



# The Net

The Monthly Newsletter of  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
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Merry Christmas!

The most effective New Year's Resolutions in my life resulted from a partnership, whereby someone else made or kept me accountable to a new habit or practice. The communal component assists our success and intentionality towards whatever it is. We may be much more likely to show up to the gym when someone meets us there. What assists your practice of beginning a new habit or practice?

While the New Year's Resolution is not a distinctly Christian practice, we might look at it through the lens of our own mission to follow Christ. In the same way resolutions succeed with accountability partners, the promises we make as Christians are supported by the community. This practice is not to shame each other into following our covenant, but to support, encourage, and love. We may even tie our own New Year's resolutions into our Christian practices.

Conveniently, one of the first Sundays in the New Year is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. At this service, we often baptized new Christians and we always renew our own Baptismal Covenant. Just like a resolution, the promises of the covenant require a community and a continual re-commitment.

One opportunity to re-commit to your Baptismal Covenant is to take a Confirmation class, which will begin for adults and youth alike on February 11th (the week before Lent). If you are in 7th grade or above, and interested in exploring your faith deeper, please contact me directly. The youth course will follow a curriculum called Confirm not Conform and the

Adults will engage in a course based on the Catechism. After the course, you may, if you desire, be Confirmed, Reaffirmed, or Received. Confirmation is making the promises made at your baptism as your own (an adult). To Reaffirm your promises is to make the promises with intentionality again since you have already been Confirmed. To be Received, means that you have made an adult commitment in another faith, and you are now being received into the Episcopal Church.

At St. Andrew's, we seek to live into our Baptismal Covenant together. Through our formation for all ages, our outreach, fellowship, and, of course, our worship together. In this new calendar year, how might we resolve to dig deeper into our faith life and explore our Baptismal Covenant? In the Episcopal Church, the work of faith formation is of all ministers of the Church. You are a vital in this ministry and part of the community that helps us to live into the covenant.

I pray that you may have a blessed Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you throughout this month as we all seek to follow Jesus Christ in our Baptismal Covenant.

Faithfully yours,

# VESTRY NEWS

## 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

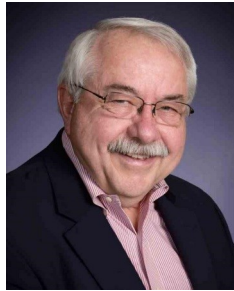
Tuesday @ 9:30 AM

## 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.*



SENIOR WARDEN  
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I wish every one of you joy in the coming year, with thanksgiving in my heart for your support for St. Andrew's and one another. When I

look back on the year, I see evidence of your commitment to our parish. We are restored and growing to provide a worship home for our St. Andrew's family. Thank you for all you have done to bring this ministry back into the fullness we all need. In this fragile world where loss can be encountered at many turns in our lives, the support and love shared by this parish is at the heart of the ministry.

We are grateful for the leadership of our Rector, Father Will for his countless hours in service to us. You may recall in the not too distant past the challenges facing our worship opportunities—ability to meet in person, health issues for friends and family, resource scarcity, and growing needs. Father Will modeled the behavior needed for us to learn how to emerge from our darker days, to worship freely, to grow our opportunity to serve our Lord. He inspired our staff and your Vestry, never hesitating to accept the call to meet the needs of St. Andrew's.

Pam Rozelsky and Pete Kirkham with Michelle Ramsdell served our financial needs, helping us apply the resources you gave us to the mission of St. Andrew's. Amy Tibbetts led our Family Ministry engaging our children, the future of St. Andrew's, and their family in this key element of our parish, and an out of this world Vacation Bible School. Gabe Simerson, our Director of Music, and Organist guides our voices in our choir and in our pews to embrace the ministry of melodies in our lives. Emily Nein keeps us informed and aware of all the news we need, even guiding us in our programs as we worship each week.

We invited in visitors to our services to share their work in this world, giving us perspective and vision of how the world can be a truly better place with our time, talent and treasure applied. From the Venerable Holly Hanback, Arch deacon of the Diocese of Virginia to the Rev. Heidi Kugler, Prison Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Joseph Thompson, The Rev. Deacon Sarah Kye Price, our own Gabe Simerson, Director of Music, and Diane Wright, Former Director of Lifelong Learning at VTS, we heard voices of what was possible in our lives. We enjoyed the

ministry of Rev. Christopher Miller, Pastoral Assistant, leaning in with our Bible Study and his care for those in need.

Your Vestry accepted your call to serve, thoughtfully adopted their vision for the year, and went on to make program decisions that would lead to support for worship and resources. They took the courageous step to identify and target the needs of our parish going forward, seeking your support for our shared vision. They committed to an intergenerational parish serving the needs of all, to "Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, restore the penitent...and bring us all to be of one heart and mind..."

Our thanks to Ann Brannam and Jeff Reba for leading our Stewardship Commission and guiding us to meeting our goals for the future. As a result of your response to their call, we can return to meeting St. Andrew's needs for an Assistant Priest, to meet our obligation to the Diocese to pay our share of support, and to bring us closer to funding the program needs of our parish.

The Vestry also brought to life the commissions that bring us Formation for our families, with Bible stories, teaching about our Episcopal identity within Christianity, providing faith and film to engage our youth, and even obtaining new television monitors for programs to teach our children.

The Fellowship commission restored that St Andrew's feeling with our friends coming together for picnics full of food and fun and in the Fall Oom-pah Bands playing the Chicken Dance to bring us bratwurst and smiles.

With your time, talent, and treasure you accomplished much this year. Our Youth mission of nine volunteers to Dinwiddie, VA, led by Carl Jones and Stacy Peters, helped families with the needs of their home, painting and repairing the homes and lives of others, not to mention the joy of clean cars and pancake suppers. Outreach enabled us to serve those in need in our community around the world from Ukraine to the Diocese of Jerusalem, to the fire ravaged parishes in Maui. We sustained our support for FACETS and ECHO with back packs for students, chocolates for Moms, and 20 meals for families at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We housed our homeless neighbors, providing shelter and over 500 meals during a

week of corporal acts of mercy. We had 197 volunteers spend 476 hours planning for, shopping, and preparing 3,078 meals for hungry families. We gathered names from our giving tree and provided presents for families at the holidays who would have gone without except for your gifts.

Our Junior Warden and his volunteer teams maintained our building and grounds, cleaning the church, maintaining our campus, adding improvements in flooring tiles, new walls, electrical outlets, televisions in classrooms, reliable WIFI, and so much more. Darren Williams and his team made certain all who wanted to worship could join, even if they could not attend in person. Our parish members donated vases for sacred use, installed Memorial Garden plaques, contributed to endowments and gifts to sustain our ministries and grounds. Our Land Use Task Force reviewed our property and assets, considered suggestions for the land, studied the requirements for the space, accepted the pro bono services of attorney David Schneider of Holland and Knight LLP, and have sent a report of their work to the Vestry for review.

Father Will saw to worship opportunities throughout the year, from our visitor at Palm Sunday to the resurrection in Easter services, the fire of Pentecost, blessing back packs to return to learning, welcoming parish members back from their summer travels, blessing animals, leading us in our Shrine Mont retreat, Thanksgiving, celebrating St. Andrew's Feast Day with music and worship, welcoming Advent, and celebrating Christmas with pageants and light. We will not soon forget the feeling of community as we passed the flame from candle to candle in

the darkened Nave, lighting our lives and hope for the coming birth of Christ.

We relied on our Rector and our friends in times of joy and loss this year. Father Will had the joy of conducting wonderful weddings with families in our parish joining couples and children of St. Andrew's who have grown to start their lives together. We have shared the grief of losing our friends and loved ones, with our services celebrating their lives passed and prayers for their souls. We baptized many into communion with Christ witnessing the sacred covenant and renewing our own vows. We created and commissioned Stephen Ministers to support our need for comfort.

Our Preschool benefited from the leadership of Tami Phillips and her staff to begin the education path of so many young children. They were aided in the creation of space by Eagle scouts who prepared indoor library shelving and outdoor space for science and meals, and a path joining preschools in a sign of friendship and caring. The graduation of students brought parents into St. Andrew's for recognition of their efforts to begin their children's lives in our preschool and move on prepared for a better opportunity in learning.

The feeling of those I have spoken with is that St. Andrew's is moving in the right direction, with leadership and vision from Father Will, by growing support among parish members, in welcoming new families, and by contributing time, talent and resources needed to meet our potential for exciting programs of worship. I could not agree more.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Childcare Help

Sarah Gregory & Brian Chatman | [formation@standrews.net](mailto: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-win24>.

### Prayer List

John Carver  
Nancy  
Andrea  
Tony Durso  
Don & Marlene Taggart  
Steve Ramsdell  
Libby Fike  
Eve Albanese  
Sally Heyer  
Obadiah & Claudia Dugan  
Alice Roerig

Mary Jeanne Sabo  
Janet Foley  
Larry Packard  
Amy Tibbetts  
Bill Hartig  
Olivia  
Felix  
Frank  
Gayle Brooks  
Eddie Fortune  
Michelle  
Mike  
Andrea

Angela Kennedy  
Karen Camp  
Bishop Carl Wright  
Bishop Shannon Johnston  
Francisco  
Elaine Askew  
Terri Bennett  
Sylvia J.  
Bill Armour  
Marcia & Jim Compton  
Kim Reisig  
Wally Morgan  
Eva Taggart  
Benn Crandall

Stephen Crispell  
Jennifer Herzog  
Marco N.  
Gary Nash  
Cathy Withers  
Ed Zaptin  
Tara Corley  
Steven Charles Smith  
Joan Hahn  
Conrad M.  
Conrad Grundlehner  
Dom Grady  
Tate  
Amber Almonte  
Tom White  
Steve

### Departed

Denise Townsley (sister of Sharon Gould)  
Ken Nein (brother of Jeff Nein)  
Jo Ann Sanches (family friend of Chris Umberger)  
Diane Marshall (friend of Donna Osthaus)  
Walt Boyer (former parishioner)  
Glen Snodgrass (friend of Pat Conrad)  
Manuel Pablo (friend of Chris Umberger)  
Dana Greene (friend of John & Donna Osthaus)

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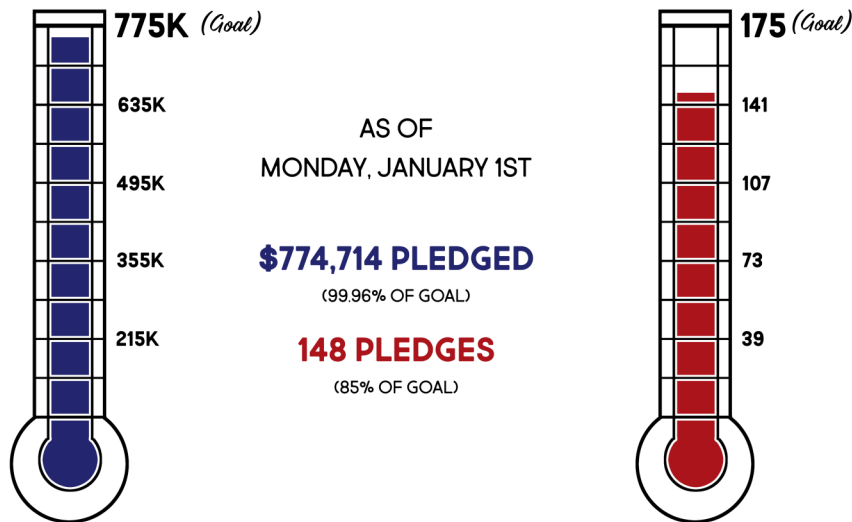
## 2024 Pledge Campaign

[stewardship@standrews.net](mailto:stewardship@standrews.net)

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their pledge cards or pledged online! As of Monday, January 1st, we have received pledges from **148 families** and are at **99.96%** 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](http://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



## Christmas Poinsettias

Emily Nein | [emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)

Poinsettias are ready to be picked up! They are available on the brick ledge across from the office.



## Save the Date: 2024 Workcamp

Stacey Peters & Carl Jones | [workcamp@standrews.net](mailto:workcamp@standrews.net)

Our 2024 Workcamp will take place from June 15th-22nd in Frederick, MD. We have spots for 10 youth. Contact Stacey or Carl for more information or if you have questions.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY 5, 2024

### Men's Fellowship - Twelfth Night

Darren Williams | [mensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:mensfellowship@standrews.net)

Men's Fellowship will get together this Friday, January 5th, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Glory Days Grill for a casual Twelfth Night Celebration. Join us for 5 minutes, or the entire time, where we will be observing the last night of Christmas (you know, "twelve drummers drumming"). Some traditions calls for singing Christmas carols, having one's house blessed, merrymaking, as well as attending church services. In some countries, Twelfth Night and Epiphany mark the start of the Carnival season. For Carnival in the United States, think about New Orleans, where it lasts through Mardi Gras Day. We'll simply be observing the merrymaking, and another tradition, "wassailing".

No response needed. Join us if you can, this Friday, January 5th, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Glory Days Grill.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY 11, 2024

### Women's Fellowship - Trivia Night

Karen Hilber | [womensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:womensfellowship@standrews.net)

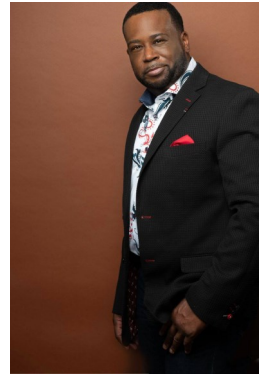
Make your resolution to spend more time with friends! Join in on the fun of Trivia Night at West Springfield Ledo's on Thursday, January 11th. We'll meet there at 6:30 p.m. to get settled in for a 7:00 p.m. start time. There is no cost to play, and no trivia experience is necessary! RSVP by noon on Tuesday, January 9th.

## JANUARY 14, 2024

### FoMA Concert: Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music

Gabe Simerson | [foma@standrews.net](mailto:foma@standrews.net)

Our next Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew's (FoMA) concert will be held on Sunday, January 14th at 4:00 p.m. Patrick Lundy and the Ministers of Music are a dynamic community choir, who officially debuted in November 1994 and consists of some of the most outstanding vocalists in the Washington Metropolitan Area, many of whom are ministers of music, choir directors, music educators, soloists and ordained ministers of the gospel. They have accompanied a virtual "Who's Who" in gospel and secular music for a myriad of prestigious events at venues such as the White House, Library of Congress, Washington National Cathedral, The Kennedy Center, at President Barack Obama's inaugural activities, and for the dedication of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. Free Admission. Reception to follow.



## JANUARY 14, 2024

### Spaghetti Dinner

Sarah Akins & Lori Foster | [fellowship@standrews.net](mailto:fellowship@standrews.net)

Join us for a family-friendly spaghetti dinner on Sunday, January 14th, at 6:00 p.m., (after the FoMA concert). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 12 and under, with a family cap of \$30. Come for the music, stay for the meal!

Tickets available here: <http://tiny.cc/spg24>.

Contact Lori Foster or Sarah Akins if you are interested in helping with this event, or if you have any questions. We will only have a limited number of tickets available on the day of the event, so purchase yours now!



## JANUARY 18, 2024

### Women's Fellowship - Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | [womensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:womensfellowship@standrews.net)

Beat the cold weather and winter blues by heading to West Springfield Panera for a hot beverage and casual conversation with St Andrew's friends on Thursday, January 18th at 9:30 a.m. See you there!

## JANUARY 21, 2024

### Under 3 Playgroup

Katie Campbell | [playgroup@standrews.net](mailto:playgroup@standrews.net)

We're working on getting regular get togethers going for all the families with kids 3 & under. Our next time for fellowship is Sunday, January 21st from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We'll have snacks and a variety of toys for the kids. Older kiddos are 100% welcome, but the timing is meant to give the younger kids a chance to nap after church. We'd love to see you there!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 4, 2024

### Hypothermia Prevention Week

Steve Koss | [hypothermia@standrews.net](mailto:hypothermia@standrews.net)

St Andrew's is hosting our annual Hypothermia Prevention Program from January 28th to February 4th. During this week, we will welcome approximately 40 homeless guests each night and provide them with food, fellowship, and shelter. There are many volunteer slots (found here: <http://tiny.cc/Hypo24-Volunteer>) that need to be filled in order to make this week a success.

We also have a need for donated items such as walking food, certain clothing, etc. (found here: <http://tiny.cc/Hypo24-Donate>). We are ready to receive donations now through January 28th by placing them on the brick ledge in the hallway across from the Office or in the Conference Room. Any questions please contact Steve Koss.

You can access both Sign-Up Genius pages by using either link. If on a desktop there is a separate tab for each sign-up at the top of the page. On mobile there is a dropdown at the top to choose which page you want.

## FEBRUARY 2, 2024

### Men's Fellowship - Hypothermia Prevention Dinner Hosts

Jim Kirkpatrick | [mensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:mensfellowship@standrews.net)

Men's Fellowship will again support St. Andrew's Hypothermia Prevention Week activities by providing the evening meal on February 2nd, and volunteers are needed to bring food, be servers, and help with clean-up. We provide the main dishes while the drinks and desserts will be provided by others.

Hot BBQ sandwiches have been a popular main dish so we'll repeat last year's menu. We need at least 4 crock pots of your favorite BBQ recipe. It can be pork, beef, or chicken, but we must have at least one non-pork selection so as to accommodate everyone.

Here's the menu - we need volunteers to bring the following:

- BBQ - 4 crock pots (already cooked and ready to serve)
- Buns - 8 packs of 8 each
- Macaroni and Cheese - enough for 35
- Cole Slaw - enough for 35
- Baked Beans - 4 large cans
- Fruit Cups - 30-35 individual cups

Jim Kirkpatrick is the lead on this, and will coordinate who's bringing what. Please contact him if you can help serve or bring a food item, or both.

The meal will be served between 6:00 - 6:30 p.m., so please plan to be at the church no later than 5:30 p.m.

## FEBRUARY 9, 2024

### Preschool Registration

Tami Phillips | [preschool@standrews.net](mailto:preschool@standrews.net)

St. Andrew's parish members are able to register for the 2024-2025 preschool year beginning Tuesday, February 9th. This is a month before our registration opens to the community.

If you would like to schedule a tour or hear more about our program, please call our office at 703-455-8458 or send us an email at [preschool@standrews.net](mailto:preschool@standrews.net).

## LECTIONARY READINGS

([www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net))

### JANUARY 7, 2024

The Baptism of our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5

Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

### JANUARY 14, 2024

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

### JANUARY 21, 2024

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalms 62:6-14

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

### JANUARY 28, 2024

4th Sunday after the Epiphany




Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 111

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Mark 1:21-28

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  	2 Jim Slawski Scott Emert Steve Koss Andrew Winfield	3 Ann DiMisa	4 Carol MacLean	5 Brian Umberger	6 <b>EPIPHANY</b> Janet Foley Liz Ryon  
7 January Layman-Wood Henry Scarborough	8	9 Christie Dasher Nayeli Wiedeman Jackson Shriner	10 Violet Baker	11	12 Shawn Richardson	13 JD Thomas
14	15 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY</b> Timothy Brady  	16 Libby Spencer Isabel Hernandez	17 Amy Tibbetts	18 Pam Rozelsky Ronan Davis	19 Bella Bruggeman	20
21	22	23 Alex Sperry	24 Devon Scott Henry Wisniewski	25 Deborah England Bill Wright Dan Emrick Sean Cafferky	26 Ward McKinley Tim Bradfield Ben Bradfield	27 Harper McGuin
28	29 Bruce Stuck	30 Anna Rozelsky	31 Rowan McGuin Harrison Coates			

*Don't see your name on your birthday? Let us know!  
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