



The Net

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



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Thirteen Confirmands and Three Baptizands! Join Them to Learn and Grow this Lent

Okay, first off, is "baptizand" really a word?! Yes, it is. But it is a strange church word...and that is saying something! Please join us every Sunday in Lent (all the Sundays in March) for five forums after the 10:00 a.m. service that focus on identity:

March 1: "I am a Christian"

March 8: "I am an Episcopal/Anglican Christian"

March 15: "I am a baptized Christian"

March 22: "I am a Christian at the Eucharistic Table"

March 29: "I am sent on Christian mission"

These are identity statements that say a lot about us, and also raise a lot of questions within us. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are warmly welcome to come along with us on this journey of exploration, discernment, and formation.

Then, on Saturday evening, April 11th, Bishop Jones will be with us for the Great Vigil of Easter, and we will pray alongside our friends as they are baptized, confirmed, and received. This is an exciting and rewarding time for our parish!

Note also that the Youth Lock-in has been moved into April, overnight from Friday April 3rd to Saturday April 4th. (In part because of all that's going on above.) Stay tuned for more about this as we move further into Lent.

All good blessings,

Deacon Stephen

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

**SENIOR WARDEN****JOHN JASKOT**srwarden@standrews.net

Greetings all, and welcome to the 2020 rebirth of the *View from the Rear*. For those of you who have seen me in the church pews, you already know what that is all about. And it has taken a few years, but I've now come to the realization that hiding out in the back of a church doesn't exactly equate to hiding out.

With that, I can otherwise and truthfully say that your entire Vestry (including me!) has embraced and is forging ahead with the continuing work to keep St. Andrew's as a vibrant place to worship our God, to serve our God, and to do both within the strong bonds of our church community. Such work is fully reflected in our St. Andrew's Mission Statement, a statement that was dissected "every which way from Sunday" during the Vestry's recent weekend retreat. That statement reads:

St. Andrew's is a Christian community dedicated to worship and proclaiming God's love, to grow spiritually, and to serving others through outreach, prayer, education, and fellowship. We welcome all—no matter who you are, where you find yourself in life, your thoughts about God or the Church—to join us.

A tall order for the Vestry, for you, for us. And we're up to it. I think we've proven that already during our current clergy transitional period, and we'll keep on doing so because we are, after all, "the church."

So as we continue along our collective spiritual path, please reach out to me or any other members of the Vestry if you have suggestions, concerns, or even compliments about how "the church" is doing in those efforts—or better yet, how you want to help us more in that walk!

PRESCHOOL NEWS**PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR****TAMI PHILLIPS**preschool@standrews.net | (703) 455-8458

Guess whose birthday is March 2nd? It's Theodor Seuss Geisel. We all know him as Dr. Seuss. He was born in 1904 in Springfield, Massachusetts. As a child he drew all the time and loved rhymes. I've often wondered if your childhood passions have an impact on your career path. It looks like it was true for Theodor Seuss Geisel.

We are busy registering preschoolers for the fall and we could use your help finding new St. Andrew's students. We have cards on the table outside the office for you to share with your friends and neighbors. Please take some. If you know of someone who would like a tour, please have them call the preschool office at 703-455-8458.

Also, Otto the Auto is back March 25th and 26th. Otto is a talking car sponsored by AAA who teaches the children about safety on bikes, scooters, and in cars. The children loved him last year so he is back for a command performance.

What else is going on in March? PAL's this month is March 5th and 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. March 3rd is a FCPS Teacher Work Day so the preschool is closed.

The preschoolers packed 180 bags of food for our Food for Friends Ministry. It is such a joy to see children, parents, and teachers all come together to help our community.

"Sometimes you will never know the value of something until it becomes a memory."

Dr. Seuss

DISCERNMENT TEAM REPORT*

In August 2019, St. Andrew's commissioned a Discernment Team to work toward the goal of identifying a Priest-in-Charge for our church. Throughout the rest of the year, the team worked with the Diocesan Office for Transition Ministry and listened to the congregation, Vestry, church staff, and clergy to discern where our parish has been, where it is today, and where God is calling it to be in the future.

Through February 2020, the Discernment Team undertook the following activities in the parish self-assessment and candidate discernment processes:

LISTENING SESSIONS

In October and November, the team conducted five 45-minute parish listening sessions at St. Andrew's and at Shrine Mont. Approximately 120 participants attended these sessions. We made summaries of the sessions available to the parish in December.

PARISH SURVEY

Also in October and November, the team distributed a 15-question parish survey to gather information about demographics, programs and activities, areas for improvement, hopes for the future, and ideal qualities and skills of a Priest-in-Charge. We distributed the compiled results from the 129 survey responses to the congregation in December.

STAFF INTERVIEWS

In mid-November, our team conducted interviews with five staff members to understand fully their roles and working relationships with clergy.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY PORTFOLIO

In December, the Discernment Team used the input from the parish survey, listening sessions, staff interviews, and other information-gathering activities to complete the Community Ministry Portfolio, which provides an overview of St. Andrew's and our vision to prospective Priest-in-Charge candidates and serves as an announcement that we have an open clergy position. In January, the Vestry signed off on the portfolio, and the Diocese posted it on the national database at otmportfolio.org. We will be receiving candidate names until February 27.

OTHER DISCERNMENT ACTIVITIES

Along with these major transition tasks the team carried out a variety of discernment-related activities, including conducting regular team meetings; communicating with the parish through one-on-one discussions, pop-up announcements, emails, bulletin board and TV monitor postings, and website transition page updates; presenting monthly updates to the Vestry; consulting with the Office for Transition Ministry; and creating Sunday School activities.

January Layman-Wood, Chair

* This report was mistakenly left out of the 2019 Annual Report.

Prayer List

Michael Arnold	Vivian Eggers
Heather Brinkman	Bob Ellis
Rosalie Butler	Eddie and Donna Fortune
John and Janet Carver	Susan Henderson
Carol Cobb	Linda and Ed Hunter
Larry Dickerson	Katie Kurz
Dale Dickey	Lisa Lavery
John Dunham	Dale Leonard
Phil Dunn	Gunnar and Heike Mayer
	Nadjla Miller
	Ginny Morton

Leean Palmgren

Pam

Marie Reba

Col. Terry Rice

Christine Stewart

John Strong

Maureen Sullivan

Douglas Taggart

Margaret White

Deployed

Christian McKenrick

Ryan Deem

Departed

Dorothy Nastase Kay
(friend of Tony Durso)

Fred Simpson
(family of Deborah England)

Leon Butler
(uncle of Donna Daugherty)

OUTREACH

Outreach at St. Andrew's

Ed Colliton & Jane Girondo | outreach@standrews.net

Outreach is an exciting ministry here at St. Andrew's. Every week classes are held on Tuesday mornings to help people who speak other languages learn English. Twice a month a team of volunteers gather in the kitchen on a Saturday afternoon for a few hours to cook a meal which is delivered by additional volunteers, to homeless people in Fairfax. These are just a few examples of exciting opportunities to serve our neighbors and we are very grateful to the people who are giving of their time to volunteer. Participating in these outreach activities is a great way to connect with your fellow parishioners. We look forward to many more exciting opportunities to serve our church and community so stay tuned and contact us to get involved.

ECHO

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Throughout the year, many in our parish make generous donations of clothing, housewares, and food to help our Burke and Springfield neighbors in need. ECHO works because you care! Yet many of our donors have never seen more of ECHO's interior than the donation area, so it might be interesting to know a little bit about the way this non-profit, all-volunteer organization operates.

For example, did you know that ECHO's Clothing Room operates like a small store? Clothing, organized by size and gender, is neatly displayed on shelves and racks. Those who need clothing make appointments to come in and choose multiple outfits for themselves and their family members. Volunteers are there to assist. It is a dignified and friendly process. But, unlike a store, there is no charge for anything distributed to client families. Twice a year, ECHO

volunteers tackle the task of changing over all the shelves and racks of clothing from Spring/Summer wear to Fall/Winter items, or vice versa. Out-of-season clothing is stored or passed on to other charitable organizations. It takes a lot of willing hands to keep their clothing operation humming, and ECHO is grateful to all who help and all who donate.

Interested in sharing your time as an ECHO volunteer? Currently, ECHO urgently needs volunteers for the following jobs/time slots: Donation Door volunteer on the first Saturday morning of each month; a Family Counselor who speaks Spanish who can commit to Friday mornings (ECHO will train any person interested in this position); and Clothing Room volunteer for at least two Tuesday mornings a month. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering in these positions, or volunteering at ECHO in general, you may send an e-mail to volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

Samaritan Ministry - Next Step Breakfast

John Jaskot | srwarden@standrews.net

Over 34 years ago, St. Andrew's and several other regional Episcopal churches founded Samaritan Ministry, a non-profit group that provides counselling, support, and other assistance to the needy and homeless in the greater D.C. region. Samaritan will be holding its annual "Next Step" fundraising breakfast on **Thursday, March 12th, at 7:30 a.m.** at the National Press Club in D.C., and St. Andrew's has a table for that gathering. If you'd like to attend to learn more about Samaritan and our work with it, please contact John Jaskot to grab a seat.

Relay for Life: Team Believe

Christine Kelly | relay4life@standrews.net



Team Believe is St. Andrew's American Cancer Society Relay for Life Team. We are part of the Relay for Life of Northern Virginia. **This year's relay is scheduled for Saturday May 30th** at South Lakes High School in Reston Virginia from 2:00-10:00 p.m. Please consider joining this amazing group of women who have raised over \$100,000 in the past ten years. This will be our 11th year. **We will have a meeting on March 8th at 4:00 p.m.** in the Conference Room followed by fellowship at Coal Fire. Please visit the website to join or contribute to this worthy cause: tiny.cc/TeamBelieve2020.

We will be selling luminaria in the future weeks after the 10:00 a.m. services. This is a beautiful way to honor or remember someone. For more information contact Christine Kelly.

STEWARSHIP

Stewardship at St. Andrew's

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Stewardship, when you boil it down to its very heart and soul, is about *connections*. No, I do not mean us cordially asking you for money, but all of us truly connecting as fellow parishioners.

Spiritually, is the connection being made for you? Are you making friends at this church? Are you joining or volunteering here? Are the needs of your loved ones being met? These are all good, deep questions that require answering by both you and our church leadership. We also need to have open-minds to tweak or change things, if we're to continue moving forward (and grow) as a connected, functioning community. This is not to say we're not getting most of the way there already, but revising, rethinking, and reinventing how we connect will determine how successful we are in the future at meeting our collective needs.

I'm excited to be working with our amazing Vestry leadership and Clergy Discernment Team members—they are talented, caring, and motivated. Soon, a new spiritual leader of St. Andrew's, in the form of a Priest-in-Charge, will join us in our next steps as a congregation.

Back to connecting—I very much want to hear from you on this subject. It's important, and it is vital to our spiritual community. Drop me a note, or let's talk about it in person—soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1, 2020

Women's Fellowship Quilting Night

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Join us for another fun night of putting together quilt squares for quilts given to teens graduating from the foster care system. We will gather on Sunday, March 1st, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Feel free to bring snacks to share. If you have a sewing machine and are willing to bring it, please do! We need about 4 of them. No sewing skills? No problem! There are many different jobs needed to make this flow smoothly. RSVP to Amy Dutton.

MARCH 5 & 11, 2020

Parents and Littles (PALS)

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Join us for PALS this March from 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are meeting on Thursday, March 5th, and Wednesday, March 11th, 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.

MARCH 20, 2020

Parents' Night Out

Amy Dutton | amy@standrews.net

Our next Parents' Night Out is on Friday, March 20th, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per child and they will need to bring a sack supper (No nuts please). This time we will have Mike Perrello bringing us a Magic of Storytelling show, and we continue that theme of story telling for the rest of the night. Sign the younger kids up to participate and the older kids/teens up to help (earn service hours!) It'll be a fun night!

MARCH 23, 2020

Book Club

Pam Rozelsky | bookclub@standrews.net

This month the St. Andrew's Book Club is reading *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett. We will meet for the discussion at Elaine Runkel's home on Monday, March 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. Please email Pam if you would like to attend or for more information. Looking ahead, the book selection for April is *Becoming* by Michelle Obama.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Flowers

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net



The Easter Flower envelopes will be available on the bulletin board next to the Church Office in late March. Please fill out your envelope and return it, with your donation (\$25 requested), to Emily's desk in the office by Sunday, April 5th. Flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 19th.

APRIL 3-4, 2020

Youth Lock-in (DATE CHANGE)

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Join us for art activities, games, worship, food, fun, and (maybe?) rest at an overnight Lock-in event on Friday and Saturday, April 3rd-4th. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. and finish by 8:00 a.m. the next morning. (If youth need to go home during the night, that is perfectly fine.) Stay tuned for more details. Parents and others who are interested, please contact Deacon Stephen if you have any questions. Volunteer help will be warmly welcomed!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday | April 5th @ 8:00 & 10:00* a.m.

Be sure to join us in the front parking lot on Sunday, April 5th, for the 10:00 a.m. service. We will, once again, have a special (furry) guest lead us in our procession into the church (weather permitting). Everyone is invited to arrive a little early for a meet and greet in the front parking lot with our guest before the service begins.



Maundy Thursday | April 9th @ 7:30* p.m.

Good Friday | April 10th @ 12:00 a.m.

Easter Vigil Celebration | April 11th @ 5:00-7:00 p.m.

It's almost time for our annual Easter Vigil Celebration! Join us on Saturday, April 11th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. out front (or inside if the weather is bad). We will have games, music, crafts, our Easter Egg Hunt, and lots more for all ages! In lieu of food trucks, we will have a potluck dinner and the Funfetti shaved ice truck for dessert. Invite your friends and neighbors; all are welcome!

Volunteers are needed to help make this event run smoothly! This is a great opportunity for teens to earn service hours! We also need donations of candy for our eggs—individually wrapped and no nuts please! Please contact Amy Dutton (amy@standrews.net) if you can help, and keep an eye out for more information in the upcoming Weekly Nets.

Easter Vigil w/ Confirmation & Baptism | April 11th @ 7:30 p.m.

Easter | April 12th @ 7:30, 9:00*, & 11:15* a.m.

** Childcare is available during these services*

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

MARCH 1, 2020

1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

MARCH 8, 2020

2nd Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

MARCH 15, 2020

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

MARCH 22, 2020

4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

MARCH 29, 2020

5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Sean Koss Caeley Flanagan	3 Leigh Keller	4	5 Charlotte Petty Amanda Williams Charlie Spencer	6	7 Lisa Williams Brigid Regan
8 DAYLIGHT SAVING Sean Godley	9 Jackie Waddell Nicholas Brown Carling Ramsdell Stephen Fike	10 Timothy Brady Ed Colliton Melissa Fike	11 Staci Kellen	12 Mike Dasher	13	14 Chris Bidwell Emily Nein Alexa Arnott
15	16 Chuck Mula Dave Peters Aimee Hernandez	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 Kate Lewis	19 SPRING BEGINS Debby Braun 	20	21 Don Bryan Scott Hellier Gus Hernandez
22	23	24	25 Trisha Heyer Haley Schaffer Poppy Gregory	26 Debbie Williams	27	28
29 Bob Gleason Hayden Albury	30	31 Mia Forbes				

*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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