



The Net

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



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE
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Dear Friends in Christ,

We enter the Fall, more officially, this October. With it comes many of our usual practices which are a bit

more normal than last year. More kids are back in school and many of us are heading back to the office. While the pandemic is not over, we are learning how to live with the coronavirus and remain as safe as we can.

Even if the doors are completely wide open, we notice that it is not quite the same. We do have much to lament over the past year and, while we are excited about going forward, we recognize a few struggles. As we regather, we are renewing and, in many cases, it is similar to re-planting our ministries. It is not quite "starting over," but it may take a similar effort.

I thank our Vestry members for their outstanding leadership and work to help re-engage our ministries through our commissions and our Property Resource Commission. There are so many of us who are providing significant passion as we begin again.

This October, we have the opportunity to Renew, Refresh, and Replenish! This is the theme of our Shrine Mont Retreat and I encourage us to explore what this means in our lives. Our

stewardship campaign, "Do all the good you can..." engages with this theme. We provide the first fruits of our labor as we begin this year again. It is an opportunity to seek God first, in all that we do.

Thank you, every one of you! You are the Church! Our Covenant requires all of us and in it, we live to Christ. Thank God for each and every one of you as we seek to follow Jesus in our lives and carry out his mission.

Faithfully yours,

Will

VESTRY NEWS

Worship Services

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

Sunday School

Sunday @ 11:20 a.m.

Adult Forums

Sunday @ 11:20 a.m.



SENIOR WARDEN

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I hope everyone is having a great start to the new school year and to Fall. We have a busy month coming up for all ages. There are several Adult Forums this month and Sunday school is getting underway. The Blessing of the Animals is this Saturday, Oct. 2nd, and after a year hiatus, our Parish retreat at Shrine Mont will be held at the end of this month. We continue to need teachers and staff for the Learning Center and Sunday School: please see the contact Christie and Stacey (formation@standrews.net) if you are interested in assisting.

Our Stewardship theme this year is Do All the Good You Can, based on a poem by theologian and clergyman John Wesley. I think the poem sums up wonderfully our mission at St. Andrew's: to do all the good that we can: to each other, to our neighbors, and to the larger community, for as long as we ever can. Despite the challenges we face, with your help and with God's love, our St. Andrew's community will keep doing all the good that we can. Please hold this thought when considering your annual pledge.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

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Well, we did it. We have completed our first few weeks of preschool. 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 the 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, safe places for children to explore and discover.

Opening a preschool amidst a pandemic has its challenges but our teachers continue to be creative thinkers who have changed and adjusted their program so children can do what they do best: play.

Our Food for Friends community outreach program is back. We have a new group of volunteers who will be organizing our donations to pack 150 bags of food each month for a local elementary school to help families who are food insecure. If you belong to a community organization that would like to sponsor a monthly pack, please call the preschool office at 703-455-8458 or email us at preschool@standrews.net. We would love to get you involved with our community outreach program.

Lunch Bunches and Enrichment classes will begin in October. Lunch Bunches are offered 4 times a month. Lunch Bunch extends the day to 1:15 p.m. for a charge of \$12.00 per class. Enrichment classes are for our students who will enter Kindergarten the following year. These classes expose our Pre-K students to activities and groupings they will see in a Kindergarten classroom. Enrichment classes are offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of each week and extend the school day until 2:15 p.m. for a charge of \$25.00 per class. We are excited to offer these programs to our families.

We continue to feel blessed to work with such wonderful families who continue to stay vigilant in keeping our preschool safe and healthy.

It's good to be back!

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

Thanks for Your Giving

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Part of our Outreach mission is to support programs that our members can volunteer in, providing time and talent to help with the needs of the community. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do.

One example is our FACETS Hot Meals program in which we have provided 150 days of volunteer time in the first nine months of this year to shop for food—thank you Donna Daugherty, Pam Hauge, and Sharon Gould—and prepared meals with 15 to 18 volunteers preparing sandwiches and hot meals, and then delivering the meals to hungry neighbors across Fairfax County. Another part is collecting food and school supplies for ECHO, and your generous donations of 884 pounds of food and hundreds of dollars of school supplies for both FACETS and ECHO serve those in the community who would otherwise go without.

Another way we support others in need is through St. Andrew’s donation of your contributions to specific organizations. In the past few weeks, we have moved funds to Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Andrew’s Ramallah, FACETS, and ECHO. These contributions help with various needs and priorities of these organizations whose values and accountability we respect.

Before we authorize any support for organizations, Jonathan Withington and I review reports on organizations to see how they use the money.

- A review of ECHO showed nearly all of the money and donations received go for support for clients, with no staff costs in this all-volunteer organization.
- FACETS spends some of its money on staff, and we saw the results last winter during the pandemic when they were able to staff a shelter overnight and during the day to protect the homeless from hypothermia and to provide counseling and support services.
- St. Andrew’s in Ramallah has supported schools and health care centers, seeing that children receive a good education and can obtain work upon graduation with experience in technology and hospitality services.
- We like Episcopal Relief and Development because they are accountable for the resources they receive, supporting projects like the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Jordan. They provided funding for 61 international emergency response initiatives reaching 600,000 people during COVID and partnered with 20 dioceses to provide COVID relief throughout the US.

Thank you for your continued support for your Vestry’s efforts to reach out on your behalf to those in need, offering opportunities for the use of your time and talents and being grateful for your donations of resources in times of need.

Prayer List

Pam
 Larry Dickerson
 Linda and Ed Hunter
 John and 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

Phil Purdom
 Karan Wright
 Candi James
 Kim Reisig
 Jeff Nein
 Christy Bering
 Beth Matovick
 Dorothy Polk
 Rebecca Miyares
 Ahmadi

Natasha Browning
 Robert
 Steve Ramsdell
 Becca Triplett
 Randall Prior
 Eric & Melissa Christianson
 Christina Kelly
 JoVanna Tawney

Departed

Cyndi Wildberger
 (cousin of Barbara Klix)
 Mary Robertson
 (former parishioner)

OUTREACH

ECHO Volunteers Needed

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Are you eager to use your time and talents to help families in our community who are struggling with basic needs? ECHO has a few key volunteer positions opening, and we want to fill them with people who are friendly, kind, and have positive attitudes. To find out more about the important positions described below, please email volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

- There is a vital need for volunteers who speak Spanish and could commit one morning a week to interview people who request assistance. New volunteers in this position will work with experienced volunteers until they are confident in the process.
- If you enjoy working with teens and are available many Wednesday evenings during the school year from 7:00

to 9:00 p.m., please consider helping with our Teen Program. You would work with another adult volunteer to supervise a team of teens as they tackle various tasks related to organizing donated items.

- A person, or team of several people with good organizational and decision making skills will be needed to chair ECHO's clothing operation as the current co-chairs retired. Transitional training will be provided. The chair(s) will work with the many, many wonderful ECHO volunteers who assess and organize clothing donations and assist clients in finding the clothing they need for their families.

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Adult Inquirer's Class Fall 2021

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Adults interested in the Episcopal Church, deepening their faith, or are curious about the Church's role in our faith and life are encouraged to take the 6-week adult Inquirer's course. Led by Fr. Will, we will engage in discussion and learning about our Church, our Baptismal Covenant, and following Christ. While not required, participation in this course could lead to adult Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation at the Bishop's visitation on December 12, 2021 at the 10:00am service.

The course will be in-person, however, there may be a hybrid option if there is a need. **Classes will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, beginning on October 17th.** If interested, email Fr. Will.

Regathering Update

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For another week in a row, our transmission rates remain steady (although not too low) and our vaccination rates continue to climb. According to the Brown School of Public Health, the transmission rate in Fairfax County is at 15.7 people per 100k, on average over the past 7 days. This is the Orange Zone which is below their highest level and among the better transmission rates in the state. According to the CDC, Fairfax County is still at the highest level of transmission color, red, with 109.19 cases per 100k total over the past seven days. 81.4% of people over the age of 18 in Fairfax County, (68.9% of the total population in

Fairfax), has received at least one dose of the vaccine. 74.4 percent of adults 18 and older in Fairfax (62.7 of total population) is considered fully vaccinated.

We look towards a day when we will also have vaccinations for our youngest members of the Church. At this time, we will not have any changes made to our protocols at the parish and thank you for your patience as we do the best we can to navigate the pandemic safely while gathering to worship and engage in fellowship and formation.

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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Stewardship: Our Community

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How do we develop that sense of community, of belonging and sharing? It begins with small steps, buying an extra scarf and hat set for ECHO, or an extra box of clothes detergent at the grocery store. Find out if your elderly neighbor needs a ride to the polling place near your home and offer a ride there. Make an extra-large pot of soup and package up the leftovers for the new mom who just gave birth. The new dad will also love you for it! Sometimes, people don't know where to start. It is always these little things, wonderfully thoughtful things, that make a difference in the lives of everyone around you. Take the time to chat a bit with your postman and thank the young teenage bagger helping you get through the checkout line faster.

St. Andrew's has a plethora of opportunities to volunteer. We develop that wholesome sense of community simply by volunteering: as a teacher one day a month in the Sunday

learning center, helping the Scouts collect goods for ECHO, assisting with the meal making for FACETS, folding the bulletins for church services, arranging flowers in a vase for the altar, taking home the tablecloths to be laundered, signing up to help clean the church "spic and span" in the Spring, and raking the leaves into the woods in the Fall (hint hint, that's coming soon).

We need you. St. Andrew's needs your "many hands make light work" volunteer skills; these simple acts are how we develop and grow our community. For this year's Stewardship campaign, find your favorite way to help out around the church building. We will all love you for it! And, really, something as simple as helping make sandwiches for the homeless during Hypothermia Prevention Week will be much appreciated. It starts with your simple, caring act, giving some of your free time.

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.

Stewardship through Outreach

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You, and I--at least on my better days--make a conscious effort in our own lives to do good everywhere we can. And you realize, part of that effort is to make a prayerfully considered and well thought out contribution to our church in a practice called pledging. Doing that enables St. Andrew's as a church to have the resources needed to accomplish the goals on earth that we all support. But importantly, pledges enable the Vestry to conscientiously recommend a budget based on realistic expectations of how much we have to spend.

As Vestry Outreach Co-chair I thank you for your Corporal Acts of Mercy, the good you have done for those in need. You have taken the time to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to give shelter to travelers, to visit the sick and more. Your works show what St. Andrew's values. These acts are made possible at St. Andrew's by contributions of your time, talent, and the resources you provide. But it could not happen without pledges that support the programs of St. Andrew's Outreach. Here are a few examples:

- Last year we helped a community of churches to shelter 242 souls from hypothermia, serving 5,000 dinners and many breakfasts and lunches. St. Andrew's 100 volunteers were part of a team with partner churches who provided 85 hot dinners per night during our week and half as many breakfasts and lunches. Together we provided approximately \$8,000 worth of donated food, transportation (bus fares), clothing, and supplies.
- The one hundred fifty volunteer days in the first nine months of this year supported FACETS Hot meals, and included Donna, Pam and Sharon shopping for nearly \$4,000 in food that was then prepared by teams of volunteers to create over 1,900 meals that were delivered to feed the hungry.
- You were part of our efforts to collect over 884 pounds of food for families served by ECHO; you provided donations for children in need served by FACETS and ECHO for school supplies.

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Your nearly \$700,000 in pledges, plate offerings, and other gifts--80 percent of our revenue in normal years--enables doing good everywhere at home and across the world. For the Vestry to adopt a budget they must have a good idea about how much is available to spend--they cannot in good conscience pretend it will just appear.

What is funded in the budget? The operation of the building, and compensation for our clergy and staff comes to about 85 percent of our annual spending.

Your pledges support pastoral guidance and care, providing us with our ministers. Our parish doors open to our members and to our community to worship and study. We worship in four services each week. Michelle keeps the church operation running smoothly and Emily gets you the news you need when you need it. Amy reaches out to families. Tami and her staff run a really special preschool.

Carlos keeps the building clean and operating. Pledging enables us to responsibly welcome Gabe, our interim music director and Justin, our Seminarian who will become immersed in efforts to serve the needs of our parish. You really make a difference with your pledges, assuring we have staff to meet our needs and adding value to the lives of our members and the community.

Your pledges, and the time and talent of individuals like Darren Williams, brought worship space into our homes when we were locked down during the pandemic. It enabled clean and safe worship going forward together. It matters.

As we say when we bring the offering plates to the altar, "All things come from you, and from your own have we given you." Pledging leverages your resources, your time, and your talents in helping others.

St. Andrew's Endowment Fund

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Your endowments bring our wealth building to life, "doing all the good you can." As we prevail during this pandemic time, we have found innovative ways at St. Andrew's to worship, remain in constant contact and caring for one another. One way is to give through an endowment.

An endowment provides a legacy opportunity to St. Andrew's and our faith community to share the wealth through giving beyond the limits of Stewardship and our annual Operating Budget. Your gift to an endowment will grow beyond the limits of the principle investment. It enables our church related programs and organizations to prosper and continue "doing all the good we can."

Let's expand our imagination, our hearts, and minds to honor the building of our faith, our future, not just for St. Andrew's but our children, our families, and community, to flourish. The future of the Endowment Fund is managed professionally, conservatively, within many comprehensive designations that guarantees your wishes and enriches our livelihood.

Won't you consider the Endowment Fund in your portfolio, in your will and trust. If so, consult with your personal financial manager and lawyer regarding your bequest. Join those who are "doing all the good we can."

Remember, you cannot out-give God and the gifts you receive from Him. You can contact anyone on the Endowment Fund Board if you have further questions: Pete Kirkham, David Nies, Alice Redman, Pam Rozelsky, and John Robinson.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Adult Forum: Life with Cancer

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Join us next Sunday, October 10th, for an Adult Forum with Sarah Bradley, the Director of Life with Cancer for the Inova Schar Cancer Institute.

Sarah brings 15 years of experience leading multidisciplinary service lines across large hospital systems. In addition, she has more than 20 years of personal experience supporting Northern Virginia patients and families impacted by cancer through an organization she founded in memory of her brother. She was awarded the James L. Eichberg Lifetime Achievement Award and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Chairman Award in recognition of her accomplishments and dedication to cancer patients and their loved ones.

Adult Forum begins around 11:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

OCTOBER 15, 2021

Burke Pumpkin Patch

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Join us for a family trip to the Burke Pumpkin Patch on Burke Rd at the Burke Nursery on Friday, October 15th. St. Andrew's will provide pizza, drinks and cookies at 6:00 p.m. so you can go before hand and play and then eat (and then play some more) or go to eat and then play afterwards - it is open until 7:00 p.m.

The pumpkin patch playground is a bit scaled down this year compared to pre-COVID years, but the good news is that it is FREE! RSVP to Amy if your family is going to go so we can order the correct amount of pizza. Thank you to Lisa Rollo for being our point person for this event!

OCTOBER 16, 2021

Parish Clean-Up

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Our Fall Parish Clean Up Day is planned for Saturday, October 16th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will focus on both inside and outside general cleanup. For those working outside, remember to bring rakes, work gloves, and wear long sleeves. There's poison ivy in them there woods.

OCTOBER 22, 2021

Family Night In - Nocturnal Animals

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Because COVID has thrown a wrench into our Parents' Night Out activities, we have pivoted and come up with a fabulous new event - Family Night In! This time we will have a live virtual program from a Naturalist at Hidden Pond doing a program on Nocturnal Animals and Nature. This will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 22nd.

This is a free event, but registration is required so we have a head count. We will also have a bag for each family to pick up with related activities, a snack, and other goodies! The registration deadline is Friday, October 15th. Bags will be available from October 18th-22nd. Register here: tiny.cc/fni-nocturnal

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

OCTOBER 3, 2021

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalms 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

OCTOBER 10, 2021

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalms 22:1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

OCTOBER 17, 2021

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, (34-41)

Psalms 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

OCTOBER 24, 2021

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8, (19-22)

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

OCTOBER 31, 2021

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mikey Eckman	2 Aidan Fernandes Drew Peters Andrew Davis Jack Spitzer Josephine Gallant Eli Haler
3 Claudia Brady	4	5	6 Christian Pohlmann Ben Kosowski Ben Lewis	7 Rebecca Umberger	8 Paul Foley John Corbett	9
10	11 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY Sarah Gregory	12	13	14 John Bernhards Elaine Runkel	15	16 Judie Prentiss Sam Withington John Heyer Kieran Schiefelbein
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 Vivian Chatman
24	25	26 Bruce McWilliams Marshall Withington Jason Watson	27 Pam Hauge Doug Wood Amelie Rhoads	28 Jesse Hill Joe Steele Emma Jones Hobbs Haler	29 Katherine Gallant Bailey Gallant	30 Pat Conrad Meredith Horan Ripley Coates
31 HALLOWEEN Korie Gondek 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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