



The Net

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



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You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Ephesians 2:19

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you noticed that the longer you spend with someone the more you tend to take on their characteristics? I notice my Georgia accent from childhood returns, even if slightly, when I spend time with similar accents. We may notice this when our children use words and call each other "bruh," because this is a habit of their friends. We even will use similar body language, facial expressions, and other characteristics of the people with whom we spend time. Sometimes this leads us in a direction in which we want to go and other times, down a path we might rather avoid.

We begin the month of November with the Feast of All Saints', one of the highest feast days which we will also celebrate on Sunday. We recognize some of those great saints of old, such as St. Andrew and also some of the "lesser" saints from our modern era, such as the Episcopal nun Constance and her companions. We also recognize within our tradition that we are all called into sainthood. This is not to be perfect, but to be drawn closer to God and who God truly desires us to be. Where might we go to be the person God is calling us to be and with whom do we surround ourselves to bring us in that direction?

When we look to the saints as examples, we are brought closer to the person God is calling us to be. We may also look to those in our lives who help us be and become our true selves, beloved children of God. The saints of old have the benefit of time to help erase some of the faults of their humanity. The saints around us and of more modern times still have a record of being human. This is one reason why we have a difficult time, sometimes,

grasping the idea of sainthood. There are inevitably people around us to whom we look as examples of saints and bring us closer to God and we too may be those people for others.

In our covenant community, that is a community centered around our Baptismal Covenant, we lean on each other as examples and uphold each other in our promises. These are the promises to live into the faith we profess and to accept that we are beloved. True covenant community, like living in family, takes significant effort and is difficult. We also continue to come to our shared value and profession in faith. With Jesus at the heart of our community, we all aspire to take on his characteristics and profess the love he shares. We gather, look to each other as examples, and profess a common faith so that we might be drawn closer to God.

Looking into this month of November, we gather in gratitude in our covenant community. Think about characteristics of the church and our friends here who have guided you or your children. How might we continue to look to Jesus at the heart of our community to live into who we are called to be?

I look forward to celebrating the Feast of All Saints with you this weekend and continuing throughout November. I am forever grateful for you and our covenant community.

Faithfully yours,

Will

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

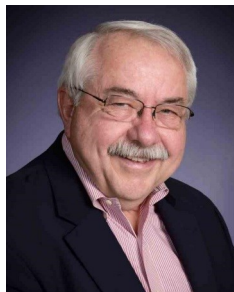
Wednesday 9 - 4

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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Just as anticipated, Fall is in full swing at St. Andrew's. As we survey the bounty of the harvest provided to us, enjoy the fellowship of our friends at Octoberfest, we also are offering support for those in need.

FACETS Benefit Breakfast

returned October 13th, led by Donna Daugherty, our Outreach FACETS coordinator. Nine St. Andrew's and the Springfield Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints supporters came together with hundreds of FACETS volunteers to recognize the success FACETS and its partners have achieved in reducing and eliminating homelessness in our county. We support FACETS with hot meals for 150 people twice a month, part of a 365 day a year program to fight food insecurity. In February Steve Koss, Elaine Runkel, and the Outreach team of Paul Foley and Woody Browne will help our parish volunteers open our doors to shelter those facing death from hypothermia. The St. Andrew's Hypothermia Prevention program of more than a decade and the Hot Meals program of more than two decades is evidence of how our blessings are shared with those in need.



Eagles soar at St. Andrew's with our third Scout project now completed. Collin Wyman, son of Preschool Admin Celene Wyman, designed and completed three student tables and one teacher bench to go in the Outdoor classroom. On a rainy October 7th, Collin and his team of scouts and parents put up work tents, assembled the tables, and installed them in the outdoor classroom where 18 students and their teachers can comfortably sit and learn.

The classroom was built as an Eagle Scout project by Thomas Phillips, who created the foundation for the classroom. The construction of the classroom enabled the introduction of the new nature class curriculum. Thomas is the son of St. Andrew's Preschool Director Tami Phillips. The nature curriculum for students was developed by Rachel Ellis, St. Andrew's Preschool Music teacher. It is the only program in our area and provides students the opportunity to learn about nature in a setting created just for them. When weather permits, the students can enjoy their lunches at the tables. No other preschool has a classroom or curriculum like ours.

Thank you to Kelly Nyman, St. Andrew's Preschool teacher, for her volunteer work on our **Friendship Trail** sign. Kelly volunteered to use her skills with laser cutting letters and signs to help complete this link between friends through the woods. The sign is complete, and shortly will be placed along the Friendship Trail between St. Andrew's Preschool and Adat Reyim's preschool. The trail was part of the Eagle Project of Sam Withington completed this summer. Preschool Director Tami Phillips has been working with Adat Reyim on the joint use of trail connecting the two properties.



Growth does not happen in a vacuum. The **Newcomer Bag Ministry Team** delivers information and a loaf of bread to families interested in learning more about St. Andrew's. When visitors fill out an interest card, Emily Nein will reach out to volunteers to welcome the newcomers. So far this fall we have sent out six newcomer bags since September to families, with more each month. Each bag contains the current Monthly Net, basic

contact and commission information, and a volunteer provided loaf of bread. All of this is delivered with our best wishes, a note if the family is not home or a conversation welcoming them and answering questions. Thanks to Emily Nein, Marlies Durso, Debbie Williams, Karen Spencer, Marifran Bustion, Marietta Mason, Simone Reba, Elaine Runkel, and to the Vestry leadership of Laura Sabo and Karan Wright for helping welcome families to St. Andrew's.

Food for Friends, a longstanding St. Andrew's program providing weekend meals and snacks for children in need, is back. Following years of St. Andrew's Preschool leadership on this program and thousands of meal bags ferried to our partner school by Woody Browne, the program was ready for its next phase. Following a conversation Father Will had with a school counselor at Bonnie Brae Elementary, the program continues. Richard Sellers has volunteered to take on the next phase of our ministry and your support would be graciously accepted. In a county of bounty, some children face insecurity about their next meal and St. Andrew's is there to help.



ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes continue meeting each Tuesday under the leadership of Pat Conrad and her team. Students are from all over the world with varying English language skills and educational backgrounds, some just learning English; others want to improve their English. Help acclimating to our community life in Northern Virginia is built into the lessons. Not only do these volunteers teach English, but they find time to help with tasks such as job applications, parent conferences, shopping, and transportation options. St. Andrew's provides an accepting environment for students to feel welcome and supported in their efforts to assimilate into American life. You can help by joining our teaching team. It takes no prior experience. Please contact Pat Conrad (esol@standrews.net) if you have any questions.

Speaking of St. Andrew's helping, your half ton of food donated to ECHO helped fill the pantry shelves and the plates of our neighbors in need. Monetary donations for our **Thanksgiving meal support** will assure families in our area have a meal to share with family and friends this holiday season. Drop off your donation at St. Andrew's with "Echo Holiday Meal Fund" on the memo line of your check. Andrea Hellier, our ECHO Team Lead, Paul Foley, or Woody Browne can answer questions. Thanks to Deb and Amy Braun for their continued ministry in organizing the collection and delivery of cards and food for our friends in need.

The **Land-Use Task Force** continued to meet and discuss options for the land acquired with the purchase of the Graham property. The Vestry has completed a Pro Bono Agreement with David Schneider of Holland and Knight, LLP, to exchange ideas from the taskforce and to explore possibilities, obstacles, and paths to options the Taskforce is exploring. His experience and knowledge will help as we explore possible options for the space. A draft report outlining the work of the Taskforce will be provided to the Vestry in December for their consideration.

Thanks to our **pilgrims**—Lucilla Woodard, Betsy Pugin, and Janet Rife—for carrying the message of love and vigilance for those who suffered from rejection and violence in their battle for equality for all. Their recent journey along the path to desegregation allowed them to stand with those who gave so much so that we might live in dignity and love for all. Their joint sacrifices echo loud across the years and show us at St. Andrew's the way forward.

Prayer List

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

Obadiah & Claudia Dugan
Alice Roerig
Ann Colvig
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
Bishop Shannon Johnston
Francisco
Bill Reid
Elaine Askew
Terri Bennett
Sylvia J.
Bill Armour
Marcia & Jim Compton
Manuel Pablo
Kim Reisig
Wally Morgan

Departed

Victoria Anderson
(daughter-in-law of Margo Stead)
John Brooks
(cousin of Sandy Mansfield)
Benny Boley
(friend of Deborah England)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Foyer Groups

Debbie Williams & Sharon Gould | foyergroups@standrews.net

Are you interested in joining a new foyer group for this year? Sign-up sheets will be available in the Parish Hall during coffee hour on Sunday, November 5th. You can also contact Debbie or Sharon to join a foyer group, or if you have any questions.

ECHO Thanksgiving Meals

Andrea Hellier | echoi@standrews.net

Thanksgiving is weeks away, but ECHO is already planning to connect donors with families who struggle to provide a holiday meal. St. Andrew's has partnered with ECHO for many years, and we need your support. St. Andrew's will buy and deliver gift cards to the ECHO clients in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Please support this effort by donating to the ECHO Holiday Meal Fund. Checks can be made out to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with "ECHO Holiday Meal Fund" on the memo line. Please drop off your donation at church or mail it to St. Andrew's, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, VA 22015.

Fellowship / Coffee Hour

Sarah Akins & Lori Foster | fellowship@standrews.net

Please join us for some multi-generational fellowship and refreshments immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday! There will be time to enjoy conversation, a cup of coffee, and a snack before Sunday School and Adult Formation begin.

Fellowship will provide coffee, tea, and cold beverages; we need volunteers to provide the snacks (for children and adults). You can use this links to sign up: <http://tiny.cc/22icvz>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Candy Tithe

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Next Sunday, November 5th, we invite children to bring 1/10 of their Halloween candy to the church. We will invite them up during the Offertory to drop off their donations in our Candy Wagon (or they may place it in the wagon before or after the service). This is a fun practice and also an opportunity to teach our children about stewardship.

The candy will go to our hard-working college students. If you have a college student coming home for Thanksgiving, let us know! We will make up a candy bag that they (or you) can pick up from church.

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Necrology

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

For our All Saints' Day service next Sunday, November 5th, we will include everyone from our Prayer List who has passed away in the last year. If you have someone you would like to add to this list who died in the past year, **please email their name to Emily by Thursday, November 2nd.**

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

CROP Hunger Walk

Elaine Runkel | crop@standrews.net

Please consider joining the St. Andrew's CROP Walk team next Sunday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m. This is a great chance to join a community event that helps fight hunger locally and globally. The walk is a 3.6-mile loop from Burke Presbyterian Church to Knollwood and back to Burke Presbyterian Church. Go here for more information: <http://tiny.cc/crop2023>.

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Adult Forum: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net



Join us for our next guest speaker in our Adult Forum series: *Faith Journeys - Discovering and Pursuing God's Call*, the Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price, on Sunday, November 12th.

The Rev. Price is the Vocations Minister for the Diocese of Virginia. In this role she manages the ordination process, stewarding the Commission on Ministry's canonical responsibilities to "design and [oversee] the ongoing process for recruitment, discernment, formation for ministry, and the assessment of readiness therefore."

She is a blended vocational priest, professor, and social worker with a heart for preparing people to serve the church and the world. She is grateful for her call to diocesan staff to accompany others in the ministry of vocational discernment and formation.

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Join us on Thursday, November 16th, at 9:30 a.m. for a coffee chat at West Springfield Panera. It's a great time to meet new friends or catch up with current ones.

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

Fall Parish Clean-Up

Dave Umberger | jrwarden@standrews.net

Save the date! The Fall Parish Clean Up is upon us – November 18th from 8:00 a.m. until completion. We will give a shine to the inside areas of the church and tend to the leaves, flower beds, and other outside needs. Please come out and help with your support for as long (or short) as you can. Coffee and munchies will be provided! Email Dave with any questions.

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

40th Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

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Join us at Burke United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving service. This will be the 40th interfaith worship service before the Thanksgiving holiday. The guest speaker this year is Rev. Dr. Katy Hinman. Katy is the Director of the Dialogue on Science, and Ethics and Religion for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She taught creation care years ago at Candler School of Theology and worked for a few years for Interfaith Power and Light.

NOVEMBER 30, 2023

The Feast of Saint Andrew Evensong

Gabe Simerson | gabe@standrews.net

Join us on Thursday, Nov. 30th, at 7:30 p.m. for a major event in the life of St. Andrew's: a choral evensong celebrating our patron saint, our feast of title, and the best our community has to offer. This service, which is largely sung by the choir, will feature the world premiere of Gabe Simerson's "Magnificat and Nunc dimittis Primi toni", as well as a hymn tune Gabe has written for St. Andrew's, the second outing of the anthem FoMA commissioned from composer David Hurd for our 50th anniversary, and the "Christ Church Responses" of local legend and VTS emeritus professor William Bradley Roberts, who will serve as guest conductor. This will be an event worth saving a Thursday night for!

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Advent Festival

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

Join us for our Advent Festival! Sunday, December 3rd in the Parish Hall immediately following our 10:00 a.m. service, we will have our Advent Festival to ring in the new church year!

We will have stations to make an advent wreath, ornament making stations and more! There will be festive music and special treats and fun for ALL ages! This will take the place of our regular coffee fellowship time and also replace Formation that day.

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Women's Fellowship Cookie Exchange

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Join us on Sunday, December 3rd, at 2:00 p.m. for a fun and festive cookie exchange at Karen's house. It's a delicious way to celebrate the season with St. Andrew's friends! Hot cider, cocoa, and savory snacks will be provided. Participants are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies/bars/brownies of any kind (store-bought or homemade). The idea is to enjoy each other's company and some tasty treats! Everyone will get to bring treats home with them! RSVP by November 26th to womensfellowship@standrews.net for the address.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

All Saints

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Psalms 70

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Psalms 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Last Sunday after Pentecost



Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 95:1-7a

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25:31-46

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Nick Runkel	3 Chandra Cookson Nora Wood Kathryn Payne	4 Alex Froede Jeff Regan
5 Darren Williams	6 Kiley Meadows Chelsey Dunham Andrew Nedelka Sammy Demy	7 John Sabo Maddy Cotten Peyton Larsen	8	9 Steve Van Beek Carleigh Haskins Ken McKeever	10 Gloria Spaans	11 VETERANS DAY Stephen Bowdren Nicholas McWilliams 
12 Allie Kugler	13 Donna Daugherty Dave Umberger	14	15 D'Arcy Roper Allie Harris	16 Julie Morgan Christina Nies Ann Bidwell	17 Claudia Borke Keira Schaffer Kylie Arnott	18 Marcy Bowdren Richard Sellers
19 Carolyn Kohn	20 Robbie Kugler Jensen Kugler Ron Mason	21	22 Hope Van Beek Skye Van Beek Lee McKinley Evie West	23 THANKSGIVING Chris Umberger 	24 Stephanie Meadows Teddy Chatman	25 Martha Williams
26	27	28 Alice Corbett Heidi Kugler	29 Jackie Mula Cathy Harman Olivia Beckwitt Janet Rife Harry Raber	30		

*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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