

The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

My heart is full of gratitude with our affirmation of call in a long-term pastoral relationship with me as rector here at St. Andrew's! It seems like long ago and yet like yesterday when I was in discernment with our wonderful discernment committee.

Here we are almost two years after we began our relationship and we continue in our ministry. We continue to navigate the pandemic (see regathering update for health metrics), we are about to enter into the season of Lent, we follow the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and we each carry our individual and family struggles. This March and this Lent is a period of intentionality. We often talk about what we will "give up" or "take on." How might we shift this mentality to the question of "how might we recognize Christ in our lives?"

This version of the Net is being released right before Lent and we have "Alleluia Sunday," the weekend prior to Ash Wednesday. At this time, we shout "Alleluia" as many times as we can prior to abstaining from this celebratory word. While we might not feel as though it is a "celebratory" time with everything going on in the world, we recognize in our liturgical calendar, the joy found in Christ, even in the midst of sorrow.

We also renew our baptismal vows this Sunday as we welcome two new members into the community. It is a perfect time, prior to Lent and in this time in our world, to recall the joy of Baptism and our covenant which binds us in community. While we are entering into a new season, we may feel as though we continue in the one long season of uncertainty. As we renew the covenant, we recall our reliance upon and

presence of God in and through the long journey on which we all travel, individually and together.

With this covenant, we affirm our mutual call to work together to proclaim the Good News in the world and to all of us which and who need to hear it. I look forward to seeing you throughout this month as we enter our Lenten season.

Faithfully yours,

Will

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



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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March is the month when the bulbs I planted in the fall begin to sprout and blossom. They are a reminder to me of all that happens in the soil before I see the growth. I think you'll see that here at St. Andrew's, too.

This past weekend, the Vestry traveled to Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond, VA. With our newly appointed Rector, Father Will Packard, and the Reverend Colleen Schiefelbein we had the opportunity to "dig deep" and work on rooting ourselves into what we want to do in the year ahead. We worked to get to know one another better and to understand just what it means to serve on the Vestry. I have to tell you I left invigorated by the outstanding experience and expertise of this Vestry.

Soon, I'll be sharing more with you about your Vestry's goals and priorities for the year. Here in the Net, look for updates from each commission to learn about the work they are doing. You can learn more about each commission and their leads on page 5. There are so many ways to use your talent and time to serve St. Andrew's. Maybe this is the year you'll plant yourself into something new.

The Lenten Season will begin with Ash Wednesday on Tuesday, March 2nd. In our house, the season begins with Pancake Supper the night before; I invite you to make pancakes, maybe have a race or two around your house, and share your photos. On Ash Wednesday we will hold two services, one in the morning (9:30 a.m.) and one in the evening (7:30 p.m.). I hope your family will join us for one of these services. In keeping with the tradition at St. Andrew's, we will bury our Alleluias for the season on Sunday, February 27th. Wednesday Evenings throughout Lent, the Reverend Colleen Schiefelbein will be offering Lenten Meditations. This is a great opportunity to worship together – even from home.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Senior Warden. I look forward to hearing from you and growing with you.

Regathering Update

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We continue to see dropping rates of transmission in the county and nation. While we will not make adjustments this weekend, we look towards a gradual adjustment as these metrics improve. We will also continue to have online worship Sundays and our Saturday evening service and our 8am service on Sunday have ample room to spread out if needed.

Transmission Rates:

Over the past 7 days, we have seen another large drop in the recorded transmission rates in the county. The average number of cases per 100k in Fairfax over the last 7 days was 12 according to the Brown School of Public Health. This is within their "orange zone" for high transmission but is close to the "yellow" zone which would indicate we are on track for containment. According to the CDC, there were 80 cases total per 100k (918 total). This number remains in the "red" zone according to their measurements. Over the past 7 days there were 29 deaths in Fairfax due to COVID.

Health Facility Metrics:

Over the past 7 days there were 52 new Covid-related hospital admissions in Fairfax with 5.12% of hospital beds used for Covid-related reasons (-1.75% change) and 6.55% of ICU beds were used for Covid-related reasons (0% change). Our hospitals are at a moderate stress level at 6% of capacity being used for Covid. Fairfax Hospital is at moderate to high stress with 10% of capacity being used for Covid-related reasons.

Vaccination Rates:

75.5% of the total population in Fairfax is considered fully-vaccinated. 80.5% of the population over 5 is fully-vaccinated and 84.3% of the population over 18 is fully vaccinated. 40.8% of the population has received a booster dose. Please be in touch with your healthcare provider with recommendations for you and your family.

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

ECHO: Current Needs

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High food prices and food shortages affect all consumers, but the most vulnerable families in our community suffer actual hunger. ECHO needs donations of all categories of non-perishable foods and hygiene products. The following items are in the shortest supply: cooking oil, masa flour, pancake syrup, muffin/cornmeal mix, tortillas, laundry detergent, shaving cream, and deodorant. Our Food volunteers are currently unable to order bulk quantities of needed foods due to the shortages. The most effective way to help keep ECHO Food Pantry shelves stocked is to bring food donations to ECHO or one of the remote donation sites listed at the bottom of our homepage at echo-inc.org.

Clothing and Household goods donations: ECHO continues to need new or gently used men's clothing in small and medium sizes as well as new men's underwear in sizes 28 to 36 and men's shoes in sizes 6 to 9. The Housewares Department needs all sizes of pots with lids and 10 -12" frying pans.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Endowment Fund

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As Christians, our attitudes and actions reflect our whole-hearted response of love and gratitude to God. From that, we move to share our many blessings. This desire to share God's bounty was what inspired the creation of a long-term fund to sustain St. Andrew's. The Endowment Fund provides the means by which giving may take place now, it may be planned for a future date, or it may be assured from one's estate after death. It provides an opportunity for those of different financial means to express their continuing support of St. Andrew's.

The money in our endowment is pooled with funding contributed from 120 churches under the oversight of the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. Investment direction is handled by the Trustees of the Fund, a committee of active Episcopalians who are selected for their expertise in investments, law, or business. They oversee the professional portfolio managers to ensure that funds are invested to balance short and long-term risk and return. Distributions from the Fund have enabled capital improvements in our property and have enhanced multiple ministries, from outreach to memorial and thanksgiving.

For more information about the Endowment Fund, contact Pete Kirkham, Endowment Board Chairman, or committee members David Nies, JR Robinson, and Pam Rozelsky.

Family Lenten Materials

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Please look for our Family Lenten materials on the table in the Narthex (area right outside the Nave). There are coloring sheets and daily Lenten activities sheets. Everyone is welcome to take these materials to help make the most of this season of Lent.

Prayer List

Pam
Larry Dickerson
Linda & Ed Hunter
John & Janet Carver
Bill Hartig
Nancy Knight
Charles Petty

Gloria Covington
Jack Keyser
Hugh Brian Henderson
Theo Pickeral
Olivia Kertesz
Carol Matovick
Rachel Gordon
Phil Purdom

Christy Bering
Beth Matovick
Dorothy Polk
Rebecca Miyares
Natasha Browning
Robert C.
JoVanna Tawney
Joan & Bud Hahn
Joe & Karen Steele

Mary Lu Powell
Joani Dasher
Donna Schrock
Doffie
Mary Richardson
Mike Robblee
John Sabo
Gloria & John Aurora
Paul Roper
Bart Baldwin

Ailee Oouchi
Katie Gould
Felix Benitez
Mary Hartig

Departed

Daniel Spohn
(cousin of Lisa Rollo)
Janet Keyser
(mother of Jane Girondo)
Caroli Lwanga Mpoza
(friend of Fred Kalema-Musoke)
Jo-Ann Drennan
(sister of Alice Corbett)

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Lenten Study: The Mission of God

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We look forward to our Lenten study on Sunday mornings, during the coffee (or coffee-less coffee hour) at about 11:30-12:15. This year, we will look at the Mission of God and how we carry out the Gospel into the world. During this time and potentially extending beyond Lent, we will examine relational outreach and some specific areas of ministry. For example, we will hear from our Hypothermia Shelter and from the Diocese of Virginia's first Missioner for Racial Justice and Healing, the Rev. Dr. J. Lee Hill. We invite you to this particular time of study and learning.



Volunteer Opportunity: FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program

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The property commission is seeking immediate assistance with a FEMA grant application. We applied in 2021 for FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program but were not successful. The maximum value of the grant is \$150,000 and the application process is managed by the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. We would like to apply for this grant again this year.

We need help from those of you with experience in grant submission, risk assessment and response, project development and oversight but most especially the desire to develop an improved and safer St. Andrew's Campus for church programs and the communities we host and support. If you interested in helping St. Andrew's obtain additional sources of funding through this federal, grant program, please contact the Jonathan Withington. The application process is expected to commence early March.

Presiding Bishop Curry invites gifts to Absalom Jones Fund for Episcopal HBCUs

"Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites people of all backgrounds and faiths to support the hope-filled, life-impacting work of two historically Black institutions of higher education through donations and dedicated offerings on the Feast of Absalom Jones—the first Black priest ordained by the church—observed Feb. 13."

Our loose plate offering from Sunday, February 27th, will go towards this fund.

"Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina, were founded after the Civil War to create educational opportunities for formerly enslaved people. They provide a liberal arts education to thousands of students, as well as offer robust campus ministries to help form young adults as followers of Jesus and his way of love.

"Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) are essential engines of justice, equity, and social mobility," Curry said. "They provide high-quality education to students whose backgrounds and experiences may not have prepared them well for college success. They nurture talent that may have otherwise been discouraged by obstacles."

"Donations to the HBCUs (divided equally between the two) help support scholarships and financial aid for students in need as well as funding for quality facilities, faculty recruitment and retention, and the development of religious life on campus. Voorhees and Saint Augustine's are seeking to build strong programs in STEM fields and the health sciences as they overcome the financial pressures created by COVID-19."

Watch Bishop Curry's video about this important fund here: tiny.cc/6gzouz

50th Anniversary Swag

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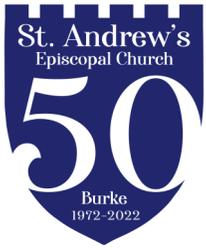
Celebrate St. Andrew's with 50th anniversary logo apparel. T-shirts, hoodies, and sweatshirts are available in grey and light blue with navy logo and text. All options come in a range of sizes. Use our Custom Ink group link to pay online, and your order will be shipped to you directly after the March 31 closing date. Go here to order: tiny.cc/StA-swag.



50 YEARS OF ST. ANDREW'S

Modeling the Life of Christ through Outreach—and Hot Meals

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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

—1 Peter 4:10

St. Andrew's has a 50-year history of giving to others, and our parishioners have responded to the call in many

ways to do God's work through outreach. We have participated in national and global efforts, including Workcamp, Team Believe, El Hogar, Episcopal Relief and Development, American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and Five Talents, as well as community efforts, including ECHO, Samaritan Ministry, Food for Friends, CROP Walk, FACETS Hypothermia Prevention, FACETS Hot Meals, Habitat for Humanity, ESOL, Interfaith Housing Ministry, and many others. Some of our outreach efforts have been as sustaining partners of programs, such as Samaritan Ministry and FACETS Hot Meals, while others have been more ad hoc, such as providing clothing, food, and supplies to a local family with newborn quadruplets.

Donna Daugherty, the church's point of contact for the FACETS Hot Meals program, recalls being new to St. Andrew's 20 years ago and not knowing many people. Lay Assistant Lisa Wakeley asked Donna if she would like to help out with the Hot Meals program. When Donna agreed, little did she know that she would start out as leader of one of our four cooking teams, go on to be a shopper for meal ingredients and supplies, and eventually lead St. Andrew's efforts to provide meals twice a month to people in Fairfax County without homes. "It's rewarding to be able to help other people," Donna replied when asked about how the program has impacted her.

The FACETS Hot Meals program began in 1988 and St. Andrew's is one of the organization's 35 faith partners whose members assist with shopping for and preparing meals and delivering them to those in need 365 days of the year. In 2021, St. Andrew's adult and youth volunteers devoted nearly 500 hours to preparing more than 2,500 hot meals and sandwiches. It seems as if nearly everyone at St. Andrew's has a photo of him or herself making sandwiches during Saturday meal preparation!

Donna recalls the Reverend Randall Prior and his family chopping vegetables at the community center kitchen where we used to prepare food. She also remembers a

local hospital donating cartons of milk to accompany the meals. Although volunteers have come and gone and the process and menus have changed a bit, one thing has endured: St. Andrew's reliability. Donna emphasized that "people have always stepped up," even during a public health emergency. "People still need to be fed."

As 2021 Vestry Outreach representatives Jewell Gould and Jonathan Withington wrote in the latest Annual Report, may we thank all our volunteers for their "corporal acts of mercy, feeding the hungry, sheltering those without homes, clothing those in need, and visiting those who [are] ill or alone."



2022 VESTRY

We welcome our new Vestry team! We had a productive retreat and are honing the particular areas on which we will focus this year. You will find below and update on which vestry individuals will lead our commissions.



FELLOWSHIP | Sarah Akins & Stacey Peters

The ministry of the Fellowship Commission is to bring parishioners together in social settings. From Coffee Hours to the Parish Picnic, this commission is here to help us find ways to interact. (fellowship@standrews.net)



FORMATION | Sarah Gregory & Woody Browne

The ministry of the Formation Commission is to lead, promote, and organize Youth Christian Education at St. Andrew's. (formation@standrews.net)



OUTREACH | Jewell Gould & Doug Wood

The ministry of this commission is to provide spiritual and monetary assistance to people and organizations that help those in need and to support the congregation. (outreach@standrews.net)



STEWARDSHIP | Brian Chatman & Brian Jones

The ministry of the Stewardship Commission is to help the congregation to find ways to use their time, talent, and treasure as faithful disciples who care and manage all that God has given us. (stewardship@standrews.net)



WORSHIP & WELCOME | Dave Umberger & Karan Wright

The ministry of the Worship Commission is to ensure that worship is a sacred, holy experience of God's love, and to support the clergy and various worship ministries. The Welcome Commission works to welcome all people to St. Andrew's. (worship@standrews.net) (welcome@standrews.net)



Betsy Cotten
Senior Warden



Jonathan Withington
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Pam Rozelsky
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Doug Wood
Register

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1, 2022

Pancake Supper

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

It's almost time for the best Brinner (Breakfast for Dinner) ever, Pancake Supper! Since we cannot meet in person to enjoy these yummy treats, we ask everyone to share photos of your family celebrating. You can either post them to Facebook and tag St. Andrew's, or you can email them to Emily to be shared in next week's Friday email.

MARCH 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday Services

Our Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Childcare is not available, but we encourage you to bring your whole family to the service.

MARCH 5, 2022

Ordination of Natalie Perl Regan

The Bishop and the Standing Committee request the honor of your presence, in-person or online, for the Ordination of Natalie Perl Regan (and others) to the Sacred Order of Deacons. The Ordination will take place on Saturday, March 5th at 10:30 a.m., at The Falls Church (115 East Fairfax St.) The livestream will be available via [The Falls Church YouTube page](#).

MARCH 19, 2022

Samaritan Ministry Breakfast

Woody Browne | outreach@standrews.net

The Next Step Breakfast is an hour packed with testimony from Samaritan Ministry Participants, Staff, and Volunteers. Join us online on Saturday, March 19th at 9:45 a.m. The emcee for this event is Geoffrey Bennett, Chief Washington Correspondent for the PBS Newshour. Fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m., and the program begins at 10:00 a.m.

You can sign up here <https://samaritanministry.org/next-step-breakfast-2022> (please select Woody Browne as your Table Captain.) See you there!

APRIL 24, 2022

FoMA Concert: Beau Soir

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Join us on Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m. for a performance by Beau Soir. Known for their exciting performance style and diverse programming, this DC-based trio of flute, harp, and viola continues to attract a strong fan base through its acclaimed performances and unique audience interaction. Beau Soir is dedicated to the performance of standard and contemporary repertoire spanning a variety of musical genres. Beau Soir Ensemble's goal is to make classical music accessible, interesting and enjoyable, inspiring a new generation of music lovers. Free admission. Masks required.



LECTIONARY READINGS (www.lectionarypage.net)

MARCH 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalm 103

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

MARCH 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

MARCH 13, 2022

2nd Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

MARCH 20, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

MARCH 27, 2022

4th Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 ASH WEDNESDAY Sean Koss Caeley Flanagan 	3 Leigh Keller	4	5 Amanda Williams Charlie Spencer Charlotte Petty
6	7 Lisa Williams Brigid Regan	8	9 Stephen Fike Carling Ramsdell Jackie Waddell	10 Timothy Brady Melissa Fike Ed Colliton Margaret Schiefelbein	11	12 Mike Dasher
13 Brian Chatman	14 Alexa Arnott Emily Nein Chris Bidwell	15	16 Chuck Mula Dave Peters Aimee Hernandez	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 Kate Lewis	19 Debby Braun
20 SPRING BEGINS 	21 Don Bryan Scott Hellier Chris Blahut Gus Hernandez	22	23	24	25 Haley Schaffer Trisha Heyer Poppy Gregory	26 Debbie Williams
27	28	29 Bob Gleason	30 Raelyn Chatman	31 Mia Forbes		

*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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