



The Net

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



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
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Dear Friends in Christ,

This Sunday, we enter into the season of Advent. Andy Williams and Mariah Carey will resonate throughout stores and in households. The shopping season has likely already begun. A Christmas Carol and many Christmas movies are on repeat. The decorations come out and the tree goes up as the Thanksgiving cornucopia is overtaken by the Christmas crèche. Yes, the season is upon us, but it is quite different. As we may seek some semblance of how we typically celebrate the season, it is inevitably different this year and the shift is not just from in-store to online shopping. We face a different world and practicing discipleship takes on new forms in the same spirit as we seek to find cheer in our current pandemic reality.

Advent waits for us and arrives as scheduled. We look toward the celebration of the Incarnation and blessed birth, yes, but we primarily observe this season to proclaim Christ's second coming. As we safely sing, proclaim, and pray O come, O come, Emmanuel, we accept the invitation of hope for what we look towards. This season, our hectic and busy lives look different and we are invited into a time of holy reflection. What does that look like in a pandemic?

I know we may hope or even think it takes an extreme dedication to truly observe Advent, however, Christ meets us where we are when we accept the invitation. This season, you are invited into this holy time to observe from time to time and at the least, say the phrase, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and perhaps to even sing it! As a guide, I will host short

prayer sessions and reflections a few times a week (about 5-10 minutes at most) on Facebook Live on:

- Mondays at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Thursdays at 9:00 p.m.

We are invited to pause, reflect, and remember God's presence. As we try to recreate and proceed in the season as usual, it will inevitably be different. As we approach Advent, the Kingdom remains; our hope remains; and Christ's consoling love endures! God of hope, we pray, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday online or outdoors, One Together!

Faithfully yours,

Will



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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*Give us ears to hear, O God,
and eyes to watch,
that we may know your presence in our midst
during this holy season of joy
as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen**

This weekend, Sunday November 29th marks the beginning of the church calendar year, starting with the First Sunday in Advent, or even more specifically the beginning of Year B of our Lectionary for Sundays (for those planners amongst us who want to know). I am reminded of the beautiful language from the young children's Godly Play curriculum by Jerome Berryman that we use with our youngest children here at St. Andrew's where we talk about Advent as a time of getting ready, a time set aside for us to start our journey to Bethlehem, and a time intended to be less hurried than it sometimes is, in order to enable us to get ready to enter "the mystery" of Christmas. We talk about it as a time to come close to God and to make a journey together with the Prophets, Holy Family, Shepherds, and Angels. I wish our family at St. Andrew's a blessed Advent season of great wondering, peace, joy, and anticipation. I wish you moments of mindfulness and clarity as you take the time to just be and to feel the presence of God.

This month the Vestry has continued the work begun in September to prayerfully discern and allocate the use of our resources for the next calendar year of 2021 through formulation of a budget to carry out the mission and work of the church. While 2020 has plied us with challenges, it has also reminded us of the central work of the church and the blessings that we have to be able to continue to take care of our worship needs, building/grounds needs, our amazing staff, and our outreach and formation, all of which we offer to the glory of God. The Vestry gives thanks in particular this month for the time and talents given freely and abundantly by our Finance and Audit Committee (FAC), current members Libby Fike (Chair), Tony Faison, Jeff Reba, and Bob Heyer (Endowment Board Chair) to guide us through the final, and undoubtedly most difficult, point of our budgetary journey. We are indebted to these people for their experience and financial acumen to assist us in preparation of the final budget to be presented to the Parish at the annual meeting. We extend our warmest gratitude to former FAC Chair/member Hal Hendrick for his work with us during the summer and fall months as well.

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PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Ok, so how in the world did it get to be December! We have survived some rainy drop off and pick up days and have greatly appreciated our parent's help in making sure the children exited their cars safe and dry. We continue to be grateful to our preschool families for being extra cautious with symptoms. They continue to take keeping our preschool safe. We are amazed at their continued effort!

The Discovery Room is going well. Mrs. Smith's room is right next to my office and I can hear the children's science conversations with their classmates and Mrs. Smith. All of our teachers are experts at engaging students in meaningful math, science, language, and writing conversations. It's an important part of preschool learning since an early learner's listening vocabulary is the main way they take in new information.

Something very special is being delivered to the Discovery Room. For the past 6 years we have borrowed, Trixie, a large talking Triceratops for Dinovember. Trixie is so large that the children can sit on it! Trixie belonged to a former St. Andrew's student who is now in middle school and was looking for a home for a large extinct Triceratops. We are over the moon excited about Trixie being a permanent part of our preschool!

We will offer two Lunch Bunches for each class in December. This extends the day to 1:15 pm for a charge of \$10.00. The children enjoy spending more time with their friends.

Our Food for Friends program continues in December. In addition to food, we will be collecting new hats, scarves, and mittens. The hats, scarves, mittens, and food bags will be delivered December 16th.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Update

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Have you ever tried to accomplish something complex, like write a term paper, make a recipe, or shop for your family's groceries without knowing everything you need to know? Well, that is the type of process our Vestry, and amazing volunteers like our Treasurer and Finance and Audit Committee, go through each and every year to keep St. Andrew's funded the way it needs to be. It is our Annual Budget process, and it has started already—this is the "complex" part.

So, what is the "without knowing everything you need to know" part? Well, this is where our wonderful parishioners enter this picture. To make the budget, and to ensure we distribute adequately to keep ALL areas of our church funded, we must know the amount of pledges we are to receive for the upcoming fiscal year. We so very much appreciate all of you who have pledged, and all who have yet to pledge, but we thank you for entering your pledge for the upcoming year as soon as you can. We are in the middle of making the recipe, and may not have the most important ingredient accounted for—you!

Here are the ways St. Andrew's parishioners can pledge:

- 1) Mail in your annual pledge card.
- 2) Drop off your pledge card in our mailbox
- 3) Submit your annual pledge online via our website ([link](#))

Again, we thank you for being a part of St. Andrew's Annual Giving Campaign with your time, talent and/or treasure, and for being here with us...One Together.

#AdventWord

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A way to observe Advent this year is to follow our Facebook posts as we have a picture a day. **Virginia Theological Seminary and Forward Movement** have created a daily calendar of words and meditations as you can see in the image. This is an opportunity to stop and reflect on the image, word, and meditation each day this Advent season. You are also invited to see how other dioceses, churches, and individuals observe this practice.



Prayer List

Tina Boyd
Camp Family
John and Janet Carver
Carol Cobb
Chris Conrad
Gloria Covington
Theresa DelConte
Larry Dickerson

Dale Dickey
Katie Durso
Eddie Fortune
Ed Frey
Lori Hardin
Bill Hartig
Susan Henderson
Donna and Kent Hoover
Linda and Ed Hunter
Janet Keyser

Nancy Knight
Ryan Martel
Gunnar and Heike Mayer
Regina McCombs
Mary J. Moses
David Nies
Pam
Andrew Parthum
Philippa Pearce
Terry Peel
Charles Petty

Kate Schneider
Lloyd Sterling
Douglas Taggart
Susan White
Bette Williams

Departed

David Graves
(step-grandfather of Betsy Cotten)
Agnes Gleason
(sister of Bob Gleason)
Glenn Ross
(friend of Deborah England)
David Harpman
(neighbor of Lula Carpenter)
Tom Vadnaïs
(friend of Deborah England)

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Meet Father Will

Betsy Cotten & Rebecca Umberger | fellowship@standrews.net

Father Will would like to meet with each and every one of our parishioners! With the weather getting colder, all upcoming meetings will take place on Zoom. Each meeting (up to 10 people) will be in the mornings (10:00 a.m.) and evenings (7:30 p.m.) on Mondays and Tuesday through to the end of the year. You can [sign up here to schedule a meeting](#).

Coffee Hour

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Are you missing seeing others in the Parish Hall as much as we are? It is hard not seeing everyone's smiling faces, giving you a huge when you are down, or wishing the Peace of the Lord in person.

One way to reconnect is to start joining us for St. Andrew's Zoom coffee hour. Stay for 10 minutes or the full hour, we would love to say hello and see how you and your family are doing. We start the call as a group of 20-30 and then break into smaller groups of 6-8. Join us if you can. The link is sent out every Friday.

Christmas at St. Andrew's

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We welcome you this year to our celebrations on Christmas! Please feel free to share our worship with people far and wide. Our outdoor service will be about 40 minutes long in a similar format to our current outdoor worship with music, but no congregational singing (due to the pandemic and Diocesan requirements). Our pageant service (first international!) will be inviting and energetic with an emphasis on families. Our later services will be formal Christmas Eve Liturgy of the Word. On Christmas morning, we celebrate in an online service with readings for Christmas Day. The schedule of services is as follows:

Christmas Eve:

- 2:00 PM – [Outdoor Christmas Worship](#) (weather permitting)
- 4:00 PM (3:45 prelude) – Online Christmas worship with PAGEANT!
- 7:00 PM (6:45 Prelude) – Online Christmas worship (Liturgy of the Word)
- 10:00 PM (9:45 Prelude) – Online Christmas worship (Liturgy of the Word)

Christmas Day:

- 10:30 AM – Online Christmas worship (Liturgy of the Word)

Sacred Ground

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We ask for continued prayers as our discernment and work towards racial reconciliation continues with a group of parishioners entering into the Episcopal Church's Sacred Ground series. Led by Fr. Will, this group is taking a deep dive into discussion, prayer, and work in discipleship. We ask for continued prayers, for this group, and for our larger work in racial reconciliation.

Hypothermia Prevention 2021

Steve Koss & Elaine Runkel | hypothermia@standrews.net

St. Andrew's will be participating in this critical ministry again—January 31st - February 7th—to help the homeless in our community. The program will have differences and similarities compared to last year as a result of COVID-19.

What is the same (or even greater this year) is the need in our community for this valuable ministry and the need for us to provide meals, donated items such as clothing, walking food, etc., and donated funds to cover transportation such as bus tokens, Smartrip Cards, and gas cards.

What is different this year is that we will not be hosting guests at St. Andrew's, nor providing transportation, nor directly interacting with our guests. Rather, there will be a single 24/7 shelter location for our region staffed by FACETS. We will be sharing our week with Florist United Methodist near Dulles who will split the meals for the week with us. More details on how to participate and a signup genius will be forthcoming by the end of December.

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Thank You!

Amy & Debby Braun | thanksgiving@standrews.net

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Thanksgiving Baskets outreach this year! Amy and Debby were able to hand deliver the gift cards you all funded this weekend to 12 grateful families in our community.



Sunday School News

Jane Girondo & Stacey Peters | formation@standrews.net

We've been counting our blessings and are most thankful for the teachers, guest speakers, and formation leaders that have kept our faith formation going this fall. We've had a couple of in-person and one virtual session of Sunday school and we appreciate all who have registered and attended. We've had some very thought-provoking adult formation sessions, one in particular on November 22nd with Paris Ball, Minister for Christian Formation at the Diocese which we recorded and is available to [watch here](#). She has many concrete and simple ideas for us to continue our faith formation even though we are doing so mostly from home. Stay tuned for more on this in the new year.

We have one more class scheduled for December 6th and if the weather continues to skew warm, we will meet in-person on the church grounds. We miss those of you who we haven't seen and understand that these are trying times for all so please do join us if you are able. It is never too late to join a Sunday school class and adult formation is just a click away. [Register your child here](#) to be sure to get the latest information from your teachers and formation leaders as to zoom links for virtual class, etc.

Talent Search: Facebook Guru

Christine Kelly | relay4life@standrews.net

Team Believe is in search of someone with knowledge of setting up a Facebook site for Team Believe to have its Purses, Jewelry and other accessories yard sale fundraiser virtually in the March/April timeframe. If you have this skill set and can help, please contact Christine Kelly.

Giving Tuesday

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This Giving Tuesday, December 1st, we ask you remember **St. Andrew's** and other support groups like ECHO and FACETS in our community. Every little bit helps us serve our congregation and our community.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

DECEMBER 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

DECEMBER 13, 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Psalms 126

DECEMBER 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

DECEMBER 24, 2020

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Psalms 96

DECEMBER 25, 2020

Christmas

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)

John 1:1-14

Psalms 98

DECEMBER 27, 2020

1st Sunday After Christmas



Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

Psalms 147:13-21

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Jesse Elliott	3	4 June Folluo Darcy Kohn	5 Matthew Grogan
6 Daniel Leong Alice McGuin	7 Elsa Kirkham Patrick McLean	8 Shepard Kirkham	9 Lindsey Daugherty Trey Forbes	10 Annel Kelley	11 Lauren Jost	12 Samuel Hellier
13 Stacey Thomas	14 David Kagulu-Kalema	15 Beverly Bernhards Corey Runkel Beth Ridpath	16 George Maeanda-Kalema	17 Libby Fike Maddie Vega Susan Burkhalter	18 Frances Moffett Hannah Colvig Gabby Vega Jane Schneble	19
20 Lisa Rollo	21 WINTER BEGINS Brian Bowker Connor Ridge 	22 Jim Kirkpatrick Sandy Mansfield Ayla Petty Emily Paquette Jennifer Koerner	23 Julie Grimes	24	25 CHRISTMAS Pat Brown 	26 Frank DeMarco Elizabeth Bresnahan
27 Lauren Bresnahan	28 Charles Petty Adam Sabo	29 Tracey Mula Sean Thomas Moiria Hendrick	30	31 Jess Speaker		

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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