



# THE COMPANION

...of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church,  
Waterford, Michigan

## February 2019

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## Senior Warden Update

—Joelle Chaney, Senior Warden

Hello, St. Andrew's! I am Joelle Chaney, your new Senior Warden. Some of you will recall that I have previously held this position (I think this makes the fourth time?). My kids ask "Mom, why do you do this to yourself?" I guess it's a kind of calling, or maybe I am a glutton for punishment. Seriously, though, I look forward to serving as Senior Warden and continuing the positive things that are happening.

On Saturday, January 26, the Vestry had a mini-retreat. In 2019, we will focus our attention on upgrading our kitchen; deciding on the fate of the rectory; and looking into how other churches use media presentation (including web pages, social media, and digital signage). During Lent, we will look at how we can make our traditional church worship accessible/real/appealing to people who are not familiar with it.

We will also be continuing to try to answer the question "What about the parking lot?" We acknowledge that the parking lot is getting worse, and the coming winter will probably take a toll. Please be assured it is definitely on the list of things to be done. A project like this is very expensive, and we will be able to have fundraisers like spaghetti suppers if the kitchen is brought up to code. Other creative forms of fund raising will also be examined.

I would like to thank the outgoing vestry members for their service: Becka Yeater, Jeanette Ragsdale, and Carole Wollard. Returning vestry members are Suzanne Foster, Dani Hamm, LouAnn Leonard, Bob Rowcliffe, Jessica Seaton and Scott Slocum. New to the vestry are Ruth Maker, Justice Moor and myself. Judy Rowcliffe will thankfully continue as the Disbursing Treasurer, Linda Cueny as the Clerk of the Vestry, and Sue Newill as Parish Administrator.

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## Birthdays



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| 4th  | Christine Weill   |
| 5th  | Jeff Chaney       |
| 6th  | Ben White         |
| 7th  | Beth Chaney       |
| 9th  | Pauline Owen      |
| 11th | Jeanette Ragsdale |
| 17th | Janet Meston      |
| 21st | Rush LaDuc        |



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Today we celebrated Fr. Bob Wollard's 55th anniversary of his ordination. We have been very blessed to have Fr. Bob and Carole serving St. Andrew's over the past 20 (or so) years! We are thankful that they have called us their home.

We are blessed with Fr. Jonathan Sams as our Priest-in-Charge. We are thankful that he is staying on with St. Andrew's this year. His leadership and support have been invaluable, and the complexion of our community is improving continuously.

As we wait for Richard Vestuto to return to the organ bench, we are grateful that Daniel Susan has made himself available to us. Lois Vestuto continues to direct the bells and choir wonderfully. Our music program has made great strides since their arrival. Take the opportunity when you can to let them know how much we appreciate their ministry.

The weather forecast calls for bitter cold and a snowstorm. I hope everyone will stay safe and warm. Remember to check in with people and that spring is less than two months away (at least on the calendar!).

Looking forward to a wonderful year,

Joelle Chaney  
Senior Warden

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## A Note From the Editor

—Sue Newill, Parish Administrator



Happy Valentine's Day from Rugby® and Sydney (L).

Due to the loss of Nancy's mother, Patricia Look, Father Jonathan's article was not available. The March issue of The Companion should be back to its normal publication. If you have information or an article you would like to submit, please feel free to do so. The deadline for the next issue is Monday, February 18th.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your prayers and support during the loss of my father-in-law, Bob Newill. It's a small world as he and wife, Ann, attended the wedding of Jack and Joelle Chaney in 1981! Bob was also very active in the area Civil War Roundtables, in which Worley Smith also participates. Bob was a wonderful father, grandfather and friend to many. He will be greatly missed.

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