



The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Lenten journey continues through March and culminates on March 30th with the Great Vigil of Easter and Easter Day on March 31st. How is your Lent going so far? Did you decide to do anything? Are your commitments more like New Year's Resolutions which have gone astray? Have you deepened your faith in new practices? Our cultural surroundings tend to reside in the "this" or "that," "all" or "nothing." We are either doing our practices or we are not. However, it is always possible to resume or even amend our Lenten journey. How might we deepen our faith and relationship with Jesus this Lent?

I spoke briefly in this last week's sermon about the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, who writes about the desert mothers and fathers in the Passions of the Soul, about our spiritual journeys. "One of the great messages that all of the spiritual masters and mistresses have to share with us," states Williams, is that "if we are not growing, we're shrinking in the spiritual life. We can't just stand still." How might we separate ourselves from an "all" or "nothing" culture while recognizing that our spiritual journey is in constant motion? Our recognition that our daily and full life encompasses a spiritual journey is, perhaps, our first step. This leads to a life of constant prayer and spiritual motion.

Our individual journeys are highlighted by Williams and I ask us to consider our common lives together as we seek to follow Jesus together. If we apply the same theological reflection, we cannot attain a place of comfort and seek to maintain. Our spiritual formation and deepening relationship with Jesus is a continuous course.

At St. Andrew's, we see some signs of growth in quantitative size and we are adjusting our church structures. We will see our commission leads move from a model wherein each member is in charge of all components of a ministry to liaising and overseeing the larger commission. In addition, we have added two new commissions, including Safety & Security which will help to oversee a committee regarding everything from plant security, to our Safeguarding God's Children training and practices, to looking at various trainings such as CPR for volunteers and staff. You will have noticed that Welcome is now a separate commission. Each person reading this email was once new in the church. With an emphasis on hospitality, the Welcome Commission will guide all of us into the life of the church as ministers of the Gospel.

I speak to the renewal and new organization, not to demonstrate spiritual growth (that is separate but related), but as a backdrop to our continual movement. We will not always grow quantitatively as a church, however, we are always called to grow spiritually. As we seek to adjust our systems and life together, how might we continually seek deepening and adjustments to our spiritual lives, individually and collectively?

As we Embrace the Wilderness this Lent, I encourage us to look at new ways to embrace our spiritual lives. Jennifer Pharr Davis will certainly offer a new and deep perspective on faith. I look forward to our continued journey together as we deepen our relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours,

Will

PRESCHOOL 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.



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

TAMI PHILLIPS

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Science Night is coming Wednesday, March 6th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This is our biggest event of the year where preschool students bring their families to St. Andrew's to show off their science skills! The Parish Hall and Multipurpose Room are filled with hands-on experiments. Our students escort their families through two rooms to experience the hands-on science they do each day with Mrs. Smith in the Discovery Room. We will also host Miss Mollie the Bubble-ologist outside for bubble play! Dr. Amy Adair, our neighbor and pediatric dentist will return with hands-on dental experiments. The Emerson family will be there creating amazing balloon animals. It is always an incredible evening filled with fun!

Read Across America Week is March 4th-6th. We will turn things upside down with a Wacky Wednesday and a Topsy Turvy Thursday. A famous children's literature cat will also take a walk through our Kiss and Ride!

March 18th-22nd, the week before Spring Break, we will celebrate and appreciate our teachers with a week of activities sponsored by our parents and preschool board.

We are piloting a Little Chef's Lunch Club for Thursday Lunch Bunches in March (7th, 14th, 21st) where our students embark on a literacy-based culinary adventure for Thursday Lunch Bunch. Our young chefs will create a simple recipe themed to a story of the week, with an additional focus on fine motor development. Measure, chop, scoop, stir, get messy, and explore new flavors at lunch with friends!

We have been registering returning students and siblings of returning and alumni students, and parish members for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration opened to the community on Tuesday, February 6th. We have registered 46 students so far for 2024-2025. If you know of someone looking for a preschool next year, please ask them to contact our preschool office at 703-455-8458 or email preschool@standrews.net. On our web site preschool.standrews.net, they can view a virtual tour of our program. They can also complete an inquiry to receive more information about enrollment or begin the registration process through our software ChildPilot.

Looking forward to all of the beauty and excitement that spring brings this year!

My oldest son, Christopher, will graduate from Virginia Tech in May and begin his career in Material Science Engineering with ArcelorMittal. This happened all too fast. His love of science all started in the Discovery Room!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Candy Donations

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

We are preparing for our Easter Egg Hunt, set to take place on Easter Sunday between our 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. service! If you would like to help, please donate individually wrapped candy (no nuts or peanut butter) and/or small toys that can fit inside plastic Easter eggs. There is a box across from the church office where you can drop off your donations.

You can also help by volunteering to stuff eggs on Thursday, March 28th. Go here (<http://tiny.cc/egg hunt24>) to sign up to stuff eggs, hide eggs, or donate candy/toys.

Easter Flowers

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

The Easter Flower envelopes are now available on the bulletin board next to the Church Office. Please fill out your envelope and return it, with your donation (\$25 requested), to Emily's desk (look for the ducks) in the office by Sunday, March 24th. Flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 7th.

ECHO Donations

Andrea Hellier | echo@standrews.net

ECHO PANTRY NEEDS: The ECHO Food Pantry needs condiments such as mustard and ketchup, paper products such as toilet paper and tissues, instant coffee, tea, herbal tea, jam, and honey. Donations can be put in the ECHO bin at St. Andrew's or taken directly to ECHO.

FABRIC NEEDED FOR ECHO: The Teen Program at ECHO needs fabric to make no sew blankets for teenagers whose families are clients of ECHO. This is a small way that the teens in our community to assist families in need of ECHO's services. We need 4 - yards of anti-pill fleece fabric for each blanket, 2 yards in a pattern and 2 yards in a coordinating solid.

The Donation Door at ECHO is open on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 7:00 to 9:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings.

Prayer List

John Carver
Nancy
Andrea
Tony Durso
Don & Marlene Taggart
Libby Fike
Eve Albanese
Sally Heyer
Claudia Dugan
Alice Roerig
Mary Jeanne Sabo
Janet Foley
Larry Packard
Ellen
Rich Roerig

Michael Rollo
D'Arcy Roper
Chris Brady
Marifran Bustion
Ethan Groves
Diane

Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Gayle Brooks
Eddie Fortune
Michelle
Mike
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
Jennifer Herzog
Gary Nash
Cathy Withers
Ed Zaptin
Steven Charles Smith
Joan Hahn
Conrad Grundlehner
Dom Grady

Tate
Amber Almonte
Steve
Mike de Cardona
Ford Family
Betty Sue Sellers
Annie Hughes
Lorinda Quinlivan
Eric
Kristan
Ed Frey
Craig D.
Caty Borum
Adrienne Kauffeld
Kevin Linehan
Verona Grady
Jerry D.
the Divers Family

Departed

Barbara Bourne
friend of Donna Daugherty)
Linda Bradfield
(mother of Les Bradfield)
Derrick Smith
(friend of Susan Scott)
Bertie Joe Burtnett
(aunt of Richard Sellers)

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Youth Ministry Listening Sessions

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In an effort to strengthen and expand the children's and youth ministry programs, St. Andrew's is partnering with Ministry Architects, a consulting firm that specializes in assisting religious organizations through personalized strategic assessments and action plans.

A working group of church members is supporting Ministry Architects during this multi-step process, starting with gathering opinions from the congregation. Multiple opportunities ("listening sessions") have been created to allow stakeholders (of which you are one!) to provide input toward shaping the future of children's and youth ministry programs at St. Andrew's. In order to accommodate schedules and preferences, the sessions will be held at varying times, and either fully virtual or as a group at the church connecting virtually with our Ministry Architects project manager. Sessions are open to all ages and welcome all points of view. As this has deep ties to the future of St. Andrew's, we encourage all parishioners to participate, regardless of a direct connection to the children's and youth ministries currently.

Once the sessions have concluded, Ministry Architects will analyze the input and create a holistic assessment of St. Andrew's youth programming strengths, weaknesses, and objectives. From this, we will work together to create short- and long-term goals to achieve our vision of having a healthy youth program. In addition, defining these goals will inform the selection process for an additional minister by enabling us to specify the desired candidate skill set, and to communicate expectations of the position.

If you have any questions regarding the listening sessions or the progress in general, please speak with Father Will, Colleen Hanelly, or Erica Dillon.

To sign up for an upcoming listening session, please visit: <http://tiny.cc/u684xz>. Sessions are on March 10th, 17th, and 18th.

Fellowship / Coffee Hour

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; However, we need volunteers to provide the snacks (for children and adults). You can use this link to sign up: <http://tiny.cc/h4apwz>.

Also, we are always **looking for more coffee hosts** - if you think you might enjoy being a part of our coffee ministry, contact Lori Foster.

Childcare Help

David Limbaugh | 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>.

Save the Date: 2024 Workcamp

Stacey Peters & Carl Jones | 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.

Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

Amy Tibbetts | amy@standrews.net

Our 2024 Vacation Bible School will take place from July 29th to August 2nd. We are in need of volunteers to lead the program this year, so if you are able to step up and help out, please contact Amy.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Embrace the Wilderness: Adult Forum Series

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Mar. 3rd – Embrace the Wilderness (Jennifer Pharr Davis)

Mar. 10th – End of Life Care and Planning (the Rev. Christine Reimers)

Mar. 17th – Old Testament Themes of Wilderness (the Rev. Dr. Stephen Cook)

Mar. 24th – Palm Sunday

Mar. 31st – Easter Sunday

MARCH 3, 2024

Embrace the Wilderness: Jennifer Pharr Davis

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net



We explore our relationship with God this Lent as we Embrace the Wilderness with Jennifer Pharr Davis. Jennifer Pharr Davis is a lover of long trails and good stories. She has inspired women and men across the country with her message that "the trail is there for everyone at every phase of life" and has made a name for herself as a National Geographic Adventurer of the Year, record setting hiker, sought after speaker, and award winning author. In 2011, Jennifer set the overall (male or female) speed record on the Appalachian Trail by hiking 47 miles a day for 46 straight days.

Jennifer will preach at both of our 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services on Sunday, March 3rd, as well as lead the Adult Forum starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

MARCH 3, 2024

Women's Fellowship: Quilting Event

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Calling all crafters and non-crafters to help create quilts for teens who are graduating out of the foster care system. Although we do need a few experienced sewers, most of the tasks require no crafting or sewing skills. If you can pin fabric, use an iron, or simply hand fabric off from one person to another you're qualified! More hands make our assembly line more efficient!

Join us on Sunday, March 3rd, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for this fun and meaningful event. Three sewers and sewing machines, and three irons w/ironing boards will be needed. RSVP to womensfellowship@standrews.net.

MARCH 10, 2024

Newcomers Café

Katie Campbell & Pam Hardin | welcome@standrews.net

All newcomers (and parishioners who would like to meet our newcomers) are invited to a get-together on Sunday, March 10th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. We will have coffee and refreshments and some Vestry members you can chat with. Come enjoy a treat, meet some parishioners, and learn a little about our family here at St. Andrew's.

MARCH 10—APRIL 10, 2024

Ramadan Prayers

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

From March 10th to April 10th, our friends at Peace Islamic Center will be using the Parish Hall in the evenings for prayers during Ramadan. Set up will begin at 7:30 p.m. with their prayers starting around 8:30 p.m. Please keep this in mind if you need to schedule an evening event or meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 17, 2024

Under 3 Playgroup

Katie Campbell | playgroup@standrews.net

Join us on Sunday, March 17th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our next young family fellowship time! We will have snacks and a variety of toys for the kids to play with while parents socialize and connect. Older children are also welcome, but we have scheduled the event to give younger children a chance to nap after church. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet other families and grow our community!

Holy Week Schedule

** Childcare is available during these services*

Palm Sunday | March 24th @ 8:00 & 10:00* a.m.

Be sure to join us in the front parking lot for the 10:00 a.m. service. We will, once again, have our guest donkey lead us in our procession into the church (weather permitting). Everyone is invited to arrive a little early for a meet and greet in the front parking lot with our guest before the service begins.

Maundy Thursday | March 28th @ 7:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist: Rite II with foot washing

Good Friday | March 29th @ 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross service at Noon. Traditional service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil | March 30th @ 7:30 p.m.

Easter | March 31st @ 7:30, 9:00, & 11:15 a.m.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will take place between the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services (weather permitting).

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

MARCH 3, 2024

3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

MARCH 10, 2024

4th Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Ephesians 2:1-10

John 3:14-21

MARCH 17, 2024

5th Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

MARCH 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

MARCH 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

MARCH 28, 2024

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

MARCH 31, 2024

Easter







Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

Mark 16:1-8

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Benjamin Lillard	2 Sean Koss Caeley Flanagan
3	4	5 Amanda Williams Charlie Spencer Charlotte Petty	6	7 Lisa Williams Brigid Regan	8	9 Stephen Fike Carling Ramsdell Jackie Waddell
10 Timothy Brady Melissa Fike Ed Colliton	11 Debbie Brant	12	13 Brian Chatman	14 Emily Nein Chris Bidwell Alexa Arnott	15	16 Chuck Mula Dave Peters Aimee Hernandez
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 Kate Lewis	19 SPRING BEGINS Debby Braun 	20	21 Scott Hellier Chris Blahut Corwin Wiedeman Gus Hernandez Nathan Parsons-Schwarz	22	23
24 PALM SUNDAY 	25 Haley Schaffer Trisha Heyer Poppy Gregory	26 Debbie Williams	27	28 MAUNDY THURS. 	29 GOOD FRIDAY Bob Gleason Corinne Lillard 	30 Raelyn Chatman
31 EASTER 						

*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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