



The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Time flies this time of year in particular and most of us wonder why Advent is not already here. Christmas arrives in the blink of an eye and, if we are not careful, we can miss an opportunity to observe a wonderfully deep season in Advent. We are familiar with some of the practices and perhaps have tried to do all of them. How might we observe the season this year?

Worship:

In the busyness of the season, it is easy to miss worship. With only four Sundays in Advent, if one is missed we then miss an opportunity to observe an important week with particular readings. For Advent, we continue in our Saturday evening services which will all be Eucharist, except for Taizé on December 16th. On December 23rd, we will offer a Healing Eucharist, where healing prayer may be offered for you personally.

Devotions:

If you are a reader in particular, then devotions are a good way to observe the season. Here are some that I recommend.

- *Goodness and Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas*
- *Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent* by Walter Brueggemann
- *Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season* by Heidi Haverkamp
- *Preparing for Christmas: Daily Meditations for Advent* by Richard Rohr
- *Mary's Voice: Advent Reflections to Contemplate the Coming of Christ* by Dr. Amy Orr-Ewing.
- *Advent Storybook: 24 Stories to Share before Christmas* (particularly appropriate for children).

Practices:

How might we change the ordinary into the profound with practices for this particular season. In other seasons, such as Lent, we have particular observations. Here are some ideas for what you might do during this season.

- Light an Advent Wreath. We will have the opportunity to make them this Sunday during formation hour.
- Advent Calendar – there are some with chocolates and characters. This is more of a countdown than a way to prepare.
- Decorating? We can admit that we decorate for Christmas before Christmas. How might you incorporate Advent into the theme? What might you withhold from doing until Christmas?
- Read a Gospel. What if you read a chapter of a Gospel (choose any you like) each day? While we read almost the entirety of every Gospel in Church, it is not often that we take the time to read it as a cohesive unit.

You may find other ways of observing this season and you are certainly not limited to what is in this email or offered through St. Andrew's. There are an abundance of resources online and in social media.

Prior to the season beginning, we celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew on Thursday, November 30th. We have an Evensong, a gem of the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. This worship opportunity may be a time to prepare our hearts and minds, in the celebration of Andrew and in our parish, for the coming season and inevitable coming of Christ.

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.

AN NOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Poinsettias

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

It's time again for the tradition of decorating the church for Christmas with your gifts of poinsettias. Each poinsettia is a visual symbol of your gift, given as a memorial for a loved one or a thanksgiving for a blessing in your life. Your thanksgivings and memorials will be printed in the Christmas service bulletins.



Envelopes for your donations are located on the bulletin board outside the office. Suggested donations: \$25. Please return your filled-out envelope to the office by Friday, December 15th.

Childcare Help

Sarah Gregory & Brian Chatman | formation@standrews.net

Our Pre-K and Nursery classes, which watch our youngest members from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays, need helpers for each classroom. Each class has a paid staff member, but for the safety of everyone, we need at least one helper with them throughout the morning.

Our Nursery needs an adult helper each week, and our Pre-K class needs an adult or teen helper each week. Teen volunteers (14+) can earn service hours for their work. Sign up here to volunteer: <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-fall23>.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

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Our Christmas Pageant is fast approaching and there are two rehearsals that would greatly benefit all participants to attend. Rehearsals are Sunday, December 17th, during Sunday School (11:30-12:30ish), and on Sunday, December 24th, from 2:00 - 3:45 p.m. with the service starting at 4:00 p.m.

We are looking for a few adults/teens to help with herding children and assisting the production. Please contact Amy if you want to volunteer.

We encourage children to come to both rehearsals (especially if they have one of the few speaking roles), but visiting children can join in the fun as long as they arrive 30 mins before the 4:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

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>.

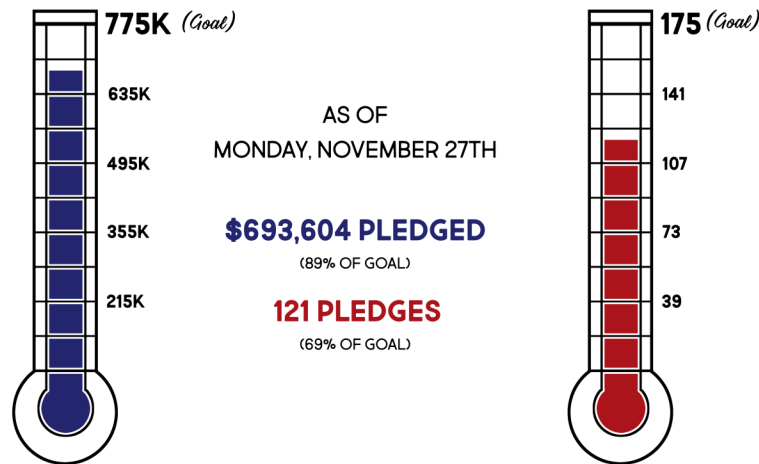
2024 Pledge Campaign

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Thank you to everyone who has sent in their pledge cards or pledged online! As of Monday, we have received pledges from 121 families and are at 89% of our pledging goal! Remember, every little bit helps. Even \$5/week makes a big difference, especially when multiple families make that pledge. Also, the staff will do a silly dance for everyone if we make it to 175 pledges!

Pledge Cards are available on the table in the Narthex, or you can pledge online at www.standrews.net/giving. Your pledges allow us to make smart, informed decisions in regards to our 2024 budget.

St. Andrew's 2024 Pledge Drive



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Advent Festival

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On 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.

We're looking for set-up help and volunteers to bring treats to this event. You can sign up here to help: <http://tiny.cc/gutdvz>.

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
Kate Chipps
Bob Gleason
Mary Jeanne Sabo
Janet Foley

Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Frank
Gayle Brooks
Eddie Fortune
Michelle

Mike
Miguel
Andrea
Angela Kennedy
Karen Camp
Bishop Carl Wright
Patrick Payne
Bishop Shannon
Johnston
Francisco
Elaine Askew
Terri Bennett
Sylvia J.
Bill Armour

Marcia & Jim Compton
Manuel
Kim Reisig
Wally Morgan
Eva Taggart
Benn Crandall
Stephen Crispell
Jennifer Herzog
Marco N.
Gary Nash
Cathy Withers
Ed Zaptin
Tara Corley
Nan Little
Steven Charles Smith
Denise Townsley

Departed

Micha Capalowa
(family of Peggy Fink)
Bryan Herzog
(friend and co-worker of Anita Opperman)
Kathy McCurry
(family of Deborah England)
Tom Corley
(cousin of Susan Scott)
Judy Tremain
(sister-in-law of Cathy Sears)

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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!

DECEMBER 3, 2023

FACETS Giving Tree

Jen Koerner | facets@standrews.net

The FACETS Giving Tree is back for another year! We have a list of children of various ages hoping to get something special this year. Most of our gift requests are on our in-person Giving Tree in the church. We also have an online option to purchase gift cards that will allow FACETS to provide gifts to additional children at our Giving Tree Sign-Up Genius page: <http://tiny.cc/GivingTree23>.

Not every child has specific gift requests, but there is a list of suggestions on the FACETS webpage, (<https://facetscares.org/donate/holiday-gift-drive>) including a reminder to choose ethnically diverse dolls if that is your gift (suggested limit of \$25).

Once you have your gift, please wrap and label it either with the ornament from the Giving Tree or a tag with the child's first name/last initial, case manager's name (if provided), and age.

Please deliver all gifts to the church by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you all for your generosity and help in making sure these kids have a wonderful Christmas.

If anyone is interested in helping sort gifts after the 10:00 a.m. service on December 17th or delivering gifts to FACETS the week of 17th, please contact Jen Koerner. Total time commitment would be around 1 hour.



DECEMBER 8, 2023

Funeral Service for Charles Petty

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

The funeral service for Charles Petty will be held at Old Post Chapel at Arlington Cemetery on Friday, December 8th, at 9:00 a.m. We suggest that you arrive at Old Post Chapel via the Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall/Old Post Chapel Gate at least 30 minutes prior to the service. All guests are required to show their Photo IDs for entrance to the cemetery.

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Advent Lessons & Carols

Gabe Simerson | gabe@standrews.net

On Sunday, December 10th, at 5:00 p.m., the St. Andrew's Choir presents a beautiful service of Advent Lessons and Carols, bathed in warm candlelight and highlighting the specific, often underlooked, and complex repertoire and story of Advent. Congregational hymns will be interspersed with works the choir will sing as they move progressively through the Nave. This is a major undertaking for the choir, which will be hot off the tails of Evensong, so do come out to support our musicians and to experience a commemoration of an important time in our church calendar!

DECEMBER 14, 2023

Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net



Take a break from the hustle and bustle, and join us for a coffee chat on Thursday, December 14th, at 9:30 a.m. at West Springfield Panera. Stop by for a few minutes, or stay for an extra cup. We'd love to see you!

DECEMBER 17, 2023

FoMA Benefit Concert: Karen Ashbrook & Friends

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Join us on Sunday, December 17th, at 4:00 p.m., for our annual benefit concert with Karen Ashbrook, joined by multi-instrumentalist Paul Oorts, fiddler Andrea Hoag, and vocalist Eileen Estes. These four performers have crafted a delightful program of Celtic songs and tunes to celebrate Christmas, winter, and the New Year. Selections include the toe-tapping Wren, the King of the Birds and the tender Irish lullaby Christ in the Manger, set to the beloved melody of Morning Has Broken. The program has a wide selection of traditional and contemporary airs, jigs, and reels from Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man, and Brittany.

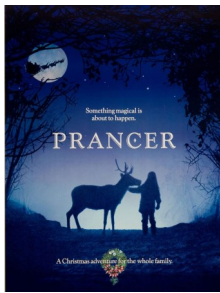


The free-will donations collected at the concert will go towards ECHO and FACETS. Please make checks out to "St. Andrew's Episcopal Church" with "Benefit Concert" on the memo line.

DECEMBER 17, 2023

Family Movie Night

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net



Join us for Family Movie Night in the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. We will show the movie *Prancer* (G-rated) following the FoMA concert (in case any of you would like to do both). Families are invited to bring a sack dinner, pillows, blankets, PJs, etc. to make it a comfortable and cozy night! Parents are welcome to bring snacks to share in the kitchen while the kids watch the movie.

We will have the Multipurpose Room as well if some kids need something else to do. There is no school the next day (Winter break starts!). RSVP to Amy if you plan on coming.

Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

Advent IV | 9:00 AM | Rite I w/ hymns
 Christmas Eve | 4:00 PM | Pageant & Rite II w/ music
 Christmas Eve | 8:30 PM | Carol Sing
 Christmas Eve | 9:00 PM | Rite II w/ music

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day | 11:00 AM | Rite II w/ hymns



LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

DECEMBER 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

DECEMBER 10, 2023

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

DECEMBER 17, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Canticle 15

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

DECEMBER 24, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalms 96

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

DECEMBER 25, 2023

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms 98

Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)

John 1:1-14

DECEMBER 31, 2023

1st Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Psalms 147 or 147:13-21

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

John 1:1-18

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Hannah Compton 	4 June Folluo	5 Betsy Pugin	6 Alice McGuin	7 Elsa Kirkham Patrick McLean	8 Shepard Kirkham Georgene Chatman	9
10 Denise Turcotte Annel Kelley	11	12 Samuel Hellier	13 Stacey Thomas	14 David Kagulu-Kalema	15 Beverly Bernhards Corey Runkel Beth Ridpath Maggie Sertich	16 George Mawanda-Kalema
17 Libby Fike Maddie Vega	18 Frances Moffett Gabby Vega	19	20 Lisa Rollo	21 WINTER BEGINS Brian Bowker Connor Ridge 	22 Jim Kirkpatrick Sandy Mansfield Ayla Petty Emily Paquette Jennifer Koerner	23
24 Declan Cone	25 CHRISTMAS 	26	27 Helen DuVal William Kenney	28 Adam Sabo	29 Tracey Mula Sean Thomas	30 John Chatman
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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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