

The Outlook



Saint Asaph's Episcopal Church
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2019 Fall Edition

Newsletter Fall 2019

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word...*

Dear Friends,

The familiar words above are sourced in Rippon's Selection- a collection of hymns by John Rippon, published around 1787. Christians have sung these words to a variety of tunes for over 225 years now. (Roy is the expert here so I would defer any questions to him regarding the accuracy of my above claim!) It seems that Barbara and I have been asking you all to read through the scriptures of late that we might invoke a Biblical Imagination. In so doing we might allow ourselves to be in the text and maybe by God's Holy Spirit find Jesus again or anew. All part of a process to be affirmed in our faith; in God's holy and most excellent Word we have our foundation.



These last weeks have all been about a foundation of another sort. The foundation that holds up the floor of the sanctuary. First, the work is going well and this phase is moving quickly- new footings were poured and new columns have been installed along with new headers- large heavy wooden beams that will hold our floor in place and gently lift that floor back to the walls of the sanctuary. The wires for the current instrument can no longer hide there as the gap has already begun to close. The wires will all disappear sooner rather than later as we anticipate the new instrument. The work is not inexpensive- thank you all, who have been able to contribute to the Sowing Seeds Campaign to make this work possible. It is a very good thing to have a firm foundation indeed.

It is in our Sanctuary that we gather and hear God's holy Word. It is in our sanctuary we are enabled to be the people of God. It is in our sanctuary that we baptize. It is in our sanctuary that we receive the blessed Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is in our sanctuary, I pray, we are shored up in the foundation we need to sustain us during the week and compelled to works of grace, mercy and compassion.

With a firm foundation, I am confident that our sanctuary will stand another 200 years and more. Firm in our faith, God will not allow us to be shaken, honest.

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!*

Peace,

Barry J. Harte+

Five Years of Marriage Equality

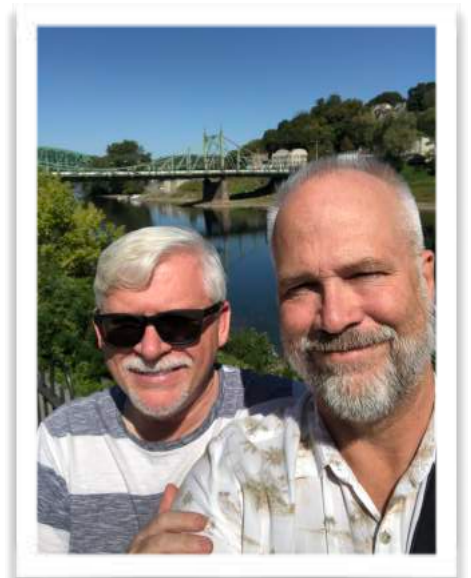
Submitted by: Linda Sterthous

On May 20, 2014, marriage equality came to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Wedding plans began all over the state. At St. Asaph's that summer, couples visited Father Barry and Pastor Joanna (our then associate minister) to plan religious celebrations of legal marriage. And so, in the late summer and fall of 2014, there were seven weddings of gay and lesbian couples at St. Asaph's. Almost every weekend, another celebration

of holy matrimony took place followed by receptions of various types, from small sedate gatherings of close friends and family to wild affairs with hours of dancing, singing and toasts. The couples who married at St. Asaph's in 2014 had one thing in common – they had all been together for a long time --- 20, 30, 40, and 50 years. Most of them never believed they would see marriage equality in their lifetimes. In recognition of the five year anniversary of marriage equality in PA, St. Asaph's will offer special blessings at the 10:00 AM service on Sunday October 20, followed by a festive coffee hour reception.

We hope you can join us as we celebrate Bob and Roy, Keith and Tom, Linda and Anna,





Property News

Sanctuary Work

Submitted by: Steve Sheeran

One Sowing Seeds project that has started is bracing up the sagging floor by the West entrance of the sanctuary. Two twenty one foot engineered carry beams will be installed in the Undercroft and slowly raised to level the floor and to keep the floor from sagging. You can see from the photos the current gap between the floor and the wainscoting. The photos in the Undercroft show the gap between some joists and support beams installed after the repairs from significant termite damage in the 1980s. The next phase of the Sanctuary work is scheduled for November. The wood floors will be refinished and the tile floors will be repaired where needed and refinished. Also the Baptismal Font will be moved from the Chancel to the "soft space" (to your right as you enter the Sanctuary from the Parish Hall) and the Modesty Rails will be reduced in size.



Organ Pipe Removal



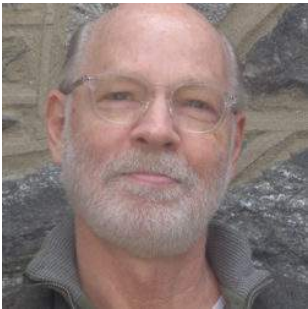


Music & Fine Arts

New Organ Project: Work continues on Schedule

Submitted by: Roy Harker, Director of Music and the Arts

Construction of our new instrument continues as we approach several milestones. Pipes from the old Austin organ in the chancel have been removed and placed in a secure area of the basement. You'll note from the photos here that the pipes are all in good shape, despite their age, and the hope for finding them a new home continues. Thanks to Father, Barry, Steve Sheeran, and Diana Post who all helped in their safe removal.



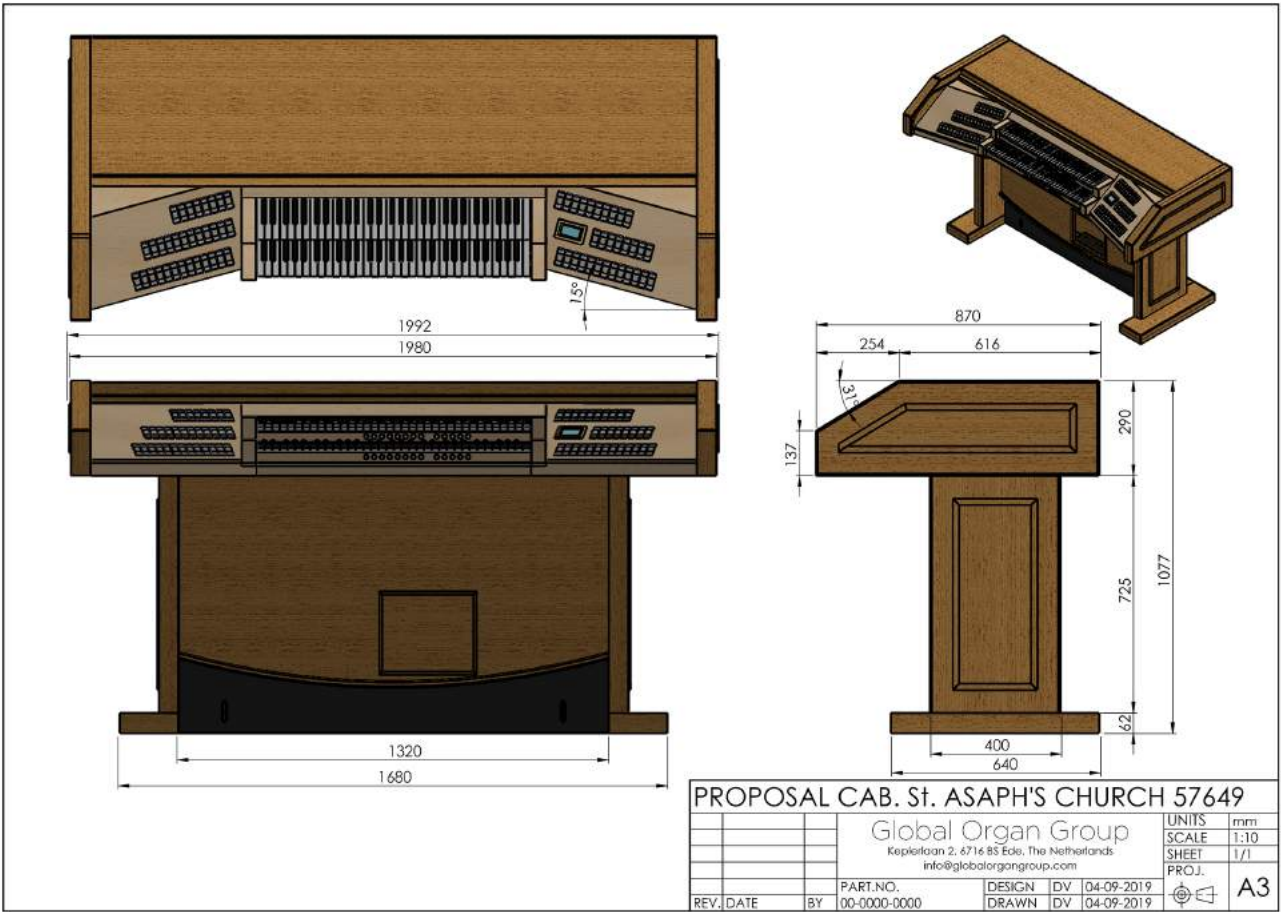
Some of the newly manufactured speakers for the digital portion of the new instrument have arrived from Amsterdam (by way of Chicago!) and currently reside in the chancel area awaiting installation. Wiring for the new speakers is scheduled to begin November 4, with scaffolding going up at the rear of the church. Before wiring work can proceed, all of the pipes at the rear of the church (the Antiphonal Division of the Austin Pipe Organ) will be removed to allow access for those working on the wiring. These pipes will be taken to a workshop in Western Pennsylvania to be cleaned, polished, and refurbished for use. This Antiphonal Division will form the foundation of the new Great Division of the organ and will speak publicly for the first time in over a decade upon the completion of the new instrument. The

blower for the pipes, tucked away in the Northwestern corner of the ceiling (I'll bet you never noticed this) will also be cleaned and reconditioned.

Shop drawings for the custom-designed console have been finalized. The cabinet will be handmade from quarter-sawn oak at a small cabinet maker in Ede, Netherlands. (I visited this shop on my visit to Holland and met the man who oversees the cabinet making, a Dutch craftsman who takes great pride in his work.) As you can see from the image below, it is a significant departure from traditional organ design, very low in profile yet in full compliance with all American Guild of Organists specifications. It will also have a full-size roll-top cover to protect it from dust when not in use. I took a sample of the woodwork from St. Asaph's with me on my trip so the woodworker will be able to match the stain color in the sanctuary.

It is expected that the new console will arrive somewhere around March of 2020. Installation, tuning, and voicing will take approximately another month. We are hoping to be able to debut the new instrument for Easter of 2020!

In the meantime, please be aware of the disruption to our worship space and format that will result from this project. We may not have access to an organ to lead our services at some point. And scaffolding and construction debris may have an impact on how we conduct our weekly worship services. I ask for your patience – the reward is well within sight!



Music & Fine Arts Events

Fine Arts

The Gallery at St. Asaph's features local artists throughout the year in exhibits that change monthly. Our gallery space provides an attractive venue for artists and a welcoming meeting place for the community. Art openings are welcoming and energized events connecting us further with the creativity we embrace.

St. Asaph's Gallery presents *Color, Line and Lens: Abstract Paintings and Photographs* - Featuring Patsy Higgins, Julie Kiene, and Mitchell J. Cohen. On exhibit from Sept. 27, 2019 to Oct. 27, 2019.



On The Way Home: Acrylic on Canvas - Featuring Kassem Amoudi

On exhibit from Nov. 1, 2019 to Dec. 1, 2019

Opening Reception: Friday, Nov. 1, 6-7:30pm



The Light We Live In: Photographs - Featuring Richard S Davidson

On exhibit from Dec. 6, 2019 to Jan. 12, 2020

Opening Reception: Friday, Dec. 6, 2019, 6-7:30pm



Concerts



Elysian Camerata

Next Performance on Sunday, Oct. 13th, at 3:00 PM.
Program: "Cello Heaven"

Boccherini: String Quintet in A major, Op. 11 no. 2
Bartok: Selections from 44 Duets for 2 Violins
Schubert: String Quintet in C major, Op. post. 163

Guest artist: Linda Metzler - cello

Upcoming Dates

Mark your calendars now for the next season of Sunday concerts at St. Asaph's: Nov. 17, Jan. 26, 2020, March 29, 2020, and May 31, 2020.

Adult Formation News

St. Asaph's Adult Education 2019-2020

Submitted by: The Rev. Barbara Briggs



THEME FOR THE YEAR : EXPERIENCING GOD

Adults engage in ongoing Christian Formation in order to

- Discover a deeper sense of Christian Community
- Connect meaningfully with God, self, and others
- Be renewed and revitalized
- Gain strength and confidence in our own faith
- Be able to be relevant in the world and practice our faith in daily, meaningful ways.

We will be offering the following opportunities for adult Christian Formation beginning in September:

SUNDAY MORNINGS at 9:00 in the parlor

Weekly Lectionary Bible study in a trimester format

1. The practice of Dwelling in the Word—listening to what the text says and reflecting on similarities and differences in our experience of today's world. September 8 – November 24
2. The practice of Lectio Divina—listening to what word, phrase or idea strikes us in the context of daily life. December 1 – February 23
3. The practice of study—learning about the background of the text and asking what relevance it has for us today. March 1 – May 31

Study sheets will be provided at each session. Participants will begin and end with prayer and delve into the material together.

Retreats : Experiencing God through:

September 21 LEADER:	STORIES David Darwin	Recognizing God's presence in our own story
December 7 LEADER	CREATION tbd	Finding God in nature
March 6-7 LEADER	SCRIPTURE, SILENCE, SOLITUDE David Darwin	Finding God in the Biblical story and how it connects w/ me
June 6 LEADER	SERVICE tbd	Finding out what God might be up to in my own passions + what I love to do

WEEKDAY MORNING (Wednesday) 8AM nature walk led by Barbara Briggs (Experiencing God in nature : the practice of being present). September 26 – November 21

WEEKDAY MORNING (Thursday) 9 :00-10 :30 Led by David Darwin. Participants will use the book: *The Good and Beautiful God*
Ten weeks, December 5 – February 6

FORTNIGHT Led by participants, beginning on September 18, every other Wednesday 6 :15-7 :30. A shared meal prepared by volunteers with intentional conversation on the following—
Experiencing God in the six spiritual traditions of Christ and Christianity :

October 2	Holiness : The virtuous life
October 16	Charismatic : the spirit-empowered life
October 30	Social Justice : the compassion-filled life
November 13	Evangelical : the Word-centered life
November 27	Incarnational : the reality-centered life

Discussion sheets based on the Spiritual Formation Workbook will be provided

A new and different series for Fortnight will begin on December 4

Also Look for opportunities on dates yet to be determined to join us in :

- Walking the labyrinth
- Making and using Anglican Prayer Beads
- Listening : How to pray with someone
- Discernment : How to recognize when God shows up
- The 1619 project in conversation
- Creation care
- Theological reflection on social justice and pastoral care initiatives



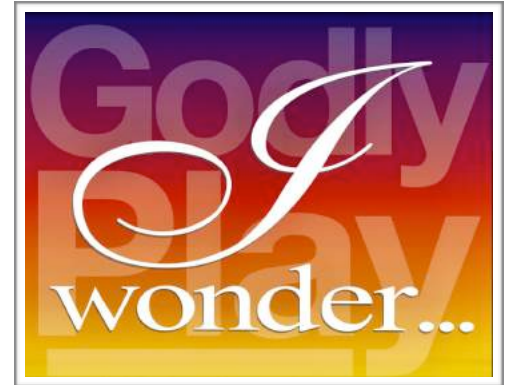
Night Prayer - A brief sung liturgy of Night Prayer will be held on October 10th, November 14th and December 12th at 9:00pm. You are invited to attend, to listen, to sing and to pray. Night Prayer is the liturgy of prayers for the end of the day. This particular liturgy takes its form from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, – along with additional resources. Please share the word. The West Entrance (new steps) will be open - park wherever you prefer of course, but I am hoping the convenience of the west entrance doors being open will allow you to park in the front circle. Be quietly cordial, or cordially quiet; the intent of this prayer is to allow us to gather quickly and quietly and depart in a similar fashion. Hope you will join us!

Youth Formation News

Children's Formation Curriculum

Submitted by: The Rev. Barbara Briggs

The Godly Play® method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. How exciting is it that God is inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—scripture and spiritual experience? Godly Play practice teaches us to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives, so it is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.



Godly Play is an amazing way for adults and children to experience God's presence, love, and grace.

- ❖ Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships.
- ❖ Godly Play models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations.
- ❖ Godly Play allows practitioners to discover relevant and personal theological meaning.
- ❖ Godly Play nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

Whether you are teaching it or are a class member, you get to:

- Engage your innate spirituality.
- Deepen your understanding of religious language.
- Make meaning of the Biblical stories.
- Discover more about yourself in relationship with God and others in community.

Here at St. Asaph's we are deepening the Godly Play experience by making our own story-telling materials and integrating some of the materials we already have. Sometimes, it means creating new story-material to go with the lessons appointed for the day, and sometimes it means sticking to the schedule in the Godly Play curriculum.

In order to be able to offer this to children of all ages, we will need your help!

A huge thank-you to Connie Stelzenmuller, Susan Christie, and John Barrett for helping with our materials and to Anna Webb for helping in the classroom. (How long until Rory is ready to come to class with his mom)?

RESOURCES

Godly Play Foundation – www.GodlyPlayFoundation.org

Official YouTube Channel – www.YouTube.com/user/GodlyPlayFndn

Official Facebook Page – www.Facebook.com/GodlyPlay

News About Our Members

Words from Our Members Near and Far

Submitted by: Lynda S.

The Guisinger-Nickerson Family in Berlin, Germany

Dear Friends,

Hello from Berlin. Now that we are in our second month here, we have settled in and are really enjoying our time. The boys are liking their new school: the Berlin International School. It's bilingual but primarily English-speaking, and they are taking intensive German lessons each day. Many of their classmates are from the embassies located near the school and so they are meeting not only Germans but kids from around the world.



Our pace of life is slower here and we have had more time for family activities - especially on Sunday when all the shops are closed. The weather here has been beautiful so we have had plenty of opportunities to go swimming in the local lakes and to ride around Berlin on bikes. Last weekend, we went kayaking in the Spreewald, an area about an hour outside of Berlin in which small canals crisscross farms and villages. I've attached a photo from that outing: Oliver pictured in the town of Leipe and Simon going through a canal lock.

Wishing you all well,

Alexandra on behalf of David, Oliver, and Simon



This photo was at Potsdam at Cecilienhof, the palace where the Potsdam Conference was held at the end of World War II.



We Are Going To Miss...

Gerry Cechony's last Sunday is Sunday, October 20th.
Be sure to stop by at coffee hour and give him your good wishes!

Upcoming Events & Other News

Anti-Racism Workshop at St. Asaph's

Anti-Racism Training: Racial Justice and Healing will be held at St. Asaph's on Saturday, October 19th, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. This interactive workshop will focus on how we can address current-day racism with reconciliation that promotes healing. Come share your thoughts and learn how others would promote racial reconciliation and healing. Participating in all four training sessions constitutes completing Anti-Racism Training. We consider this “complete training” to be a good foundation and the beginning of a lifetime of learning about racism and racial healing. Come share your thoughts and learn how others would promote racial reconciliation and healing.



Tickets are \$15 and lunch is included with registration.

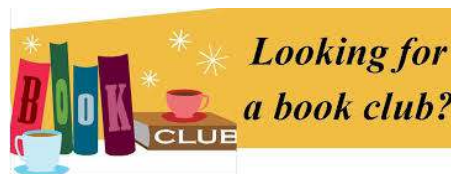
To register click: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anti-racism-training-racial-justice-and-healing-tickets-70758533679>

Book Club

Book Club meeting will be the first Monday of each month.
Here's a list of the upcoming books - the order for 2020 may change:

Monday, November 4th - Go Tell It on the Mountain, James Baldwin
Monday, December 2nd - for Christmas – (Selection TBD)
Monday, January 6th - The Overstory by Richard Powers
Monday, February 3rd - The Death of the Heart by Elizabeth Bowen
Monday, March 2nd - On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong

Rest of the books to be determined.



Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Choir Bake Sale - Our traditional Thanksgiving Bake Sale will be on Sunday, Nov. 24th, following the 10 a.m. service. Get your Thanksgiving dinner specialties: Sweet-potato casseroles, pies, cheesecakes, breads, cookies, cranberry sauce, cakes, etc, - all available for sale with proceeds benefiting the music program at St. Asaph's. The items have, in past years, sold out quickly, so hurry in! To order in advance, contact Bob Ranando via email: rjranando@aol.com



All Saints' Remembrance Altar - Sunday, Nov. 3rd



On Sunday, November 3rd, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday. As in past years, we will be remembering those we love but no longer see, names will be read at the 10 AM liturgy. If you would like to submit the names of loved ones, please fill out one of the post cards located outside the sacristy or on the piano in the Parish Hall and place it in the alms basin this Sunday, October 27th. You may also email any names you would like listed to the **Church Office** by noon on Monday, October 28th.

Also, don't forget your All Saints' mementos. Bring a small photo or other memento of those you love but see no longer. We'll use them to create an Altar of Remembrance, which will be used during the liturgy. All items will be returned at the end of the liturgy. The Community All Saint's Eucharist will begin in the graveyard promptly at 10 AM, weather permitting. In the event of rain, we will gather in the Parish Hall.

St. Asaph's Hosts: Treasures from the Vault III

Thursday, November 7th, 6:30-8:00 pm - \$20 for Members, \$25 for Non-Members

Lower Merion Township's Historic Preservation Planner Greg Prichard returns to share images unearthed from the archives of the Township. For this presentation, Greg will focus on the evolution of Ardmore, including the many changes that have occurred since the HARB began overseeing the downtown historic district in 1993. In addition, Greg will talk about "Pencoyd," the Roberts family estate dating back to the 1600s. St. Asaph's Church was built on a corner of the estate in the 1880s, and City Avenue's "Golden Mile" was built upon the remainder of the land in the mid-20th century. Light refreshments provided. Click the link to register:



<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egl6psmdfa4c552e&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Stewardship

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Submitted by Mary Allen (for the Stewardship Committee)



Grateful Giving, "Singing to God with gratitude in our hearts."

- Colossians

October marks the beginning of our formal stewardship pledge drive. This is the time when the Stewardship Committee asks each parishioner to reflect on what St Asaph's means to you and to consider what you are able to pledge in financial support to cover operating expenses for next year. Our theme this year is Grateful Giving, as gratitude is the impulse behind all stewardship. Expect a stewardship talk each Sunday and a mailing with more details. The Stewardship Committee will serve a lunch and gather pledge cards on November 3, All Saints Sunday. Save the date!

FAQs about Pledging and Stewardship

About pledging:

What are sources of income for St. Asaph's?

The majority (roughly 75%) of St Asaph's income is from offerings, both pledges and the Sunday plate. About 22% comes from rentals, including the Bala House School and the sextons' apartment. 3% comes from other sources, such as the music and flowers programs. St Asaph's is occasionally the beneficiary of a bequest or a grant for a specific project, but these funds can't be counted on when we are budgeting for basic operations.

Why is it important to pledge?

Pledge offerings provide 63% of our operating income, which goes to pay salaries, maintain the property, and pay for programming. The Vestry needs to know how much income there will be in pledges so that they can budget for the following year.

Is it worthwhile to sign an official pledge card if I'm only giving \$5 or \$10 a week?

Yes. Every pledge makes a difference, and we need to know how much each congregant will pledge in 2020 for budgeting purposes.

How can I change my pledge if I find I can pay more or need to pay less?

We understand that sometimes our lives take an unexpected turn. If you need to change your pledge for any reason, please talk with someone on the Stewardship Committee: Mary Allen, Marlene Milner or Diana Post.

What do our pledges pay for? (Where does all that money go?)

At St Asaph's, it costs about \$1000 a day to run the parish.

31% of that goes toward our minister's salary and benefits, as well as supply clergy and related costs. 26% of that goes to property to maintain our grounds, make needed repairs, and pay the utilities. 21% goes toward administration, with office expenses, financial fees, insurance and our parish administrator's salary included. 13% is for worship expenses, including music and altar costs. 6% goes toward outreach and church growth. This includes the pledge that St Asaph's gives to the Diocese every year. (Yes, St Asaph's pledges, too.) 3% is for adult and child Christian formation.

Can I get payment sent directly to St A's from my bank?

Some people find it easier to set up automatic monthly withdrawals from their bank. You can set up monthly payments (or a one-time donation) directly from your bank under the **Donate** menu on our website, www.saintasaphs.org/donate/

Is it better to pay weekly, monthly, or quarterly?

Your pledge is welcome anytime. Many people track their payments easily by paying their pledges on a monthly basis. Pay using whatever timetable works for you. The church needs your support.

How much should I pledge?

A pledge is a personal commitment and should reflect how much the Church means to you, but stay within your means. Many find it helpful to aim for a tithe: 10% percent of their income.

About stewardship:

Isn't stewardship primarily about money?

Sometimes that seems to be the case, but stewardship is about so much more. Traditionally, we talk about time, talent and treasure - all the gifts that we bring to the church. These offerings deepen our relationship to God and reflect what St Asaph's means to us. More recently, the idea of stewardship has expanded to include care for all God's creation. Thinking about choices as good stewards of the earth and all its creatures is an important aspect of being a disciple of Christ. An example is the way we treat our fellow human beings, according each person respect and dignity.

What parish projects come under this heading?

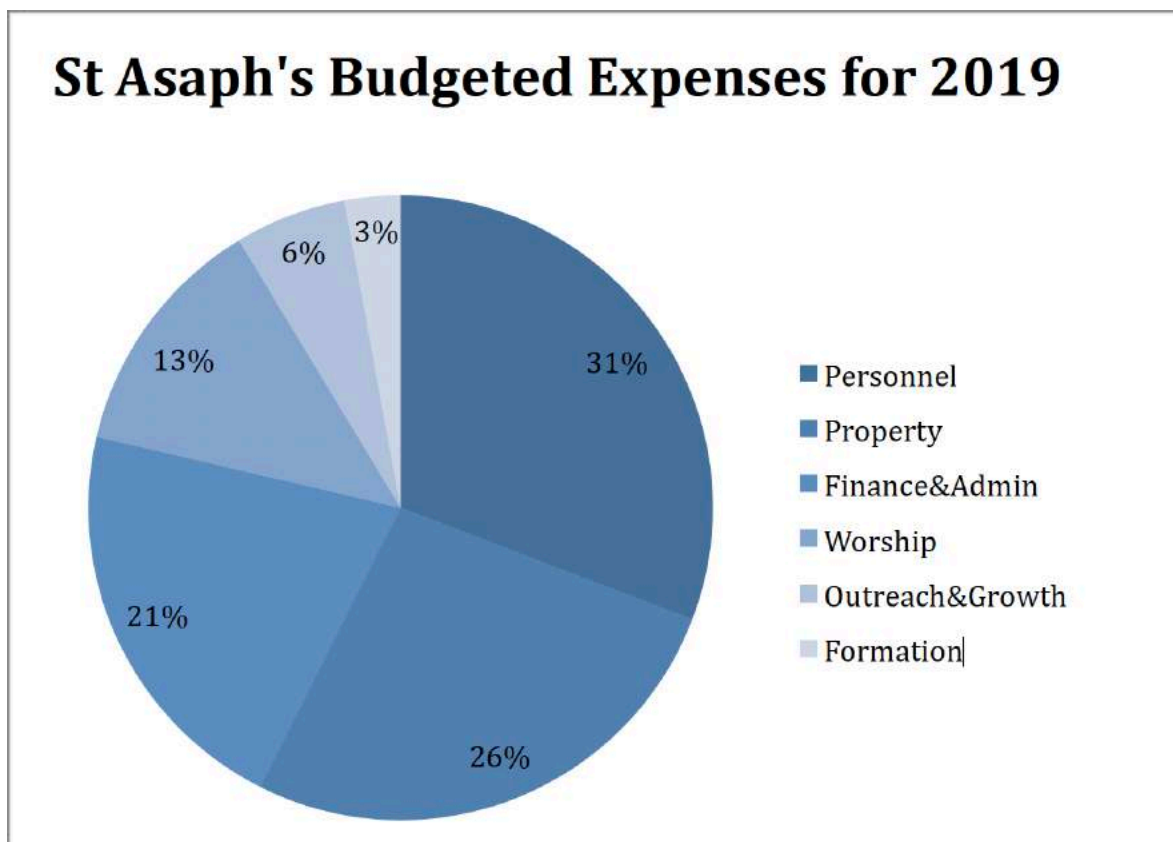
Many projects at St Asaph's reflect our commitment to our brothers and sisters. Protein for seniors and breakfast bars for children, the book collection for schools, coats and clothing for students, the Middle East Study Group, the Bishop's Anti-racism Committee that meets here - all are responses to a time of inequality and intolerance.

Saint Asaph's is committed to environmental stewardship. We are replacing light bulbs as they burn out with efficient LED lighting. The Green Committee is exploring alternative sources of energy to power our property. Next year, we will replant part of our beautiful landscape with a meadow of native plants.

Is it more important to give time or money?

Stewardship is a reciprocal process. We bring all that we are to the Church, our time and our talent as well as our treasure, because we seek a deeper life in Christ. As God's grace increases our faith, gratitude - the impulse behind all stewardship - increases.

We are "singing to God with gratitude in our hearts."



Outreach

Thanksgiving Food Drive

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR THE ARDMORE FOOD PANTRY



The Ardmore Food Pantry is hoping to provide 125-135 meals this year! Starting October 20th, feel free to start bringing in your donations to St. Asaph's, if you would like to participate. (See suggestions below)

MEAL SHOPPING LIST &

REQUESTED SIZES

- Turkey Gravy: 2 cans/jars (12 oz)
- Cranberry Sauce: 1 can (14 oz)
- Deluxe Mac & Cheese: 1 box (14 oz)
- Stove Top Stuffing: 1 box (6 oz)
- Applesauce: 1 jar (24 oz)
- Sweet Potatoes: 1 can (16 oz)
- Vegetables: 2 cans (15 oz)
- Brownie Mix: 1 box (18-20 oz)
- Giant or Acme Gift Card: \$10

Please place items for each meal in a reusable bag.

We need to have all bags packed and ready to deliver to St. Mary's Parish House starting Monday, Nov 11th thru Thursday, Nov 14th, 10am and 4pm. The meals will be distributed on Monday, Nov 18th. Thank you for supporting the Ardmore Food Pantry.

Feast Incarnate

On February 6th, a group of St. Asaph's members served a lasagna dinner complete with salad and brownies at University Lutheran's Feast Incarnate. The Feast Incarnate diners are living with HIV/AIDS and are always appreciative of St. A's hospitality. Many thanks to Father Barry, Ethan Jarvis, Diana Post, Mary Allen, Emily Cronin, Mary McGowen, Steve Chawaga and Laura Brennan for serving the dinner and for all the St. A's members who contributed funds and brownies. What a great group effort!



Next date: November 5, 2019. More details to follow and a sign up sheet will be available in the Parish Hall closer to the date.

Children's Book Drive

We are currently collecting new and used children's books for K- 8 grades distribution in Philadelphia public schools where there is a great need for those books. The community here at Saint Asaph's is fortunate to have a reading specialist who is currently working in 14 public schools in the city. This program currently has been able to supply books to 22 classrooms with age and topic appropriate reading material. We have a small and dedicated group of volunteers who come to the church weekly to collect, sort and assist with the distribution.

If you would like to help support the children in Philadelphia's Public Schools, you are welcome to bring in books for students in Grades K through 8. Also, books grades K through 2 are needed for an Autistic Support classroom. Board books would be especially helpful, and building toys: Legos, K'Nex, and blocks.

Food Pantry Donations for Eldernet and North Star Community Center

We always welcome food pantry donations of protein (tuna, peanut butter) and canned goods. Please be sure and check the expiration date on any items you donate. There is continued collection of breakfast bars & protein -- for Philadelphia Public Schools & for ElderNet. Thank you for your continued support.

Hospitality Needs You!



With the Fall season arriving, we welcome travelers home as well as newcomers to the area. Coffee hour is an enjoyable time to catch up with old friends and to meet potential new members. Please pick a Sunday when you can bring refreshments and stay to clean up. It's easy to team up with someone else and share the shopping. You don't have to have everything homemade, but it is good to have sweet and savory, and some iced tea or juices. Sign up for 8 or 10AM on the bulletin board.

Troop Bala One Boy Scout Fundraiser

Adventure Cards 2019 - Spend just \$5 to help support sending members of Boy Scouts to Summer Camp. These fundraising cards literally pay for themselves over and over again. Use them for discounts at Acme, Franklin Institute, Applebee's, Philly Pretzel Factory, etc., now thru December 31, 2019. Buy them now and use them within the next 7 months and you will feel great knowing that you have helped a young scout go to Summer Camp this summer. Voice or Text: Kevin Fischer, Assistant Scoutmaster 484.416.1202 or via email: send2fischer@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.



If you are a new member and would like to be listed in the contact list, please email to office@saintasaphs.org a picture, contact information (phone(s), street address, email) and brief information about yourself and/or family so that we can get to know you better!

News from the Diocese of Pennsylvania

Holy Land Pilgrimage - Diocesan News



Holy Land Pilgrimage

Dates: March 12th – 25th, 2020

Join Bishop Daniel Gutiérrez on a pilgrimage through Israel and Palestine, retracing the footsteps of Jesus.

Highlights include:

- Prayerful encounters in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jericho, Nazareth, the Galilee, Nablus, and Emmaus, including several intimate Eucharists at key holy sites
 - Opportunities to learn from local Christian, Muslim, and Jewish leaders about faithful coexistence amidst conflict
 - Visits to institutions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, whose ministry of healing and hope is profound
 - Comfortable accommodations at church guesthouses in Jerusalem and Nazareth, with private gardens, free wifi, and easy walking access to nearby sites.
 - A travel package inclusive of airfare, accommodations, meals, tips, and entrance and speaker fees
- To register, or for more information, email the Rev. Matthew Dayton-Welch at rector@stalbansnewtownsquare.org. Registration is filling quickly, and deposits are required.

Here is a link to the agenda: <https://www.diopa.org/uploads/attachments/cjzm19cy503sxosqscibfzd-2020-pilgrimage-registration.pdf>

Save the date for this Bishop-led pilgrimage.
Interested people should email the Rev. Matthew Dayton-Welch at rector@stalbansnewtownsquare.org to register or make inquiries.
Travel package costs are still being finalized.



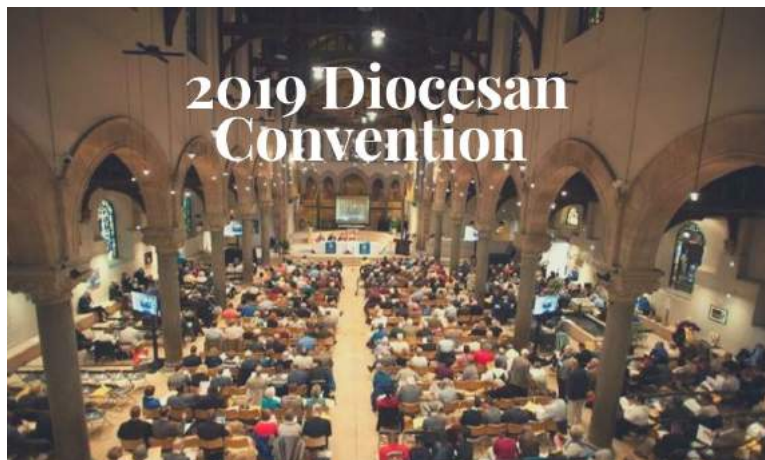
“The Episcopal Church must become a place of belonging, not just a place of welcome.”

We have 134 congregations across 5 counties, diverse, spirit-filled places of belonging. Find a church and people interested and involved in similar ministries so you can share ideas and strategies.

There is truly a revolutionary spirit in this diocese. Our purpose is to know Jesus and change the world. We can do that by proclaiming the Gospel, empowering our churches, and addressing the pain and poverty. We have the gifts, resources, people, and faith. Together we are change agents for Christ.



2019 Diocesan Convention



Begins: Friday, November 1st, 2019
Ends: Saturday, November 2nd, 2019

Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral
23 S. 38th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Pre-Convention Meetings for the 2019 Diocesan Convention facilitate focused, in-depth presentations of the proposed 2020 program budget and resolutions, which will come before Convention on November 2nd. All members of the Diocese are invited to attend any pre-Convention meeting, and Convention representatives are encouraged to participate in these important gatherings. Here is the schedule:

- 9/26/19, Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Christ Church, 20 No. American Street, Philadelphia
- 9/30/19, Monday, 6:30 p.m., , Redemption, 1101 Second Street Pike, Southampton
- 10/9/19, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., St. Francis in the Fields, 689 Sugartown Road, Malvern
- 10/15/19, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Christ Church Old Swedes, 740 River Road, Bridgeport
- 11/1/2019, Friday, TBD, Philadelphia Cathedral

Need Event Space?



Birthdays, Graduations, Receptions, Meetings

Did you know you can rent space at St. Asaph's?

St Asaph's has comfortable and affordable spaces to rent for an evening or on weekends. We rent space for events, parties, receptions, meetings, classes, musical performances, etc. We rent to individuals, nonprofit organizations, and businesses.

The Sanctuary is available for both church members and non-members who wish to mark life's passages, baptism, confirmation, weddings and funerals, before God in a Christian context. Our lovely Parish Hall serves as a gallery and a reception area. The conference room offers a quiet space for meetings, yoga or classes. Call the Parish Office for details, (610) 664-0966.



Remembrances

Birthdays In October



Steve Lindsay, Julia Ekert, Steve Chawaga, Emma Ragsdale, John Barrett, Jeff Bacher, Kevin Harte-McCormick, Zabeth Teelucksingh, Neil Desnoyers, Clara Porrata-Doria, John Chou, Andi Gray, Carolyn Chou, Kristen Dougherty, and Anaia Goodwin.

Birthdays In November

Mary Chawaga, Pat Wood, Tamra Williams, Jay Love, Samantha Longdin, Rev. Norman Hjelm, Lori Wernersbach, Rafael Porrata-Doria, Maddy Ragsdale, Sally Pearne and Ken Rideout.

Those Who Need Our Prayers



We pray for Adrienne, Lois Arias, Ed Renaud, John Barrett, Marti Barrett, Fran Bellino, Christopher Browne, Judy Cambell, Chris Carey, Jane Cosby, Ward Carey, Judy Cowan, Constance Gallagher, Jennifer Hero, Eleanor Harte, Jeanne Khan, Mack, Doris McCormick, Betty Misinay, Jessi Mitchell, Maritza Mueller, Kathleen Murphey, Patricia Poisson, Dori Roper, John Ross, Molly Rossi, Dan Sheeran, Jacinea Souza, Joe Stanszione, Cheryl Vail, Doris Weimar, Geraldine Williams, Henry L. Williams Sr., Clark Edward Assaf Williamson, Vivian Louise Assaf Williamson, and Carol and Howard Wisker.

For Those Recently Departed

There are no recent deaths reported.

Come Worship With Us



Sunday Liturgy Schedule

8 am, Contemplative Communion

10 am, Parish Eucharist

Prefer to receive a paper copy of *The Outlook*? Email the church office at office@saintasaphs.org. You can also pick one up from the rack on the Gallery door or at the front door of the church.

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Vision & Mission

The Church of St Asaph is called to be a progressive Christian community.

- We welcome everyone to God's table.
- We stand with those in need and advocate for the poor, the sick, the friendless and the marginalized.
- We make children central to our life as a community.
- We celebrate the presence of God with joyful, engaging and inviting worship.

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Worship Helpers Needed!

Dear Friends,

Would you like to help during the 8AM or 10 AM liturgy by being a Reader, Chalice, Verger, Pastoral Care Team, Greeter, Counter or Assisting Minister? Maybe you have interest in the Bread Guild, Altar Guild or Flower Guild committees? We also have a need for drivers on Sunday for those who may need a ride to church.

We are always grateful to have new volunteers for all the above mentioned ministries. Please email or call the Church Office to add or subtract your name.

Thank you,

*Lynda Staton, Parish Administrator
Church Office*