



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



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Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his

clothes became bright as light. - Matthew 17:1-2

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the above account of the Transfiguration, we see the reality of Jesus' divinity. The literal word for transfiguration is the word from which we get "metamorphosis." Peter and James certainly knew the humanity of Jesus. James, the brother of Christ, would know him more than most as his brother. At this moment, the divine nature comes through and we see that this person not only teaches the will of God, but is God incarnate.

This is the Jesus we come to church and worship and with whom we participate. In following Christ, we not only follow a charismatic and wise leader, but his true nature. This revelation not only changes how we follow Christ, but who we are. It changes everything! The simplicity of following a wise teacher is transcended by the fact that we participate in Christ in following him.

The Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6th, is a high feast day in the Episcopal Church. This means that it takes precedence over other celebrations. There are only a few of these which take precedence on a Sunday (think All Saints') and August 6th happens to fall on a Sunday this year. We have the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration during our Principal worship service. As we come this Sunday and as we worship in the church, we recognize on this day the full divinity and humanity of Christ Jesus and we commit to our discipleship as we do.

We come to the church for comfort, solace, and pardon. We also come for strength, renewal, and to be changed (transfigured). These phrases echo our Eucharistic Prayer, "Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not

for renewal" (BCP p. 372). This does not mean that we do not come for pardon and solace, as this is certainly necessary. It also means that we come to be transfigured, revealing the Christ in whom we participate at the Table. This process is not always "comfortable," as a true metamorphosis requires energy and transformation.

Think of how the church may have changed you. We are all touched by stories of faith and by individuals of faith here at Church. We are called deeper into that transformation and are drawn towards it. We acknowledge Christ's full divinity at the Transfiguration and, in so doing, recognize the Christ within the church and within us. How might we continue to shine and reveal the nature of Christ in our own lives and to the world? How might we be called to change, individually and collectively?

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"- Matthew 17:5

We hear the voice of God proclaiming Jesus as the Christ and that we should listen to him. This is the call of discipleship. To follow and be changed, transfigured in the way of the cross. In so doing, the light of Christ is revealed to the world to shine hope in despair.

I look forward to seeing you all this week as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration!

Faithfully yours,



#### Worship Services

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

#### Bible Study

Sunday @ 9:00 AM

#### 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.

#### Gratitude

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"give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

The abundance of gifts at our parish shows our beloved participation in covenant community. I wanted to send a bit of gratitude to a few projects complete or almost complete.

We now have internet in all of the rooms in our building (Network: St Andrews Guest; no password). Thank you to the Property Resource Commission (PRC) and in particular Deb Braun and Todd Brannam for helping to bring this project to completion.

Our flooring project is complete (with a bit of setting up remaining)! Thank you again to the PRC and especially to Carol Robinson for bringing this needed project to completion! It is a safer and more aesthetically pleasing environment for our preschool and Sunday School formation.

We express gratitude for the Eagle Scout project on the outdoor classroom by Thomas Phillips. This is not only a facelift but enhances the children's educational experience while providing a safer area.

We thank CJ Brannam as he continues his work in building the shelving for the preschool administration office. This replaces shelving which was not as stable as it should be and will also make the office look great! Thank you to Jewell Gould who has helped to oversee this project!

Thank you to our staff who are committed to our parish! Thank you to Amy Tibbetts, Director of Family Ministry; Gabe Simerson, Director of Music and Organist; Emily Nein, Communications Director; Michelle Ramsdell, Parish Administrator; and Tami Phillips, Preschool Director.

Thank you to our Vestry! Your commitment to our parish helps to spread the Kingdom! A special thanks to our two wardens, Jewell Gould (senior warden) and Dave Umberger (junior warden)!

There are many more opportunities for gratitude that are not mentioned here. Thanks to each and every one of you for partaking in this covenant community!

# **OUTREACH**

## School Supply Drive

Paul Foley & Woody Browne | outreach@standrews.net

It's Back to School time and both FACETS and ECHO are actively involved in School Supplies Drives. Both dropped-off supplies and/or monetary donations are welcome. Checks made out to St. Andrew's with "school supplies" in the memo line will be forwarded to both organizations. Dropped-off supplies can be left in marked bags across from the church office and are due by Sunday, August 6th.

#### **ECHO**

- #2 Yellow Pencils (Ticonderoga Brand preferred)
- 2-inch Binders
- Blunt scissors
- College Rule ONLY Loose-leaf paper
- College Rule ONLY Spiral notebooks
- Crayola Brand Broad Markers
- Crayola Brand Colored Pencils 12 pack
- Crayola Brand Crayons 24 pack

- DRY ERASE Broad tip Markers
- Elmer's Brand Glue Stick regular size
- High School Backpacks (17 to 19 inches)
- Paper folders with pockets
- Plastic Pencil Boxes
- · Primary Writing paper pads
- Small packs Construction paper
- Wide Rule ONLY Composition books

#### **FACETS**

Target or Wal-Mart gift cards - for extra school supplies and clothes Backpacks (K-12th grade, (special need for High School) cannot have wheels or corporate logos)

#### Binders, Paper, & Notebooks

- Binder 3 ring (1/2". 1", 2" 3")
- Composition Books (wide rule, 100 sheets)
- Paper College or wide-ruled
- Paper Construction and Graph
- Spiral Notebooks

## Writing Utensils

- Ball Point Pens Black, Blue, Red
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Dry Erase Markers Pack, low Odor
- Highlighters
- Markers Fine Tip, Wide Tip
- Pencils Mechanical or Number 2
- Pink and White Erasers

- White Boards (8.5X11)
- Folders and Dividers
- Binder Dividers 5 or 8 Tabs
- Plastic Packet Folder

#### Accessories

- 3-Hole Pencil Pouch
- · Glue Sticks or Liquid
- Index Cards 3x5 (ruled and plain)
- Pencil Sharpener
- Post-it Notes 3x3
- Scissors Blunt, Sharp

## Math Related

- Calculator 4 Function
- Calculator Scientific / Graphing
- Compass

- Protractor
- Ruler

## Cleaning & Hygiene

- Disinfectant Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Tissues Box
- Ziploc Bags Gallon, Quart, or Sandwich

#### Other

- 2 GB Flash Drive
- Clipboards
- · Crayon boxes or pencil cases
- Earbuds or Headphones with Mic

Prayer List

John Carver Nancy Andrea Tony Durso JD Thomas

Don & Marlene Taggart Steve Ramsdell Libby Fike Larry Packard Eve Albanese

Sally Heyer \_\_\_\_ Bill Hartig Olivia Felix Frank Maureen Sullivan John & Gayle Brooks Eddie Fortune

Michelle

Mike

Brian DeWyngaert Miguel Andrea Dorothy Edie Angela Kennedy **Butler Family** Raye Jacia

Diane

Karen Camp Rt. Rev. Carl Wright Karen

Judy Eileen Dom Grady Patrick Payne Deanna Mike Robblee Doug & Kat Connell Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston Francisco Rev. Christine Hertline

Bill Reid Elaine Askew Departed

(son of Sharon & Jewell Gould)

Cari Lawson

(friend of Susan Scott)

Richard Liles

(friend of the Packard family)

Peter Melim

(former parishioner)

Janet Carver (parishioner)

# **OUTREACH**

#### **ECHO Snack Drive**

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St. Andrew's is collecting snacks for ECHO this summer. We are looking for donations of granola bars, fruit cups, nuts, trail mix, and other snacks that can be easily packed and distributed. These snacks will be used to help those in need during the hot summer months. Your items can go in the ECHO box in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.

#### Coming Soon: ECHO Fall Food Drive

Andrea Hellier | echo@standrews.net

Our Fall ECHO Food Drive will be starting soon. We will provide printed lists of all the requested items as well as bags in which to deliver them. We will have an ingathering on Sunday, September 17th, but items may be dropped off at the church throughout the drive. Watch this space for more information.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## Popsicles on the Playground

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

Join us on the Playground after the 10:00 a.m. services every Sunday this summer for some frozen treats! This is a great way to socialize with other parents and parishioners while the kids run off their sugar highs before you go home. If you would like to help out with this fellowship, please contact Amy.

#### Childcare Help

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

Helpers are needed for our joint Nursery/Pre-K class. If you're 14 years or older and interested in helping, please sign up here: http://tiny.cc/babywatch-sum23 (from July 9th- Sept. 17th).

#### **Confirmation Class Sign-up**

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If you are interested in confirming the faith professed at your baptism as an adult, renewing your faith, or being received into the Episcopal Church, then you are likely interested in our next Confirmation class. Please sign up at the link (http://tiny.cc/confirm23) for classes beginning this coming Fall.

#### Magnolia Tree Watering

Dave Umberger | jrwarden@standrews.net

Our beautiful 50th Anniversary tree (planted last year) needs to be watered every week until it is better established, and we're looking for volunteers to help.

Watering takes about 10 minutes with a hose or at least 5-6 gallons of water from jugs. We have a hose back by the kitchen or you can bring your own watering can/bucket. Full details are in the Sign-Up Genius: <a href="http://tiny.cc/watering">http://tiny.cc/watering</a>.

#### Preschool 2023-2024 Registration

Tami Phillips | preschool@standrews.net

We still have a few spaces left so if you know families interested in registering for preschool, please ask them to contact the preschool office at (703) 455-8458 or email preschool@standrews.net. They can also visit our website at 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.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **AUGUST 2023**

#### Family Ministry Summer Meet-Ups

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

This summer we are offering summer meet-ups as something for parents and kids to do together weekly.

If you know you will attend, RSVP to Amy. All are welcome!

- August 10th @ 1:00 p.m. Burke Lake Park train ride, mini golf, picnic/ice cream parlor, and fellowship
- August 16th @ 11:30 a.m. (Wednesday) \$2 Movies How to Train your Dragon: The Hidden World at Regal Fairfax Towne Center





#### Blessing of the Backpacks

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

We have our Blessing of the Backpacks scheduled for Sunday, August 20th during the 10:00 a.m. service. Bring your backpack, tote bag, laptop case, wheelie bag, or whatever you take to school/work so you can get them blessed. We will also have a little token you can take with you to have for the school year.

## **AUGUST 20, 2023**

#### Summer Choir

Gabe Simerson | gabe@standrews.net

Our last "pickup choir" this summer will be on Sunday, August 20th during the 10:00 a.m. service. If you've been looking for somewhere to try out singing in a choir with no strings attached we'd love to see you!

We'll gather in the church at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday, August 20th, and learn one little unison anthem to sing at the 10:00 a.m. service. No need to worry about vestments/robes or anything else - just come as you are and we'll make some music!



#### LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

#### **AUGUST 6, 2023**

Transfiguration Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:13-21 Luke 9:28-36

#### **AUGUST 13, 2023**

#### 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

#### AUGUST 20, 2023

#### 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1,6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

#### **AUGUST 27, 2023**

#### 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

# **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Martene Rhed	3 Mary Roper Mary Jeanne Sabo Claudette Sterling	4 Dwayne Eckman	5 Chris Kohn Lauren Thomas
6 Simone Reba	7 Margaret Bryan	8	9 Jewell Gould Valerie Chrosniak Eloise Stinger	10	11 Isaac Vopelak Sydney Mattalino	12 Bryan Parks
13 Scout Kirkham	14 Diana White	15 Jane Girondo	16	17	18 Jack Koerner David Trenner	19
20 Mary Anne Haskins	21 Henry Koerner Sean Groves	22 Martha Turner Emma Parks Nicki Jones Shelly Naisbitt Emma Packard	23	24 Sandy Kirkpatrick	25	26
27 Blair Forbes Emmy Cotten	28 Sue Emert	29 Rob Kugler Marietta Grundlehner	30 Mark Foster Audra Jones Michael Rollo	31 Jonathan Thomas Annette Hales		

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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# Clergy & Staff

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