



The Net

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



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
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Dear Friends in Christ,

You may be glad to say that 2020 is over. We have a new year, a fresh start, and a brand-new beginning. One of the many practices followed during a new year is making New Year's Resolutions. What may be on your list this year? The regular items may very well be there such as exercise, eating healthy, being nice, reading more, and a host of items. Given our experience in 2021, it may be time to take a fresh look at this practice.

This year, we have a new opportunity. Our celebration of Christmas showed us that we truly need the Incarnation in our lives and not merely the cultural celebration of the holidays. We now know what we truly miss and what we do not miss. We have seen our values and the values of our society. Perhaps a resolution may begin with keeping to those things that have changed for the better in 2020. Maybe it means working towards leaving some things behind.

One of the gifts of the Incarnation is that it points to the Resurrection. We always have an opportunity for a new start and a fresh beginning. Let us mark this year in the knowledge that this gift is something we may accept. As a community, let's resolve to continually work towards our discipleship. This does not mean that are not already, but we have a new lens and new revelations this year.

Merry Christmas and we look forward to worshiping with you soon!

Faithfully yours,

VESTRY UPDATE

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 (via Zoom)

Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.

- January 10th
- January 24th
- February 7th
- February 21st
- March 7th
- March 21st



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Happy New Year, St. Andrew's! Wow, it feels good to say that. What a year we have to reflect upon. Never have I seen so many changes and transitions in such a short amount of time in the 15 years I've been attending this church.

We started the year 2020 with a farewell to our wonderful interim rector, the Rev. Rosemari Sullivan. We switched to online worship during that pivotal week in March when the Diocese ordered us to hold virtual only worship and we did not miss a single Sunday of church! We cheered our beloved deacon and interim associate rector, the Rev. Stephen Crippen through his distanced solo marathon at the end of March and then said goodbye to him after celebrating our first ever online Easter service with him.

We welcomed another incredible interim rector, the Rev. Ed Miller, who helped to shepherd us through the last period of discernment during our priest in charge search and laid the groundwork for our regathering and commitment to racial reconciliation. This work was started in January by Pastor Rosemari, who facilitated an invitation to the esteemed Dr. Catherine Meeks, Director of the Absalom Jones Episcopal Center for Racial Healing in Atlanta, Georgia to join the vestry in an inspiring workshop during our February vestry retreat. This work continues through our small group Sacred Ground meetings with Father Will and through our larger quarterly group meetings. And finally, but most importantly, we welcomed a new Priest-in-Charge to St. Andrew's, Father Will Packard, in July.

Through it all we persisted as a congregation. We found new ways to stay connected to each other through Zoom coffee hours, Zoom Formation, and distant small outdoor meet-ups where possible. We learned to text and email the Peace to each other on Sundays, and we started to check in more regularly with people we had not heard from by phone, email, and text. We continued our work in Outreach ministry through ECHO and FACETS, in partnership with our Scouts to meet an ever growing, increasing need in our community. We found new ways to make and deliver our FACETS meals. We found new ways to connect with businesses in partnership with our faith community. We opened our preschool to serve a need in our community and have continued safely and successfully to operate our school to provide a vital ministry to the Burke community. In the late fall we invited back our AA groups into the building with safety guidelines in place, recognizing that the social isolation for those in recovery during this pandemic has endangered the health and well being of so many of our brothers and sisters.

What I have personally learned during this time is how much the St. Andrew's extended family means to me and my family. We have all learned that our St. Andrew's family is loving, resilient, and committed to our community and each other. Yes, it has been a challenging and heartbreaking year, but it has also been a year of God sightings, a joyful, life affirming, and comforting year.

This month our Vestry extends its gratitude to the Finance and Audit Committee for their good work in guiding the Vestry through the 2021 budget process. With many thanks for the talents of Libby Fike, Tony Faison, Jeff Reba, and Bob Heyer (Endowment Board Chair) in this endeavor. We give thanks to the continued good and ongoing work of our Treasurer, Bo Zagurski and Parish Administrator, Michelle Ramsdell in keeping our finances and day to day administrative functions in great shape. These two individuals are of singular importance to the ongoing work of the Vestry.

And of course, we recognize the tremendous gifts and assets we have in our incredible staff, Emily Nein, our Communications Director, Amy Dutton, our Director of Family Ministry, Michelle Ramsdell, our Parish Administrator, Aaron Goen, our Music Director, Tami Phillips, our Preschool Director, and Carlos Guzman, our Sexton. We have been so blessed as a vestry and as a parish to have this top-notch staff who have guided us seamlessly through the increased demands of running a church during a pandemic and

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.

without being able to meet in person. And of course, we give thanks to God for richly blessing us with a new Priest in Charge, Father Will, who answered a call to be with us. We offer recognition and gratitude for the tremendous job that Fr. Will has done for our parish since joining us in July and look forward to our next year together.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Starting January 19, 2021, our preschool will begin registering for the 2021-2022 school year. Current families, siblings of alumni, and Parish members get priority on registering. Registration opens to the community on February 16, 2021. Classes are filled first come first serve, so please don't delay if you are interested. Please visit our [website](#) for more information and to view a virtual tour of the preschool.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers for Healthcare Workers

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This Christmas season, we are asking for names of healthcare workers so that we may lift them up in prayer. This 2020 year, many have worked on the front lines and served at their own risk for others. Our nation and world has relied upon our healthcare workers now as much as ever. We have seen the videos and testimonies of their exhausting schedules and dedicated service.

Submit names here for any healthcare workers for whom you would like us to pray, and we will offer them at the end of the season on the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6) and at the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ (January 9/10).

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](#).

Prayer List

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

Katie Durso
Lori Hardin
Bill Hartig
Susan Henderson
Donna and Kent Hoover
Linda and Ed Hunter
Claire Johns
Tom Kelly
Jack Keyser
Janet Keyser

Nancy Knight
Chely Lopez
Gunnar and Heike Mayer
Regina McCombs
Alys McGlohon
Mary J. Moses
Pam
Terry Peel
Charles Petty
Ann Riley
Kate Schneider

Lloyd Sterling
Douglas Taggart
Mike Tapper
Susan White

Departed

Emily Miller (niece of Snady Mansfield)
Jeannette Crutchfield (former parishioner)
Louisa McAllister (friend of Deborah England)
Dick Blair (friend of Bob Gleason)
Elda Marmaduke (sister-in-law of Doris James)
Vicki Kemp (neighbor of Deborah England)
Andrew Parthum (friend of the Osthaus Family)
John Hotaling (father-in-law of Scott Anderson)

Holy Eucharist this Christmas

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We are offering Holy Eucharist throughout the Christmas season. Our understanding of the Incarnation is palpably expressed in our Sacraments and this Christmas we offer throughout the season an opportunity to partake in Communion in small groups of 9 or under, outdoors throughout the 12 days of Christmas, in front of the Church. We invite you to participate in these small gatherings a part of our whole congregation and in participation with all of the saints.

Communion will be distributed in one kind following the **guidelines from the Diocese**. The visitation/service itself will take about 7 minutes and we invite you to sign up for a slot. Please let us know if none of these times will work. We also continue to encourage individuals and families to make informed decisions on their level of risk. Please sign up **at this link**.

Hypothermia Prevention

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St. Andrew's will be working again this year with FACETS to provide assistance to our homeless population from January 31-February 3, 2021 (our "sister" church will cover the remainder of that week). Rather than hosting at St. Andrew's during COVID, there is a 24/7 hypothermia prevention shelter for our region at the former Container Store in Tysons Corner 8508 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA.

Due to COVID concerns we will not be directly interacting with our guests this year, nor will we be cooking hot meals. We will still have means to actively volunteer in this ministry for which we will post a signup genius which will come out in early January. We will be providing church funded catered hot dinners and we will have volunteers make desserts and provide items for cold breakfast and lunches.

Due to changes in the program and an overwhelming response by the faith community many of the usual desired donated goods such as jackets have already been filled and we will be updating the donated items wish list by rolling the remaining items which are still needed for donations onto the hypothermia prevention sign up genius coming out in early January. Due to COVID concerns we will be accepting these donated items at St. Andrew's only at the following prescribed drop off dates/times:

- Thursday, Jan. 21st @ 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 30th @ 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Giving to St. Andrew's

Michelle Ramsdell | michelle@standrews.net

One of the ways in which you may donate to the ongoing ministry of St. Andrew's is through the gift of stock. There are many benefits to giving in this way and a discussion with a financial advisor or tax accountant may provide some additional information. If this is something that arises for you or would be convenient, please email Michelle for information and instructions.

Property Commission

Doug Wood & Christine Kelly | jrwarden@standrews.net & buildings@standrews.net

The Vestry is establishing a permanent Property Commission to help maintain, sustain, and improve St. Andrew's building and grounds to best meet our church's mission. The Property Commission will be established as a permanent committee within the ByLaws at the 2021 annual meeting. We are seeking members for this new commission. Any one with an interest or experience in management, operation and maintenance of our buildings and grounds is invited to contact Doug Wood or Christine Kelly. Experience in construction, contracting, information technology, architecture, or engineering is a plus but not required.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

JANUARY 3, 2020

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 84

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Luke 2:41-52

JANUARY 10, 2020

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

JANUARY 17, 2020

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

JANUARY 24, 2020

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:6-14

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

JANUARY 31, 2020

4th Sunday after the Epiphany




Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Nancy Knight Patrick Murphy 	2 Jim Slawski Scott Emert Steve Koss Andrew Winfield
3 Ann DiMisa	4 Carol MacLean	5 Brian Umberger	6 EPIPHANY Janet Foley Liz Ryon 	7 Janet Carver January Layman-Wood Henry Scarborough	8 Michael Boster	9 Jeremy Brown Christie Dasher 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 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY Pam Rozelsky Ronan Davis 	19 Dylan Potter Bella Bruggeman Dave Lewis	20	21	22	23 Alex Sperry
24 Devon Scott	25 Mark Jaskot Deborah England Bill Wright Dan Emrick Sean Cafferky	26 Ward McKinley Tim Bradfield Ben Bradfield	27 Harper McGuin	28	29 Bruce Stuck Nick Jones	30 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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