



The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

What a joy to become part of the St. Andrew's community! I frequently visit our mission statement which rings true in the midst of the pandemic and current times:

St. Andrew's is a Christian community dedicated to worship and proclaiming God's love, to growing 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!

Our worship of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, remains important and the central bedrock of our mission and lives in covenant community. Thanks to so many individuals, especially Darren Williams, we are able to continue and will continue to have high quality online worship. Accessibility to worship is a tenant of the Episcopal Church and, as we gather outdoors, and discern our eventual indoor return, we will maintain a focus on everyone's ability to participate in the worship of our God.

With our four regular worship services and asynchronous worship opportunities online, I want to emphasize the focus on our worship together, One Together. It is not surprising that our survey and in conversations, I see and hear that we miss the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we are the embodied church, gathering with those present, those who have come before, and those who will come to the Table. We now have the opportunity to reflect on what it is for which we hunger and thirst. As part of our mission, we now partake of the Word and our faith practices at home are as important as ever.

While we miss gathering as we normally would, I am encouraged by our gathering from online platforms to socially distanced (and with masks) outdoors. Our Pastoral Connection team reached out to each person in our community and I encourage you to send a text, make a call, or send a note to someone you have not heard from in a while. Our communal call and mission is pastorally centered. Many of us may not be "ok" and know that you are not alone in that feeling. You may reach out to me and please, let's reach out to each other and know that Christ is present in those moments. The presence of Christ is for what we hunger and thirst in the Eucharist, what we seek in these encounters, and how we carry out our mission.

This is the hunger and thirst I perceived in discerning the call to St. Andrew's and I now I experience it with you! In the midst of an anxiety-ridden age, we have formation opportunities, we are engaging in outreach, we have a strong stewardship team, our vestry is committed, fellowship opportunities continue, our preschool is open, our worship and acknowledgment of our dependence on God remains! Our mission is not on hold and the church is active! We do not have full view of the road ahead and we do not need to see the whole road when our focus is following Jesus. Be safe, be gentle on yourselves, and know that Christ knows you and invites you and all of us into continued relationship. We continue, One Together, in our mission!

Faithfully yours,

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

VESTRY UPDATE



SENIOR WARDEN

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This week we invited back our children and youth for outdoor Formation on our church grounds, kicking off a new Formation year, new school year, and a new chapter in the life of our church as we regather and reconnect as a church family, both in person and virtually. In our Godly Play lesson for our youngest children (our preschool through second graders) we talked this week about the Circle of the Church Year. We talked about the concept of time as being circular and about how “for every beginning there is an ending, and for every ending there is a beginning. It goes on forever and ever.” (From Godly Play by Jerome Berryman).

As I reflect on this simple, yet profound concept I am struck by the poetry and the sheer beauty of this. In Godly Play we related this back to the story of Easter, that Jesus died which was an ending, but that he reappeared to the disciples during the season of Easter and they got to know him in a new way, which is a new beginning, just as he is still with us today, meeting us in a new way. We also talked about how the church calendar begins with Advent when the days are as short as they can possibly be and then goes around in a circle through the green growing Sundays after Pentecost where it ends, but then begins again with Advent, just as the light of the day seems to be coming to an end again.

So, as I sit here on my deck on this most beautiful fall Sunday contemplating how this relates to our church life it occurs to me that this is a great time to celebrate that. While so much has changed for us in our daily lives as we live through a pandemic (endings of the way we’ve become accustomed to living), there have been new and wonderful beginnings as well. Through it all the circle of our church year offers us continuous times of reimagining, and new beginnings as we regather in new ways.

And Friends, amidst the sadness, and the trials/endings of this past 7 months in our world and in our own parish, there is also newness, excitement, and much to celebrate and look forward to. This summer was a busy, busy time for the Vestry, during what is typically a season of slowness for us. So busy in fact that we found ourselves meeting sometimes twice in a month, rather than our typical once a month. But it was a wonderful busy, full of reimagining and new beginnings as we dusted ourselves off from what felt like the longest winter/spring to find new ways to reconnect with each other while still following Diocesan guidelines for safety. We welcomed our amazing new Priest-in-Charge, Father Will, on July 1st, and in partnership with Father Will we worked to get our church outfitted for eventual regathering in person both indoors and outside, we worked with the preschool staff to re-open our preschool in a safe manner, we reorganized our commissions and Vestry leadership to move from the interim period into our next chapter of parish life with our new priest, and we started the work of race and reconciliation through beloved community.

In short, we have celebrated so many beginnings in the past three months. Most recently we welcomed a new vestry member, Carl Jones, to fill a vestry vacancy that occurred when Ed Colliton communicated his need to step away from service to reprioritize his time commitments toward other areas of his life. We give thanks for the tremendous work Ed did while on Outreach and welcome Carl to this commission.

I am grateful for the flexibility, grace, and creativity that this Vestry has brought to the process of creating new solutions and for the sound spiritual and practical guidance and leadership of Father Will. I am excited to continue to reimagine with them and with you all how we continue to celebrate, worship, and commune with each other as we approach our next Church year.

This month our Vestry continues the work of putting together a thoughtful budget for 2021 to continue to do our good works for our parish and community, showing the love of

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.

Christ through our many ministries and programs. At the same time, we have entered our stewardship season where we ask you all as fellow parishioners to prayerfully consider how you might support this work through the giving of your time, talent, and treasure. Where I see potential challenge in the upcoming budget year, I also see potential opportunity. Opportunity to shine the light of Christ in our community, in our world, and in our parish with each other.

I give thanks for the amazing work of the 2020 Stewardship Committee who has this past month kicked off our One Together campaign to enable us to do that, Vestry Chairs Darren Williams and Karan Wright, and committee members Ted Burkhalter, Lula Carpenter, Elizabeth Hattingh, and Pete Kirkham.

May God bless you all richly and continue to provide you strength during your times of need and comfort during your times of trial. May you feel the love of God surrounding you and yours each and every day.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Well, we did it. We have completed our first few weeks of preschool. It has been a wild ride getting to this point, but now it feels like we've never left. The hum of busy learning is back and it is one of my favorite sounds. It's the sound where children are engaged and teachers are coaching from the side creating a perfect balance of knowing when to assist and knowing when to stand back and allow the children to just be and do it themselves. Our classrooms are busy, vibrant, calm, and safe places for children to explore and discover.

This is a preschool experience like no other. The children are very good about keeping their masks on and continue to tell me as I walk through the hall that we have to wear these masks because of COVID-19. While it's true we need the masks, it has not inhibited their ability to meet new friends and try new things. I am amazed at their resilience.

Our teachers have become creative thinkers who have changed and adjusted their program so children can do what they do best: play.

We are thrilled to provide this opportunity for our students and are proud of the learning community we have built.

Our Food for Friends ministry has not stopped. In fact, since March we have packed and delivered over 1,000 bags of food through generous donations from several area Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and the MITRE Corporation.

As we move into fall, we continue to stay vigilant about keeping each other safe and healthy so we can continue our adventure!

Prayer List

Michael Arnold
Lauren Bauer
Maxx Bauer
John and Janet Carver
Carol Cobb
Chris Conrad
John Corbett
Larry Dickerson
Dale Dickey

John Dunham
Phil Dunn
George Duvall
Ed Frey
Agnes Gleason
David Graves
Lori Hardin
Bill Hartig
Susan Henderson
Linda and Ed Hunter
Jack Keyser

Janet Keyser
Nancy Knight
Dale Leonard
Ryan Martel
Gunnar and Heike Mayer
Regina McCombs
Conrad Moore (and family)
David Nies
James Padgett
Leean Palmgren
Pam

Philippa Pearce
Marie Reba
Col. Terry Rice
Lloyd Sterling
John Strong
Maureen Sullivan
Douglas Taggart
Susan White
Bette Williams

OUTREACH

ECHO

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ECHO is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization which has helped the people in need in our community for 50 years. They collect donations of money, clothing, household items, non-perishable foods, school supplies, toys for children's holiday gifts, and distribute aid in a dignified and respectful way to local residents who seek assistance. There are many kinds of tasks that enable ECHO to carry out its mission, so new volunteers are always welcome.

The number of folks who ask for assistance from ECHO has increased significantly due to the pandemic. We would like to support their needs more regularly than the occasional food drive by asking folks who come to in-person Sunday worship to bring something from their pantry to share with our neighbors in need. Please bring whatever non-perishable items you can to the Sunday 10:00 a.m. outdoor worship service. There will be a box designated for ECHO at the check-in table. We will make sure they get to ECHO in a timely manner. Thank you!

Samaritan Ministry

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Samaritan Ministry provides community services to homeless persons or those in need in the DC/VA/MD region. Through the support of St. Andrew's and other parishes, SMGW assists people whose lives are in transition by working with them to set life improvement goals to end their homelessness and/or unemployment.

We are one of the twelve regional Episcopal Church partners who founded SMGW in 1986. It's the one outreach ministry that connects us to our Episcopal brothers and sisters in over 50 churches throughout the D.C. area. St.

Andrew's has continued to provide volunteer and financial support for the SMGW regional mission.

Elaine Runkel has served faithfully as our program leader and "parish representative" for 4 years. It's time to give her a break! Please prayerfully consider taking on this ministry. The demands on your time will be light.

FORMATION

Sunday School

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Sunday school held its first classes on Sunday, October 4th. We were able to meet in-person, outdoors due to some wonderful weather. If you haven't [registered your children for Sunday School](#) yet, it's not too late, but please do it today.

Due to some feedback, the high school class will also meet at 11:00 a.m. instead of 4:00 p.m. as was previously advertised. If your family isn't comfortable with in-person class we will supply you with the lessons to do at home and everyone

will meet virtually when there is inclement weather. Once the weather gets too cold to meet outside, we will stick to meeting virtually.

Sunday School meets every two weeks. The dates for Sunday School for the remainder of 2020 are October 18th, November 1st, November 15th, and December 6th, from 11:00-11:30 a.m. We will have a break for the holiday and pick back up after the new year.

Youth Confirmation

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Youth formation and Confirmation formation will be combined at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays with youth and children formation outdoors, weather permitting (Zoom when weather doesn't permit). This class, for 9-12 graders this year, is open to teenagers who are Confirmed, seeking to get confirmed, or for regular participation. We invite all High School-aged teens to [register](#) and give it a try beginning on October 18th. For more information, [click here](#).

FORMATION

Adult Formation

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This Sunday, October 11th, we will have coffee hour after the service at 11:00 a.m. followed by an Adult Forum on regathering in the church. We will present the Diocesan guidelines, our own plans for outdoor and indoor worship and activities, and what our survey, with more than 200 responses, indicated.

All Adult Formation will meet on Zoom every two weeks; the link will be published in the weekly update. Thus far, we have the following opportunities:

Oct. 11th	The Road to Regathering
Oct. 25th	Close to Home - The Churches Response and Our Needed Response to the Opiate Crisis in Burke (With Fairfax County Substance Abuse Counselor Miranda Gillespie, CSAC)
Nov. 8th	TBD
Nov. 22nd	Family Faith at Home with Paris Ball, Diocesan Minister for Christian Formation and Camps.
Dec. 13th	TBD

WORSHIP

Messy Church

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Our first Messy Church was a huge success! We will be trying to squeeze in 1 or 2 more before the weather prohibits us from gathering outside. Our next date is November 8th (with a rain date on the 15th). We will meet at 4:00 p.m. to counteract the sun setting earlier. Please wear comfortable (warm) clothes that are ok to get messy in. Each family will have their own table, socially distanced from other families. Please wear your masks and bring any snacks your family might want.

Closer to the event we will have a sign up available. Unfortunately, we need to cap the number at around 65 due to space issues. We understand things happen - this is life!! But if you want to sign up and didn't get to it in time, please let Amy know so she can put you on a wait list. Also, if you did register but find yourselves unable to attend, tell Amy ASAP so she can pull a family from the waiting list. Hope to see you there!

REGATHERING

Regathering Update

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This coming Sunday, October 11th, we will hold a forum via Zoom on the status of safely regathering. We will look at the Diocesan and state requirements, our survey, and where we are in the process. All of the Diocesan requirements and guidance may be found on the [Diocesan website](#). Here is a brief overview of where we stand and what is required going forward.

At this time, we are following the guidelines to engage in limited outdoor worship and formation. As we seek indoor worship, we will discern together our own level of readiness once we are granted permission. One of the big health markers we are required to meet, in addition to sufficient medical support, is a 14-day average of 5 diagnosed cases or less per 100,000 people in our area. Once our petition is granted by the Diocese we can then move to make our own decision for our return.

Some outside groups are permitted to use our space outdoors at the moment and we will look at the potential for

indoor, small group gatherings on an as-needed basis. Our food ministry teams are permitted to be in the building. The staff continues to work from home and we are in the building for work requiring our onsite presence. The Peace Islamic Center will consider its indoor return with our own discernment for return to indoor worship. From time to time, we will seek exception, in consultation with the Diocese, for pastoral reasons.

Thank you to our regathering team for your guidance, support, and strategy. Thank you: Christie Dasher, Doug Wood, Christine Kelly, Darren Williams, Julie Morgan, Bob Heyer, Martha Turner, Rich Richardson, Aaron Goen, and Tami Phillips.

We look forward to a more in-depth presentation on Sunday. Please look for updates coming to the website soon where we will post all of our regathering resources.

THINGS HAPPENING

Meet Father Will

Betsy Cotten & Rebecca Umberger | fellowship@standrews.net

Father Will would like to meet with each and every one of our parishioners in person or by Zoom. He will be hosting a series of small group meetings (up to 10 people) in the mornings (10:00 a.m.) and evenings (7:30 p.m.) to get to know the people of St. Andrew's. Outdoor meetings will require you to bring your own chair and wear a mask. These meetings will be held between now and November 30th on Mondays and Tuesdays.

A Sign-Up Genius has been created, so pick a time that works best for you/your family and [sign up here to schedule a meeting](#).

ECHO Donations

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There will be a box designated for ECHO at the check-in table. We will make sure they get to ECHO in a timely manner. We know they would appreciate all the support.

Forward Day-by-Day

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Twenty-five copies of the popular *Forward Day by Day* booklet are now at the church and will be mailed to anyone who requests a copy.

Forward Day by Day is published in printed form three months at a time and includes a Bible passage from the sequence of lessons for daily use plus a brief meditation.

Please email Michelle to request a copy.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

OCTOBER 4, 2020

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

OCTOBER 11, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

OCTOBER 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalms 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

OCTOBER 25, 2020

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Mikey Eckman	2 Aidan Fernandes Drew Peters Andrew Davis Jack Spitzer Josephine Gallant	3 Claudia Brady
4	5	6 Christian Pohlmann Ben Kosowski Ben Lewis	7 Rebecca Umberger	8 Paul Foley	9 John Corbett	10
11 Sarah Gregory	12 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY 	13	14 John Bernhards Elaine Runkel	15	16 Judie Prentiss Sam Withington John Heyer	17 Fred Kalema- Musoke Corene Froede Vanessa Parks
18 Doug Connell Ron Gumbert	19 Liam Hattingh	20 Anna Kosowski	21 Libby Hassler	22 Erik Pohlmann Colin Jones Thea Hattingh Autumn Haubner	23 Wes Akins	24
25	26 Bruce McWilliams Marshall Withington Jason Watson	27 Pam Hauge Doug Wood Amelie Rhoads	28 Jesse Hill Joe Steele Emma Jones	29 Katherine Gallant Bailey Gallant	30 Pat Conrad Meredith Horan Ripley Coates	31 HALLOWEEN Elizabeth Hattingh 

*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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