



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

*the heart of the community  
since 1911*



Dear St. Andrew's Family,

Within the pages of this Spring 2024 booklet, you will find lots of information regarding our spring activities and ministry opportunities at St. Andrew's. I really do hope that you will take the time to read over the many offerings here as I imagine you will find something - be it a class, a small group, event, liturgy, or outreach opportunity - that you would like to participate in.

One of the best ways to immerse yourself in the rich parish life St. Andrew's offers is to actively seek out opportunities for engagement. The idea behind this booklet is that it might provide some clarity for you to deepen your spiritual life, finding purposeful and meaningful ways to serve and discovering learning opportunities that enrich your relationship with God.

I am excited about what St. Andrew's has in store for the spring of this year!

God's Peace

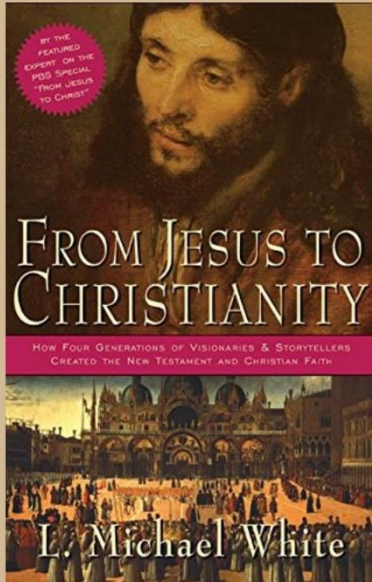


# Christian Education for All Ages

## For Adults

### Rector's Book Club

Winter/Spring 2024



Sunday mornings at  
9:30 AM in the  
Youth Room  
beginning January 7

**From Jesus To  
Christianity: How  
Four Generations of  
Visionaries &  
Storytellers Created  
the New  
Testament and  
Christian Faith**  
by L. Michael White

Questions? Contact Jimmy Grace at  
[jgrace@saecheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org)

### Wednesday Bible Studies for Men and Women

The Rev. Jimmy Grace leads men at 6 AM and women at Noon in virtual Bible Studies on Wednesdays to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday. Contact Jimmy Grace at [jgrace@saecheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org) for a Zoom invite.



### Spiritual Reading Group

St. Andrew's Spiritual Reading Group meets twice a month on the first and third Thursdays from 7 until 8:30 PM on Zoom. The first Thursday's focus is strictly on the reading we have selected for the month, and on the third Thursday discussions are open to topics outside the reading assignment. We are scheduling this way to give ourselves more time to get to know each other and help one another on our spiritual journey. Contact John G. Ibanez at [johngibanez@gmail.com](mailto:johngibanez@gmail.com) or John Grothues at [johngrothues@gmail.com](mailto:johngrothues@gmail.com) for the Zoom link and for more information.

### Episcopal 101 Epiphany 2024

Have you ever wondered what it means for St. Andrew's to be an Episcopal church? Whether you're a newcomer interested in joining St. Andrew's, a member looking to deepen your knowledge of the Episcopal Church, or just someone wanting to reflect on what faith and practice mean for your life join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 for Episcopal 101! This class explores the basic beliefs of the Episcopal Church, what makes Episcopalians unique, and what it means to live a life of faith in the Episcopal way. This class, led by the Rev. Clint Brown and the Rev. Jeff Bohanski also serves as a "confirmation class" for anyone wishing to be confirmed. We meet at the Oak Table and use *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Shobe, which is provided free of charge.



**January 7** – Introduction/Welcome/Mini Spiritual Biographies/Burning questions

**January 14** – Beliefs I Chapters 2-5 – Baptism and Eucharist

**January 21** – Beliefs II Chapters 13-16 – Creeds, Bible, Salvation/Grace, Prayer

**January 28** – No class (parish photo and annual meeting)

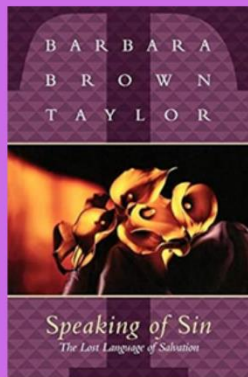
**February 4** – Anglican Distinctives I Chapters 1, 17-20 – What is the Episcopal Church?; Church Membership – Your ministry at St. Andrew's

**February 11** – Anglican Distinctives II Chapters 6-12 – Guided Tour through the Prayer Book

# Speaking of Sin: An Adult Formation Class for Lent

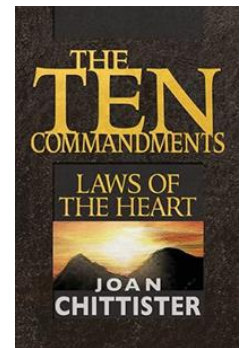
**February 18, 25,  
March 3, 10, 17  
9:30 am in the  
Oak Table Room**

In this class, for those brave enough to try it, we will talk about sin. What do we mean by the word “sin”? What are the different vices? How do we stay sensitive and aware of temptation while not despairing that we’ll never defeat it? How will a merciful God deal justly with sin? How will a just God deal mercifully with sinners? Come explore this essential topic together with other “sinners of Christ’s own redeeming” throughout the season of Lent. Participants are invited to purchase their own copy of the book, but it will not be required to follow the class.



## ***The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart* by Joan Chittister Lenten Soup & Study Series 2024**

Join us in the Parish Hall on Thursday evenings during Lent for soup, study, and fellowship as we explore the most famous law code in history. Our guide will be the wise and eminently readable Benedictine writer Joan Chittister. A limited number of copies of *The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart* (Orbis: Maryknoll, NY, 2006/ISBN-13: 978-1-57075-684-9) are available for a reduced price at the church or order your own.

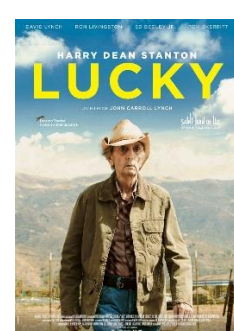
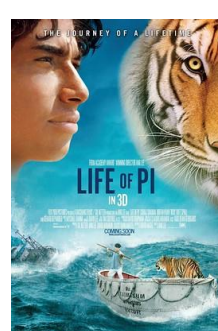
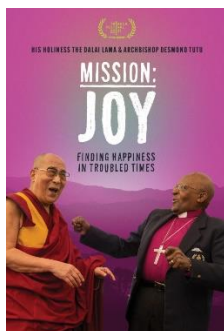


Supper begins at 6 PM and the program at 6:30 PM. Participants take turns bringing soup.



### **Faith & Film**

The Faith & Film Group meets monthly on Zoom, usually on a Monday or Tuesday evening, to discuss the intersection of film and faith as it relates to a current, classic, popular, or obscure movie. We agree at the end of each gathering what we will watch next and choose a convenient time for all to discuss it. Contact Lisa Puccio at [lpuccio@saecheights.org](mailto:lpuccio@saecheights.org) for more information or a Zoom invite.



## For Youth

The youth at St. Andrew's comprise young people in the 6th through 12th grades. The core element of the youth ministry is Youth Sunday, where the youth gather for an hour of formation, fellowship, and food at 5 PM on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, but the youth ministry is also in a process of growth and discovery. We are finding ways to expand into more opportunities to engage in service projects and to get together for more social outings. Our two successive mission trips the last two summers have set an excellent precedent and we will continue these kinds of trips as a way to cultivate in our youth an awareness of the needs our neighbors and the Christian duty to meet it.

## For Children

**The Sunday Story**  
*a church gathering time  
for children*



This spring we learn about Jesus and his followers. Join us for stories, prayers, and fun at 9:30am in the Godly Play classroom on Sunday mornings.

All children are welcome to join us for *Sunday Story* a time for stories, prayers and play on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Godly Play classroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Each week we explore the stories of our faith and the traditions of our church – all while making new friends.



### St. Andrew's Nursery

Our nursery, for infants through three-year-olds, is located on the first floor just beyond the Oak Table. The nursery is staffed by professional caregivers from 8:15 AM until 12:15 PM on Sundays.



## Music

### **Junior Choristers (1st & 2nd grade)**

Young singers learn the basics of healthy singing, pitch matching, rhythm, and music reading. They also learn to recognize their voice as a gift from God, fostering a lifelong love of music and singing. Junior Choristers learn how to become liturgical leaders and how to work as part of a whole as they lead liturgies once a month. Rehearsals are Wednesday afternoons in St. Andrew's House.

### **Choristers (3rd through 6th grade)**

Choristers continue to learn healthy singing techniques and more advanced music reading abilities. They also learn to recognize their voice as a gift from God, fostering a lifelong love of music and singing. Choristers learn how to become liturgical leaders and how to work as part of a whole as they lead liturgies once a month. Rehearsals are Wednesday afternoons in St. Andrew's House.

### **Youth Choir (7th grade through high school)**

Youth Choir is open to all youth, including boys with changed voices. The Youth Choir sings with the adult choir during the academic year. No prior experience or music background is required. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7 PM in St. Andrew's House.



### **Adult Choir**

The adult choir is comprised of volunteers from the St. Andrew's parish who sing for the 10:30 AM service during the academic year and for other feast days, occasional Evensongs, and special liturgies. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7 until 8:45 PM in St. Andrew's House. No formal audition is required, but a brief meeting with the Director of Music will help with voice placement.

### **St. Andrew's Choral Scholars**

Our Choral Scholars program is an opportunity for music students and future professional musicians to gain experience working in a church choir setting. These students support our choir as section leaders and provide musical and liturgical leadership at the 10:30 AM liturgy and other occasional services during the academic year.

## Worship

*Being a Christian is not passive. We are all meant to take an active role. Assisting with worship can be a meaningful part of one's spiritual life. There are many ways to serve.*



### **Acolytes & Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

One of the most rewarding ways to serve is to assist at the altar as an adult Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) or as a youth acolyte. Not only do you get to perform a vital role that contributes to the dignity and smooth conduct of worship, but you also get to see what happens in the liturgy up close. Many servers report that their faith has grown considerably from this intimate contact with what happens in church and the ability to understand the why and how. If you have ever caught yourself wondering what's going on in worship and wanting to know more, this may be the ministry for you. There are no special prerequisites for serving at the altar except that LEMs, who are licensed through the diocese, must be confirmed.

### **Lay Readers**

Lay Readers read the lessons and Prayers of the People during worship.

### **Ushers**

Have you ever wondered how the clergy always have the right amount of wine and wafers for everyone during Eucharist and never run short? How about how the lights in the church dim and brighten in sync during Maundy Thursday, Easter Vigil, and Christmas Eve services? For answers, ask an Usher! Better yet, join us and participate in one of the most rewarding ministries at St. Andrew's.

Ushers typically serve one Sunday per month during regular worship and assist at special services throughout the year. In the summer of 2023, with three services combined into two, we're back to our pre-pandemic level of four ushers per service, and we are delighted with this opportunity to see old friends, fully attend to everyone's needs during the service, and, of course, welcome the many newcomers to St. Andrew's.

### **Altar Guild**

The Altar Guild is a ministry of "quiet service." It is a behind the scenes activity but also a critical act of service to the church. The objective is the same for any weekly or special service: to prepare so that each liturgy flows as easily as possible and the celebrant has everything he or she needs.

The members of the Altar Guild serve the Church under the direction of the Rector and are responsible for setting up and caring for the furnishings in the nave, sanctuary, and sacristy, as well as any other area of the church where worship will take place.



The Altar Guild is responsible for tasks such as preparing the altar, laying out the vestments and vessels for worship, setting the credence table with the elements (bread and wine) to be administered during communion, laundering and ironing altar and worship linens, ensuring the altar is dressed in the proper color of the day (frontal hanging, burse, etc.), and cleaning up after services and either preparing for another service or "closing down" for the day. We take pride in preparing all areas of our church for worship, and all are welcome.

### **Alms Counters**

A team of volunteers count the offering that is collected each Sunday. Counters work in pairs and typically serve once every 4 to 6 weeks.

## Rhythms of Grace

Since February of 2015 there has been an afternoon service at St. Andrew's called Rhythms of Grace. Over the past nine years many families and individuals have come to make this special service their spiritual home. While worship at Rhythms of Grace is very different from our morning liturgies, it is nonetheless sacred and meaningful.

One thing that Rhythms of Grace certainly is – is joyful! We are blessed to have incredibly talented musicians who guide us in a happy style of worship. We are a community of all ages and all abilities who come together at 2:30 PM every Sunday in an unconventional setting to participate in a traditional order of service: gather, sing praise, hear the word, respond to the word, pray for one another, share communion, and go forth in song.



# Spring Calendar

## JANUARY

Sunday, January 21  
**Outreach Fair**  
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
In the Parish Hall

Sunday, January 28



## FEBRUARY

Friday, February 2  
6 PM  
**Family Friday**

Shrove Tuesday, February 13  
6 PM in the Parish Hall



Ash Wednesday, February 14



7 - 9 AM  
**Ashes-to-Go**  
*Curbside on Heights Blvd.*

Noon  
**Proper Liturgy for Ash Wednesday**

7 PM  
**Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist**

February 22  
**Lenten Soup & Study begins**  
in the Parish Hall  
6 PM



Sunday, February 25  
**Blood Drive**



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25**  
Gulf Coast  
Regional  
Blood Center

## MARCH

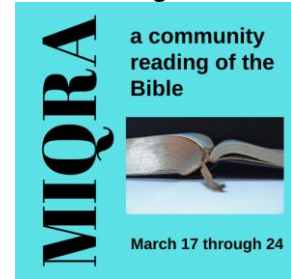
Saturday, March 2  
**Motorfest**  
10 AM in the church parking lot



Sunday, March 3  
4 PM  
**Lenten Evensong**

Sunday, March 17 through  
Sunday, March 24

## MIQRA



Sunday, March 24  
**Palm Sunday**  
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM  
**The Liturgy of Palms & The Holy Eucharist**

2:30 PM  
**Rhythms of Grace**

Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week  
7 PM  
**Contemplative Holy Eucharist**

Wednesday in Holy Week  
7 PM  
**The Office of Tenebrae**

March 28  
7 PM  
**Maundy Thursday**  
The Holy Eucharist with The Washing of Feet & Stripping of the Altar

8 PM until noon  
**Altar of Repose**

March 29  
Noon  
**Good Friday**  
**The Liturgy for Good Friday**

4 PM  
**The Way of the Cross for Families**





March 30

**Holy Saturday**

**The Great Vigil of Easter with  
Holy Baptism & Holy  
Eucharist at 8 pm**

March 31

**Easter Sunday**



**Festive celebrations of Holy  
Eucharist at 8 am, 9:30 AM,  
11 AM**

**Rhythms of Grace at 2:30 pm**  
*Festivities on Easter Day  
Flowering of the Cross following  
the 9 AM service  
Easter Egg Fest following the 11  
o'clock service*

**APRIL**

Friday, April 5  
**Family Friday**

Sunday, April 28  
**Young Artists' Recital**

**MAY**

Thursday, May 9  
**Feast of the Ascension  
Holy Eucharist**

Friday, May 10  
through Sunday, May 12  
**Parish Retreat**



**MONTHLY**

**Faith & Film**



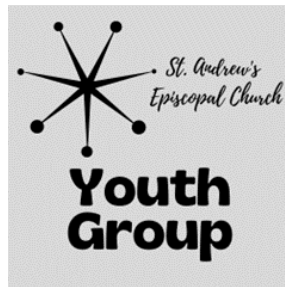
*gatherings on Zoom  
Watch the Weekly Voice emails  
for dates and times.*

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**Men's Bible Study**  
6 AM on Zoom

**Women's Bible Study**  
Noon on Zoom

**1st & 3rd Sundays  
Youth Group**  
meets in the Parish Hall  
at 5 PM



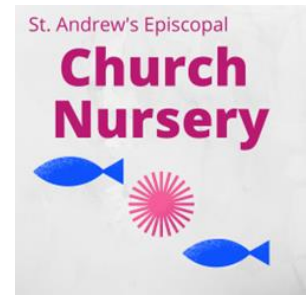
**1st & 3rd THURSDAYS  
Spiritual Reading Group**  
on Zoom

**4th SATURDAY  
Hook & Needle Guild**  
9 AM in the Parish Hall



**SUNDAY MORNINGS**

**Church Nursery**  
8:15 AM – 12:15 PM



**9:30 AM  
EDUCATION HOUR**

**Sunday Story for Children  
PreK through 5th Grade**  
Godly Play Sunday School  
Classroom



**Rector's Book Club**  
Youth Room

**Seasonal Adult Education**  
Oak Table Room

**Coffee Time**  
following the 10:30 AM  
liturgy each Sunday



## Community Outreach

The St. Andrew's Outreach Committee, Jeff Bohanski, Michael Bosch, Carly Brown, Clint Brown, Walt Cameron, Pat Caver, Jimmy Grace, Laurie Hardwick, and Cort Peavy, manages our efforts to serve the greater community in a wide variety of ways.

Our **St. Andrew's Garden** is a thriving vegetable garden on our own church campus. We have been growing vegetables for the HIM Food Pantry since the fall of 2021, donating hundreds of pounds each year. Planning for the spring planting season has begun, and gardeners (experienced and inexperienced) are always needed.



The **Hook & Needle Guild** is a group of crafters who knit, crochet, quilt and more – all to benefit others. The guild recently donated 30 handcrafted blankets to Project Linus and My Very Own Blanket, two organizations that provide special items for children who are ill, dealing with trauma, or residing in foster care. Hook & Needle Guild supports worthy causes by making and donating items they have created.

## Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry



As a member church, St. Andrew's contributes to the HIM Food Pantry by providing financial support, food donations, garden produce and volunteers. The Pantry is located at 3523 Beauchamp, next door to Travis Elementary School, and volunteer shifts are available Wednesday-Saturday. Teens and adults are welcome to assist. No prior training is required, but online pre-registration is required. If you are unable to volunteer, but would like to support the Pantry, you can make monetary donations or donate non-perishable food items. Food can be dropped in the yellow bin in the Oak Table Room or at the Pantry. Visit [himfoodpantry.org](http://himfoodpantry.org) to sign up for a volunteer shift, donate financially or learn more about donating food and other supplies.

***St. Andrew's is a member congregation of Heights Interfaith Ministries (HIM) Food Pantry, Lord of the Streets, Memorial Assistance Ministries, and Meals on Wheels. Additionally, we support the Seafarer's Christmas Boxes, Operation Finally Home, Episcopal Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS), Heights House and Heights Tower, The Beacon, and others with special collections, in-kind donations, and service.***

## Lord of the Streets

We minister as a foundation of social services and community at Lord of the Streets. With that foundation our neighbors living on the streets get to be ministers of kindness, mercy, compassion, and love. Help us to transform our community into one in which people experiencing homelessness are cared for and respected so that they can once again let their lights shine.

LOTS distributes 400 bag lunches, 5 days a week, along with providing eye care, an in-building medical clinic, clothing, shoes, mental health care, showers, housing assistance and mail services for over 1,200 people. Over the course of a year, over 110,000 people are fed by LOTS.



In addition, every Sunday morning at 7 AM Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church holds a Mass of Thanksgiving and Eucharist at Trinity Episcopal Church – Midtown, followed by a hot breakfast served to 125 brothers and sisters in Christ. Supporting parishes around the Diocese of Texas provide teams of servers and kitchen staff to prepare and serve the meal. St. Andrew's will fill this vital role about once each quarter. Kitchen experience is not required. Anyone aged 13 years or older is welcome to be part of the team.



## 12 Step Groups

We are proud to provide space for five 12 Step Groups that serve over 150 people.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meets on Tuesday at 7:30 PM, Wednesday at 7 PM, Friday at 7 PM, and Saturday at 7 PM. AlAnon meets on Saturday morning at 10 AM.

With the exception of the Saturday evening group, which meets in St. Andrew's House, all meetings are in the Parish Hall.

## Fellowship



### Men of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (MOSEAC)

*The Men of St. Andrew's is a group that loves meat, fire, and fellowship. We get together a few times a year to barbecue delicious meats for the church, and in between we support each other in life and our various endeavors and try to support parishioners in need when we get the chance. While the meat is the most visible work we do, what I value most about the group is the relationships I've developed sitting around the pit and swapping stories. All are welcome (not just men, we have women and children too). If you'd like to get involved in the Men of St. Andrew's, just let us know.*

- Ben Gibbs



### Family Fridays

Family Fridays is a family-driven ministry of St Andrew's aimed at getting parents and children together for a meal and some fun outside the walls of the church. We meet in local kid-friendly restaurants and parks approximately 4 to 5 times per year for fun and fellowship. It's a great way to get your kids excited about making friends at church, and parents can relax and get to know one another.



### Coffee Time

Each Sunday following the 10:30 AM liturgy, all are invited to gather in the Parish Hall for coffee and light refreshments. Individuals, families, and groups are invited to host Coffee Time. It's a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, bring attention to your ministry or just show some love for your fellow churchgoers! Look for the Coffee Time sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.



## **Sunday Service Schedule**

**8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I**

**10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**2:30 PM Rhythms of Grace with Holy Communion**

### **St. Andrew's Vestry**

Eric Reed, Senior Warden

Nancy Greenwood, Junior Warden

Carly Brown, Stewardship Committee (2024 Chair)

Bryan Robinson, Finance Committee Chair (2024 Chair)

Jack Bellinger

Kristin Chabarria

Lisa Moore

Deb Perl

Cort Peavy

Nancy Simpson

Brian Wittpenn

DeAnna Bosch, Clerk of the Vestry

Bruce Banta Guevara, Treasurer

Steven Runner, Chancellor

### **Ministry Leaders**

Property Committee (Nancy Greenwood, Junior Warden)

Finance Committee (Bryan Robinson, Finance Chair)

Lectors (Rev. Jimmy Grace)

Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes (Rev. Clint Brown)

Altar Guild (Karin Farquhar)

Ushers (Liz Dennis)

Rhythms of Grace (Lisa Puccio)

Music (John Kirk)

Men's and Women's Bible Studies (Rev. Jimmy Grace)

The Spiritual Reading Group (John Ibañez)

Alms Counters (Robin Page)

Children's Sunday School (Lisa Puccio)

Youth Ministry (Rev. Clint Brown)

Faith and Film (Lisa Puccio)

Outreach Committee (Rev. Jimmy Grace)

Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry (Laurie Hardwick)

Lord of the Streets (Joel Ballard)

Hook and Needle Guild (Priscilla Burrows)

St. Andrew's Garden (Susan Kelly)

Meals on Wheels (Pat Caver)

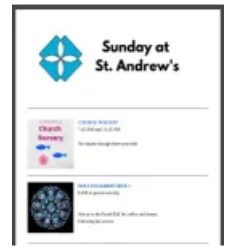
Memorial Assistance Ministries (Walt Cameron)

Men of St. Andrew's (Ben Gibbs)

Great Gatherings, Family Friday, Ladies of St. Andrew's (Mary Eyuboglu)

## Stay Connected!

Stay informed about what's going on here at St. Andrew's by watching for our emails. Find *Sundays at St. Andrew's* in your inbox early on Sunday morning. You can find the Order of service for the 11:15 AM and 2:30 PM services and check to see if there are special events happening that day. Email [lpuccio@saecheights.org](mailto:lpuccio@saecheights.org) to subscribe.



On Wednesday afternoons look for *The Weekly Voice* newsletter with all the current news and events happening in the parish. To subscribe contact Carrie Conti at [cconti@saecheights.org](mailto:cconti@saecheights.org).

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday look for the *Outreach at St. Andrew's* email with all of the latest news about how and where to connect to service opportunities.



If you would like to know about weekly stories at Rhythms of Grace, our Thursday newsletter has fun ways to connect with the lectionary readings at home. Email [lpuccio@saecheights.org](mailto:lpuccio@saecheights.org) to subscribe.

The monthly *Families of St. Andrew's* newsletter comes out on the first Saturday of the month and offers ways for families and individuals to stay connected to church and one another. Email [lpuccio@saecheights.org](mailto:lpuccio@saecheights.org) to subscribe.



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<https://www.facebook.com/rhythmsofgracehouston>

*To submit information to be published via email or Facebook, contact Lisa Puccio. To submit information to be posted in service leaflets, or on our website, contact Carrie Conti.*

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