



The Net

The Monthly Newsletter of
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
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Dear Friends in Christ,

A few Sundays ago we were able to sing together the hymn *I am the Bread of Life*.

As with many hymns, the congregational singing of this hymn produced an emotional response for many of us as we gathered to sing and worship together after so long. Some of us may be more prone to tears during hymns, but I think all of us found our longing to worship together again a moving and liminal experience.

We will spend much of the month of August in the Gospel of John and we will hear many times about Jesus being the "Bread of Life." Each and every Sunday and whenever we pray the Lord's prayer, we pray "to give us this day our daily bread." This bread for which we pray and yearn both sustains us in our temporal, earthly lives, and feeds us eternally. With the nutrition of our bread we seek the "bread of life," which sustains us with the love and hope from God.

Many of us go through seasons and we often take August to refresh ourselves so that we may be sustained through the year. The August recess had a practical component (especially when A/C was not commonplace) in that it also provided a time to rest so that we may return. Are you taking particular time to refresh this August perhaps?

The bread that sustains, however, is that which may feed us eternally and provide us with what we need in our daily lives. What if we seek a life from which we did not need escape, but felt we could sustain? Yes, making particular time for recreation is essential and so is a balanced life.

As we take these last breaths of hot summer air before entering into our fall season, how might we seek the sustaining bread in our daily life. As we come to the altar, we receive the bread with the particular presence of Christ, in which we are sustained in covenantal promise and community. The feeling of communal singing of *I am the Bread of Life* is a sign pointing to our eternal hope. It is the sound of covenant community and the presence of Christ within it.

St. Andrew's and our beloved church may not only be a place of refuge as we enter the fall season, but it is a sustaining presence in our lives. We are fed by the bread in community with the presence of Christ in our midst.

If you are traveling, may you travel safely and I look forward to worshipping with you in person or online.

Faithfully yours,

VESTRY NEWS

Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM

Saturday @ 6:00 PM

Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM



SENIOR WARDEN

DOUG WOOD

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I want to take a moment to reflect on where we are right now. We have been able to regather for Saturday evening, Sunday 8:00 a.m., and Sunday 10:00 a.m. services inside the Nave, we have relaxed all social distancing measures except the wearing of masks, and Nursery and Pre-K care is being provided at the 10:00 a.m. service. Thanks to your dedication, we are again able to share God’s Word and Love in our building.

I have heard from several of you reminding me that it has been a year since Father Will joined us as our Priest-in-Charge and wondering what comes next. A mutual ministry review is being planned to begin early next year. At the conclusion of the evaluation, and with the consent of the Bishop, Father Will may be considered for election as our Rector. The Vestry will provide updates as we prayerfully work together.

Recently we all heard from our Workcampers who returned after a week in Wilmington, Delaware. How wonderful it was to hear how our St. Andrew’s Youth were able to make a difference in the lives of the residents they helped and also build stronger bonds between themselves.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this summer’s Vacation Bible School a success. Your ministry provided a wonderful opportunity for learning and fun for our VBS students.

Please remember our friend and brother Chris Conrad and hold his family in your prayers.

I wish everyone a restful summer, and that you are able to travel and see both new places and friends and family.



JUNIOR WARDEN

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KICKOFF SUNDAY After a year of being essentially idle (except our amazing Preschool), the building is beginning to take shape once again. The plan is to be spruced up and looking good by Sept. 12. This seems to be, in the life of our parish, a day of awakening after a long summer’s slumber. So, we are treating this as sort of a “Facility Grand Re-Opening” date, even though we’re in partial operation right now. Landscaping, internal cleanup, maintenance checks of equipment, etc. are all being done concurrently.

FEMA SECURITY GRANT In spite of our best efforts, we were not awarded a FEMA Security Grant for 2021. We’ve been offered a follow-up with them, in an effort to improve our probability of being awarded this grant in 2022. We will continue to pursue campus safety issues, through both expenditure and creativity, in an effort to make our campus progressively safer. We will explore the path to better safety through betterment of our exterior lighting, church entryway, electronic monitoring, preschool and general church procedures, and parishioner training.

PRESCHOOL UPGRADES The Preschool area is currently undergoing a minor facelift in anticipation of the upcoming school year. Classrooms 6 & 7 will be occupied most weekdays through noon, with regular Preschool activities. This move is necessary to maintain social distancing, and will likely be a one-year need. The room has been repainted, with teaching tools added along the walls. We are also doing some much-needed repairs to the restrooms.

FACILITY CALENDAR As we regather in all phases, we remind you to contact Michelle Ramsdell or Emily Nein to schedule your meetings, regular or ad hoc. There are several reasons for this. First, you don’t want to show up, and have nowhere to meet, or negotiate with another group. Second, for regular weekly meetings, we’d like to have the room at a reasonable temperature, which means pre-programming the thermostats for your meeting time. Third, the building isn’t always open, and the office can help you to access the building.

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.

OUTREACH

Back to School

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School bells will ring soon for the return of students to classrooms after a year away for most. School supplies are needed to help children be ready to enter and learn from day one as teachers, aides, and their students return after a year away. Our Outreach partners FACETS and ECHO are soliciting back to school donations and we hope you can help.

- Below are links to FACETS and ECHO that you can use to make donations if you choose, so just go to their website and be sure to note the donation is for school supplies.
- Both ECHO and FACETS have detailed lists of items needed that you can purchase if you choose. **Please bring your donations to St. Andrew’s on Saturday, Aug 7th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. or with you to church either Jul 31st/ Aug 1st or Aug 7th/8th. We will have a donations box on the ledge next to the Parish Hall.**
- If you wish, you may provide a check to St. Andrew’s by mail or in the plate offering. Be sure to note in the memo line “School Supplies” and we will divide the donations equally between the organizations. We will see that both our partners share in your generous gift to educate those in need.

FACETS

Make a Financial Donation: Make a tax-deductible donation to FACETS, and we’ll do the shopping for you! You can make a [financial donation online](#) (please indicate Back to School drive in the Special Instructions field) or send a check to our main office (10700 Page Avenue, Building B, Fairfax, VA 22030) and write “school supplies” in the memo section.

Needed Supplies:

- Gift Cards - Target or Wal-Mart gift cards help purchase extra school supplies or clothes.
- Sturdy Backpacks - K-12th grade (no wheels or corporate logos)
- Binders - 3 Ring - ½”, 1”, 2”, 3”
- Composition Book
- Paper - College or Wide-Ruled
- Paper - Construction and Graph
- Spiral Notebooks - 1, 2, 3, and 5 Subject(s)
- White Boards (8.5x11)
- Dry Erase Markers - Pack, Low-Odor
- Crayons
- Highlighters
- Ball Point Pens - Black, Blue, Red
- Pencils - Mechanical or Number 2
- Markers - Fine Tip, Wide Tip
- Colored Pencils
- Pink and White Erasers
- Binder Dividers - 5 or 8 Tabs
- Plastic Pocket Folder
- 3-Hole Pencil Pouch
- Glue - Sticks or Liquid
- Pencil Sharpener
- Post-It Notes - 3x3
- Index Cards - 3x5 (ruled and plain)
- Scissors - Blunt, Sharp
- Calculator - Scientific
- Calculator - 4 Function
- Compass
- Protractor
- Ruler
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Ziploc Bags - Gallon, Quart or Sandwich
- Paper Towels
- Tissues - Box
- Face Masks
- Earbuds or Headphones with Mic
- 2 GB Flash Drives
- Clipboards

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Prayer List

Pam
 Larry Dickerson
 Carol Cobb
 Linda and Ed Hunter
 Dale Dickey
 Heiki Mayer
 John and Janet Carver
 Douglas Taggart

Bill Hartig
 Lori Hardin
 Lloyd Sterling
 Nancy Knight
 Janet Keyser
 Katie Durso
 Charles Petty
 Gloria Covington
 Theresa DelConte

Jack Keyser
 Ann Riley
 Mike Tapper
 Claire Johns
 Tom Kelly
 Lisa Lavery
 Garson
 Hugh Brian Henderson
 Marie Lichaa
 Edward

Anne Huss
 Theo Pickeral
 Olivia Kertesz
 Carol Matovick
 Connie W.
 Rachel Gordon
 Nan Little
 Cyndi Wildberger
 Dave Lewis
 Phil Purdom
 Karan Wright

Brendan Cizek
 Candi James
 Wally Morgan
 Jan Rusin
 Kim Reisig
 Carrie Rose
 Jeff Nein
 Ray D'Amato
 Susan Scott

Departed

Susan Henderson (sister of Chuck Sleeper)
 Jen Blair (niece of Ellen Gleason)
 Chris Conrad (parishioner)

ECHO

ECHO is our partner in serving the needs of many in our community who are struggling with housing and food insecurity. The organization collects food, clothing, housewares and conducts annual yard sales to raise funds to support its mission. Each year they provide hundreds of students with back packs full of school supplies to enable them to enter classrooms ready to learn.

- You can find their home page here: www.echo-inc.org
- On their website you can make cash donations, noting the purpose of your contribution is to support the back-to-school program: www.echo-inc.org/sample-page-2/donating-money
- You can find the list of needed supplies on their website here: www.echo-inc.org/sample-page-2/school-supplies

Needed Supplies:

- High School backpacks (17 to 19 inches high) No corporate logos or wheels
- COLLEGE RULE ONLY Spiral notebooks (one subject)
- Paper Folders, Prong and No Prong
- WIDE RULE ONLY Composition books
- Wide and College ruled Loose leaf paper
- 3x5" LINED index cards
- 3x3" sticky (Post-it) notes
- Elmer's Glue sticks
- Fine Crayola Markers
- Broad Classic Crayola Markers
- Crayola Colored Pencils, 12 count
- Thin and Broad Dry Erase markers
- Fine (thin) Highlighters
- Pink Pearl erasers
- #2 yellow pencils, Ticonderoga preferred
- Blunt and Pointed school scissors
- Small Construction Paper packs
- Drawing paper packs
- New or gently used pleasure reading books for grades K-1 and grades 9-12 (young adult)

ECHO

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ECHO's Clothing Room needs infant items such as pacifiers, thermometers, infant towels, crib sheets, changing pads, and snuggle blankets. The Food Pantry list of needs includes cooking oil, dried beans, pancake mix, shaving cream, and facial tissues.

ECHO is open to accept donations Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please drive to the west side of the building and stop at the Donation Door, where volunteers will assist with your donation and offer written receipts.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER: ST. ANDREW'S FOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT ECHO – *Parishioners are needed to help organize this year's food drive. Please email Jewell and Jonathan if you can help in this effort.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew's Endowment Fund

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Have you considered a gift to St. Andrew's Endowment Fund?

An endowment is a way for a church to make plans for its future, to make commitments, and should be understood in the context of overall stewardship. Think of stewardship as our responsibility to oversee and protect the many resources entrusted to St. Andrew's care. The oversight in turn supports the church's mission to worship and proclaim God's love by serving others through outreach, prayer, education, and fellowship.

As you make long-term plans, please consider contributing to the bedrock financial support of St. Andrew's. The Endowment Fund helps the congregation weather downward cycles and maintain its many meaningful programs, even as unforeseeable events, like a pandemic, impact individuals' ability to give. Your gift can be a catalyst that enables St. Andrew's to stay steady even as contributions fluctuate.

Everyone, and every organization, needs a helping hand. Whether you are holding out your hand to help, or are the one accepting the hand, your involvement is critical. Please consider lending your hand to St. Andrew's Endowment. For more information contact Pete Kirkham, Endowment Board Chairman, members, Alice Redman, David Nies, JR Robinson, and Pam Rozelsky.

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God Speed, Aaron

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Our beloved Director of Music, Aaron Goen, has been called to an amazing opportunity to the National Cathedral School and to St. John's in Georgetown. You can read the announcement about this exciting opportunity for Aaron at [this link](#). This also means we have some time to celebrate Aaron's ministry with us for these past six (almost seven) years. On his last day, August 15th, we will hold a reception for him after our 10:00 a.m. service. There may be a few surprises on this day for which we will need your help!

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat (Oct. 29th-31st)

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We are T-90ish days until Shrine Mont! Registration is open for another month, so sign up now if you want to attend.

Final payments are due by September 26th. You can [pay online here](#) or by check (made out to St. Andrew's, with Shrine Mont on the memo line).

Re-Gathering Update

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We will continue to monitor health metrics in our area as well as guidance from our local and national health authorities including the [recent guidance from the CDC](#). You might be wondering if we are in an area with substantial or high transmission. In Fairfax County, we are averaging 6 positive cases per 100,000, which puts us in the yellow zone, which is neither substantial or high. Surrounding counties are displaying similar rates of transmission.

As of July 29, 2021, 76% of people ages 18 or older (63.9% of total population) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 69.4% of residents 18 or older (57.9% of total population) are considered fully vaccinated. This is a high vaccination rate and we continue to encourage those who are eligible and able to safely do so, to receive the vaccine.

Since we are not asking for vaccination status for worship attendance, we will continue worshipping together as a group of unknown vaccination status. With this in mind, we will still continue to wear masks while in worship and in the building. All other restrictions will remain lifted. One update, however, is that we will now serve food for fellowship outdoors so that we may remain fully masked while indoors. Thank you for your continued patience and assistance as we try the best we can to navigate this part of the pandemic.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

AUGUST 1, 2021

10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51:1-13

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

AUGUST 8, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

AUGUST 15, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

AUGUST 22, 2021

13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11],

22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

AUGUST 29, 2021

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

OTHER NEWS

Personal Perspective by parishioner Linda Leong

This fall, parishioners will have the opportunity to be part of the 10-session course on racial reconciliation called Sacred Ground. Sacred Ground is an initiative of the Episcopal Church, part of its long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice.

As someone who has completed the course, what has it meant to me? Sacred Ground has been part of a continuing personal journey to seek out and understand my own racial biases. It has also been a chance to explore ways to make our world — at every level — more welcoming to all our neighbors. I say “continuing journey” because I started this exploration as a kid, listening to the words of Martin Luther King. Later, I worked at the military’s equal opportunity training school, and, while I didn’t get to go through their 16-week course like Wayne, my husband, did, I attended guest lectures and interviewed speakers such as Harry Kitano, a pioneer in race relations. I soaked up everything I could. In these past few years, Wayne and I have joined in immigrant marches and Black Lives Matter protests. And I edit grants and newsletters for a few immigration legal services non-profits.

You’d think with that background, I would have a solid understanding of racial reconciliation. But — it turns out — not so much! I learned so much more during the months we were part of Sacred Ground. For instance, I did not know the church was complicit in removing Native American children from their families in an effort to both convert them to Christianity and “civilize” them. I didn’t know some Anglican priests owned slaves. I didn’t know Black Americans were essentially shut out of the G.I. Bill benefits — benefits that allowed a middle class to flourish for white

Americans. I didn’t know that — even in fairly recent times — Native American children were taken from their parents and put into the foster care system for no compelling reason. And I didn’t know about the massacres of Chinese, Blacks and Native Americans in various cities in our country. Such atrocities show that U. S. history is complicated and sometimes ugly, and acknowledging them and their role in shaping society helps us move toward a more authentic society that actively works toward justice for all.

This course has been enlightening and thought-provoking. And it has brought me close to the wonderful group of people who went through Sacred Ground with me. I am forever grateful for their support, insight and friendship. We have learned so much from each other!

I hope you will consider enrolling in the upcoming offering of Sacred Ground. I know you won’t regret it. Ten of us started the course — and all of us completed it! I looked forward to every single session, and I enjoyed the videos and readings in between the sessions.

The Sacred Ground course is just a beginning. And the journey ahead is long, no doubt full of “two steps forward and “one step backs.” But together we’ll get there — making a better world for our neighbors and ourselves.

If you are interested in learning more about Sacred Ground, you can [read about it here](#). The opportunity to sign-up for the fall schedule will be posted in the weeks to come.

News from Sri Lanka!



We were blessed to welcome the Reverend S. Sureshkumar David to preach and teach with us several weeks ago. That weekend, the plate offering went towards helping those most in need in the community in which Fr. Suresh ministers. St. Andrew’s, we were able to send \$1,190.00 (190,000 Sri Lankan Rupees). Suresh sends his “heartiest thanks” to all of us here at St. Andrew’s and expressed his sincere appreciation. With those funds, he was able to help 52 families and 12 individuals. Some of those funds helped to create dry rations packs which were really helpful for each recipient.

Each week we pray for the universal church and it is an incredible opportunity when we are able to partner with our universal church across the world.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Doris James Claudette Sterling Mary Roper Mary Jeanne Sabo	4 Dwayne Eckman	5 Chris Kohn Lauren Thomas	6 Simone Reba	7 Margaret Bryan
8	9 Eloise Stinger Jewell Gould Valerie Chrosniak	10 Sandy Gumbert Nathan Foster	11 Isaac Vopelak Sydney Mattalino	12 Bryan Parks	13 Scout Kirkham	14 Diana White Lauren Melim
15 Jane Girondo Meredith Schiefelbein	16 Paul Bowman	17	18 Jack Koerner	19	20 Mary Anne Haskins	21 Henry Koerner
22 Martha Turner Shelly Naisbitt Nicki Jones Emma Parks	23	24 Sandy Kirkpatrick Tyler Cookson	25	26 Victor St. Paul	27 Blair Forbes Emmy Cotten	28 Sue Emert
29 Rob Kugler	30 Mark Foster Michael Rollo Audra Jones	31 Jonathan Thomas				

*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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