't say our last farewell to her until April; Betty Wendel was also remembered in April, with September and November marked by memorials for Jennifer Brodie and Jane Giese, respectively. The holiness of these services is due in large part to the love of community and family that was so evident in each. What a privilege it is to be of use in this way.

The communities of St. Andrew and St. Swithin both engaged in the world in meaningful ways, ever living more fully into what it means to love God and love neighbor. Work on the Spark House in Forks continued under the committed servant leadership of Martin Dillon and crew. In Port Angeles, after the covid-imposed hiatus, St. Andrew's re-engaged with the community meals offered at the Methodist Church, where a dedicated crew served delicious food prepared, in large part, by Ann Wood's daughter, Shelly and her husband, Mike. What a blessing they have been to us in our efforts! Apparently, we have a call to feed people, because not long after our annual community Thanksgiving feast, a few of you got together to hatch a plan on how to continue to provide food for folks. The first sandwich making extravaganza is in the books and the next is planned!

As you will read in Jerry Stephanz's financial report, we hired a new CPA this last year as well. John Nykamp is a wiz at all things Episcopal, and our finances feel a whole lot clearer than they did before. Also, said sexton search culminated in us hiring Jason Vellum who has the church building looking loads better. And, of personal satisfaction to me, St. Andrew's finally got a new sign!! I've heard it described as resembling one that might be for an Irish pub, but its vibrant green lights up the dark like no one's business, and I am confident any and all who decide to come and see what's going on at St. Andrew's will be able to find us.

I am filled with gratitude for your faithful commitment to our communities. In a time when many perceive Christianity as just another political pawn, your continued dedication to loving God, your neighbors and, yes, yourselves, is a source of inspiration and refreshment in this world

where, as the prayer says, we may be wearied by the changes and chances of this life. We will continue on, then, claiming Christ, following in his path, and loving the people in front of us.

God Bless you all,

Laura+

Treasurer's Report

To begin, I would like to acknowledge and thank the finance committee members, Steve Deutermann, Jeff Graham and Clay Sorrick, for their continued support and guidance. If you are interested in joining the finance committee, let me know.

After many years with McClain and Crouse (acquired by DMP, then recently Ascent), we changed accountants this fall to Nycamp Accounting (Mr. John Nycamp is based in Santa Rosa, CA—near San Francisco). John is the Treasurer for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California—he “gets us”. He does the accounting for several Episcopal churches in California and also has a great deal of experience in dealing with nonprofit organizations. We have been on a learning curve while he reorganizes our finances.

I wish to thank those that maintained or increased their 2024 pledge; we had an extraordinary December “catchup” on pledges. For 2024, we budgeted for an approximate \$94,000 deficit and realized an approximate \$35,000 deficit. Why the mismatch? The finance committee tries to budget very conservatively (read “worst case scenario”). We had \$6000 additional in our pledge/plate collections than budgeted; Mr. Nycamp counts all of our investment earnings (besides the usual monthly amount coming from the St. Andy's Operating Income Fund) so that was an additional \$31,000, coupled with an approximate \$17,000 overestimate in expenses and this adds up to about to about \$54,000. We saw some smaller savings in other categories.

2024 full year operating income and expenses, and the proposed 2025 budget are as follows for both the church and the Harper House rectory. I have included all major categories, but haven't broken down those categories to individual items. The full budgets will be available in the church office.

As of December 31, 2024, St Andrew's had approximately \$871,000 in our 3 brokerage/endowment accounts, about \$84,000 more than last year. We drew \$30,000 from funds this year to maintain our church checking account balance. As of the end of 2024, we have \$156K in a Vanguard Fund and the rest in 2 accounts managed by the diocese, the “St. Andrew's Church Endowment Account” (\$201K) and the “St. Andy's Operating Income Fund” (\$513K). These funds include money for operating expenses and restricted money to be used for specific purposes (such as Manna). We also have funds in 2 checking accounts, one at First Federal for general church use (\$65K at the end of December 2024), and one at Umpqua restricted for expenses related to the Harper House (\$39K at the end of December 2024). Another asset is the Harper House—it is currently valued at \$553,700 on Zillow.

A little more about these accounts lest you think we are “flush” and all that is “free” money. Our Vanguard Fund (an endowment fund) is a restricted fund, with distributions used for operating income for the church and its principle restricted as an endowment to St. Andrews. We have 2

Diocesan Investment Funds (DIF, aka Hodges Funds). One is the St. Andrew's Church Endowment fund (aka Lauridsen Trust); distributions are used for outreach (Manna). The other DIF is the "St. Andy's Operating Income Fund", our largest fund—distributions are used for operating income, and historically about 90% of that is restricted and/or designated for specific uses.

Restricted funds are restricted to a purpose. The vestry could unrestrict them, but only in extraordinary circumstances. Our funds are doing well (but it is the stock market and not guaranteed year to year) but we are still running a deficit budget. The Finance Committee does a pretty good job estimating yearly costs. Salaries and benefits are 60% of the budget and that has been consistent over time. If we are to have a full-time rector, a part-time office manager, a choir director, supply organists, nursery attendants and a sexton, these are the costs. We need to find other ways to raise income to balance the budget or increase pledging to offset the yearly deficits or we will continue to draw down on these funds. Please continue to give as you are able.

If you have questions, please contact me or any member of the finance committee. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Andrew's and St. Swithin's.

Respectfully,

Jerry Stephanz, for the Finance Committee

			2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
Church					
Operating Income					
	Pledge/Plate		184751	178000	170000
	General/Other		54743	19000	22700
	Projected transfer				50000
	Total		239494	197000	242700
Operating Expenses					
	Salaries/Benefits		167130	176541	182857
	Ministries/Church Programs		11357	13500	17600
	Diocesan Assessment		41541	43000	33970
	Administration		19137	18700	10400
	Bldg and Grounds		35222	40000	41000
	Parish Outreach				6200
	Total		274387	291741	292027
Net Ordinary Income					
			-34893	-94741	-49,327

Harper House					
	Checking (12/31/24)		39079		
	Reserve		175000	175000	175000
Expenses					
	Utilities		4642.08	5000	5000
	Taxes/fees		233.5	250	250
	Repairs/Maintenance		840.9	4000	2000
	Propane		0	500	500
	Improvements		0	2000	2000
	Property Insurance		700	700	700
	Bank Svc charges			100	100

St. Swithin's Episcopal Mission

No Report Submitted.

Senior Warden

"If you do not create change, change will create you". (unknown)

St Andrews has gone through an amazing variety of changes in the last few years. Our community was struck by a horrible plague called COVID. Our priest retired. Interim priests came and went. Congregants left. Some congregants died. The church closed. The church reopened with "rules". A new priest arrived. New Vestry members came and went. Senior and junior wardens changed. Some members moved and we gained some new ones. And on and on it has gone. In February 2024 your Vestry held its annual retreat at the rectory. Kate Kinney was invited to lead us through an insightful examination of the recent changes that have taken place. How to deal with our losses. How to deal with positive changes. We examined a long list and came to some realizations.

Each of us comes to change from a different perspective which influences our behaviors and reactions. Some of us are paralyzed in the face of change. Some are invigorated. Changes in the church can be annoying and difficult. Many members are just downright resistant to loss of the status quo. So, after a day of identifying and discussing issues, did we come to some astounding solutions to problems we identified? No, but we did have some suggestions that we hope could be helpful for our congregants be they "old" or "new". First, we recognize that change in churches is constant. It is important to bring concerns out into the open so that they can be recognized and examined. Seeing changes as a set of opportunities can assist in developing new policies and/or programs within the church. At a personal level, we can look for new ways to serve St. Andrews. Some of us have been doing the same job for years. What might happen if you move from serving on the Vestry to working on the social committee? Just an example. We have started some new programs in the past year that are designed to help those in our larger community who are hungry and homeless. Consider our ideas and bring us on the Vestry some new creative ones.

The Vestry has worked hard to serve you this past year. Our numbers were small with one of us moving and one on sabbatical. We are looking forward to a year with new members. I would like to acknowledge our priest Laura for her excellent leadership of the Vestry. And Cheryl Young for her faithful work in taking minutes of our meetings. Thanks goes to the finance committee for keeping us financially viable. Dick Van Calcar, you are a wonderful Junior Warden, and I have loved working with you. To all members of this St. Andrews congregation, keep up the hard work! Together we will deal with those changes that are waiting just around the corner!

Sandy Long

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

“The Bear and I!”

I’ve never been great at coming up with excuses to say “no,” so I remember a phone call in early March several years ago. Our interim priest, Karen, called me and told me she needed one more vestry member to fill the “coming-out-of Covid” vestry. She then added, “Oh, and by the way, I want you to be Junior Warden...!”

I realize now Karen didn’t ask the question right. She should have asked not “can you serve...” but rather “Can you bare...” Oops, I misspelled “bare.” It really should have been spelled “bear” as in *Ursa americana*, the black bear!

What does that have to do with a Junior Warden’s report? Well one of my duties here at St Andrews is to help us create less garbage for the land fill by composting our food-related garbage. I take the compostables to Vicki and my tree farm compost pile....

The only problem has been that the local black bears in Eden Valley do what bears do: They eat anything remotely edible! That includes any food scraps in the church compost. That’s why last summer and fall the sign on the compost garbage can in the fellowship hall read: “no food.”

The bear is asleep now for winter, so food waste is again OK in the compostables. This spring may change if the bears return.

The compost-can sign “bears” watching!!!!!!!!!!

Dick Van Calcar

Music Ministry

Music ministry over the past year has included the contributions & talents of dedicated choir members, Phil Morgan-Ellis on violin, Darian Pina on flute, David Jones on organ, and Rose Alexander on organ, viola & harpsichord enhancing the quality of our music offerings. We also hosted Jim’s music therapy intern, Andrew Tjandra of Seattle Pacific University, providing him with an opportunity to share his talents on cello as well as gain experience playing a pipe organ for the first time as a student of Noah Smith.

The year began with a focus on worthwhile piano / guitar accompaniment songs that were submitted to but excluded from the Gather Hymnal. Gather was chosen by St. Andrew’s to add contemporary music to worship services. Our overall theme for music this year is “thanks & praise,” words often used during our services all year long.

Creation Season was shortened due to the limited time to review resource materials that were distributed by the Episcopal Church as part of a new official Creation Season. “Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes” includes prayers, readings, and hymns dedicated to honoring the sacredness of God’s Creation.” Christmas Eve featured choral singing, carols and solos including voice, organ, piano, viola & flute ending with “Silent Night” by candlelight. David Jones produced an ambitious concert - A Celebration of Music - that included many of our talented members as a benefit in support of the music program. Another way to give thanks & praise!

We said goodbye to Holy Trinity music director Noah as well some longstanding choir members

and hosted a memorial for our beloved former music minister (bell choir director, soprano, organist), Jane Giese.

Our subscription to OneLicense continues to cover certain music copies as well as video-recorded music. The organ & piano remain in good condition.

Jim Couture, Music Director

Children and Youth Faith Formation

2024 was a good year for Children and Youth Formation.

Last spring, we met most Sundays at 9:00. Sunday school activities included learning the names of the Old Testament Books, hearing the Gospel lesson, and continuing to practice participating in worship. Bowling in February was a highlight; however, it was a bit challenging for Dawn with her leg in a cast.

After summer break we reconvened in the fall, meeting at a new time. We've moved Sunday School from the 9:00 hour to during coffee hour. This gives families a little more flexibility on Sunday mornings. To build on our work of learning Old Testament books of the Bible, the children made ornaments for a Jesse Tree. These ornaments represent the genealogy of Jesus from Adam & Eve to his mother Mary. The tree is hanging in our room; drop in and take a look! Another fun activity was creating a puzzle of the Lord's Prayer. Assembling the puzzle reinforces the words of the prayer and gives us a chance to talk about the different phrases.

Sunday School attendance averaged about 3 per Sunday in the spring. When the Bays family left in the fall, our attendance dropped to 1 or 2 per Sunday. Some new families have started coming late in the year, so our numbers are going up. 😊

Kudos go to Mya Hartman and Vera Jones for consistently showing up at 9:00 to tend to our youngest. The number of children in nursery ranged from 1 to 5 and the ages ranged from 1 to about 7 years old.

No matter how many children we have, each one is a blessing and deserves to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Anna Magner

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer is a form of Christian meditation in which we sit in silence, opening to the Divine Presence within ourselves and in the world. The St. Andrew's Centering Prayer group is facilitated by Pam Wilder and David Mattern and meets every Tuesday at 2:00, most often in the Sanctuary. Occasionally when there is a holiday, or the facilitators are on vacation we meet "in our own space." When we are in person we generally have between four and six people meditating together. In each session, we have a short reading and a chant, a 20-minute prayer session, a contemplative walk, a second prayer session, and a repeat of the reading. All are welcome to join us.

Pam Wilder

One Parish, One Prisoner (OPOP)

Our parish OPOP team includes Linda Snyder, Deb and Paul Hansen, Angela Reynolds, Vanessa Gunther, Steve Cole, Laura Murray and Steve Deutermann.

OPOP is a ministry that seeks to help people that are being released from prison. The program's design is one of assisting the recently incarcerated to re-enter life in society by establishing a relationship with a faith community when they return home. Practical matters include obtaining a job, getting a driver's license and assistance with paying bills. It is intended that people involved with a church can help prevent recidivism, re-offense and return to prison.

Our released person in 2024 was Lytezia Montes. As it turns out, Lytezia elected not to return to Port Angeles and moved into King County. Members of our team were able to visit her before her release and visit with her in her interim home in Kent, and during a few visits she made to Port Angeles to visit family. She did attend a service and coffee hour at St. Andrew's in December. We were able to provide her with approximately \$700 in assistance for phone, food and clothing expenses. Lytezia is grateful and aware that, should she return to Port Angeles to live, she will be welcomed and that she has friends in our church. The term of support is generally two years.

We have notified the OPOP office in Mount Vernon that we remain open to assisting another prisoner released to Port Angeles in the future. The program is limited by design to assist just one released prisoner at a time.

Statewide there are now 70 parishes (all denominations, all faiths,) over 125 ex-prisoners assisted so far, 45 jobs gained, 32 licenses obtained, and 26 permanent housings resolved. Information is available at: www.undergroundministries.org

Steve Deutermann & Linda Snyder

Environment

Earth Day Remembrance - We celebrated Earth Day a day early, on Sunday April 21, with special prayers, music, and offerings from our congregational community. Thank you to all who participated.

Creation Season - We began our celebration of Creation Season with a pet blessing at the pier in downtown Port Angeles on Sunday, the 6th of October, in honor of St. Francis Day. Our Creation Season lasted 4 weeks this year, and we used liturgical material found in the 2024 Season of Creation guide from our national church. This offered us more latitude in choices of prayers and readings, a refreshing change.

Special Thanks - Many thanks to our Fellowship Committee for using compostable cups and plates for our Coffee Hours after services. And to Dick VanCalcar for taking our compostables to his tree farm for decomposition (i.e. they didn't go to the land fill. He discovered that he had a bear enjoying the food left on the plates, so during the spring/summer/early fall months when the bear was active, we compromised and did not put our food compostables in the bag he takes out to the farm!

Ideas - If you have ideas for other inexpensive actions we can take to bring healing to earth, please don't be shy!--Speak up!

Pat Milliren

Altar Guild

The altar guild has enjoyed a full membership this year, until recently.

We've been blessed to have Pat Milliren join (I have personal reasons to rejoice) but have lost two of our gifted flower arrangers; Rose Alexander has gone to Evergreen College and Pat Andrews has had a major move.

Our teams are: Team 1, Mark Schander and Nancy Stephanz, (they lost their partner, Rose); Team 2, Phil Morgan-Ellis, Angela Reynolds; Team 3, Melinda Szatlocky and Mike Murray, who have lost Pat Andrews; and Team 4 is Pat Milliren and myself.

I give thanks for these faithful people and urge you all to thank them for the service they give to make the altar space beautiful. We could certainly use two or three more people, especially for Mark. It's a good way to learn church traditions and stories about St. Andrew's.

Tea gets spilled when you hang out with us!

Faithfully submitted by Deb Hansen

Feeding Hungry People

The aim of Feeding Hungry People is to get food out to marginalized people or others who might need it. In checking, we found that only a couple of groups in Port Angeles provide food on the weekends.

One Saturday morning for our trial run 15 people made 150 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in about an hour. It cost about 50 cents per sandwich. The sandwiches were taken to Tree Park Collective, TAFY, and Food not Bombs. We have received enthusiastic emails thanking us. We are also taking sandwiches to the free clinic. They are taking them to people who need extra food but are hesitant to be in groups.

There are several ways you can help. Put a donation in the black and white donation box, put a check in the collection plate (or online) and put FHP on the memo line, or donate a jar of peanut butter (box by office) -- preferably creamy peanut butter with no sugar. And especially let us know that you would like to help make sandwiches next time. Right now, we are aiming at making sandwiches twice a month.

Charles Creed, Marcella Babineaux, Dorothy Thompson

Fellowship Committee

The fellowship committee is made up of women and sometimes men who volunteer to be hosts for many events that occur at St. Andrew's. We have teams who prepare refreshments for coffee hour after church, and when a funeral or memorial service is scheduled, we work with the family of the deceased to serve food for the reception that follows the church service. During the year there are many occasions where we are needed to plan for potlucks, which means setting the tables, making coffee and tea, receiving the food and keeping it warm, and of course the clean up after. There are times when we actually prepare the food for our gatherings. We have a great team now but welcome anyone who would like to join this awesome and hardworking group.

Ann Wood

St. Andrew's Knitters

For many years a group of women have gotten together usually once a week in the Fellowship room to knit, eat lunch and just visit. We have made prayer shawls, hats for the Mission to Seafarers ministry and the Boys and Girls Club, and even newborn babies around the world. There are often women who do other crafty projects, so we are changing our name to Crafty Corner, not terribly original, but we encourage anyone who wants company while working on a project to join us on Mondays in the Fellowship room at noon.

Ann Wood

Building and Grounds

No report submitted

Jeff Graham