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## St. Andrew's news for this week

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### *St. Andrew's Vision Statement*

**We are a Christ-centered community,  
joyfully making a difference by....**

**Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting**

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Have something you want in this electronic newsletter? [E-mail](#)

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**Please send prayer requests to [Fr. John](#). I will publish them in the service prayers of the people, and here, starting next week.**

Notice of a death. This past week beloved long time member Peter Hill died. There will be a memorial service for immediate family only on Saturday at 11 am. Under current guidelines, only ten persons or less can be present in the church. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook live. Thanks for your understanding. My his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in

peace.

Follow St. Andrew's on social media! It's also where you will find all our recorded Sunday services.

[Facebook](#)

Did you know? Parishioners are willing to help with basic tasks like grocery shopping, etc, for those who might need the help. There are also financial resources available to those in the parish who may need extra assistance during this time. Please contact [Fr. John](#) if you require assistance.

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Easter. This Sunday's complete service [can be found here](#).

To view our service online [go to this link](#) and look for the word video on the left hand side. A reminder that you do not need a Facebook account to view the service. Also, the service is recorded, as are all of our services, and can be viewed at any time. We do hope you will join us for the live service that starts every Sunday at 10:30 am.

A reminder!, Of course, you don't need to use videoconferencing to stay connected. We strongly encourage you to call, text, e-mail, and send notes to the people to whom you are connected at St. Andrew's and we encourage you to do so! We're in this together, and for the long haul.

Looking for spiritual nourishment during the week? A variety of online services are offered by various Episcopal churches around the diocese from Morning Prayer to Compline. Enrich your soul! [Click here for a complete list](#)

Sunday School for Children begins at 11:30 am for children 6-9 years old We will use the same link as for the Virtual Coffee Hour. See immediately below for the link.

Each Sunday from 9 AM to 10AM we host a virtual coffee hour. This is a chance to reconnect with people at St. Andrew's. There is no particular agenda, other than to reconnect and see one another. Here is the information

you need:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/496764969>

Meeting ID: 496 764 969

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/aolTwdKqT>

[Here is a list of all our Zoom meetings](#) currently scheduled with the exception of the the monthly prayer shawl meeting. Please use this as a resource in case you need to find the link to a particular meeting.



## REFLECTIONS FROM THE PEW BY DAN SITZMAN

April 26

One of the things that I have noticed out my front door in the past month is that there are more people than usual running, bicycling, walking and in other ways being outside, escaping from being inside all day. Even the 8 inches of snow that piled up on the grass last week provided an opportunity to view the spring from a different view, with the Friday morning sun sparkling on the surface of the snow, soon to uncover a flower that overnight withstood the wet blanket. The beauty of the Earth, from the song of a cardinal outside our window to majestic landmarks across the world, provides an insight to God's love for us. However, trees coated in a wet snow, frogs sunning themselves on a lily pad, and the quiet of a mountain top will not address our economic needs, especially in a world where so many have lost wages, scramble for food, sit in fear, disappear in isolation, or voice frustration.

Jewish theologian Abraham Heschel posed that there are three ways to relate to the world: “we might exploit it, we might enjoy it, we might accept it in awe.” Enjoying the world’s sights, smells, and sounds can be a way of expressing reverence and appreciation.

This past week commemorated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Earth Day, the 149<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BP Deepwater Horizon explosion. Today, as we face economic and social uncertainty, various stages of grief and isolation, and missed opportunities, we still have decisions as individuals, communities and as people of the world to determine our future use of natural resources, provide for the needs of all people, and to limit the impact of our “wants” on the Earth’s systems.

Considering the smallest organism or a vast canyon or jagged mountain, where do I find awe in the time and space that spans far beyond my lifetime and neighborhood? What is one thing that I will do this week to ensure that future generations can find joy in God’s creations on the 100<sup>th</sup> Earth Day or the 250<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day?

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