



The Net

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



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"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God."
Ephesians 5:2

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we hear the familiar words from Ephesians printed above. We hear it at the Offertory when we give our offerings to God in our acts of Stewardship. We not only provide our monetary gifts but some tangible ones as well, including food each week. Of course, the primary offering at this time is the bread and wine with which we celebrate the Holy Eucharist along with "our selves, our souls, (and) our bodies." As we hear the words, our bodies move into this point of the liturgy and turn towards the Table and towards Resurrection.

Our Stewardship Committee chose the words of our Offertory sentence this year as our Stewardship theme. It is a reminder of our weekly offering and a reminder of how we are to live our lives, "(walking) in love" and orienting toward Jesus and Resurrection. This is not a simple gimmick to increase giving for a particular time of year, but an invitation to walk with Jesus. As we present the offerings for Eucharist, it is in relation to the continual reminder of Resurrection and "daily bread" that sustains us in our baptismal covenant. The stewardship theme invites us to acknowledge and continually respond to and remember this invitation.

The particular monetary goal for Stewardship this year is \$775,000, which is an attainable goal. With this component of Stewardship, we will continue our course of building up the church so that we may equip ourselves to go out into the world. We see increased membership and engagement and, in meeting this goal, may be able to look towards an Assistant Rector in the coming year. In addition to working towards staffing

needs, we may continue to grow a robust formative experience and BE the church of this new era in the world. Our individual orientation towards Jesus and the Resurrection feeds us, sustains us, and enables us to go into the world as Christ's disciples.

We are already in a new era of the church and St. Andrew's is trending opposite the national trends on attendance, giving, and activity. How might our "walk in love" include a continued response to go into the world? This is an exciting time in the life of our parish with an opportunity to be fed, sustained, and enter the world renewed, refreshed, and bearing witness to a Resurrected life.

I cannot tell you how excited I am to be on this journey with you in this time in the world. I invite you into this continued life of Stewardship which helps us orient ourselves, individually and collectively, towards Christ. When we pledge, we make a commitment to orient our lives this year in a particular year. When we commit to an Endowment, at any time in our lives, we orient our legacy and larger life to the ministry of the future church. When we give of time and talent, we give of our selves, our souls, and our bodies, to walk with Christ.

When we "Walk in Love," we walk together with Christ on this path of discipleship. How might we, together, step not only into a new era of Stewardship but a new era of the church?

I thank each one of you for your gift of fellowship and partnership in the Gospel. Let us Walk in Love!

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.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

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Fall is in the air and it is a glorious time for outside play. The children are enjoying their playground time and outdoor classroom time. We have completed our first month of preschool and our wonderful teachers are back in their routines and our new students are settling in and realizing we are not so bad after all. Our classrooms are busy, vibrant learning spaces with opportunities for exploration and discovery.

October brings the start of a few after school programs—Lunch Bunch, Nature Explore class, and Enrichment class. At the end of the month, we will host a Trunk or

Treat for our preschool families in the back parking lot.

We still have a few spaces left in our preschool for the 2023-2024 school year. If you know of friends or neighbors who are looking for a preschool space this year, please ask them to contact our office at 703-455-8458 or email us at 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.

We continue to feel blessed to work with such wonderful families!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship: Walk in Love

Jeff Reba | stewardship@standrews.net

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.”

That is a phrase we hear in every service, but have you taken a moment to truly reflect on what it means? To “walk in love” means living our lives in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ, who commanded us to love one another as He has loved us.

Walking in love means putting the needs of others before our own and actively demonstrating love through our words and actions. It means becoming a reflection of God’s love in all that we do.

Regardless of where we find ourselves in our faith journey, we are called to love, serve, and give in the name of God. Stewardship is one way of acting on this invitation.

Stewardship involves recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, and being generous and grateful with those gifts. This season of stewardship is a time to think, pray, and plan for

how we will give of our blessings in the coming year, and not just financially, but also the gifts of our time and talent. Stewardship is our invitation to participate more directly in the life of St. Andrew’s and to walk in love with a spirit of gratitude and generosity.

As we kick off our annual stewardship campaign, we are called to walk in love—and that is where the heart of giving really lies.



Bishop E. Mark Stevenson Announces Appointment of the Diocese’s First Canon for Discipleship



The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, announced today the appointment of the Rev. Chanta Bhan as the Diocese’s first Canon for Discipleship.

“Chanta is a joyful disciple who listens deeply to others’ experiences in their faith journeys,” said Bishop Stevenson. “Her approach to formation is firmly grounded in both the biblical narrative and how Jesus’ teachings are lived out in the present day. She is an experienced community organizer, and a quick study of the world around her. I am grateful she will bring her talents and passion to support both the laity and the ordained of this Diocese.”

Bishop Stevenson added, “I am also grateful for the Search Committee and our consultant Heidi Kim for shepherding this process and helping the Diocese to bring the ideal person to this important work.”

Working in close collaboration with the Bishops, Canon Bhan will articulate

and proclaim a vision for discipleship of clergy and lay ministers in the Diocese. She will work in partnership with congregations to support their work with children and family ministries, Shrine Mont Camps, Parish Youth Ministry, campus ministries, and adult formation programs. She will help empower robust vocational discernment for laity, expand networks of formation professionals, and strengthen opportunities for pastoral care for formation leaders.

In collaboration with the Canon for Racial Justice and Healing, Dr. J. Lee Hill, Jr., Canon Bhan will incorporate racial healing and justice into all elements of formation. “It was an essential part of Jesus’ ministry in the Gospels to people on the margins,” said Canon Bhan.

Prior to ordination, Canon Bhan worked as a lay chaplain in hospice, hospital, and campus ministry and she received awards for preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and community organizing. Canon Bhan was ordained in 2021. Most recently, she served as Associate Rector at St. Matthew’s in

Austin, Texas; Interim Middle/Upper School Chaplain at All Saints’ Episcopal School in Fort Worth; and Associate for Mission and Outreach at Saint Michael and All Angels in Dallas.

Canon Bhan holds a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Virginia Theological Seminary. She received a Master of Divinity and a Master of Theological Studies in World Religions from Harvard Divinity School.

“I’m delighted to return to Virginia for the opportunity to work with Bishop Stevenson and Bishop Harris to support the people of the Diocese in discipleship and formation. I’m looking forward to working with and learning from the diocesan staff as we all strive to place Jesus at the center of our lives,” said Canon Bhan.

Canon Bhan will report directly to Assistant Bishop Gayle E. Harris. She begins her ministry in the Diocese on October 1.

Childcare Help

Sarah Gregory & Brian Chatman | formation@standrews.net

Are you looking for a fun and fulfilling way to give back to your community? Our Pre-K and Nursery classes are seeking friendly and reliable helpers to join our team! The Nursery requires an adult helper every week, while the Pre-K class needs an adult or teen volunteer. And for our teen volunteers aged 14 and up, this is an excellent opportunity to earn valuable service hours. So don't wait, sign up now at <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-fall23> to help our littlest members grow and learn in a nurturing environment!

Prayer List

John Carver
Nancy
Andrea
Tony Durso
JD Thomas
Don & Marlene Taggart
Steve Ramsdell
Libby Fike
Larry Packard
Eve Albanese

Sally Heyer
Obadiah & Claudia Dugan
Jesse Hill

Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Frank
Maureen Sullivan
John & Gayle Brooks
Eddie Fortune

Michelle
Mike
Diane
Miguel
Andrea
Edie
Angela Kennedy
Butler Family
Jacia
Karen Camp
Bishop Carl Wright
Karen
Judy

Dom Grady
Patrick Payne
Deanna
Doug & Kat Connell
Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston
Francisco
Bill Reid
Elaine Askew
Terri Bennett
Sylvia J.
Bill Armour
Emily Compton
Marcia & Jim Compton
Manuel Pablo

Departed

Emily Compton
(aunt of Ted Compton)
Fred Layman
(father of January Layman-Wood)
James Moxness
(friend of Gabe Simerson)
Wilma Perry
(grandmother of Brian Chatman)
Dorothy Polk
(sister of Tom Watson)

Will at CREDO Conference

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

In late September, I attended a CREDO conference which Episcopal Priests may be invited to attend every 10 years in ministry. I thank you and our Vestry for the gift of this Continuing Education opportunity. The time spent in Richmond, Virginia, enabled me to take a spiritual and practical retreat with some of the Episcopal Church's great leaders. I pray each of you may have this time in your lives to renew and reflect upon your ministry.

Hawaii Relief: Thank you!

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Mahalo nui to those who contributed to the September 23rd and 24th St. Andrew's Plate Offerings or directly through the Diocese of Hawaii site for relief funds for Maui. If you would still like to donate, you can do so by going directly to the Bishop's Pastoral Fund by clicking here: <https://episcopalhawaii.jotform.com/232241296944964>. Thanks again!



ECHO Food Drive Results

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Over 1,100 lbs. of food donated by St. Andrew's!

St. Andrew's collected an impressive amount of food donations that will go a long way in helping those in need. Fifty percent more food was collected this year. Your contributions have helped ECHO provide nourishment and support to individuals and families who are facing challenging times.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for embodying the spirit of giving. A special thanks to Emily Nein, Pam Hauge, and Marlies Durso for their help on this year's food drive.

CROP Walk Fundraiser

Elaine Runkel | crop@standrews.net

Help raise money for this year's CROP Walk, scheduled for Sunday, November 5th, by eating at Panera's on Saturday, October 14th. All you have to do is bring the flyer with you (printed or digital) and show it to your cashier. You can also use the code FUND4U at the online checkout. [Click here for a full version of the flyer.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Adult Forum: Rev. Heidi Kugler

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

Our next guest speaker and preacher for the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services on October 1st is Rev. Heidi Kugler. Rev. Kugler is an Ordained Elder from the Greater NJ Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and a Certified Correctional Chaplain with the Association of Correctional Chaplains Association.

Currently, she serves as the national Chaplaincy Administrator for the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Washington, DC. As the Chief of Chaplains for the agency, she provides executive oversight to chaplaincy departments in all 122 federal prisons nationwide.



OCTOBER 8, 2023

Blessing of the Animals

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Get ready to unleash the joy and join us for the Blessing of the Animals (the Feast of St. Francis) on October 8th at 4:00 p.m. in the Front Parking Lot! Rain or shine, this paw-some event will take place, with the Multi-Purpose Room serving as a cozy shelter in case of any unexpected showers. Bring your furry friends and let them bask in the divine blessings. Don't let them miss out on this fur-tastic experience!

OCTOBER 11, 2023

Parents and Littles (PALs)

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

Are you a new parent looking for a chance to connect with other parents in the community? Or perhaps you're a seasoned pro looking for a fun activity for your little ones? Look no further than our Parents and Littles get-together!

Join us on Wednesday, October 11th from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a morning of socializing, playtime, and delicious coffee and snacks. Our get-together is the perfect opportunity for young families to meet other parents from the Parish and Preschool and have the little ones play together. Don't miss out on this fun-filled event - you can stay for the whole time or just drop in whenever it works for you. We can't wait to see you there!

OCTOBER 15 & 22, 2023

Sacrament Classes

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

We are pleased to offer our Sacraments classes again! These classes are open to anyone but are mainly aimed at kids—4 years old and up—(and their parents) who might want to know more about baptism and communion. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. We do not require any classes to participate, but sometimes parents prefer having their children learn something about this sacrament before partaking in it. This class is perfect for that and for anyone already receiving who would like to understand it better.



Our first class focuses on Baptism and will be held in classrooms 6 and 7 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 15th. Our second class focuses on Communion and will be at the same time and place on Sunday, October 22nd. RSVP to Amy Tibbetts if you would like to attend. Parents, please stay with your child for this class.

OCTOBER 15, 2023

Adult Forum: Gabe Simerson

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Our Director of Music, Gabe Simerson, will talk about his path to life as a church musician, and will delve into what he's concluded makes work as a liturgical musician, an organist, and a church choir director different from any other kind of professional musicianship. He'll also touch on his philosophy of church music and his guiding principles for following his call at a high quality, as well as reveal some secrets of the trade you've likely witnessed but never noticed before! [And if you've ever wondered how the buttons, switches, and keyboards at the organ console work together on a Sunday morning, Gabe will finish with a brief crash course on the art of console management.]

OCTOBER 15, 2023

FoMA Concert Series: Rocknoceros

Gabe Simerson | foma@standrews.net

Hey parents, are you looking for a fun-filled musical experience for your little ones? Look no further! Rocknoceros is coming to St. Andrew's as part of our free FoMA Concert Series on Sunday, October 15th at 4:00 p.m. With a decade of experience and ten Washington Area Music Awards under their belt, these guys know how to put on a show. Bring your kids along for a chance to dance, sing, and move around to some awesome tunes. The concert will be held either outside or in the Parish Hall, depending on the weather. Mark your calendars and get ready to rock with Rocknoceros!



OCTOBER 19, 2023

Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Happy Fall! As the leaves begin to change, we invite you to join us for our monthly Women's Fellowship Coffee Chat. On **Thursday, October 19th**, we'll be meeting at **9:30 a.m.** at the West Springfield Panera. Whether you're a pumpkin-spice aficionado or just curious about the hype, we'd love to have you join us for a delightful morning of conversation, connection, and community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet new friends and strengthen existing relationships.

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Committal Service for Doris James

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The committal service for Doris James will be held at Arlington Cemetery on Thursday, October 19th, at 2:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Women's Fellowship: Trivia Night

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Come and join us for an exciting evening of trivia with Women's Fellowship! Whether you're a trivia expert or a beginner, everyone is welcome. This no-cost event will be held at Ledos Pizza in the Cardinal Forest Plaza on **Thursday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m.** You only have to pay for your food and drinks. Don't miss out on the opportunity to socialize and have a great time with us. **RSVP by Wednesday, October 18th to let us know you're coming.**

OCTOBER 22, 2023

Adult Forum: The Rev. Joseph Thompson, Ph.D

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The Rev. Joseph Thompson, Ph.D will be our Adult Forum speaker on **Sunday, October 22nd**. Dr. Thompson is Assistant Professor of Race and Ethnicity Studies and Associate Dean of Multicultural Ministries at Virginia Theological Seminary. His particular area of expertise is African American Studies. He works to ensure that seminarians engage with issues of race and ethnicity, justice, and intercultural awareness as part of their theological education. Prior to coming to VTS, Dr. Thompson taught for ten years at Washington University in St. Louis.



OCTOBER 24, 2023

Committal Service for John Corbett

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The committal service for John Corbett will be held at Arlington Cemetery on Tuesday, October 24th, at 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 28, 2023

ECHO Semi-Annual Yard Sale: Donations

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The ECHO Yard Sale is Saturday, October 28th, from 8:00 a.m. - noon, at St. Bernadette's School Gym. Items needed for the Yard Sale include vintage items, jewelry, pottery, glass, camera's linens, quilts, pictures, artwork, and figurines. Also, toys, CD's, books and much more. Please consider donating your items to the ECHO Yard Sale. (Items can be dropped off at St. Andrew's or ECHO - Yard sale donations accepted until Friday, October 20th.)

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

OCTOBER 1, 2023

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 61

Psalm 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13

Luke 4:14-30

OCTOBER 8, 2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-14

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

OCTOBER 15, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm 23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

OCTOBER 22, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

OCTOBER 29, 2023

22nd Sunday after Pentecost


Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Psalm 1

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Mikey Eckman	2 Aidan Fernandes Drew Peters Andrew Davis Jack Spitzer Josephine Gallant Alexa Dillon	3 Claudia Brady	4	5	6 Christian Pohlmann Ben Kosowski Ben Lewis	7 Rebecca Umberger Marifran Bustion
8 Paul Foley	9 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY	10	11 Sarah Gregory	12	13	14 John Bernhards Elaine Runkel
15	16 Judie Prentiss Sam Withington John Heyer	17 Fred Kalema-Musoke Corene Froede Vanessa Parks	18 Doug Connell	19	20 Anna Kosowski	21 Libby Hassler
22 Erik Pohlmann Colin Jones Autumn Haubner	23 Wes Akins Vivian Chatman	24	25	26 Bruce McWilliams Marshall Withington Jason Watson Emily Proctor	27 Pam Hauge Doug Wood Amelie Rhoads	28 Jesse Hill Joe Steele Brianna Memon
29 Katherine Gallant Bailey Gallant	30 Pat Conrad Meredith Horan Ripley Coates	31 HALLOWEEN Korie Gondek 				

*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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