

The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

As we walked our youngest to the bus on the first day of school, we swam in the emotions. First-day-of-school pictures were taken, complete with chalkboard and oversized kindergarten bag with a St. Andrew's blessing tag affixed. With each step came growing excitement; the first time on the bus, the return of a schedule, and the joy of watching a young beloved child of God grow. With each step we also encountered that bittersweet feeling of letting go of a younger age and time. Whether school or other components of our lives, we recall those moments when we enter into a new time and chapter in our lives. That moment we looked forward to simultaneously was held in tension with a desire to return.

What image or experience comes to your mind when asked about a time in your life when you entered a new and exciting, and perhaps a little scary, chapter? As we remember, I recall the prayer we say after we are baptized, especially the part when we pray for "an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works."

We walk this fall toward an incredible schedule with numerous formative opportunities. The celebration of our 50th continues with many guests returning, our formation (young and old alike) resumes with a new vision, Stephen Ministry will begin, a Sacred Ground circle forming soon, baptismal/confirmation preparation (for all ages) will be scheduled, our FOMA concert series continues, new opportunities and decisions in stewardship have arisen, and so much more! In other parts of our lives, we experience a similar quantity of beginnings this fall. These are all opportunities to engage in our covenant and grow, as we have prayed.

In our baptism, we encounter these experiences, programs, and more, not as the checkboxes of our lives but in ways we may be present to God's movement in our lives and in our growth. The schedules and routines provide comfort as does the foundation of our faith in Jesus Christ. We also engage in activities and experiences that prod or lead us to grow in faith. This engagement happens for us individually and as a church.

As we waved goodbye through the tented windows of the bus, we lived in the moment, missing the days of the stroller and perhaps denying the inevitable "goodbyes" that will come each year. We sit in the moment and are present as we encourage our growth and the growth of our kindergartner. As a church, we follow Jesus Christ and long for the known. As we move into a new chapter and a new future, we live in this moment and seek our own growth. We rest firmly on the foundations of our faith as we move into this world, whether it is with our church experience or "out in the world."

I am truly excited for this fall and for our continued growth together as we follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May we all continue to cultivate an "inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works."

Faithfully yours,

VESTRY NEWS

Worship Services

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

Bible Study

Wednesday @ 10:30 AM
Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Sunday School

Sunday @ 11:20 AM

Adult Forum

Sunday @ 11:20 AM

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM

AA Meetings

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM
Friday @ 8:00 PM

Office Hours

Monday 9 - 4
Tuesday 9 - 4
Wednesday 9 - 4
Thursday 9 - 4

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.



SENIOR WARDEN
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Summer is drawing to a close, and it's the beginning of a new season with decent temperatures and colorful changes.

Maybe you're taking your last trip to the beach or the mountains; maybe there is one less seat occupied at your family dinner table as someone heads off on a new adventure; maybe you notice more traffic on the road; maybe you're enjoying the cooler mornings; or maybe you're settling into a new routine.

It's also the beginning of our new Church year and all of the related reflections and excitement to come. I'm loving the time to celebrate our history as we embrace new things. We'll be continuing our 50th Anniversary programming; and, are excited to add Stewardship into the fold. Here in the Weekly and Monthly Net you'll begin to hear from Dave Umberger and Brian Chatman, and their committee, about the excitement around 50 years of Ministry and Stewardship at St. Andrew's. They will be sharing about the various ways to give to St. Andrew's of your time, talent, and treasure.

If I'm honest for a moment, I'll admit that I didn't totally understand stewardship when we first started at St. Andrew's. We came every Sunday, and tried to volunteer when we could, but didn't yet make the commitment to pledge. I thought it to be something that only people who had expendable income could do; or that my small amount wouldn't make a difference.

A couple of years ago, however, Randy and I sat down to discuss how much of an impact St. Andrew's had on our lives and the lives of our children. As we reflected on the importance of St. Andrew's (both the people here and the work we do in the community) we agreed to make a small pledge as a reflection of our appreciation. Admittedly, it was small - maybe a cup of Starbucks a month. Yet, in doing so, I felt more connected and more engaged here. I actually found my faith deepening and my relationship with God becoming more complex.

Through my time on the Vestry, I've come to understand so much more about the importance of making a pledge. When you make a pledge to St. Andrew's you are making a promise, both to yourself, to the people here, and to the greater Church. A promise to make an impact both locally and globally to make this world a better place. And, truly, any amount makes a difference in the budget. Our budget funds salaries, outreach, formation, and all our various commissions, and is reliant entirely on pledges. Every single pledge makes a difference (yep, I know everyone says this - but it is true).

I get it, it's hard to make a pledge or a commitment in this hectic world. And, it can be especially hard when you are a young family balancing so many things. But we need your commitment. I had a fascinating discussion with a parishioner recently about her commitment to pledging. She mentioned that as a young mom, she would calculate the amount that she would spend on a babysitter to come to church 2x a month, and pledge that amount. If you have creative ways of deciding how much to pledge, I'd LOVE to hear them. It is these stories and ideas that make pledging an opportunity for everyone.

Finances are a challenging part of Vestry and I want to express my gratitude to all of the people who are working on the financial pieces here at St. Andrew's - our amazing co-treasurers, Pam and Pete; the Finance and Audit Committee; the Stewardship Committee, and the Endowment Board. And, to everyone who made a pledge for this year. It is because of people like you that we're able to celebrate where we've been and look forward to the next 50 years. If you're interested in learning more about how to serve on one of these boards, I'd love to hear from you.

There's never been a better time to worship, serve, and belong here at St. Andrew's. And, I'm grateful to all of you.



JUNIOR WARDEN
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With a high schooler still logging long hours in the lifeguard stand for his summer job, we've had little time around our house to contemplate the return to school tomorrow. However, the enthusiastic blessing of the backpacks

during the 10 a.m. service left no doubt, that school is cranking back up. I can't say things have been slow in the junior warden area this summer, but we can expect to pick up the pace and get some decisions on some initiatives in the coming months. What has moved at a slow pace, is our ability to request and receive timely estimates on work around the campus. Like many of you who've attempted to get quotes for home improvement and renovation projects this year, getting one bid, not to mention multiple bids, can take a long time in our current economic environment. Regardless, the Property Resource Commission has continued to meet this summer and pursue the needs of the church property.

External Lighting project – This project is a prime example of a larger capital improvement where we continue to solicit at least two bids from reputable vendors. Our goal is to improve the safety of our campus by installing 30-foot poles, bullhorn fixtures (adjustable), and LED lights for both the front and back parking lots. We'll get durable/sustainable light poles, proper electrical upgrades to code, and ensure the security of our parish.

Organ and Nave HVAC – Since I last communicated with you on this effort, we received a bid from our service provider that would stabilize the humidity levels in the Nave to preserve and protect the organ as well as the rest of our wood furnishings. The proposal called for replacing the Nave HVAC with a "humidifier" unit that is designed specifically for applications like ours where humidity in the sanctuary must be constantly maintained. It includes a reheater, variable speed compressor, economizer to bring in fresh air, humidifier, and humidistat. Though we were very impressed by the thoughtful solution provided by our vendor, the PRC and vestry found it to be cost-prohibitive. Therefore, we will continue to get the remaining life out of the Lenox HVAC while searching for other solutions to bring in humidification during the dry months. With the help of Gabe and Fr. Will, we continue to look into other solutions as well. In the meantime, we will manage the humidity with a portable dehumidifier during the humid months.

Fire Lanes – Many of you former junior wardens in the congregation have had to address the fire lines so it should be no surprise that our fire lanes need to be brought up to Fairfax

County Fire Marshall code again. Thanks to the persistence and patience of Chuck Sleeper and Paul Foley, we should be close to submitting our application and plan for updated fire lanes. The plan consists of installing new signs and painting the lanes and curbs.

FEMA Safety Grant – Many of you recall the PRC submitted a security grant proposal through the DHS Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) last year. Though we were not successful in 2021, with Paul Foley's leadership, we resubmitted our application in June with a more focused request and an actual DHS security assessment. We look forward to hearing back on the status of our proposal sometime in September. If you have any questions about what the proposal covers, please ask me or a member of the PRC.

Flooring – Who doesn't like new flooring? The PRC is teaming up with the Preschool to refloor the classrooms with new tile. Now that school is reopening, we hope to complete the project by the end of the year working around the preschool academic calendar. Thanks to Christine Kelly, Debby Braun, and Pat Conrad for working with Tami Phillips to improve our learning spaces.

Around the church, you will also notice some recent changes.

Internal Lighting – Our sexton, Carlos Guzman, continues to replace our interior lights with cost-saving LEDs. He's replaced many hallway lights, completed the Narthex, offices, and conference room, and will soon begin replacing the lights in the kitchen.

Tree Work – Some of you may have been wondering what happened to that old skinny Oak Tree in the middle of the middle parking lot. We had our landscaper, Luis Funes, remove and prune several large trees on campus this summer.

Campus WIFI and new office phones – We're working on it with the leadership of Michelle Ramsdell, Gene Girondo, and Todd Brannam. They're identifying the requirements and coordinating with our cable provider. I look forward to giving you an update. With any luck Fr. Will will be able to use his desk phone to call Rev. Colleen's cell phone, which has a Hawaii area code, and not get charged for making a long-distance call.

Lastly, with the growing season soon coming to an end, we will need to work hard to get our garden beds in shape. Be on the lookout for information from the PRC on a garden day, separate from the Fall Parish Cleanup, just to work on the beds. We could use all the help we can get.

Prayer List

- Pam
- Linda & Ed Hunter
- John & Janet Carver
- Bill Hartig
- Nancy Knight
- Charles Petty
- Gloria Covington
- Hugh Brian Henderson
- Olivia Kertesz
- Rachel Gordon
- Phil Purdom
- Christy Bering
- Beth Matovick
- Natasha Browning
- Katie Gould
- Felix Benitez
- Zach Davis
- Annie Sher
- Frank Traglia
- John Strong

- Maureen Sullivan
- Kendal & Hunter Albury
- Donna Schrock
- John & Gayle Brooks
- Andrea Corella
- Terri Bennett
- Donna Fortune
- Eddie Fortune
- Florence James
- Louise Mason
- Colin Browne
- Gene Girondo
- Suzanne Norton

- Sharon Sutton
- Michelle Mainer
- Mike Trapper
- Carson
- Gloria Aurora
- John Corbett
- Bill Johnson
- Diane Marshall
- Betsy Q.
- Brian DeWyngaert
- Miguel Salazar
- Andrea Griffiths
- Marilou Jovanski

Departed

- Ann Canfield
(grandmother of Sarah Akins)
- Tom Pettit
- John Rea
(family friend of the Packards)
- Katie Morgan
(family of the Conrads)

PRESCHOOL NEWS



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We are busily preparing for the 2022-2023 preschool year! The summer preschool building was too quiet so I'm looking forward to welcoming teachers the week of August 22nd. Hearing the buzz of them transforming their classrooms into beautiful bright comfy spaces for our students makes me so happy!

Our students arrive Tuesday, September 6th. Before the first day of preschool, we will host Visiting Days, Paperwork Drop Off Days, and an evening Back to School Night.

St. Andrew's Preschool is full for the 2022-2023 school year. We currently have a waitlist for each class.

We are very blessed to work with a supportive and loving parish. Please pray for our staff, families, and students as we continue our ministry!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recruiting Ushers

Dave Umberger | ushers@standrews.net

We are looking for Ushers! Ushers play a critical role at St. Andrew's: we greet parishioners, direct the flow of "traffic" during communion, answer questions, and support the services as needed. We are looking for parishioners who are interested in being an usher. If you are 16 and older and are interested, contact Dave Umberger.

Childcare Volunteers

Sarah Gregory & Woody Browne | formation@standrews.net

Sign up to help out in our Pre-K and Nursery classrooms this summer. Helpers are needed between 9:45 and 11:20 a.m. each Sunday, and we need one helper per classroom. All volunteers must be fully vaccinated and 14 years or older.

Sign up here: tiny.cc/babywatch-sum22. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah and Woody.

St. Andrew's Accolades

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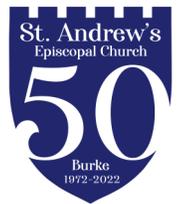
Thank you to the anonymous Parish member for this week's submission for St. Andrew's Accolades.

Chris and Carolyn Kohn have been nominated for their continuing commitment to FACETS hot meals. Twice a month, our FACETS Hot Meals team prepare and deliver meals for those in our community. And, each week we supplement those meals with sandwiches. Chris & Carolyn Kohn have always been strong supporters of FACETS. They have been known to deliver meals and/or make 40-45 PBJs at their home each time and deliver them to the church for the meal bags—we offer turkey & cheese and PBJs to the guests so guests can choose what they'd like that evening. These sandwiches help our families to have something extra to take with them. It's a lot of work and we're appreciative of Chris and Carolyn for your continued commitment to FACETS.



There are so many people who do so much for St. Andrew's. Stewardship includes gifts of time and talent (in addition to 'treasure') to the mission of Christ. The Vestry would like to recognize this important work, celebrate some of our unsung heroes, and extend our gratitude for all the treasure offered here. You'll see these in St. Andrew's Accolades. If you have someone you'd like to see featured in St. Andrew's Accolades, maybe someone you "catch" giving their time and talent towards the mission of Christ, please share with us.

50 YEARS OF ST. ANDREW'S



Children's Formation: More Than Just an L-Shaped Hall

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As the school year starts and our church fall programming nears, let us recognize the role that our young learners—infants, toddlers, preschoolers, primary schoolers, pre-teens, and teenagers—play in the life and energy of our parish. And let us also thank the adults who have volunteered in the education wing of St. Andrew's over the years as part of youth formation. From Vestry leads, Director of Family Ministry, Sunday School teachers and assistants, and nursery caregivers to superintendents, Godly Play leaders, and parents who brought in the Shopper's glazed donuts for classroom snacks, scores of adults have been a part of helping our parish's children learn, laugh, play, build friendships, and share in the love

and fellowship of our faith and church. And let us keep in mind that from Monday through Friday, that education wing is home to the St. Andrew's Preschool, a thriving early learning environment whose students and teachers bless our church family.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(1979 Book of Common Prayer, p. 261)



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Choir Rehearsal

Gabe Simerson | gabe@standrews.net

Beginning Thursday night, **September 8th at 7:00 p.m.**, the St. Andrew's **Adult Choir** will resume its weekly programming, and it still welcomes interest from anyone who wants to sing! Rehearsals are Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00, and we sing every Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. service (with a 9:00 a.m. call), plus major feasts and occasional evensongs. If you're interested, don't hesitate to contact Gabe Simerson.

After much deliberation about logistics surrounding the resumption of a **Youth Choir**, we're excited to continue this effort this year. Youth Choir rehearsals going forward will take place on Thursday afternoons from 5:00-6:00 p.m., and a snack will be provided. Rehearsals will begin on **Thursday, October 6th**. We hope to have our children singing in a service starting this Advent. Please get in touch with Marietta Grundlehner or Gabe if you have interest in your child's participation; any interest is good, and every child can sing, so do let us know - if they can read, we want them!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

Memorial Service for Tom Pettit

A Celebration of Life for Tom Pettit will be held on Saturday, September 10th, at 4:00 p.m. The service will conclude with an interment in the Memorial Garden, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

Due to the timing of this service, our normal 6:00 p.m. Saturday service will be canceled.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

Kick-Off Sunday

Sarah Gregory & Woody Browne | formation@standrews.net

On Sunday, September 11th, we kick-off the new Formation year and welcome everyone back from their summer vacations. Sunday School and Adult Forum begin this week after the 10:00 a.m. service. There will be light refreshments in the Parish Hall and classrooms.

Youth Formation is organized a little differently this year, so check below to see where you're kids are going:

- Nursery (6mo-3) is available from 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the Nursery
- PreK (3-5) is available from 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in Room 3
- K-5th Grade meets in the Multi-Purpose Room from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- 6th-8th Grade meets in Rooms 6 & 7 from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- 9th-12th Grade meets in the Conference Room from 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

[Registration is now open.](#) Forms are available on our website and outside the Sunday School office. They may be emailed to emily@standrews.net or turned in to the church office. Please register your children so we have an accurate headcount before classes begin.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

FoMA Concert: Sophia Subbayya Vastek

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Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew's (FoMA) begins their 2022-2023 season with a concert by pianist and keyboardist Sophia Subbayya Vastek on Sunday, September 11th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave.

Described as playing with "passion and profound tenderness" (Second Inversion) and with "serene strokes and lyrical beauty" (Brooklyn Rail), Sophia maintains an active career as a performer, educator, interdisciplinary collaborator, and event producer. Free admission. Masks optional.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Hymn Sing & Potluck

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On Sunday, September 18 during formation hour, we'll gather back in the church for a hymn sing, where you'll finally have a chance to call your favorite tunes! A potluck lunch will follow in the Parish Hall; the choir will provide main dishes, but please bring sides or desserts to share if you're attending! We hope to make this an annual event, and the more voices (and stomachs), the better!

SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

ECHO Food Drive-By

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The pressures of a sluggish supply chain and soaring food costs are taking a toll on local families. Food donations usually fall off during the summer, and your September donations will help restock ECHO's shelves. We are holding a food drop-off drive-by on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the front parking lot.

If you can't make it to the drive-by, please consider making a donation to ECHO (www.echo-inc.org/donate-money). Your donations to the food program enable ECHO to purchase fresh meat and produce for their clients.

Items most needed by ECHO:

FOOD ITEMS

- Bag (Dry) Beans (red and black preferred)
- Can Fruit
- Box Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal
- Tin Fish (such as sardines)
- Can Milk (evaporated and Sweetened Condensed)
- Bag Rice
- Condiments (mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard)
- Lemon Juice

FOOD ITEMS (CONT.)

- Muffin/Corn Meal Mix
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Juice (pouches or bottles)
- Crackers
- Cooking Oil
- Tortillas
- Crackers, dates, nuts, dried fruit, and other healthy snacks
- Tea (green, herbal and black)
- Coffee (ground and instant)
- Masa Flour

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toilet Paper
- Facial Tissues
- Bath/Shower Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shaving Cream/Razors
- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Band-Aids

*Scouts will be on hand to help unload your donations.

Please get in touch with Andrea Hellier, Woody Brown, or Pam Hauge for further information.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

50th Anniversary Forum: Scrapbooks & Photos

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Join your fellow parishioners in the Parish Hall after the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services on Sunday, September 25th, for a trip down memory lane during a 50th anniversary photo and scrapbook coffee hour.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

13th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 18:1-11
- Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
- Philemon 1-21
- Luke 14:25-33

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- Psalm 14
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-10

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
- Psalm 79:1-9
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
- Luke 16:1-13

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost

- Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
- Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
- 1 Timothy 6:6-19
- Luke 16:19-31

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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