



*Don't forget to email your "mom" photos to office@standrewsmv.org
We need them by next Wednesday!*

May 1, 2026

Spring Cleaning Sunday

And no, you will not be given a rake, a broom, rubber gloves, or various cleaning products! In fact, given our recent weather, we'd all be pretty hard pressed to get our heads wrapped around any kind of spring cleaning. However, just as January 1st may create an impetus for some kind of decluttering, emptying or setting new goals, the new life that the Easter season presents merits some conversation and telling of stories. Those stories may include tips on getting motivated, how-to suggestions and success stories to inspire the rest of us. Having recently emptied an entire house, and still trying to consolidate two houses into one, the issue of emptying is still very real and a little raw, to be honest, for me. I think I have only three more boxes to go!

On this storytelling Sunday, I hope we can share stories about other forms of emptying, however. Are our minds perhaps in need of a little decluttering or our souls in need of some emptying in order to make room for a new relationship with God? Do we need to make some room in our hearts as well? When everything in our lives – our calendars, our living spaces, our

compulsive thoughts that keep running in endless loops, our closed hearts that won't let anyone touch them – are not life-giving, then it's time for some serious decluttering, emptying work. Let's have some fun with this one. Come prepared to share your own experiences of clearing things out in order to turn over a new leaf.

Cynthia



If you've ever had a mom (biologic or otherwise!), loved a mom, or been a mom, please help us celebrate on **Sunday, May 10!** Send your photos of "Mom Moments" for our picture board.

We'll have a special brunch following church to celebrate. Feel free to bring one of those favorite dishes that Mom used to make!

Email your photos with captions to office@standrewsmv.org (If you have an original that you need scanned, please stop by the office Tues-Fri, mornings).

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all of you and your generous hearts for making this stewardship season a success. We simply cannot do this without your support!

If our thank you note is still making its way to you through our island post, we promise it is on the way...

Ps. Let us know if you would still like to "Buy a Brick"; email the church office anytime at office@standrewsmv.org



Coffee Hour at St. Andrew's

Our heartfelt thanks to the volunteers that make this hour after Sunday service a special time to connect with our church family!

Some of our most reliable coffee hour workers are away for the next three weeks, taking a much-deserved break before the summer season. We will need some "new" hands to help during this time. It's easy and fun! Let us know if you can help set up or clean up office@standrewsmv.org



"Many hands make light work..."

Photo above: Swans off of Ocean Heights Landing, Edgartown by Michael Bracy
Photo: "St. Andrew's Brick by Brick stewardship campaign" by Betsy Young Buck

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