Beloved St. Andrew's Family,

We have truly wonderful news to share!

Following a unanimous recommendation from the search committee, the vestry has elected, by unanimous vote and with our bishop's blessing, to call the Reverend Jana Troutman-Miller as the eleventh rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Rev. Jana is delighted to accept this call, and she looks forward with great enthusiasm to joining us in our journey of living out our mission in the world. She will begin her ministry here the week of November 16th, with her first Sunday in the pulpit and at the altar on November 22nd — which is also the date of our annual parish meeting, and one week before Advent begins.

Rev. Jana has been a priest in the Episcopal Church since October 2014; before that, she was an ordained minister in another denomination. She has been board-certified with the Association of Professional Chaplains since 2004. Since March 2014, she has served as Director of Spiritual Care at St. Johns on the Lake in Milwaukee — a retirement community founded by Bishop Kemper and the women of the Diocese of Wisconsin in 1868. Jana has also served our diocese in many roles, including as a member and president of the Standing Committee. In the historical Diocese of Milwaukee she served as deputy to General Convention in 2024.

Both the search committee and the vestry were very impressed with Rev. Jana's skills and experience. From her career as a professional chaplain, she brings strengths in organization and in engaging people from diverse backgrounds. She trained with and taught for the Haden Institute for Spiritual Direction in Ontario, Canada; in her work as a spiritual director, she has specialized in stages of spiritual development, grief work, discernment of one's calling, and exploring the spiritual meaning of events in one's life. And, having served on the Standing Committee, she also has a rich understanding of the workings of our diocese. Jana is thrilled that her vocational journey is now bringing her into parish ministry with St. Andrew's.

Jana's husband of 20 years, Randy Miller, is an adjunct professor of history at Carroll University. He also serves as historiographer for the Diocese of Wisconsin. Jana and Randy — and their dachshund, Frida — are very much looking forward to settling in the Madison area.

Over the next two months we will be planning how to celebrate Jana's arrival and welcome her into our St. Andrew's family. For now, please join us in celebrating this truly wonderful news!
Thanks be to God!

With full hearts,

JoAnne Lehman, Senior Warden, & Andy Porter, Junior Warden