

The Net

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Burke, Virginia



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Dear Friends,

We have concluded the wonderful celebrations of the birth of Christ. The New Year is about to begin. At this moment in time, I cannot think of a better reflection to share with you than one written by the theologian and teacher, Dr. Howard Thurman.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with the flocks, then the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost, to heal those broken in spirit, to feed the hungry, to release the oppressed, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among all peoples, to make a little music with the heart. And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say. Then the work of Christmas begins.

As we begin 2020 our Christmas continues into each day and every encounter. The light of Christ - the Light that shines in the darkness (John 1:5) – experienced anew in the observance of Christmas through our worship and in our homes is to be shared.

2020 will bring many new beginnings to our community of St. Andrew's. In the Benedictine tradition we are reminded to "welcome everyone as Christ." There will be a new Director of our Preschool and new Priest-in-Charge. Some will come seeking a place of worship. Children will be born. Strangers will share our space. Will we recognize Christ? Will we radiate Christ's light? In the online newsletter of the radio program "On Being" this question is framed eloquently by the poet Pádraig Ó Tuama when he asks: "Who are we to be with one another? And how are we to be with one another?" So let the work of Christmas begin and continue throughout the New Year.

With my best wishes and prayers,

Rosemari

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

"Let all guests that come be received as Christ." (Rule of St. Benedict)

It is important to greet everyone who comes to our parish and school and to assist them in fulfilling the purpose of their visit. Because we are both a preschool and a church, we are called to be both careful and welcoming. Our goal is to staff our welcome table at our front door with volunteers during Preschool hours. It is my hope that everyone who enters the building will be greeted, sign in, and, if needed, taken to the area where they are visiting or working. Sign in does not apply to those coming for worship.

I invite you to consider spending a few hours a day as a welcome host. Depending on your schedule we ask that you consider volunteering at our welcome table from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. If you feel called to this ministry, please send me an email (rosemari@standrews.net) and copy Emily (emily@standrews.net). Once a month or once a week—we will keep a schedule in the office and see that you are comfortable.

VESTRY NOTES

Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM
Saturday @ 6:00 PM
Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Bible Study

Wednesday @ 10:30 AM
Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Sunday School

Sunday @ 11:15 AM

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday @ 7:45 PM (Adult)
Sunday @ 9:55 AM (Seraph)
Sunday @ 11:30 AM (Cherub)

Needlework Group

Tuesday @ 10:30 AM

AA Meetings

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM
Friday @ 8:00 PM

ESOL

Tuesday @ 9:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday 9 - 4
Tuesday 9 - 4
Wednesday 9 - 4
Thursday 9 - 4
Friday 9 - 2

Net Submissions

If you have an article for the Monthly Net, please email it to Emily (emily@standrews.net) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.



SENIOR WARDEN
MARK FOSTER

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It's that time of year again. The transition from one year to the next brings the opportunity to look back on the past year and look forward to what lies ahead. With that in mind, I want to give thanks for everyone who contributed in ways large and small, seen and unseen, to keeping St. Andrew's moving forward during the past eventful year:

- For our patient and dedicated staff and all the gifts they've given us – Aaron, Amy, Carlos, Emily, Jeanne, and Michelle;
- For the opportunity to serve alongside my Vestry colleagues/friends – Christie, Christine, Darren, Elaine, Jane, John, Julie, Martha, Pat, Paul, Rebecca, our Treasurer Bo Zagurski, Assistant Treasurer Debbie Williams, and Youth Representative Annette Wright (and for our families who have put up with us!);
- For Father Tim and Mother Margaret and the positive contributions they made to who and where we are today;
- For the all the clergy from across the Diocese who helped shepherd us in our time of need – Revs. Debbie Rutter, Georgia DuBose, Donna Foughty, Samuel Reddimalla, Ann Truitt, Steve Beatty, Susan Parsons, Bruce Stewart, The Very Rev. Ian Markham, "our own" Revs. Kate Chipps, Randall Prior, and Bishop David Jones;
- For the Diocese of Virginia staff, and especially Rev. Sarah Brockenbrough, who have counseled and mentored us through the transition process;
- For our Interim Rector Rev. Canon Rosemari Sullivan and our Interim Associate Deacon Stephen Crippen, who jumped into the deep end of the pool, and have put us on a steady course and become part of our family;
- For everyone at St. Andrew's – for all the time, talent, and treasure you've given to ministries, programs, committees and activities far too numerous to list; for your positive energy during our transition time and your patience through the occasional "oopses"; and for your friendship, prayers and continued expressions of support throughout the year – in short, for caring about St. Andrew's!

And finally, we can all give thanks to God – for all the blessings God has given us along this road we're traveling together and for the bright future ahead!

PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
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The Preschool returns on Monday, January 6, 2020. Registration begins this month for current families, siblings, alumni, and Parish members. Registration materials will be available after January 13th both in the preschool office and on our website. Our Open House is Tuesday, February 11th at 10:00 a.m. Parish members are encouraged to arrange a tour before we open to the community on February 18th as spots can fill quickly.



The Christmas Programs were well attended in December and many thanks to Amy McCurdy for designing a wonderful program.

Our Kindergarten Readiness program is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. here at the Church. Any interested Parish members are welcome to attend and bring a friend. Veteran Kindergarten Teacher and former Preschool Teacher, Chandi Lind will share readiness tips, how to prepare students, and answer questions regarding a successful start to Kindergarten.

PARISH NEWS

An Update from the Priest-in-Charge Discernment Team

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Thank you for the feedback you have provided to the Discernment Team by completing the Parish Survey and participating in the Listening Sessions. Results of these two information-gathering activities have been sent to the congregation by email and are available on the Transition pages at www.standrews.net.

We are using your input to work with the Diocese and Vestry to finalize the Community Ministry Portfolio, which will soon be published on a national database so that it can be seen by Priest-in-Charge candidates. We will also use the information as we interview and evaluate those candidates.

We appreciate your time and commitment to the discernment process and welcome any questions you may have about these results.

OUTREACH

ECHO

Sandy Gumbert | echo@standrews.net

ECHO: With the start of a New Year, are you thinking that you might like to “give back” to your community by sharing your skills and time in a meaningful way? Check out the opportunities for volunteering at ECHO at www.echo-inc.org/Volunteer. Volunteer shifts at ECHO last three hours in the morning, or two hours in the evening, or one Saturday morning per month. Right now, the Food Room has a critical need for a volunteer who could commit to two Tuesday mornings a month. Also, volunteers who can speak Spanish are needed on Tuesday mornings in the Clothing Room or Friday mornings in the Counseling Area. There are many ways to lend a hand through ECHO and there are many other happy volunteers to welcome and train new helpers. Please feel free to contact Sandy Gumbert if you would like more information about ECHO.

In addition, the Food Room at ECHO is in need of donations of vegetable oil, canned pasta, condiments (mustard, ketchup or mayo), canned meat, muffin mix and

dried beans as well as laundry detergent and deodorant. The Housewares Department needs large pots and pans and sets of dishes (which don’t have to be complete or matching—volunteers are good at “mixing and matching”). ECHO sometimes gets donations of disposable baby diapers from families of newborns who grow into a larger size, but they really need donations of diapers in sizes 3, 5 and 6. ECHO continues to need new school backpacks, composition books and loose-leaf paper. If you can help our neighbors in need, your donations may be left in our ECHO box located in the hallway outside the Multi-Purpose Room or, if you would like a tax receipt, delivered to their Donations Door at 7205 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield.

Thank you for caring and sharing!

Prayer List

Bill Adams

Michael Arnold

Heather Brinkman

Leon and Rosalie Butler

Carol Cobb

Larry Dickerson

Dale Dickey

Phil Dunn

Dwayne Eckman

Eddie and Donna Fortune

John Hernandez

Linda and Ed Hunter

Doug Kelly

Katie Kurz

Dorothy Nastase Kay

Lisa Lavery

Nadjla Miller

Ginny Morton

Leean Palmgren

Pam

Marie Reba

Brandt Reitz

Col. Terry Rice

Maureen Sullivan

Wendy Tibbetts

Deployed

Christian McKenrick

Ryan Deem

Departed

Nancy Jones

(mother of Brian Jones)

OUTREACH

Hypothermia Prevention Week

Steve Koss & Elaine Runkel | hypothermia@standrews.net

St. Andrew's is hosting our annual Hypothermia Prevention Program from February 2nd - 9th. During this week, we will welcome approximately 35 guests each night and provide them with food, fellowship, and shelter. This outreach program requires a large number of volunteers and donated items, and can only be done with a parish-wide effort. There are approximately 250 volunteer slots (found here: tiny.cc/fm65hz) that will need to be filled in order to make this happen.

In addition to our volunteer needs, we have compiled a list of items that will help defray the cost of the program. Any donation is greatly appreciated and can be taken to the brick ledge across from the Office. **Please mark all donations "Hypothermia Program."** We are ready to receive donations NOW through February 5th, but prefer to receive them in late January.

Food Items: Bottled water (16 oz.); Individual chocolate milk & juice (apple/orange) boxes; Individual cups of pudding, fruit, & applesauce; Individual packs of raisins, chips, popcorn, nuts, pretzels, trail mix, & cookies; Individual V-8 cans; Peanut butter or cheese cracker packs; Sunny D (6-8 oz.); Breakfast bars; and Chewy granola bars

Personal Items: Hat, gloves, and scarves; Cell chargers; Reading glasses (all but esp. 2.5-3.5); Socks & underwear (men & women); Travel size toiletries (toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, hand lotion, anti-bacterial wet wipes, Chap Stick, etc.); Winter coats, rain ponchos; Sweatpants (especially XL); and Backpacks.

Other items: a few board games, appropriate DVDs, daily newspapers, and magazines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Contributions

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Please note that to be considered a 2019 contribution, your donations and/or pledges to St. Andrew's must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2019. Please contact Michelle if you have any questions.

Saturday Service Schedule

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

There is no Saturday service on January 4th. Services will resume on January 11th at 6:00 p.m. with Holy Eucharist: Rite III, followed by Taizé on January 18th, and HE:III on January 25th.

Childcare Help

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

If you would like to help out in the Nursery or Pre-K class during the Sunday 10:00 a.m. services, please sign up here: tiny.cc/babywatch2020-1. Adults and teens 13 and older are invited to help out with some of our smallest parishioners. Teens can earn services hours and adults can get a "baby fix."

JANUARY 9 & 15, 2020

Parents and Littles (PALs)

Amy Dutton | amy@standrews.net

Join us for our January PALs get togethers in the Parish Hall on Thursday, January 9th and/or on Wednesday, January 15th to mingle with other parents from the Parish and Preschool. Come for the whole time or just drop in whenever. We will have coffee for the grown ups and snacks and toys for the kids.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 17, 2020

Sabbath for Solidarity: An Interfaith Service at Adat Reyim Synagogue

Rosemari Sullivan | rosemari@standrews.net

Let us join together—many faiths, with one goal—to reaffirm and share Martin Luther King, Jr.’s vision of social justice and equality. In solidarity we will demonstrate that mutual respect and understanding are values we cherish and uphold. The service is on Friday, January 17th, at 7:30 p.m. at Congregation Adat Reyim (6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield).

JANUARY 19, 2020

FoMA Concert Series: An Evening with Broadway Singers

Aaron Goen | foma@standrews.net

Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew’s is happy to welcome Broadway stars, Rachel Black and Matt Dengler as they present an evening of song from the Broadway, classical, and pop genres at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave on Sunday, January 19th. Free admission. Childcare provided. Reception to follow.

JANUARY 26, 2020

Retirement Party for Jeanne Jones

Rebecca Umberger | fellowship@standrews.net

We will be celebrating the end of an era as we say goodbye to our Preschool Director, Jeanne Jones, after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall on Sunday, January 26th. Jeanne became the Preschool Director in 2010 after serving as a lead teacher for 8 years. She has overseen a number of improvements and additions to the preschool over the years, the latest being the creation of the outdoor classroom. We wish her well in her new adventure of retired life.

JANUARY 26, 2020

Family Movie Night

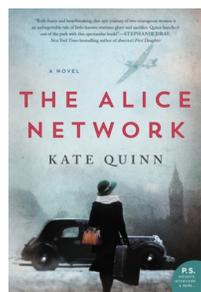
Amy Dutton | amy@standrews.net

Family Movie Night is back! We are having another Family Movie Night on Sunday, January 26th, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. We will watch a G rated movie in the Parish Hall. Light snacks will be provided, but feel free to bring a sack supper, blankets, and pillows to get comfy to watch a movie. This is not a drop-off event: parents must stay with their children! Please sign up outside Amy Dutton’s office.

JANUARY 28, 2020

St. Andrew’s Book Club

Pam Rozelsky | bookclub@standrews.net



The St. Andrew’s Book Club meets monthly: it’s a no-pressure group and you don’t need to attend every month. Our next meeting will be hosted by Stephanie Meadows on January 28th, at 7:00 p.m. and we will be discussing *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

Our upcoming selections are:

- January: *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn
- February: *Once Upon a River* by Diane Setterfield
- March: *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett
- April: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Farewell to Pastor Rosemari

Rebecca Umberger | fellowship@standrews.net

We continue our goodbye tour as we say Godspeed to the Rev. Rosemari Sullivan after the 10:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 2nd. Arriving in July, Rosemari has helped us greatly through this time of transition and we wish her calm days ahead as she returns to retired life.

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Annual Meeting

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Every winter the congregation of St. Andrew's meets in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service for the Annual Meeting. This year we will meet on February 9th. Members of St. Andrews are encouraged to attend get an update on the state of the church and to vote in new Vestry members.

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Shrine Mont Summer Camps

Amy Dutton | amy@standrews.net

Sunday, February 9th is designated by the Diocese as Shrine Mont Camps Sunday. On this day the diocese prays for the camps at Shrine Mont. If you or your child have never been to one of their camps, they are worth investigating. We would love to start a scholarship to send a St Andrew's youth (or a few!) to a Shrine Mont camp this summer.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please bring your donation to add to the plate during the Saturday and Sunday services on February 8th and 9th. Please include "Shrine Mont Camps" on the memo line if writing a check. If you are donating cash, please put in an envelope marked "Shrine Mont Camps."

FEBRUARY 22, 2020

Parish Yard Sale

Anne Brannam & Amy Dutton | youth@standrews.net

The Parish is having a Yard Sale to benefit Youth Activities on February 22nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are two ways to participate: 1) you can rent a table for the event for \$15 to sell your own items and keep what you make or 2) you can drop off/donate items you no longer want or need and we will sell them and keep the proceeds.

Drop off will begin Sunday, February 16th and continue Tuesday, February 18th through Friday, February 21st, during office hours. We regret that we cannot accept used Tupperware, stuffed animals, or large furniture. For more information see Anne Brannam or Amy Dutton. There will be a sign up for tables on the bulletin board in the hallway.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

JANUARY 5, 2020

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 84 or 84:1-8

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Matthew 2:1-12

JANUARY 12, 2020

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

JANUARY 19, 2020

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-12

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

JANUARY 26, 2020

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Nancy Knight 	2 Jim Slawski Scott Emert Steve Koss Andrew Winfield	3 Ann DiMisa	4 Carol MacLean
5 Brian Umberger	6 EPIPHANY Liz Ryon Janet Foley 	7 Janet Carver January Layman-Wood Henry Scarborough	8 Michael Boster	9 Christie Dasher Jeremy Brown Jackson Shriner	10 Andrew Melim Meagan Riley Violet Baker	11
12 Brian Slawski Shawn Richardson	13 JD Thomas	14	15 Timothy Brady	16 Libby Spencer Isabel Hernandez	17 Amy Dutton	18 Pam Rozelsky Ronan Davis
19 Dave Lewis Dylan Potter Bella Bruggeman	20 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY 	21	22	23 Alex Sperry	24 Devon Scott	25 Sean Cafferky Deborah England Dan Emrick Bill Wright Mark Jaskot
26 Ward McKinley Ben Bradfield Tim Bradfield	27 Harper McGuin James Tyrell	28	29 Bruce Stuck Nicholas Jones	30 Travis Knight Anna Rozelsky	31 Rowan McGuin Harrison Coates	

*Don't see your name on your birthday? Let us know!
 Contact Emily (emily@standrews.net) and we'll get you added to the list.*

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