



THE DEACON'S PERCH

Dear Friends,

As we move toward the summer months, days are longer, and the warmth of spring is here with us. It is a great time to rejoice in all of creation and to enjoy family get togethers, barbecues, graduations, family reunions, traveling, hiking, picnics, and maybe just a little down time to relax and take it all in. We all love the rhythm of Nature.



But church has its own rhythm, too. After the feast of Pentecost, we see how the church grew and became what it is today. The book of Acts chronicles many of the small communities and faithful people who worked hard in their local churches to share God's word and practice Christianity hospitality. The Church grew because people grew in their faith. In many ways, St. John's is like some of those small, early churches that found ministries in their own communities.

What are some of St. John's ministries? We help with the food bank, children's ministries, Out of the Cold, and Children & Youth Services; and we even have a vegetable garden. In addition, I use my deacon's discretionary fund to help people in financial need. Your contributions to this fund are greatly appreciated.

Faith helps people discern ministries; it also leads to a deeper sense of God's presence in their lives. What is helping your growth? I find it helpful to read scripture every day wherever I am. I love apps like the Misson of St. Clare, Daily Office, Venite, and Give Us This Day. These apps help me with my personal prayer life; they connect me to the ancient church as well as to my beloved parish where I have served as a deacon for so many years.



I am grateful to the visiting clergy who have helped us worship, especially Father Kevin Barron, who has been an anchor. Deacon Kevin Lowe, who will soon be Fr.

Kevin Lowe, has kept our administrative functions at St. John's running very smoothly. We will miss him when he moves to Lewisburg in August. His



ordination will be at St. Andrews, State College, on July 27. Join us at a special coffee hour following mass on July 28 to honor and congratulate the new *Father Kevin*.

As we prepare to call a new rector, I ask that you continue to support our ministries and to help strengthen the visibility of our Christian witness. ~*Dcn. Alex*

THE SEMINARIAN'S SPACE

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that it's been almost two years since I started serving alongside you as an intern.



You could probably tell how nervous I was to begin this assignment, having hardly ever served at the altar before, and not really knowing what my role was going to be as a seminarian. But I'm so grateful that you welcomed me into this community with such open arms.

And it's hard to believe that seminary is over! If you weren't there when I made the announcement in church, I want to let you know that I've accepted the call to serve as priest in charge of St. Andrew's, Lewisburg, following my ordination to the priesthood later in the summer. I'll begin my work there at the end of August, so this is not yet a goodbye. I'll still be serving as your deacon through June and July, and I anticipate celebrating my first Mass as a priest right here at St. John's.

In the meantime, though, I want to say that it's been a real gift to learn from all of you. I'm grateful for all the good things we've done together, from laughing at coffee hour to feeding kids at the youth center to discussing our Anglican tradition and the demands of the Gospel in our formation programs. Thank you for listening to my

sermons (even the kind of weird ones) and for telling me what you thought. Thank you for not giving me too hard a time when I spilled the wine all over the altar! And thank you all for nurturing me and teaching me and giving me the confidence to do this work of ministry with you. It is a pleasure to serve alongside such passionate disciples. ~*Dcn. Kevin*



By the Grace of God,

The Right Reverend Audrey C. Scanlan

XI Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

will ordain

Kevin Matthew Lowe

to the Sacred Order of Priests

in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

on Saturday, July 27, 2024

at ten o'clock in the morning at

St Andrew's Episcopal Church

208 W Foster Ave

State College, PA 16801

Your presence and prayers are invited.

Clergy are invited to vest and process (red stoles).

A reception will follow at the church.

RSVP by July 20 to: <https://tinyurl.com/RevKev>

The service will also be livestreamed at

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

June, July, and August:
One Service at 9:30 a.m.



During the months of June, July, and August, we will move to having **one**

combined service on Sundays, at **9:30 a.m.** We have followed this simplified schedule numerous times in prior years. We hope that this will be a more convenient time for those who have Sunday plans. Rite II with hymns will be sung in June and August, and Rite I will be spoken in July. This schedule will begin next Sunday, June 2, and we will return to a two-service Sunday schedule on September 1. Tuesday services have been suspended.

PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, June 1 | 9:00 a.m.



Weather permitting, we plan a work morning to clean up the grounds of the three church properties. Bring work gloves or garden tools if you have them. Coffee and donuts will be available.



crew for recent repairs to the rectory bathroom.

Thanks to Jeff Wilson, Larry Roberson, and their volunteer work



RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 8 | 1-3 p.m.

Join the Penn State Agriculture and Environment Center for an interactive rain barrel workshop on **Saturday, June 8, at 1 p.m.** at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, [198 W.](#)



[Lamb St., Bellefonte, PA16823](#). Learn how to build a rain barrel and how they can be used for sustainable residential water conservation. For this event, registrants must purchase a rain barrel attachment kit (~\$40) ahead of time and bring it to the workshop (see links below). Additionally, please bring a drill, a wrench, and safety goggles, if you own those tools. Each registrant will receive a FREE barrel which you will construct with your attachment kit during the workshop. Since there are a limited number of spaces, please only one registration per household. Bring

appropriate transportation to take your rain barrel home (rain barrel specs: 24" in diameter and 35" in height). RSVP by **Monday, June 3**. We recommend you order your attachment kit by **Friday, May 31**, to ensure it is delivered to you before the workshop. Attachment kits with all the necessary parts can be found online at these links:

<https://www.rainbrothers.com/store/DIY-Rain-Barrel-Construction-and-Installation-Kit-w-Downspout-Diverter-p281493335>

OR

https://www.homedepot.com/p/EarthMinded-DIY-Rain-Barrel-Diverter-and-Parts-Kit-RBK-0001/203256576?source=shoppingads&locale=en-US&pla&mtc=SHOPPING-BF-CDP-GGL-D280-028_009_PLANTERS-NA-NA-NA-PMAX-NA-NA-NA-NA-NBR-NA-NA-NA-PMAXONECLICK&cm_mmc=SHOPPING-BF-CDP-GGL-D280-028_009_PLANTERS-NA-NA-NA-PMAX-NA-NA-NA-NA-NBR-NA-NA-NA-PMAXONECLICK-71700000112977983--&gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwupGyBhBBEiwA0UcqaGRNo0Pf7eNxyX-r0VAntrAUT0zpt0Xlpg-rDDRLv67xOdXF9iajCxoCXPwQAvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds

SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, June 23 | 11:00 a.m.



Save the date for our parish picnic, to be held following mass on Sunday, June 23, at Deacon Alex and Ellen Dyakiw's house (337 E. Curtin St). Rain date is TBA. Grill meats

and paper products will be provided. You are asked to bring a dish/snack to share and/or drinks, as well as lawn chairs.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

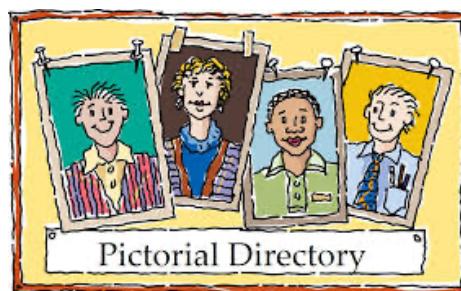
It takes a village ... St. John's Episcopal Church continues their support of the Bellefonte Youth Center by providing four summer fun days at our church. On June 18, July 2, 16, and 30, children from the community will come to the parish hall for



lunch, a craft project, and outdoor activities on the school playground. Monetary donations would be very much appreciated. Contributions will be used to purchase food

for lunch and craft items for this important ministry. If you can donate, please put BYC in the memo line of your check. Thanks for your support. ~ *Ellen Dyakiw*

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY



Our parish photo directory has been updated; thanks to all who had

their photos taken! The directory can be accessed at

<https://stjohnsepiscopealbellefonte.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-Parish-Directory-Members-Communicants-and-Visitors.pdf>.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION



Feeding the Community

For the summer months, we have been asked to collect:

- Spaghetti sauce only (they have enough pasta)
- Canned spaghetti for kids, e.g., spaghetti o's, etc.
- Cereal of all kinds

Thanks to Charlotte Zmyslo and Scott Mauger for coordinating this ministry.

CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR THE HOSPITAL



Mt. Nittany Hospital has requested donations of new clothes for men

(larger sizes), teens, and young children. These are needed for the assault victims who come into the emergency department. Thanks to Steve Dillon for taking the lead.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SUNDAYS AFTER MASS

Please consider volunteering for coffee hour. Coffee is provided by the church. You are asked to supply cold drinks and simple snacks (cookies, crackers, etc.). To sign up for a slot, please visit our sign-up link: <https://bit.ly/3um2fBp> or use the sign-up sheet on the lectern in the back of the church.

We need volunteers for the summer months.

If you want help with the

logistics, please speak to Trish Weidemann. Many thanks to everyone who's helped with coffee hour and for supporting this vital ministry of fellowship and hospitality!



AROUND THE PARISH FAMILY TABLE



Sean Hough, son of Paula and Stuart Hough, received his PhD degree from

the University of Massachusetts. His focus is on German and Modern European studies.



Elina Harwood will make her first trip to Paris this summer with her

grandparents, John Harwood and Kathryn Grossman. Elina's sister, **Lucia**, will celebrate her 15th birthday with a trip to Switzerland (where she will take in a Taylor Swift concert!) and Italy with her mother.



Bryson Christopher (son of Fr. Ted and Betha Christopher) is graduating from State College Area High School and will attend Temple

University School of Theatre, Film and Media.

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The job has been posted through the diocese. We are determining questions to ask candidates, and then we will begin the interview process.

WATCH OUR NEW CHURCH VIDEOS!



Two new videos, which were produced exclusively for St. John's, are now posted on our website. One is a general overview (and hopefully an evangelism tool), and the other is specific to our search for a rector. Thanks to all who participated in the making of these videos, and especially to Fathom Studio for their artistry. View the videos at <https://stjohnsepiscopalbellevue.org/> and <https://stjohnsepiscopalbellevue.org/rector-search/>.

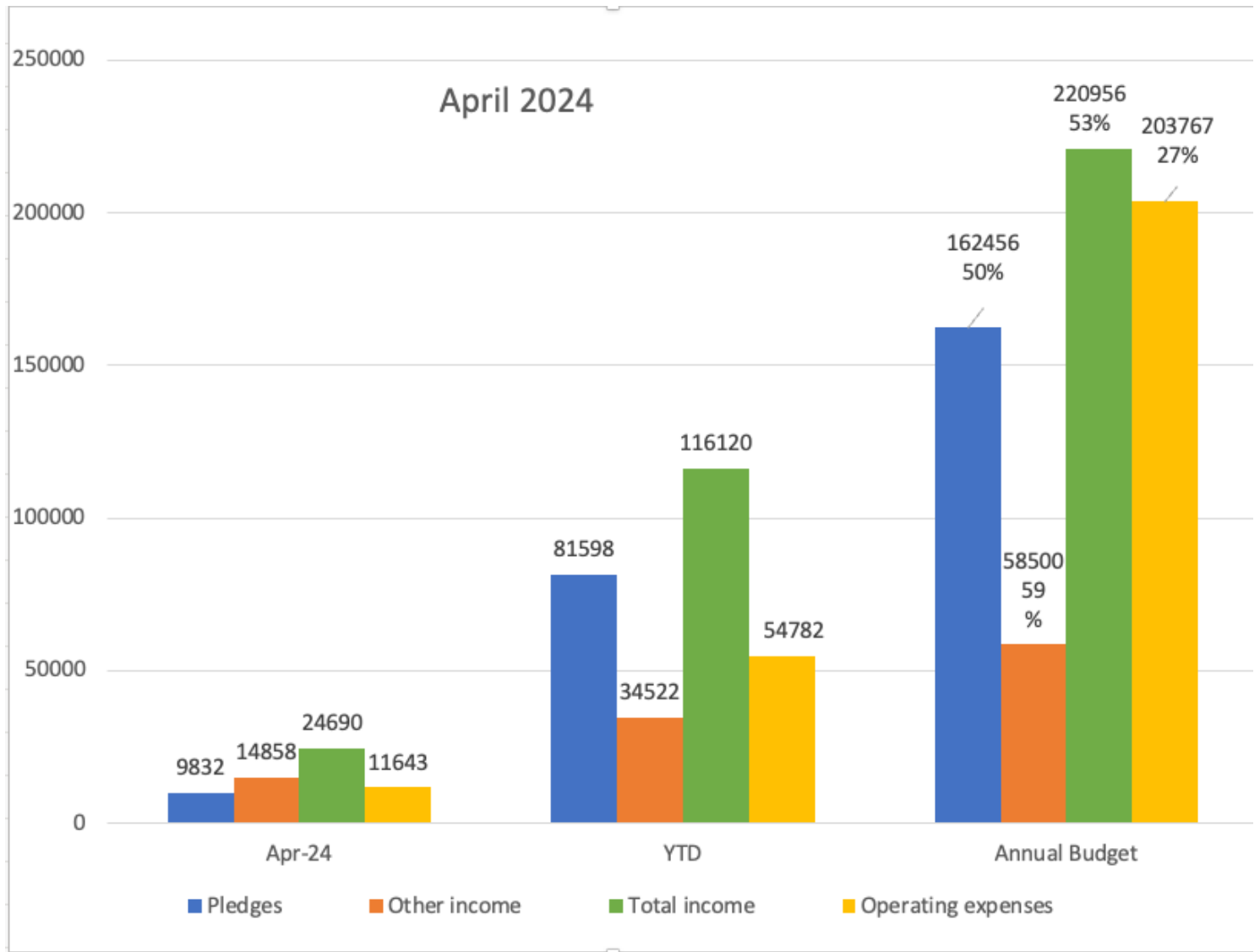


BIRTHDAYS

Heidi	Eminhizer	June 12
Adela	Germano	June 21
Charity	Holland	July 04
Timothy	Clayton	July 18
Larry	Roberson	July 23
Christopher	Clayton	July 24
David	King	July 28
Peggy	Jackson	August 09
Sze wing	Yu	August 09
Billie Jo	North	August 11
Erin	Trouba	August 15
Melanie	Allen	August 17
Thomas	Bathgate	August 18
Jake	Bauman	August 22
Nancy	Andrews	August 24



Financial



	Apr-24	YTD	Annual Budget	YTD % of Budget
Pledges	9832	81598	162456	50%
Other income	14858	34522	58500	59%
Total income	24690	116120	220956	53%
Operating expenses	11643	54782	203767	27%
Net	13047	61338		

Numbers do not include investments, savings, or checking acct balance.

Vestry Members: Larry Roberson (Sr. Warden), Scott Mauger (Jr. Warden), Liz Helms, Steve Dillon, Debra Cree, Alex Germano, Peggy Jackson, Kathryn Grossman, Charlotte Zmyslo