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**July 2026**

***“For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!” Romans 6:14-15***

250 years ago, our forefathers signed the Declaration of Independence, giving the people of the colonies freedom from the Kingdom of Great Britain. Approximately 1750 years prior to that, Christ signed a “Declaration of Independence” in his crucifixion and resurrection giving the entire world freedom from the death of sin.

This newfound freedom, however, did not mean that the citizens of this new, independent country were free to do whatever they wanted, whenever they wanted. Freedom from Britain did not mean freedom from law and order. It meant that this new country was now free to govern itself based on the ideals and principles of its citizens. This newfound freedom did not release our ancestors of responsibility to each other; it simply released them from British rule.

In his letter, Paul explains this same thing to the people of Rome. Freedom from death from sin does not give us the go ahead to do as we please, knowing that God will forgive us. Paul’s answer is “By no means!” The grace of God does not release us from our responsibilities to ourselves and to one another. It simply releases us from the need to be perfect in what we do.

Paul's view is entirely consistent with our nation's earliest conceptions of freedom. This new freedom gave the country the ability to govern itself as the people of the land saw fit, and as we matured as a country, we had the freedom to amend our laws. Freedom from sin also gives us the ability to govern ourselves as we see fit, and when we fall short of God’s expectations, we know that through the grace of God we will be forgiven.

So, this Independence Day, enjoy your freedom as a citizen of the United States of America and enjoy your freedom as a citizen of the Church of Christ, but remember that freedom does not release us of responsibility, rather it allows us to make responsible decisions independently.

God Bless you and God Bless the United States of America!  
Rev. Pam

# July 2026 Lectionary and Ministry Schedule

## Lectionary

### **July 4 – Independence Day**

Deuteronomy 10:17-21  
Hebrews 11:8-16  
Matthew 5:43-48  
Psalm 145 or 145:1-9

### **July 5 – Proper 9**

Zechariah 9:9-12  
Psalm 145:8-15  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### **July 12 – Proper 10**

Isaiah 55:10-13  
Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### **July 19 – Proper 11**

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19  
or Isaiah 44:6-8  
Psalm 86:11-17  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### **July 22 – Saint Mary Magdalene**

Judith 9:1, 11-14  
2 Corinthians 5:14-18  
John 20:11-18  
Psalm 42:1-7

### **July 25 – Saint James**

Jeremiah 45:1-5  
Acts 11:27-12:3  
Matthew 20:20-28  
Psalm 7:1-10

### **July 26 – Proper 12**

1 Kings 3:5-12  
Psalm 119:129-136  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## Worship Schedule

### **July 5 – Holy Eucharist**

Presider: Rev. Pam  
Readers: Kathy  
Eucharistic Minister: Michelle  
Broadcast: Doug & Joan

### **July 12 – Holy Eucharist**

Presider: Rev. Pam  
Reader: Joan  
Eucharistic Minister: Michelle  
Broadcast: Tom & Kevin

### **July 19 – Morning Prayer**

Presider: Joan & Michelle  
Reader: Jackie  
Broadcast: Doug & Joan

### **July 26 – Holy Eucharist**

Presider: Rev. Pam  
Reader/Prayer Leader: Kathy  
Eucharistic Minister: Scott  
Broadcast: Doug & Joan



# July 2026 Parish and Diocesan Events

## PICNIC AT PATRIOT PLACE



St. Andrew is hosting a picnic at Patriot Place on **Saturday, July 11, beginning at 12:00 noon.** Everyone is encouraged to come and enjoy a meal and some conversation with neighboring veterans.

## SPIRITUAL WALK



If you enjoy walking in nature, you will enjoy this Spiritual Walk at Aspen Park on **Saturday, July 25 at 10:00 am.** The walk is on a paved walkway and the strenuous level is minimal. The walk includes reading of scripture, prayers, reflections, and followed by snacks and beverages.

## COMMUNITY MEAL



St. Andrew will serve the Community Meal at the Congregational Church on **Friday, August 28 from 3:00 – 6:00 pm.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to help serve our friends and neighbors.

## ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC



The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Sunday, August 30** under the pavilion at the church. St. Andrew will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass.

## WORSHIP LEADER TRAINING



For those already licensed as a Worship Leader and would like additional training, the diocese is offering one more class on **Saturday, September 26: Funeral Preparation.** Registration for all classes ends one week before the class. St. Andrew will assume the cost to take the training. Please speak with Rev. Pam if you are interested in taking a class.



**BIBLE STUDY** is taking a break for the summer and will resume on **September 9, 2026,** the Wednesday after Labor Day.

**Michelle's Bible reflection** at Aspen Ridge is on **Wednesday, July 1 at 10:30 am.**

**Food Pantry** this month is **Friday, July 17 from 11:45-2:00.** There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Vestry Meeting** is **Sunday, August 9** following the worship service.

**The Spirit of St. Andrew** is playing at Aspen Ridge on **Thursday, July 30 at 3:00 pm.**

**Jack Pine Mission Council** next meets on **Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 am.**

**Patriot Place** is the **Second Sunday of the month.**

**Rector's Discretionary Fund** is the **Fourth Sunday of the month.**

**AL-ALON** meets every **Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00** in Hewitt Hall.



# July 2026 Prayers of the People



## Pray for those who are ill or otherwise in need

Lori Beaudoin, Elizabeth Chace, Kevin Everman,  
Judy Doyen, Bev and Josh Howell, Jim & Holly  
Donovan, Susan Nye, Kathy & Ed Blom, Roxann  
Morin, Darin Polla & family, Donald Polla &  
family, Rita and Steve Skinner, Kathryn Rakich,  
David Doyen, Henry VanOrmer, Scott  
VanOrmer, Anthony Santini, Rev. Karen  
Thompson, Jane Hutson, Mehrdad, Elana Irving,  
Matthew Irving, Bert & Patsy Blom, Hunter  
Lobre, Bob and Michelle Clausen, Bonnie  
Zachary, Jeri Deprey

*All grieving from the loss of a loved one.  
An end to the wars in our world.  
An end to gun violence.*

## Pray for our Church

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop  
Julia Ayala Harris, President of the HOD  
The Standing Committee of our Diocese  
The Diocesan Council of our Diocese  
Bishop Search Committee and Transition  
Committee  
The Rev Pamela Lenartowicz, Rector  
Vestry Members and Lay leaders  
Our Parish family

## Pray for our Country

President Donald Trump  
Vice-President JD Vance  
Governor Gretchen Whitmer  
Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist  
The congresses of our country and state  
Our service men and women

## Pray for our Community

The people of our country  
The people of our community  
Our Police, Sheriff, and State Troopers  
The hungry and homeless that may find food and  
safe shelter.



## July Birthdays

Ava Atchison – July 25



## July Anniversaries

Ron & Lori Beaudoin - July 1  
Ted & Shelly Nichols - July 17  
Josh & Beverly Howell - July 24

## July Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

### **July 5**

Holy Family, Midland - Debbie Roth, Senior  
Warden  
St. Paul's, St. Joseph - Erik Broerer, Rector

### **July 12**

St. Mark's, Atlanta - Pam Lenartowicz, Priest-in-  
charge  
St. John's Church, Sturgis - Kris Veldheer,  
Rector  
St. Andrew's by-the-Lake, Harrisville - Ron  
Eisenhart, Senior Warden

### **July 19**

Christ Church, Owosso - Paul Brunell, Rector  
St. Peter's-by-the-Lake, Montague - David  
Meyers, Rector

### **July 26**

St. John's, Sandusky - Darlene McClland,  
Senior Warden  
St. Thomas, Battle Creek - Michael Spencer,  
Rector

# July 2026 Building, Business, and Finance



## Income and Expense as of June 24, 2026

Operating Income	\$26,384.96
Operating Expenses	\$25,210.47
Mission Income	\$ 1,459.71
Mission Expenses	\$ 1,859.38
Capital Improvement Income	\$ 0.00
Capital Improvement Expenses	\$ 9,838.11
Discretionary Fund Income	\$ 300.00
Discretionary Fund Expenses	\$ 390.17

## Bank Balances as of June 24, 2026

<b>Rector's Discretionary Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1,126.52</b>
<b>Checking Accounts</b>	
General Operating Account	\$15,568.81
Mission Fund	\$ 1,870.39
Music Fund	\$ 1,408.00
Patriot Place Fund	\$ 487.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,334.36</b>
<b>General Savings Account</b>	<b>\$ 6,293.15</b>
<b>Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$26,459.72</b>
<b>Total All Accounts:</b>	<b>\$53,213.75</b>

If you have any questions regarding our finances, please speak with Jackie Skinner, our treasurer.

Our thanks for your continued financial support of St. Andrew.

## **PERENNIAL GARDENS**

The gardens at church are beautiful, but they are being overcome with weeds and grass. Would anyone be willing to help with the weeding of the flower beds? If so, please chat with Rev. Pam.



## **VESTRY**

The Vestry will hold its next meeting on **Sunday, August 9 following the service**. They have set their meeting schedule for the year. They will meet on the second Sunday of the even months following the service.

**October 11**

**December 13**

## **REV. PAM OUT OF TOWN**

Rev. Pam will be out of town from **Tuesday, July 14 to Thursday, July 16**. Please feel free to call her on her cell phone at 989-858-6199 should a pastoral need arise.

## **CHURCH TEE SHIRTS**

We still have four Tee-Shirts left! We have three X-Large and one Large and the cost is \$13.00. Please feel free to purchase one of the shirts if you haven't gotten one already!