

The Net

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



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
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Dear Friends in Christ,

"A place for all to worship, serve, and belong." This phrase captures the essence of our mission and who we

are. Now that we are able to engage in more activity together, we are remembering and, perhaps, learning who we are as a community carrying out the mission of the Church.

As we re-engage this wonderful place, we approach this new program year with excitement and intentionality. What are you remembering about St. Andrew's that you have loved? What are you learning, maybe for the first time? What gifts and interests might you carry with you if you are a newer member? We are beginning this work together of remembering and learning who we are.

As we reconnect, I encourage you to pause and look at the many opportunities this Fall! So much passion and faith are behind this activity and ministry. You can see it in the many wonderful fellowship, outreach, formation, and worship experiences on the horizon and this month really kicks it off! Look at all the ministry occurring!

One way to get a deeper sense of who we are is in part of our robust Fall forum series. Your Vestry commission leads are helping to organize mini-ministry fairs which will highlight specific areas of

our life together. During these ministry fairs, we hope you will explore the many and wonderful gifts and groups.

September 12 – Formation Held During Picnic
(formation@standrews.net)

October 3 – Fellowship
(fellowship@standrews.net)

October 17 – Worship and Welcome
(worship@standrews.net)

October 24 – Outreach
(outreach@standrews.net)

This time of renewal and replanting is a reminder of who we are as a church and how we engage in the world. We invite you to try something new or reengage with something. This is an exciting time as we go into the program year with a vibrant schedule ahead of us.

I too am excited as I continue to experience more of God's movement in and through our community of St. Andrew's.

Faithfully yours,

Will

Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM
Saturday @ 6:00 PM
Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

Sunday School

Sunday @ 11:20 a.m.

VESTRY NEWS



SENIOR WARDEN

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The evenings are beginning to get cooler but things are not slowing down at St. Andrew's: September 12th will be both Kickoff Sunday and our Parish Picnic, please join us for food, fun, and fellowship. Thanks to the dedication of our teachers and assistants, in person Sunday school will begin September 19th. We still need additional volunteers, so please contact the Formation Ministry (formation@standrews.net) if you are able to help.

The 50th Anniversary Committee has been hard at work planning for our special upcoming year: details are to come. Lastly, let us pray for a safe and fulfilling school year for students, parents, teachers, and staff.

OUTREACH

ECHO Updates

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Food Drive: September 18th & 19th (more details below) – Food Assistance to Clients at ECHO is still running well ahead of "normal" levels. ECHO's food pantry is typically challenged in August because there are few food drives and regular donors are often on vacation, but the need is even more pressing this year. Without large food drives such as the Letter Carrier's to bring in large volumes of food, ECHO is significantly dependent on board congregations and individuals to keep our food stocks up.

Diaper program: Did you know – Government programs such as Food Stamps and WIC do not pay for diapers and wipes. In a recent article in the Washington Post, a Representative from the National Diaper Bank Network said, "...parents report skipping meals to afford diapers and delaying rent or utility bills to keep their children clean and dry." ECHO's new program helps them respond to this need by giving families an entire box of diapers for each child monthly.

Other ways you can help: Individual donations or financial support directly to ECHO. You can give at work through United Way or selecting ECHO via Amazon Smile. A portion of your spending is sent to ECHO from Amazon, and all you have to do is sign up to designate ECHO.

ECHO Food Drive

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Please mark your calendars for the upcoming ECHO food drive. This annual St. Andrew's event provides greatly needed food and non-food items to many ECHO clients in economic difficulties. On Saturday, September 18th, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., you can drive through the church parking lot and Boy Scouts will remove the bags from your vehicles in a contact-free process, and then deliver them to ECHO. If you have a conflict that day, you can also bring a bag with you as you attend the services on Sunday, September 19th, and leave it inside the church; those donations will be taken to ECHO on Monday. For further information, please contact Andrea Hellier, Marlies Durso, Woody Brown or Pam Hauge.

Currently the list of most needed items includes the following: **Canned** (tomatoes, beef stew, chili, soup, vegetables, fruit, large juice); **Box Mixes** (cake, brownie, pancake, muffin, jello, pudding); **Other** (coffee, cooking oil, peanut butter, jelly, rice, tortillas and crackers). **Non-food items** include deodorant, shaving cream, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste, hand/body lotion, sanitary pads.

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

St. Andrew's Delivers School Supplies to ECHO and FACETS

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Children in our area have begun gearing up for their return to the classrooms. As teachers and students return after a year away, some experts have predicted a shortage of school supplies caused by hiccups in the supply chain. Our Outreach partners FACETS and ECHO solicited back to school donations last month and St. Andrew's generously gave to each organization helping both realize their goals. According to reports from FACETS, thanks to the generosity of its partners like St. Andrew's, the organization was postured to achieve their stated goal of providing 400 K-12 children with new backpacks filled with supplies they need to create stronger futures by Aug. 9th.

The generous donations from parish members were heartfelt and will make kids feel certain that they are cared for by their community church members. The Outreach Commission divided up the money and school supply donations equally between the ECHO and FACETS. Some cash donations were designated to a specific partner, which were apportioned out per the request. We collected approximately \$400 in cash donations through the church and parishioners donated about \$500-600 worth of backpacks and supplies from the ECHO and FACETS school supply list. A big thanks goes out to Donna Daugherty, Andrea Hellier, and Elaine Runkel for their help with the targeted campaign.



Afghanistan, Haiti, Tennessee, and other areas of Outreach

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Your Outreach Team is hard at work in discerning effective ways for us to engage in the Mission of God as carried out through our Outreach ministry. There are a significant amount of global and national crises at the moment and we hold them in particular prayer. At this point, your team is in the process of doing their due diligence and looking at organizations from Episcopal Relief and Development, Lutheran Social Services, Episcopal Migration Ministries, ECHO, and more to determine the best ways we may contribute, both financially and in time and talent. We are

also in touch with Congregation Adat Reyim and with the Peace Islamic Center about ways in which we may partner. We also ask you to be vigilant for scams which tend to occur around such disasters and, if you are ever unsure of an ask, please contact the church office. For many of these crises, there is a long-term need and we have heard that the outpouring of support is overwhelming at the moment in many areas or we are unable to provide aid at this time.

Prayer List

Pam
Larry Dickerson
Linda & Ed Hunter
John & Janet Carver
Bill Hartig
Lori Hardin
Lloyd Sterling
Nancy Knight

Janet Keyser
Charles Petty
Gloria Covington
Jack Keyser
Hugh Brian Henderson
Theo Pickeral
Olivia Kertesz
Carol Matovick
Rachel Gordon

Cyndi Wildberger
Dave Lewis
Phil Purdom
Karan Wright
Candi James
Kim Reisig
Jeff Nein
Ray D'Amato
Christy Bering
Beth Matovick

Dorothy Polk
Sean Hartig
Rebecca Miyares
Ahmadi
Tom Shearer
Robert
Jim & Lynn
Natasha Browning

Departed

Judith Ann Schmitt
(mother of Bill Wright)
Nathaniel Gift Ng'andwe
(grandnephew of the Zagurskis)

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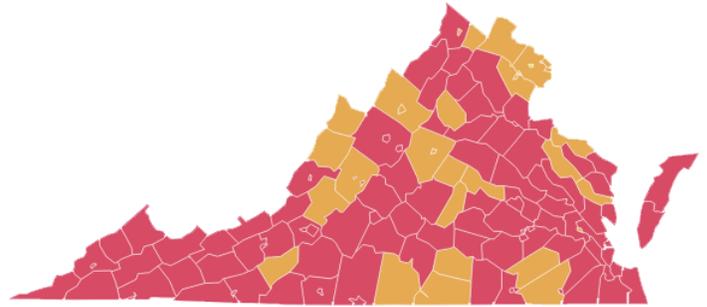
Regathering Update

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We continue to monitor the health metrics in our region closely. Our vaccination status remains high in Fairfax county with 78.4% of adults 18+ (66.2% of total population) in Fairfax County who have received at least one dose. 71.3% of adults 18+ (59.8% of total population) in Fairfax County are considered fully vaccinated. This continues to be an upward trend and, as is proven, the vaccine greatly limits the spread of the Coronavirus including the Delta variant.

As of 8/26/21, the Brown School of Public Health has kept our transmission level in the Orange Zone with 15.5 cases per 100,000 residents on an average over the past 7 days. The CDC has listed us up from Substantial to High this past week with 108.41 cases total the past 7 days. Our hospitals are seeing an increase in patients as well.

At this time, we will remain with our current practices of mask wearing while indoors and consumption of food will take place outside, including our September 12th picnic with the Hangry Panda Food Truck, so that we will remain in masks while inside.



Please continue to make decisions for the health of yourselves and others. We will continue with online worship for our weekend worship services and our meetings will be online or hybrid whenever possible. If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, we encourage you to utilize our online options.

Continue to read our updates for any adjustments which may need to be made.

Stewardship

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There is a famous quote attributed to English theologian, John Wesley, which truly resonates with the St. Andrew's Stewardship Team, where he encourages Christians to:

*Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
In all the times you can
To all the people you can
As long as you can*

Building on last year's Stewardship theme of "One Together," our mission is to do as much as we can for our loved ones, our community, and our church.

As Christians, each of us strives to offer our time, talent, and treasure as best we can, to do the work of God and live by the example that Jesus Christ set for us. "Do all the good you can" means that we approach our lives with a vision of always striving for good. We see evidence of this as we regather. We experience the good in helping to care for the less fortunate. And, we live this philosophy of doing good in the joy of Vacation Bible School and our outreach through organizations like FACETS and generous donations to ECHO.

As we begin the Stewardship campaign this year, we ask that you consider St. Andrew's and the humble needs of this wonderful ministry. We invite you to get involved and share your gifts. We have started to put together a calendar of events. Here are a few important dates, with specific dates in October to keep in mind:

- **August & September** - Committee Planning and Messaging
- **October 8th** - Pledge Packets mailed to parishioners
- **October 16th-17th** - Stewardship Sermon
- **October 23rd-24th** - Stewardship In-Gathering
- **October, November, December** - Monthly Net Articles
- **January 2022** - St. Andrew's Annual Report

As always, if you have ideas for a successful Stewardship Campaign, please reach out to the Stewardship Chairs. Many hands make light work and creative brain-storming ideas are most welcome. Thanks for all that you do for St. Andrew's and the community we serve!

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St. Andrew's Endowment Fund

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The words of St. Francis are familiar, "For it is in giving that we receive." Each week at our worship services, we acknowledge God's abundant gifts and pledge to give from what we receive. While contributing weekly serves to maintain the operations of St. Andrew's, the congregation also depends upon gifts to the Endowment Fund. The Fund generates annual income to offset multiple project and program expenses, from capital needs to individual outreach ministries.

The Endowment Fund is not about giving to fund a budget but giving from a grateful heart. Making a choice to be

financially generous is fundamentally a spiritual question. Each one of us should reflect upon God's blessings, and make a decision of how we can share what we have been given. A gift to the Endowment Fund is a celebration of thanksgiving and gratitude. Contributing is a way to give back and is part of being a steward of God's gifts.

Please reflect and consider becoming a contributor to the Endowment Fund. For more information contact Pete Kirkham, Endowment Board Chairman, members, Alice Redman, David Nies, JR Robinson, and Pam Rozelsky.

Altar Flower Contributions

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We invite you to make a contribution "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" your loved ones. Your contributions provide flowers, plants, and altar adornments necessary for worship services throughout the year. The suggested contribution is \$20 per listing in the service bulletin for a desired Sunday. Names should be received two weeks prior to the desired Sunday. Please complete the Flower Contribution Envelope located in the narthex or on the bulletin board by the church office and enclose cash or check. The envelope can be given to an usher or left in the church office.

St. Andrew's Flower Guild

Martha Turner | worship@standrews.net

Are you a bit of an artist working with paint, photography, fabric, or interior design? Or do you just love playing with color? The Flower Guild is looking for new members to arrange the altar flowers. No experience arranging flowers is necessary, we will train you and partner you with an experienced member of the Flower Guild. Arranging is done early on Saturday mornings on a rotating schedule. Contact Martha Turner if you are interested or have questions.

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

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There is only a few more days to sign up for this year's retreat to Shrine Mont. Registration will close on Wednesday, September 1st, so register soon! You can add your name to the [wait list here](#).

The last day to drop out without losing money is Sunday, September 19th.

Final payments are due by September 26th. You can [pay online](#), or by check (made out to St. Andrew's, with "Shrine Mont" on the memo line). Your confirmation email will show you how much you owe. If you can't find that email, contact Michelle (michelle@standrews.net) or Emily (emily@standrews.net).



Childcare Volunteers Needed

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Childcare is available during our 10:00 a.m. Sunday services for the Nursery (ages 1-3) and the Pre-K class (ages 3-5). Pre-registration is not required, but children will need to be signed in when dropped off at their classroom.

All children over the age of two must wear a mask while inside. When the weather is good, the Pre-K class and older Nursery children may go outside to play on the playground. Children do not need to wear their masks

outside, but send them with anything they may need to wear while outside.

In order to provide this to all of our young families, we will need help staffing the classrooms. We need at least one volunteer to help each of our teachers every week. Volunteers must be 16 years or older, fully vaccinated, and wear a mask. **Sign up to volunteer today!**

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Adult Formation Schedule

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We are looking forward to the return of the Forum hours, including our mini-ministry fairs. This year, we will focus on key areas of our ministry, Outreach, Worship, Formation, and Fellowship, to highlight the many ministries which fall within each! We are also bringing a full and wonderful schedule of formation events this fall including scholars from the Seminary, the Executive Director of Life with Cancer, John Lent with the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and more!

Date	Topic	Speaker
September 12, 2021	Parish Picnic and Ministry Fair: Formation	Christie Dasher and Stacey Peters
September 19, 2021	Fellowship	Fellowship
September 26, 2021	The Book of James	The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb
October 3, 2021	Ministry Fair: Fellowship	Jen Koerner and Woody Browne
October 10, 2021	Life with Cancer – INOVA Program	Sarah McLoughlin Bradley, Executive Director
October 17, 2021	Ministry Fair: Outreach	Jewell Gould and Jonathan Withington
October 24, 2021	Ministry Fair: Worship and Welcome	Betsy Cotton and Martha Turner
October 31, 2021	Shrine Mont Retreat	Shrine Mont Retreat
November 7, 2021	All Saints' Sunday	Fellowship Reception
November 14, 2021	Biblical Studies with The Rev. Dr. Anthony Lloyd "Tony" Lewis	The Rev. Dr. Anthony Lloyd "Tony" Lewis
November 21, 2021	St. Andrew's Ramallah and the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem	John Lent, Executive Director, AFEDJ
November 28, 2021	Thanksgiving Weekend/1 st Sunday Advent	Thanksgiving Weekend
December 5, 2021	Becoming Beloved Community: The Sacred Ground Curriculum	Sacred Ground Group
December 12, 2021	Bishop's Visitation Reception	The Rt. Rev. Porter Taylor

Adult Inquirer's Class Fall 2021

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Are you interested in learning about the Episcopal Church? Might you consider asking key questions about your faith and what ministry is? We will begin a 6-week Adult Inquirer's Class this Fall led by the Rev. William L. Packard with a schedule which is being drafted based upon interest. While not required, this class would also enable one, once completed, to receive the sacramental rite of Confirmation, Reception, Baptism, or Reaffirmation. **Please sign up here if interested.** Signing up at the link does not require participation.

Sacraments Class

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We are gauging interest in holding Sacraments classes this Fall. This would consist of 2 one-hour sessions on Sunday afternoons. We will discuss the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacrament of Eucharist. These classes are NOT necessary in order to take communion, but some people like to have these classes first so there is more understanding about it all. Even if your child has already been receiving communion, these classes can be helpful. They are open to all ages but we find that it is more difficult for children under the age of 4 to grasp. If you are interested and would like to have us offer these, please email Amy.

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High School Youth Ministry

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We are excited to be able to offer more opportunities for high school teens to engage this Fall. I hope our teens will try each activity and let me know your interests. While our Youth Ministry is about growing our relationship with God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sustainer, we do that in part by being in relationship with one another. Church can be fun! During Formation, we will meet in a welcoming, open, accepting environment. Formation will be an opportunity to share thoughts and questions, and LISTEN to one another. Our time together will be flexible to meet the needs of our group. I am open to your feedback, high school teens!



Confirmation will be a separate opportunity this fall. We will meet 4 times for two hours between September and December. Those dates will be set soon.

All youth are welcome to join us whether you participated last year or not. Bishop Porter will visit us December 12th for the sacrament of Confirmation.

We also want to offer monthly activities off-campus as COVID permits. These activities could include a ropes course, putt-putt golf, pizza, or a movie. Youth please give us your ideas!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Kick-Off Sunday/Parish Picnic

Jen Koerner & Woody Browne | fellowship@standrews.net

Join us right after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 12th in the front parking lot (rain date: September 19th) for a relaxing afternoon of good food, fun, and children's activities to kickoff the beginning of a new Formation/Program year! Food will be available for purchase from a food truck vendor on site or you can bring food from home for your family group. Drinks will be provided. We hope to see you all there!

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday School Begins

Christie Dasher & Stacey Peters | formation@standrews.net

We are so excited to kick-off the 2021-22 church formation year! We currently are running a nursery for ages 1-3 and a Pre-K class during the 10:00 a.m. service. Formation will begin September 19th following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will begin Godly Play and classes for all grades. The High School Class will be separate from Confirmation this year. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to join us for a weekly conversation.

Please print and fill out the **registration form** as soon as possible. Staffing will be based on the numbers we receive through registration, so filling out the form will help us plan appropriately. Forms can be returned to the envelope on the bulletin board next to the church office.

All classes will be in-person and indoors, with the option to use outdoor space while the weather is still conducive. Children will be masked and adults who teach will be required to be vaccinated as well as masked.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

18th Sunday after Pentecost
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Cody Grogan John Greenlee Colin Browne Jack Lewis	2 Steve Ramsdell Karen Steele	3 Jennifer Davis Jacob Vance	4 Barbara Faison John Flahive Carter Gregory
5 Jonathan Nein Kent Morgan John Osthaus Emily Reba	6 LABOR DAY Mary Richardson	7	8 Sean Phillips	9	10 Diane Hill	11 PATRIOT DAY Mark Hardin 
12 Pat Dewey Claire Watson	13	14 Mary Grogan Amelia Haubner	15 Will Spencer	16	17 Heather Flanagan	18
19 Gretchen Parrott	20	21 Tracey Browne Audrey Spaans	22 AUTUMN BEGINS CJ Brannam Karen Nies-Vogel 	23 Marc Turner Julian Spaans	24 Peter Dasher Lauren Phillips	25 Jonathan Withington Brett Bowker Madeline Akins
26 Carol Robinson Joseph Grundlehner	27	28 Bridget Spencer	29 Wesley McCurdy	30 Lucila Woodard		

*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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