

# FORMATION



## Children's Formation

**9:30 AM**

Ages 3 and under: Nursery

Pre-K - Kinder: Good Shepherd - St. Nick's Room

1st-5th Grade: Weaving God's Promises - St. Francis' Room

**10:30 AM**

Children's Chapel - Lowndes Hall Chapel



## Youth Formation

**9:30 AM** - Youth fellowship time. EYC Room

*Be on the lookout for other youth events this summer!*

*To get updates and text reminders about youth events, text "@eycev" to 81010!*



## Summer Adult Formation Community Class: TED Talks

**June 6-July 25, 9:30-10:15 AM**

Join us this summer in person or via Zoom as we watch and discuss inspiring TED Talks that cultivate our personal and spiritual development. We'll start with Brené Brown's groundbreaking "The Power of Vulnerability" and end with Chimamanda Adichie's timely "The Danger of a Single Story."

<https://tinyurl.com/formationcommunity>



## The Late Show

**June 6 - August 22, 2021, 11:45 AM**

The Late Show is back with an array of clergy hosts taking you on a tour through the letter to the Ephesians. It's sure to be a pun-filled summer adventure! Join us at 11:45 - either in St. Catherine's room or on Zoom.

<https://tinyurl.com/lateshowzoom>



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### How to Worship with Us - June/July Edition:

#### SUNDAY:

**8:00 AM** - Holy Eucharist Rite I

**9:30 AM and 11:45 AM** - Formation (*see page 6*)

**10:30 AM** - Holy Eucharist Rite II with Livestream

On Facebook: **Holy Eucharist Rite II Livestream** - *you do not need a Facebook account to watch the service - simply click "Not Now" when prompted to create an account.* [www.facebook.com/standrewsamario/live](https://www.facebook.com/standrewsamario/live)

\*You can watch the recording of the 10:30 service on our website starting at NOON on Sundays.

#### WEDNESDAY:

**5:30 PM:** Healing Service in the Children's Chapel

#### ANY TIME

Watch a recording of the most recent livestream (on our website [standrewsamario.org/watch](http://standrewsamario.org/watch))

SUMMER MESSENGER



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## RECTOR'S MESSAGE

### TRUCKIN' AT ST. ANDREW'S: Events not Programs

Something really fun in ministry is just getting people together and seeing what happens. All too often we make ministry about "program." Something that is structured with a particular purpose, intent, or measurable outcome. That's not all together bad or wrong. We need contexts like that and it would be foolish for me to think or suggest that "programs," whatever form they take, don't contribute to the growth and flourishing of the Church. They absolutely do. But if all you have are programs, I will suggest, there's something missing. Something I'll refer to as *event*.

I'm borrowing that word from John Caputo, a philosopher and theologian who's been formative for me the past two years. Caputo speaks of God as an "event" – a breaking through or a breaking into or even a disturbance. You can see that occurring in the Creation narratives of Genesis, the liberation in Exodus, the voices of the Prophets, and the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. So if God is "event" then the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaimed is truly "event-ualistic." Caputo writes,

*The kingdom is considerably more "eventualistic," made up of happenings, events, singular constellations; and living in the kingdom means being more sensitive to the singularity of the situation...In the kingdom, things seem to "happen," to break out, so that the best way to describe an event is not to say "it is" but "it happens."*

Okay Jared, thanks for the detour down one street in post-modern theology-ville, but what does all this have to do with "Truckin' at St. Andrews?" I'm glad you asked.

Our Truckin' nights are not just about live music (although I can't wait), or food trucks (although I'm already hungry), or local charities (although I'm excited) these nights are "events" and even more they hold out the possibility for other "events" to occur within them. Each of these nights we might get to see how God's kingdom breaks-in, breaks-out – how God "happens" when a church opens up their campus and invites a community to a party.

I hope you drop by. Even more, I hope you bring some friends. And if they decline just keep asking. They'll come around event-ually.

Fr. Jared +



THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

St. Andrew’s celebrated the restart of Wednesday evening services with a Cinco de Mayo themed party on the patio. More than 50 people attended the service, and about 150 came for the dinner. Our beautiful spring lawn shaded by fluffy white clouds provided the perfect setting for the festivity. The patio was decorated with colorful flags and table cloths courtesy of HQ Wrampelmeier. The Morrison family and Budweiser Distributing of Amarillo donated a generous supply of beer, including some Mexican varieties. Rodney Steph delivered the beer to the church which was a big help, and the Masters family provided several gallons of tea from NobiliTea.

Brent’s Café made street tacos, which were served by Heather and Brent Lancour and their staff. They prepared pulled pork and chicken along with beans, rice, guacamole and pico de gallo. Lil and Taylor Withrow served up all the non-alcoholic beverages, and Jim Whitton was our bartender. HQ furnished some Mexican wedding cookies for dessert.

Sara Adamchak organized a unique art project for kids -- maracas. Each kid filled a plastic Easter egg with a few grains of rice. The egg was then nestled between two spoons which served as handles, and colorful tape held everything together. So, the kids all had their own maracas, and they ran around the lawn shaking them and screaming with delight.

It certainly did my heart a lot of good to see my St. Andrew’s family. There were many familiar faces but there were quite a few new folks that I had never met. People were so happy to be together and stayed until the sunlight faded. As Deacon Courtney observed, “It was exactly what people needed after 14-15 months of distance. Old bonds were rekindled, new bonds were formed and it seemed like everyone left with a full belly and a full heart.”

We also owe a debt of gratitude to Dean Kennedy and Johnny Lattig, our sexton. Without their help, it would be very difficult to have events like these.

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On a completely separate note, I wanted to report that St. Andrew’s contributed \$3,094 to the Community Campaign for the Homeless (formerly called the Interfaith Campaign for the Homeless). While contributions are still trickling in, the Campaign expects to distribute \$140,000 to 13 agencies in our city who are on the front lines of addressing homelessness. That number includes a matching grant from the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation. I’m always proud of our church for giving to this campaign but especially after this year like no other. Thanks to all who remembered the most vulnerable people in our community.

JUNIOR WARDEN’S REPORT

Spring has sprung, and so have flowers, trees, leaks in the sprinkler system (an ongoing challenge), and a myriad other blessings and things to be done. (Back in my anti-war days, there was a Dutch group called the Kabouters. Their motto was, “There are no problems, only things to be done”, or in some cases done away with, like roofing, faucets, pipes and mindsets that leak (or don’t work for the benefit of all.) So the “D” team has been busy. Dick Ford dislodged the dilapidated bench from the tree near the playground; David Stidham is building a new bench for that spot. He has also replaced faucets in the ladies’ bathrooms in Lowndes Hall. Dean continues to prune what he can and daily pick up trash, among his other duties. And the blessing we can all appreciate is that Johnny has found and remedied the source of the sewer smell in the church...it was a broken pipe under the nave leaking onto the dirt below it.

All this leaves me to think about water catchment now that we can remember the sounds and smells of rain. Architect Will Holton is joining the properties committee and hopefully can help us figure out how to do something useful with the water that periodically floods the south entrance to Lowndes hall. Will Masters is helping Mother Miriam and the youth figure out a garden along the south fence. He has also taken out one of the dead trees in the north yard and will take out the other soon. Some say that Junior Warden is a big job. With this community it is a joy and a privilege!

P.S. If any of the other small groups want to take on a garden bed, please think about the Columbarium area. There are some dead/or underperforming plants there that we might want to replace.

-Mary





## ORDINATION

Welcome our "new" curate, Mother Miriam Scott! Mother Miriam was ordained in the Nave on Saturday, May 8th by Bishop Scott Mayer. She will be working at the parish half time, while concurrently pursuing a degree in Social Work. Mother Miriam's ministry interests are pastoral care, youth ministry, Daughters of the King, preaching, and the sacraments. Mother Miriam's presence among us has been and will continue to be a wonderful gift. We thank her husband, Cory, and children Adrian, Leni, and Devlin for sharing her with us! We also thank the Diocese of Northwest Texas for making this curate position possible. We are very blessed in the Diocese of Northwest Texas to have a curacy program. Our diocesan curacy program offsets half of the curate's employment costs to the parish, enabling new priests to be attached to thriving, established parishes... like us!



## STORY BRIDGE + DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Last summer, our Adult Christian Formation "Zooms" focused on "Beloved Community" with talks from members of the black community in Amarillo. Those talks revealed a common concern for children's education in the North Heights community and particularly mentioned the lack of books in many family homes. A group of parishioners were inspired by this information and determined to work to help with this need. We connected with Storybridge Amarillo, a local non-profit dedicated to providing free books to children in need. Storybridge helped us identify a school and a book featuring children of color and St. Andrews then raised enough money to deliver a copy of this book to every student at George Washington Carver Early Learning Academy in December 2020.



But we didn't want to stop there. Two of our parishioners joined Amarillo's Operation First Five, a city-wide collaboration working to improve early literacy and kindergarten readiness. Through this work, it became clear that bringing Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Potter and Randall counties would be a huge boost for early literacy. As of March 2021, we are pleased to let you know that Storybridge is partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) to bring free books to children from birth to age 5 in Amarillo. St. Andrews Episcopal Church became a donating member of the Founders Circle of the DPIL thanks to the generosity of St. Andrews parishioners.

The program will make all children in Potter or Randall Counties eligible to receive new, age-appropriate books mailed to them each month at no charge from birth to 5 years of age. A year's worth of books for one child is only \$25, and St. Andrew's folks have been busy raising funds to support our new Imagination Library affiliate. Families can sign up to receive free books online at [www.storybridgeama.org/](http://www.storybridgeama.org/). We plan to have a "launch" event for St. Andrews in August -to celebrate our further involvement with the Imagination Library and provide opportunities for parishioners to help! For further information, contact Jim Whitton at [jim.whitton@gmail.com](mailto:jim.whitton@gmail.com) or Colleen McCall at [colleenwmccall@gmail.com](mailto:colleenwmccall@gmail.com)