



The Net

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



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Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. - Romans 12:2

Dear Friends in Christ,

We begin our program year on September 10th, but what does that mean? Yes, more activity at church commences, however, the emphasis is on Christian formation. Many of us recall the days of Sunday School from our youth (or perhaps we do not). Forum hours for adults bring interesting topics to bear. This year, we take a deeper dive and engage further in this action of Christian formation which stands distinct from conveying of information.

Paul, in the quotation above uses the word “transform” in contrast to “conform.” In short, we open ourselves to the transformative power of the Spirit in our lives. This does mean learning new material, however, the emphasis is on our individual and communal relationship with God. As we move closer to God, we begin a transformation, we are formed into who God calls us to be. At St. Andrew's, we open ourselves at all age levels to this transformation.

- Our young Pre-K students (Rooms 1 & 2) will have basic lessons on God's love and some Bible stories.
- Our Kindergarten-3rd graders (Multipurpose Room) engage in larger biblical stories, activities that relate to them, and our unique Episcopal identity within Christianity.
- Our 4th and 5th graders (Rooms 6 & 7) will begin the Re:Form curriculum, engaging in some of the core questions we ask such as, “How do we know God exists?”.
- Our 6th-8th graders (Conference Room) will be in a parallel course using Re:Form as well. This is an interactive/video-based curriculum.

- Our 9th-12th graders (Room 5) will be in Faith and Film as they engage in such movies as “Bruce Almighty” and discuss topics of faith that come from them.
- As adults, we will be engaged in Faith Journeys: Discovering and Pursuing God's Call. We will learn how to listen through stories of faith leaders (lay and ordained) and we will engage in the formative process of responding to our faith.

In addition, we will have the following formative programs this Fall:

- Youth Confirmation for those in 8th grade and above. This will prepare youth to make an adult affirmation of faith. Those taking the class are not required to be confirmed at the end. Email will@standrews.net.
- Adult Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation – Adults learning and engaging in faith formation which may lead to Confirming your faith, being received into the Episcopal Church, or Reaffirming a commitment that is already made. One may also take this course to deepen their faith.

We continue to offer Bible Study at:

- 9:00 a.m. on Sundays using a Bible Study that engages Art history and questions on the Gospel of the day.
- 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays will be led in a 6-week course by the Rev. Christopher Miller on New Testament views on Discipleship.

Each of these opportunities does offer something to learn, however, their intent is to provide a space in which we all may grow closer to God, our relationship with Jesus, and how we respond to our faith in this life.

We ask for you to give these a try and see where they may lead you this Fall and into the rest of your life.

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)

Thursday @ 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

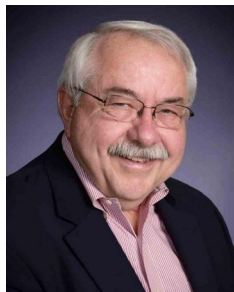
Wednesday 9 - 4

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



SENIOR WARDEN

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It has been since May that I was last able to provide a monthly Senior Warden report. Many exciting activities have been going on since May, and a new season is shortly upon us at St. Andrew's that I look forward to sharing with each of you.

First, a personal note. On behalf of my wife Sharon and our family, thank you all for your continued support, prayers, hugs, and love during the illness and loss of our son, Bill Gould, a brother to Jen and Katie, husband to Agnes, and father to Austin, Sierra, and Summer, his children. We cannot adequately express the importance to us of the cards, calls, visits, and generosity shown in our time of despair. It lifted us up, it continues to lift us up, and we are grateful for your compassion—taking actions to relieve our family's suffering. To everyone in the parish, from Father Will, the staff, to our friends in the pews and coffee hours, thank you. You cannot imagine how faith kept us going. We are continuing to find our way through this challenge, and God's help and your support we will.

Now, with the reopening of schools and Labor Day signaling the end of summer, there are many opportunities for us to use our time and talents in the work of our parish. The Vestry helped to put a face and name with the opportunities each Vestry commission provides. See how your interests align with opportunities

to become part of our leadership and missions and 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 grounds.

Our FACETS Hot Meals teams are preparing meals twice each month, with sandwiches, hot dishes, drinks, and snacks to help those neighbors with food insecurity.

Bring food by September 17th for the St. Andrew's Fall Food Drive to help restock ECHO's shelves. See the list in the Net of needed items.

Openings for teachers to help in our youth formation programs are available, contact Sarah Gregory and Brian Chatman formation@standrews.net to help make a difference in our children's lives.

The Formation Commission also has space for volunteers with the smaller children in our nursery. Think about how you can make St. Andrew's a family friendly worship home and click on the link above.

Octoberfest is right around the corner. Sarah Akins and Lori Foster fellowship@standrews.net will welcome you with strudel and opportunities for you to make a difference at this parish wide festival with music.

It is going to be a great Fall at St. Andrew's, and I am looking forward to seeing each of you at church.

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A Senior Warden salute to CJ Brannam, Eagle Scout candidate, for his work in building new book shelves for the St. Andrew's Preschool office. With his team of scout supports, his parents, Anne and Todd and brother Adam, CJ designed, constructed, and installed twenty feet of shelves to replace the existing ones that had passed their safe and useful prime. Well done, CJ, and St. Andrew's salutes your efforts and contributions to make our campus a better and safer place to live and learn.



PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

TAMI PHILLIPS

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We are thrilled to begin the 2023-2024 preschool year! We have two new staff members - Holly Welty, Fish Teaching Assistant, and Cynthia Steele - Frog Teaching Assistant.

Both of these ladies will work with Amy Bailey as their Lead Teacher. They are both a wonderful addition to our staff as they bring a wealth of experience, positive energy, and professional attitude toward educating young curious learners.

Our preschool classrooms have new floors and beautiful new area carpets. Our preschool office has new bookshelves as well as new floors. A new space was added to the outdoor classroom so the nature class has a larger space to gather. With the help of the Vestry, Eagle Scout projects completed by CJ Brannam and Thomas Phillips,

the Property Resource Commission, and Preschool Board, we were able to get a facelift this summer. Thank you to everyone!

We still have a few spaces left in our preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. If you know of friends and neighbors who are looking for a preschool space this year, please ask them to contact our office at 703-455-8458 or email preschool@standrews.net. They can also visit our web site 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.

Please pray for us as we continue our ministry and begin our preschool year Tuesday, September 5th.



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
Diane
Miguel
Andrea
Dorothy
Edie
Angela Kennedy
Butler Family
Jacia
Karen Camp
Bishop Carl Wright

Karen
Judy
Eileen
Dom Grady
Patrick Payne
Deanna
Doug & Kat Connell
Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston
Francisco
Bill Reid
Elaine Askew
Terri Bennett
Sylvia J.

Departed

Mary Larry
(mother of Mary Richardson)
Lavona Andersen
(parishioner)

OUTREACH

ECHO Food Drive

Andrea Hellier | echo@standrews.net

Our Fall Food Drive is underway with an ingathering on Sunday, September 17th. Items may be dropped off at St. Andrew's throughout the drive.

ECHO counts on the donations from St. Andrew's food drive to restock ECHO's pantry – please help by purchasing some of the items requested. ECHO fed 1,200 families in the Burke/Springfield area last year by providing 270,000 pounds of food; your donations make this possible.

FOOD ITEMS:

- Can Tomatoes (e.g. paste, sauce, diced, etc.)
- Honey or Jam
- Cooking Oil
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Baked Beans
- Can Meat (esp. Spam or Chicken)
- Sardines
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Box Pasta
- Ketchup, Mayonnaise, or Mustard
- Milk products (canned, shelf-stable, hot chocolate)
- Sugar
- Box Potatoes
- Lentils
- Coffee (Instant or ground)
- Canned fruit
- Bagged beans (black, red, or garbanzo)
- Bag Rice
- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Crackers
- Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper)
- Lemon/Lime Juice
- Juice (Bottles or Box)
- Cereal
- Tortillas
- Masa (Corn) Flour
- Muffin/Cornbread Mix

HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

- Laundry Detergent
- Toilet Paper
- Facial Tissues
- Shampoo
- Dish Soap
- Paper Towels
- Toothpaste
- Shaving Cream/Razors

CROP Walk Fundraiser

Elaine Runkel | crop@standrews.net

Help raise money for this year's CROP Walk, scheduled for Sunday, November 5th.

Glory Days will contribute 10% of the total food and beverages purchased to the CROP Hunger Walk fundraiser. Bring your friends, family, and neighbors! To go orders are included. For online orders, print your receipt.

Simply ask your server for the itemized copy of your guest check (NOT the charge card receipt) and drop it in the envelope on the bulletin board outside the church office. **Last day to participate for this fundraiser is Saturday, September 9th.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Childcare Help

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

Our Nursery and Pre-K classes are in need of volunteers to assist our teachers during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays. The two classes are combined for the summer, but starting September 10th, we will split them up again, and we will need a helper for each class.

We will need adult helpers in the Nursery and adult or teen helpers in the Pre-K class. Teen volunteers (14+) can earn service hours for their help.

Our current Summer sign-up goes through September 17th: <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-sum23>.

The Fall edition runs from September 24th through December 17th: <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-fall23>.

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Preschool 2023-2024 Registration

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Confirmation Class Sign-up

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

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.

Formation Fellowship

Sarah Akins & Lori Foster | fellowship@standrews.net

This fall we will be starting a multi-generational fellowship time in the Parish Hall, after the 10:00 a.m. service and immediately prior to Sunday School and Adult Formation. Our first one will be held on Kick-off Sunday (September 10th) as we celebrate the start of our formation year.

We're looking for food donations to help us enhance coffee hour, as well as a few volunteers to help with set up and clean up. To help with Kick-off Sunday, please use this link: <http://tiny.cc/uybavz>.

We're also looking for volunteers on an ongoing basis to help with Formation Fellowship snacks. Fellowship will provide beverages, but we are asking for donations of snacks for both children and adults in attendance. Suggestions include finger foods, such as cookies, muffins, crackers, cut up fruit, etc. Please provide approximately 2 dozen items/ servings. To sign up to help on future Sundays, please use this link: <http://tiny.cc/pbank>.

Stewardship

Jane Gironde | stewardship@standrews.net

I have been a member of St. Andrew's for over thirty years. Newly married and starting our family we found St. Andrew's and many people like us who wanted a place to raise our children in the faith and deepen our own faith. It was easy to connect with others and get involved in ministries that appealed to my interests. I am on the Altar Guild, cook for FACETS and teach in the Sunday school. I spent 13 years teaching in the Preschool. I have twice served on the Vestry in the fellowship and formation committees. My children were baptized and confirmed here, I was confirmed and my husband was received.

Over the years we have formed many lasting friendships all the while giving our time, talent, and treasure to support the ministries of St. Andrew's. In the last year we have truly felt the loving support of our church family during some stressful life experiences. All of this is thanks to everyone pulling together and supporting the stewardship of St. Andrew's with their time, talent, and their treasure.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

It may not technically be fall yet, but early September brings lots of changes with it! Maybe you find yourself with a little more 'me time' now that the kids are in school. Or maybe you are just happy that it's pumpkin spice latte season! Join us at West Springfield Panera on Thursday, September 7th, at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and conversation!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

Adult Choir Rehearsals

Gabe Simerson | gabe@standrews.net

Beginning on Thursday, September 7th, the Adult Choir will meet every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Nave for rehearsal.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Adult Formation

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

This Fall, we hear from prominent speakers about their journey of faith and response to God's call in their lives. On this journey, we see what it looks like to respond to God and we learn from incredible examples of faith, God's call for each one of us. Individually and collectively, we learn that we are all called by God and can follow Jesus in our own lives.

As of now, our guests include:

- **September 10th** – The Rev. William L. Packard, Rector
- **September 17th** – The Venerable Holly Hanback, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Virginia
- **October 1st** – The Rev. Heidi Kugler – Methodist Minister and Prison Chaplain
- **October 22nd** – The Rev. Dr. Joseph Thompson - Assistant Professor of Race and Ethnicity Studies and Associate Dean of Multicultural Ministries.
- **November 12th** – The Rev. Deacon Sarah Kye Price – Vocation Minister at the Diocese of Virginia
- **November 19th** – Gabe Simerson – Director of Music and Organist at St. Andrew's
- **December 10th** – Diane Wright – Former Director of Lifelong learning at Virginia Theological Seminary

We may have a few other guests as schedules are solidified. Join us to hear from our honored guests and explore your own path to discipleship.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Under 3 Playgroup

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

St. Andrew's is happy to bring back the Under 3 playgroup! The first get together will be Sunday, September 10th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The idea is for families with children under 3 to get to know each other and create an on-going group that can get together for fellowship and support. Going forward the group can decide when/where to meet. Contact Amy for more info!

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

ESOL Classes

Pat Conrad | esol@standrews.net

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes begin with registration on Tuesday, September 5th, and an introductory class on September 12th.

Our students are from all over the world with varying English language skills and educational backgrounds. A few are just learning English while most want to improve their English. Often they need help in understanding life in Northern Virginia. Besides teaching English our teachers help with tasks such as job applications, parent conferences, shopping, and how to use the metro. Most of all we provide an accepting environment for students to feel welcome and supported in their efforts to assimilate into American life.

Classes meet every Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We follow the FCPS calendar, so if schools are closed for a holiday or weather related reason, we will not meet that day.

You can help us by letting your limited English speaking friends and acquaintances know about the program and by considering joining our teaching team. It takes no prior experience. New teachers are paired with experienced teachers whenever possible. Please contact Pat Conrad if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

Women's Fellowship: Trivia Night

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Join us at West Springfield Ledo's Pizza in the Cardinal Forest Shopping Plaza on Thursday, September 14th, at 6:30 p.m. for their Trivia Night. There is no cost to play. You only need to pay for your food and drink. Hope to see you there!

SEPTEMBER 15, 2023

Shrine Mont Final Payments and Registration

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net & Michelle Ramsdell | michelle@standrews.net

Reminder that final payments for Shrine Mont are due by Friday, September 15th. Go here to pay: <https://onrealm.org/standrewsVA/give/retreat>.

We also have 10 spots open, so if you didn't get a chance to sign up and still want to join us for our annual retreat to Shrine Mont (Oct. 27-29, 2023), you can register here: <http://tiny.cc/ShrineMont2023>. Registration will close again on September 15th.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

Women's Fellowship: Morning Walk

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Slip on your walking shoes and join us for a casual stroll around Burke Lake on Saturday, September 16th, at 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Burke Lake Marina, where there is ample parking and restrooms. Sunscreen and a water bottle are recommended!

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

FoMA Concert Series: Siglo de Oro

Gabe Simerson | foma@standrews.net

Join us for our first concert of the Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew's 2023-2024 series: Siglo de Oro. Siglo de Oro is one of the leading British vocal ensembles of its generation, praised for its golden tone, fresh interpretations, and innovative programming. The group's programme, A Voice in the Wilderness, is a celebration of the music of William Byrd, who died 400 years ago this year. It features Renaissance polyphony by Byrd and his friends Thomas Tallis and Philippe de Monte, alongside contemporary pieces by Kerensa Briggs, Arvo Pärt, and Caroline Shaw.

Concert begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave on Sunday, September 17th. Free admission. Reception to follow.



SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Oktoberfest

Sarah Akins & Lori Foster | fellowship@standrews.net

Oktoberfest is coming back to St. Andrew's on Saturday, September 30th! Starting at 6:45 p.m. we'll have plenty of food and drink at this adult-only event, as well as outstanding music from the German Band unit of the City of Fairfax, Alte Kameraden. Tickets are \$20 a person and include a traditional German buffet. Specific menu details to be shared closer to the event. Tickets can be purchased here (<http://tiny.cc/oktober23>). Contact Fellowship with questions or if you're interested in helping with this great event!

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Psalms 26:1-8

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Psalms 119:33-40

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:1-7, 8-13

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

17th Sunday after Pentecost



Jonah 3:10-4:11

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Cody Grogan John Greenlee Jack Lewis Brian Shannon	2 Steve Ramsdell Karen Steele
3 Jennifer Davis Jacob Vance	4 LABOR DAY John Flahive Carter Gregory	5 John Osthaus Kent Morgan Jonathan Nein Colin Browne Emily Reba	6 Mary Richardson	7	8 Sean Phillips	9 Pat Daugherty
10 Diane Hill Luke Groves	11 PATRIOT DAY Andie Hardin 	12 Kat Connell Pat Dewey Claire Watson	13	14 Mary Grogan Amelia Haubner Holden Kuhns	15 Will Spencer	16 Virginia Sertich Lydon Hawkins
17 Heather Flanagan Hadley Cone	18	19 Gretchen Parrott	20	21 Audrey Spaans	22 CJ Brannam Randall Prior Karen Nies-Vogel	23 AUTUMN BEGINS 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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