



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



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Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. – John 11:25b-26a

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever seen the Cherry Blossoms up close? A walk around the Tidal Basin provides ample opportunity this time of year to view them. While you may share this view with 10,000 of your neighbors from around the world, the experience is one of awe. You may also view the blossoms and, no doubt, experience other "symptoms" of Springtime. The full blossom of these trees and the landscape coming to life around us prefaces our Holy Week and Easter observances, reminding us of the new life we have in the Resurrection.

Our experiences in the world, however, often do not mimic our liturgical and church observances. By this time, some of our Lenten practices may no longer exist or we look forward to their end. Easter egg hunts and other Easter celebrations begin with the onset of April and there are plans to be made. We often let our minds drift into the everpresent question of "why?". Why do we observe and why do we even bother? To put it more simply, "so what?".

From one of our (long) Gospel readings this Lent, we find this familiar line from John (referenced above). These lines echo in our minds as they may transport us to funerals and celebrations of life, as this line is repeated within our burial service. At each funeral, it is an Easter liturgy and we celebrate the Resurrection and the hope of eternal life. Death in this life is the beginning of our new life in Christ Jesus. While this is Good News, we recall it in the midst of our grief. "Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." Jesus speaks to eternal life for our time of death, giving us hope.

Our observances remind us of this hope we have in our life. With the many atrocities which occur in our world, from school shootings to pervasive warfare, we remember that this is not it and there is hope after this life. However, this mentality may lead to a life of merely enduring the sufferings until we may gain entrance into the heavenly kingdom. Jesus also speaks to "everyone who lives and believes in me," as those who "will never die." Our living remains as important as our dying.

Our Lenten practices bring us closer to God and remind us of a Resurrection occurring not only at the end of our time here on earth but a Resurrection which occurred on the cross and is present now. Our observances and celebrations matter as do how we live our lives. How might this season and/or this Easter change the way you live? Jesus turns to us as well asking the question, "Do you believe this?" How might we respond with "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."? With this affirmation of faith, Jesus' friend and Mary's brother was raised from the dead. With such faith, our God, loving us to the end, raised Christ from the dead.

We too are raised as we enter a life of Resurrection. The blooming of new life around us, brings continual signs of Resurrection. We emerge from this Lenten season or any season of our lives, changed, new, Resurrected. What we do in this life truly matters as we live lives, not only in the knowledge of Resurrection, but as part of the Resurrection. Death was conquered on the cross and we were (and continue to receive) new life.

I look forward to our Holy Week observances with you, beginning with Palm Sunday to our celebration at Easter!

Faithfully yours,

### **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

### **Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday @ 5:00 PM (Youth) Thursdays @ 7:00 PM (Adult)

### **AA Meetings**

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

### **ESOL**

Tuesday @ 9:30 AM

### 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.

### **VESTRY NEWS**



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Please join us in church services this Easter Season as we follow Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on a path

of palm leaves; reflect on the agony of his betrayal, witness his solemn journey to Calvary; feel his suffering as he died for our sins; and grieve his removal to the borrowed tomb where he was sealed and buried. In joy, as we recall that Christ arose on Easter Sunday, we will lift our voices in alleluias remembering Christ assures us of everlasting life.

Our services throughout this important week offer an opportunity for reflection.

- Our Palm Sunday service at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. commemorates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. We nod to our intergenerational mission with our donkey guest to greet us and remind us of how that day began outside the city so long
- On Maundy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. we remember Christ and his disciples at their Last Supper, and later the betrayal by those closest to him.
- Good Friday services will be at noon and at 7:00 p.m.
- The Easter Vigil begins after sunset Saturday, at 8:00 p.m., as we await the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Morning.
- Easter celebration services will be at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:15 a.m. The Easter egg hunt is at 10:30.

### Making Plans for May 21st Meeting

Your St. Andrew's Vestry members have started planning how to apply resources you provide—including your donations, time, and talents—to our mutual priorities. During the forum hour on May 21st, we want to hear from you on programs and priorities important to you. We also want to share with you opportunities to contribute time and talent to ministries and fellowship you value.

Join us on May 21st to put a face and name with the opportunities each commission provides. See how your interests align with opportunities to become part of our leadership and missions. Learn how you might help with the formation of our parish families, create opportunities for fellowship, assist with the preparation of our worship services, be part of the prayers that uplift those in need, aid those who are homeless or destitute, or care for our building and arounds.

### Love and Labors of Joy at St. Andrew's

I continue to be amazed at the amount of love and labor that is provided by members of the parish to allow us to come to St. Andrew's and worship. It begins with preparations by our Rector, Father Will, with help from Justin our Seminarian. It includes the Altar Guild members, the Acolytes, the Ushers, the Flower Guild members who create our arrangements, all sent out to those at home by the team that shares our service on line each Sunday. There are hours of practice and preparation by our music Director and choir, those who lead our family ministry, provide formation for our students in Sunday school, and those who share our Eucharist with those unable to attend our service. Finally, we share a waiting cup of coffee in the Parish Hall thanks to the coffee team. The lights are on, the building and grounds maintained and your invitation to worship is complete.

More efforts behind the worship experience include our St. Andrew's communications that find their way into our electronic mail boxes; our church calendar is maintained; our church's bills are managed and paid by our Co-Treasurers and Parish Administrator. Your elected Vestry members are engaged in commission ministries each day. We operate a preschool for students and families to begin their path to learning.

In between service times we find ways to support fellowship gatherings, prepare meals for hungry families, open our doors to observe Ramadan, welcome Scouts to Blue and Gold banquets and Pinewood Derby days and much more. Thank you, each one for creating this home for worship and meeting friends in Christ. Let us continue to do each day what brings us together to share joy.

# PRESCHOOL NEWS





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Welcome Spring! This is a busy time for preschool as we continue to register students for the 2023-2024 school year, host our biggest event of the year- Science Night, and prepare

to say goodbye to our rising kindergarteners.

We opened our registration for the 2023-2024 school year to the community on February 13th. If you know anyone interested in registering, please ask them to contact the preschool office at (703) 455-8458 or email us at preschool@standrews.net. They can also visit our website preschool.standrews.net where they can take a virtual tour and fill out an inquiry to receive more information about enrollment or begin the registration process through our software ChildPilot.

Science Night was amazing! We had 173 guests. All of our staff participated and we had a few special guests- Mollie the Bubble Lady who brought many different tools to

create enormous bubbles. Dr. Amy Adair, a pediatric dentist across the street, brought x-rays of teeth, dentist dress-up clothes, large sets of teeth, and even larger toothbrushes! The Emerson family volunteered their time and talent to make amazing balloon creations. Our students enjoyed engaging in science play with their parents. They were able to share with their family the experiments they do with Mrs. Smith each day. It's a chance for them to show off their science skills! Science Night is always a fun event but it requires many volunteers. We appreciate everyone's help in making the night a big success.

Our days are filled with joy as we watch our students grow and learn. Our rising kindergarteners are ready to fly which makes us both happy and sad. We will celebrate each one of them at the end of May. I love engaging our students in conversation and watching them take in the world. They are curious, observant, and just plain delightful!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Fellowship Volunteers

Sarah Akins | fellowship@standrews.net

This year, Fellowship is excited to bring back larger group events to St. Andrew's. Our Lenten Soup Suppers were a hit, and they were successful because of the many volunteers who came together to set up, clean up, and assist with dinner items. Worship and Fellowship truly couldn't have held this series without you.

As we plan events such as the Parish Picnic, Oktoberfest, and Italian Dinner, we need your help to make these events just as successful. Please let us know if you're willing to be a Fellowship volunteer by using this link or sending an email to Fellowship. Adding your email is not a commitment to volunteer every time. Even signing up just one time or coming to set up even just one chair helps us get these larger events going again. If you already receive occasional emails from Fellowship through our Signup Genius emails and you wish to remain on our distribution list, no action is needed from you. Thank you for your past and future help!

Prayer List

John & Janet Carver
Bill Hartig
Nancy Knight
Charles Petty
Olivia Kertesz
Beth Matovick
Felix Benitez
Frank Traglia
Maureen Sullivan
John & Gayle Brooks

Andrea Corella
Eddie Fortune
Michelle Meyer
Mike Trapper
John Corbett
Diane Marshall
Brian DeWyngaert
Miguel Salazar
Andrea Griffiths
Dorothy Polk
Edie Yriart
Josefa Jackson

Tony Durso
Angela Kennedy
Katie Gould
JD Thomas
Butler Family
Raye Aaron
Daniel Leong
Eryn Gleason
Bette Williams
Michelle Gbur
Cari Lawson
Jacia
Karen Camp

Don & Marlene Taggart

Fred Kalema-Musoke Gretchen Parrott Bishop Carl Wright Steve Ramsdell Janet Foley Mary Jeanne Sabo Donna Schrock Libby Fike Scootie Prior Kathleen Pablo Brady Family Alan MacNair Jeff Regan Departed

Stephanie Scuris (aunt of Gabe Simerson)

Bill Adams (friend of the Durso family)

Pearl Louise Mason
(mother of Ron Mason)

Shanie McLauren (friend of Justin Smith)

Steven Ramsdell (father of Steve Ramsdell)

Bob Bornschein (former parishioner)

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### St. Andrew's Accolades

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Accolades to the organizers—Sarah Akins, Karan Wright, Amy Tibbets, Father Will, and Lori Foster—and you St. Andrew's parishioners who came together to make and share soup, salad and bread, and explore aspects of prayer. The programs were organized on some days with a multigenerational focus and even included non-soup offerings for children.



- Father Will presented an Interactive Eucharist for all ages;
- Anne Brannam helped us make and use Anglican Prayer Beads;
- Amy Tibbets took us through Prayer Stations; and
- Father Will introduced Digital Prayer Resources.

It was truly a group effort with time and talent abounding. The room and tables were set up, dishes carried to the kitchen, tables taken down and removed and tablecloths washed at the end of these events. Soup makers prepared and shared their favorite recipes to accompany breads, salads, and fare for the children.

So many helped I may have missed some names--my appreciation to you just the same--but a Lenten Soup Supper thank you to:

Laura Sabo, Brian Chatman, Wesley Akins, Madeline Akins, Maddy Cotten, Emmy Cotten, Betsy Cotten, Randy Cotten, and Woody Browne, Bob and Ellen Gleason, Marlies and Tony Durso, Carol Robinson, Betsy Pugin, Julie Morgan, Sarah Gregory, Randy Cotten, Lori Foster, Sharon Gould, Jane and Gene Girondo, and Chris Umberger.

A special shout out to our "Dirty Plate Collectors" Teddy Chatman, Johnny Chatman, Wesley Akins, and Poppy Gregory who cleared our tables with busy hands and smiles

Look for future opportunities for your own chance to join the company of parish friends to create a memorable Fellowship event. There is room to help at our parish Picnic in June and the return of Octoberfest in the Fall. Look for other Fellowship notes in this Net and later for your chance to be a part of parish life.

And a lifesaving round of thanks for the 19 parish members who came together March 25th for training on how to perform CPR



and use the AED equipment in the event of an emergency at church. Jeff Reba made the arrangements with Ursus Enterprises to assure that our ushers and those who are engaged in various ministries at St. Andrew's are prepared to step in and help save lives. You see many of this group greeting you before services, helping you to find your way into worship. Others are involved in our Vestry Worship, Fellowship and Outreach activities. All were there so if the need arises you will have a trained lay person nearby to help.

Thanks to Marc Turner, Tom Horan, Doug Wood, Dave Umberger, Kevin Rozelsky, Rich Richardson, Laura Winfield, Sharon Gould, Jewell Gould, Lori Foster, Simone Reba, Jeff Reba, Brian Shannon, Karan Wright, Julian Spaans, Karen Hilber, Bob Heyer, Lula Carpenter, and Stacey Thomas for their time and talents.

### **Easter Egg Candy Donations**

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

It's almost time for our Easter Egg hunt! We have plenty of plastic eggs but need donations of candy (individually wrapped and no nuts or peanut butter please). Please drop off your donations in the marked box across from the church office.

We need some assistance stuffing the eggs for the hunt. We'll meet in the Conference Room on **Tuesday, April 4th** at 10:00 a.m. and welcome helpers of all ages. Please sign up to bring candy or help stuff using this link: <a href="mailto:tiny.cc/46k5vz">tiny.cc/46k5vz</a>.

We also need teens to hide the eggs during the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter to be ready for the hunt at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Amy if your teen can help do that!



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### **Easter Flowers**

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

The Easter Flower envelopes are now available on the bulletin board next to the Church Office. Please fill out your envelope and return it, with your donation (\$25 requested), to Emily's desk in the office by Sunday, April 2nd. Flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 16th.

### ECHO Prepares for Food Stamp Changes

Andrea Hellier | echo@standrews.net

ECHO, is anticipating the end of the temporary increases to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, SNAP, commonly known as Food Stamps. Many ECHO clients receive SNAP benefits. Lowered benefits won't lower their need. We hope our St. Andrew's donors continue the extraordinary generosity they have shown over the past three challenging years to make sure no one in our community goes hungry.

### Adult Forum: What is an Endowment?

JR Robinson | endowment@standrews.net

We are all familiar with the annual pledge drive and the critical nature of ensuring funds for the ministry and operations of the Church for the upcoming year, but what about the long-term security of St. Andrew's? What tools are available for ensuring that longevity? The answer is the endowment; but what is an endowment?

In simple terms, an endowment is a fund with money in it, set up to provide long-term support for a particular nonprofit organization or cause. It differs from other forms of donations in that it is a permanent fund that is invested with the intent to generate income that is used for the Church's mission. Want to learn more? You can visit the St. Andrew Endowment page here or, better yet, join us on Sunday, April 30th after the 10:00 a.m. service for a discussion on the endowment and to answer any questions you may have.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Holy 7, )eek Schedule

available services

### Palm Sunday | April 2nd @ 8:00 & 10:00\* a.m.

Be sure to join us in the front parking lot on Sunday, April 2nd, for the 10:00 a.m. service. We will, once again, have our guest donkey lead us in our procession into the church (weather permitting). Everyone is invited to arrive a little early for a meet and greet in the front parking lot with our guest before the service begins.

Maundy Thursday | April 6th @ 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II with foot washing

Good Friday | April 7th @ 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross service at Noon. Traditional service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil | April 8th @ 8:00 p.m.

Easter | April 9th @ 7:30, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place between the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services (weather permitting).

\* Childcare is during these

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **APRIL 15, 2023**

### **ECHO Semi Annual Yard Sale**

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# **ECHO Semi-Annual Yard Sale**

Saturday April 15th, 2023

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

St. Bernadette's School Gym 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22152

All proceeds go to the ECHO Operating Fund which benefits our clients

Items needed for our Yard Sale include vintage items, jewelry, pottery, glass, camera's, linens, quilts, pictures, artwork, figurines.

Also, toys, CD's, books, and much more.

Items donated for the Yard Sale must be dropped off at ECHO at least one week prior to the sale.

ECHO is located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, VA 22150

For more Information contact Debbie Moreau at debbiemoreau@mac.com or Rachel Hoover at hooverrach@gmail.com

### **APRIL 23, 2023**

Adult Forum: Shrine Mont
Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

If you've ever been curious about St. Andrew's Parish Retreat to Shrine Mont in late October, but just don't know enough about it to participate, this Adult Forum is for you! Join us after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 23rd for an introduction to Shrine Mont. We will explain housing, pricing, events, services, and all that happens on our annual retreat. Registration will also open that day, so if you have questions, this is the best time to ask them.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **APRIL 30, 2023**

### **Preschool Sunday**

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

Join us as we celebrate the near end of another school year with our Preschool. We will have food and activities outside after the 10:00 a.m. service all are welcome to join (weather permitting). Sunday School for 6th grade and up will meet as normal.

### MAY 7, 2023

### **FoMA Concert: Artifice**

Gabe Simerson | gabe@standrews.net

FoMA's penultimate concert will take place on Sunday, May 7th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave with the group Artifice. A consortium of composers, conductors, and singers from greater Washington, Artifice seeks to rethink how an audience experiences "choral performance," and blends standard choral repertoire with innovative, often homegrown material that creatively uses both sonic and physical space.



### MAY 20, 2023

### Women's Fellowship and Outreach Event

Elaine Runkel | teambelieve@standrews.net

Team Believe will participate in the Relay for Life scheduled for May 20, 2023 at Woodson High School! This means that after a few years of DIY Relay events, we will once again be participating along with many other groups at a large venue. The event runs from noon until midnight on the 20th so offers lots of time for women's fellowship in addition to raising critical funding for the American Cancer Society. Please note that even if you are not available to participate in the event on the 20th, you can still be a member of the team. Please contact Elaine Runkel with questions. Please consider joining Team Believe and/or supporting a member or the team in general. More details to follow and link to join and donate.

### JULY 17-21, 2023

### Vacation Bible School

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Vacation Bible School (July 17th-21st) is our camp for kids ages 3½ to rising 4th graders. We start each morning at 9:00 a.m. and spend the day making crafts, playing, singing, eating snacks, and listening to Bible stories until pickup at 12:00 p.m. Classes will be both inside and outside (weather depending) so dress kids appropriately.



Registration opens on April 1st (http://tiny.cc/VBS2023). The cost is \$30/child (\$70 family max - registration cost only) and \$10/t-shirt (t-shirts are optional). Money & registration are due by June 19th.

We also need lots of volunteers to make this week work. Volunteers can use the same registration form to sign up to help. There is no registration cost and t-shirts are free for volunteers.

#### LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

### **APRIL 2, 2023**

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14- 27:66

### **APRIL 6, 2023**

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1, 10-17 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

### **APRIL 7, 2023**

Good Friday Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42

### **APRIL 8, 2023**

Easter Vigil

Romans 6:3-11 Psalm 114 Matthew 28:1-10

### **APRIL 9, 2023**

Easter

Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 28:1-10

### **APRIL 16, 2023**

2nd Sunday After Easter

Acts 2:14a,22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

### APRIL 23, 2023

3rd Sunday After Easter Acts 2:14a,36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

### **APRIL 30, 2023**

4th Sunday After Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

# **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Cindy Halligan
2 PALM SUNDAY	3 Luke Sabo	4 Emma Dutton Beau Peters	5 Maddie Emert	6 MAUNDY THURS. Don Taggart Kyan Kuechler Ann Colvig	7 GOOD FRIDAY Ron James Serafina Latiolais	8 Susan Brady Ellen Gleason Shane Louis
9 EASTER Michelle Pankow Sharon Gould Bob Heyer	10 Amy Braun	11 Laura Sabo Teddy Haubner	12 Kim Horan Brady Bruggeman	13 Jeff Dutton Violet McLean Amy Bailey Abigail Young	14 Lily Haubner	15 Elaine Hock
16 Nathan Kimbugwe Maddie Compton Gabe Simerson	17 Erin Dutton Todd Peters	18 Wayne Leong	19 Patmarie Nedelka Paul Hardin III Jeff Reba Maggie Brander	20 Lynn Bowdren Teddy Demy	21 Paul Hardin IV Autumn Beckwitt Isabella Beckwitt	22 EARTH DAY
23 Betsy Cotten Twila Shappy-Behn	24 Karen Hope	25 Jennie Sparlin	26	27 Gail Bouton Reagan Spitzer	28 Elizabeth Horan Charlotte Brander Saria Fannoh	29 Ann Johnston Andrea Hellier
30 Christine Kelly						

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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