



# The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

I speak often about Covenant Community as a community centered around Christ in our Baptismal Covenant. Christ's one holy and apostolic church not only brings us into community but participates in the community of all the saints. This is the community where at once we might find our birth into this world and our birth into a new life in Christ in this world and new birth into the life to come. This is a unique community where we may be members from the day we are born until the day we die.

The Feast of Pentecost on May 19th this year concludes the great 50 days of Easter and is a day we celebrate the birth of the church and on which we baptize new members. Each baptism, except in emergencies, in the Episcopal tradition is not only public but includes the whole community. We remember that after we affirm our communal and individual support of the candidates, we are "join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant." In this moment, we commit ourselves to God in Christ and in Covenant Community.

At St. Andrew's, our Covenant Community includes a beautiful diversity of individuals and calls us deeper into it. We recognize the various secular, and political viewpoints, those of us from various socio-economic backgrounds, different journeys of faith, and more. Together, we also look to where we might invite more people into the household of God. We bring together young and old and seek to have, as the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu has said, the "Dream of God."

Cultivating and growing the "Dream of God" takes intentional and joyful work. From practicing justice in Sacred Ground and ministering to those who are food

insecure in our neighborhoods, we continue in working towards this dream. In ministering to old and young alike, we continue in this dream. In gathering each and every Sunday, we continue in this dream. In and through the gift of you, we continue in this dream.

As part of our continued effort towards this dream and in addition to active ministries, we will be shifting parts of the community with the departure of our beloved Director of Family Ministry, Amy Tibbetts. While we will not replace the position at this time, we will bring in a new position: an Assistant Rector helping oversee children, youth, and families. In so doing, we continue to cultivate this portion of our community while also continuing to cultivate those portions of our community who might not identify with this demographic. The emphasis continues to be on the whole community and we are grateful for the opportunity to live in Covenant Community together.

We recall the words of John Donne as "no man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main." You are a part of this community (this Continent) and we are excited to continue sharing in the Good News towards God's Dream. As we conclude the Easter Season and head into Pentecost, we recognize Christ's presence in each of us which magnifies the love of God together.

Faithfully yours,

*Will*

# 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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Springtime is here! The flowers are blooming, the heat is back, and pollen is making allergies go wild! We have so much to appreciate and to be thankful for in April. Our Vestry kicked off this month with several awesome things happening across our congregation and I look forward to telling you more about that next month. This past Sunday, we wrapped up Children's formation, with the end of another year of Sunday school for our pre-K to High Schoolers. The Vestry thanks the many volunteers for this invaluable ministry to our youth. This month we say goodbye to the leads in our Nursery/Preschool room, Elliot Nyman and Ann Margaret Ashley. Our little ones have been welcomed by this dynamic duo for the past year and they will be missed!

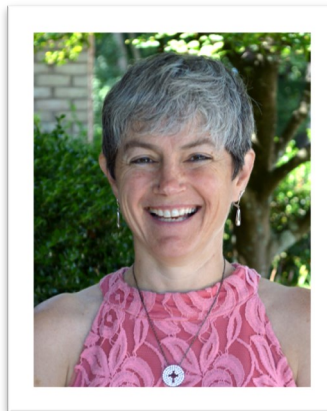
Speaking of being missed - as many of you are tracking, our beloved Amy Tibbetts will be leaving us in May for her next life adventure in Oregon. We face this farewell with great sadness for our loss, but also with thanksgiving and joy for the ministry of Amy here at St. Andrew's. We know that Amy is also both sad to leave us and excited to be moving closer to her family in Oregon and that she undoubtedly will continue to stay in touch with us as we will always be her cherished church family.

Amy has served in many capacities as a vital part of our parish life since joining us at St. Andrew's with her family in 2002. Amy's work has been infused with love, joy, and laughter in service to Christ. She has touched every part of our church from worship to outreach to formation.

Over the many years of her ministry, Amy has served on the Vestry twice, as Formation Commission Lead, Junior Warden, and Senior Warden. She coordinated the Women's Fellowship group for several years, planning fun and diverse outings/gatherings for service and fellowship amongst the women of the church. She has coordinated the Godly Play program at St. Andrew's since 2007, with the formation and development of other Godly Play teachers over the years.

Since 2017, she has served as a paid staff person as our Director of Family Ministry. As part of her Family Ministry position, Amy serves both the parish and St. Andrew's Preschool, leading weekly chapel services for our preschoolers and coordinating Sunday School programs and family events. Amy's Vacation Bible School program each summer not only connects multi-generations of parishioners in this worthwhile volunteer effort, it also serves as community outreach to invite children outside of St. Andrew's to come, experience the Gospel, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus through play, music, and engagement with scripture in a fun way.

On the rare Sundays she is not leading the children in their Children's Chapel or at K-2 Sunday School, Amy can frequently be seen up on the altar serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister or reader during services.



During the pandemic, when we could not safely gather, Amy sent emails, made phone calls, and dropped off special bags and materials to families with young children in our parish to help them feel loved and to keep them connected with the church. Amy pivoted with

excellent creativity to get us online with families to use Zoom for Godly play. She collaborated with the clergy and lay people to create family-friendly outdoor services and activities that kept us all going and connected as a church family. We know that we owe a large part of our ability to stay connected with the church and each other during the period of online worship to Amy's efforts.

We know that we are stronger than ever as a family-friendly church that welcomes and values all parishioners' contributions thanks to Amy's vision. It is a true statement that not a single person has set foot in our space without being greeted, hugged, and introduced to Amy. Her dedication has strengthened our bonds and made us a more welcoming and inclusive church. Amy's impact is evident in the warmth and vibrancy present each week. Amy, on behalf of St. Andrew's, we wish you the best, you will be missed, and thank you for everything you've done for over half a decade supporting the families of St. Andrew's.

## Stewardship

Anne Brannam & Paul Foley | [stewardship@standrews.net](mailto:stewardship@standrews.net)

Each year the Stewardship Commission selects a theme for the year's activities. This year's theme is Casting our Nets. Matthew 4:18-20 states, "As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

Casting nets was Andrew's occupational talent and required the focus of much time in maintaining them. They were his tools/treasure in being a fisherman. Following Jesus was much more than leaving fishing equipment behind. In becoming a disciple, Andrew left behind his life

training, work, and livelihood. Today we are challenged to make decisions in the areas of sharing talent, allocating time, and contributing wealth to serve the Kingdom of God.

In "casting our nets," John 21:4-6 tells us that when failing to achieve success in what we are working on, try the other side of the boat "and you will find something". To get the Stewardship time, talent, and treasure response results we need to adjust the approach to cast from "God's side of the boat".

As we proceed through this new Stewardship year, you will hear stories of journeys in these areas and making Stewardship decisions with God's Help.

# PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

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As this school year comes to a close, we are happy to have had a successful year of growth in who we are and what we do. St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool is an amazing place to work and attend preschool. I am thankful to be part of a community that values the importance of nurturing children and adults so they can develop into the people they were intended to be.

We will celebrate our rising kindergarteners at the end of the month with a Crossing the Bridge to Kindergarten ceremony and reception. We will also host an end-of-the-year picnic for all our students on the playground with snow cones!

Once our regular school year closes on May 24th, our currently enrolled students will have the opportunity to

attend Summer Fun, Enrichment Camp, and Little Chef Camp.

We still have a few spaces left for 2024-2025 so if you know families interested in registering for preschool next year, please ask them to contact the preschool office at 703-455-8458 or email [preschool@standrews.net](mailto:preschool@standrews.net). They can also visit our website [preschool.standrews.net](http://preschool.standrews.net) where they can take a virtual tour and fill out an inquiry to receive more enrollment information or begin the registration process through our software ChildPilot.

This time of year is difficult for us as we say goodbye to students who will be moving up to kindergarten or moving on to another adventure. This year especially has gone by quickly.

Thank you for your support and guidance in helping our ministry flourish!

## Prayer List

John Carver

Nancy

Andrea

Tony Durso

Don & Marlene Taggart

Eve Albanese

Sally Heyer

Claudia Dugan

Alice Roerig

Ed Zaptin

Janet Foley

Larry Packard

Rich Roerig

D'Arcy

Jesse Hill

Sam Withington

Ron Mason

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Bill Hartig

Olivia

Felix

Gayle Brooks

Eddie Fortune

Michelle

Mike

Angela Kennedy

Bishop Carl Wright

Bishop Shannon Johnston

Francisco

Elaine Askew

Sylvia J.

Bill Armour

Marcia & Jim Compton

Wally Morgan

Benn Crandall

Jennifer Herzog

Gary Nash

Cathy Withers

Dom Grady

Amber Almonte

Mike de Cardona

Lorinda Quinlivan

Eric

Craig D.

Kevin Linehan

Verona Grady

Dan Dellapenta

Doris Sidor

James

Norman Procobe

JoVanna Tawney

Darlene

Roslyn

Brice

Gabriel

Patrick

Samuel

Philippa Pearce

Wendy Tibbetts

Rodolfo

David Humphrey

Bette Williams

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Shrine Mont Designated Fund

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At Shrine Mont, where time seems to stand still and connections deepen, our annual parish retreat is a cherished tradition—a time to rejuvenate our spirits and forge bonds with fellow parishioners. As we strive to maintain the essence of this beloved experience, we invite you to join us in supporting the Shrine Mont Designated Fund. Your donation, whether large or small, ensures that we can continue to provide the enriching programming and memorable experiences that define our retreat. Please consider donating today to help us preserve the magic of Shrine Mont for generations to come.

Shrine Mont holds a special place in our spiritual and personal lives for so many of us. In a place of breathtaking beauty, surrounded by the Shenandoah mountains and gorgeous fall foliage, you can refocus on yourself, your friends/family, and your faith. Our annual parish retreat serves as the kick-off for the autumn season and the opportunity to rekindle friendships or spark new ones. We were recently asked how we make our retreat SUCH a family-friendly and family-engaged program. From Bingo and S'mores on Saturday night to our many worship services, this multi-generational experience is the pinnacle of many of our experiences here at St. Andrew's.

If you attended Shrine Mont in the past, you may have memories and experiences of what makes this place so special. We're hoping you can help us create the programming and experiences you've come to love with a donation to the Shrine Mont Designated Fund.

The Shrine Mont Designated Fund helps us continue to provide experiences and lifetime memories for all

attendees. Designated Funds are unique parts of our St. Andrew's budget, funded almost entirely by donations. These funds exist outside the operating budget and are crucial in many of our programs.

The Designated Fund covers scholarship programs, programming (speakers and presenters), and other activity fees (including s'mores, crafts, and snacks). Historically, we have covered the cost of all children and St Andrew's staff attending and supported those who would like to attend but do not have the budget. These are important aspects of our retreat that, with your support, we can continue to fund in the future.

The fund is getting low this year, and we need your help. To give you a sense of the actual costs we're trying to cover: the cost of one weekend at Shrine Mont for one teen is \$190, the cost of one child is \$140, and our activities fees are about \$200.

Every donation, no matter the size, plays a crucial role in sustaining our ability to offer the programming and experiences you've grown to cherish. You can donate to the Shrine Mont Designated Fund by following this link: <http://tiny.cc/SMFund>.



Thank you for considering.

If you've never attended Shrine Mont, we hope you will consider joining us this year. You can register by following this link: <http://tiny.cc/ShrineMont2024>.



## Fellowship / Coffee Hour

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

We continue to serve coffee and refreshments after both the Sunday morning services. Everyone is welcome to join us for some fellowship time! (in the Narthex after the 8:00 a.m. service and in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service). Now that Sunday School is over for the school year and we transition to a summer schedule, we will adapt our format accordingly. If you would like to assist with summer refreshments, let me know.

## FACETS Volunteer Appreciation Event

Every year, FACETS relies on the time, talents, and dedication of thousands of volunteers to help carry out our mission. On April 26th, FACETS held an appreciation event for its volunteers, held at Fairfax Presbyterian Church. A few St. Andrew's members were able to attend, and St. Andrew's was recognized for the work done during our Hypothermia Prevention week. Special thanks to Steve Koss for leading our Hypothermia Prevention program, and to Donna Dagherty for leading our Hot Meals program.





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Childcare Help

David Limbaugh | [formation@standrews.net](mailto:formation@standrews.net)

Our Pre-K and Nursery class, which watch our youngest members from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays, needs helpers. We have a paid staff member, but for the safety of everyone, we need one helper with them throughout the morning. Teen volunteers (14+) can earn service hours for their work.



Starting next week (May 5th), class will end after the service is over (11:30ish). Scan the QR code or go here to volunteer: <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-spr24>.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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## MAY 4, 2024

### Spring Clean-Up

Jeff Reba | [jrwarden@standrews.net](mailto:jrwarden@standrews.net)

Grab your gloves and rakes, it's time to spruce up our church! We will be cleaning both the inside and outside of St. Andrew's on Saturday, May 4th, starting at 9:00 a.m. Please come out and help for as long (or short) as you can. Coffee and snacks will be provided!

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## MAY 5, 2024

### Farewell Celebration for Amy Tibbetts

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

Volunteers are needed for Amy's Farewell Celebration next week on Sunday, May 5th. Let's make sure Amy's send-off is as special as she is! Please consider lending a hand by signing up here: <http://tiny.cc/FarewellAmy>.



As we prepare to bid adieu to our dear Amy Tibbetts, who has been an integral part of our St. Andrew's family for the past 22 years, with 7 of those years spent as our Director of Family Ministry, we want to show our gratitude and joy for her incredible service. Join us for a heartwarming Farewell Celebration in the Parish Hall after the 10:00 a.m. service. Your presence would mean the world to us. Hope to see you all there!

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## MAY 12, 2024

### ECHO Chocolate Drive for Mother's Day

Andrea Hellier | [echo@standrews.net](mailto:echo@standrews.net)

This Mother's Day, help us sweeten the day for Mothers who need a little extra treat. St. Andrew's will collect chocolates (i.e., Godiva/Lindt or your special Chocolate treat, individually wrapped) for ECHO to deliver throughout May to mothers supported by ECHO services. A donation basket will be in the Hallway at St. Andrew's. The last day to drop off chocolates will be Mother's Day, May 12th.

ECHO, Ecumenical Community Helping Others, an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) charity, gives food and financial help to people with short-term emergencies and provides clothes and household items to low-income people.

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## MAY 18, 2024

### Relay for Life

Elaine Runkel | [teambelieve@standrews.net](mailto:teambelieve@standrews.net)

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This year's Relay for Life is on Saturday, May 18th at Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA. We will meet at the high school and walk around the track and participate in fundraisers that run throughout that night.



Team Believe is a team of amazing, St. Andrew's women who have all had our lives touched by cancer ourselves or someone close to us. To join us or donate please scan the QR code or go here: <https://shorturl.at/xNPS6>.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MAY 19, 2024

### Youth Car Wash

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

Our Youth Car Wash will happen during the 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services on Sunday, May 19th. All youth (grades 7th – 12th) and their parents are encouraged to participate. Funds raised will support year-long youth programming and the Group Mission trip.



Scan the QR code or go here to volunteer: <http://tiny.cc/carwash2024>.

## MAY 26, 2024

### Under 3 Playgroup

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

Join us on Sunday, May 26th 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!

## JUNE 2, 2024

### Graduate Sunday

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

We are celebrating all those who are graduating this Spring on Sunday, June 2nd. In order to honor everyone's achievements, please send the following information to Emily by Tuesday, May 28th: your photo, your name, your preferred pronouns, your parents' names, from where you are graduating, and, if applicable, your major.

This is not restricted to only High School and College grads. If you are graduating from any kind of program (high school and above), we want to know! Photos and info will be posted in the Wednesday email on May 29th.

## JUNE 2, 2024

### Popsicles on the Playground

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

Join us for a sweet treat on the playground after the 10:00 a.m. services this summer. Every week we will meet outside on the Playground (or in the MPR if raining) for a chance for kids to get their wiggles out and for adults to hang out.



If you would like to help lead one of these events, you can sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/popsicles24>. All that is required is for you to grab the popsicles from the kitchen freezer, get a trash can and a pair of scissors, and head out to the playground.

## JUNE 9, 2024

### Parish Picnic

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

Our annual parish picnic will be held immediately after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9th in the front parking lot (weather permitting). We will have food, drinks, games, music, and more! Tickets will be available to purchase starting later this month. If you want to help plan this fun event, email Lori.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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

### MAY 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

### MAY 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

### MAY 19, 2024

Pentecost

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

### MAY 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

or Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2)

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Connor Flanagan Garrett Cone	2 Susan McWilliams Alice Redman	3 Michelle Ramsdell Ali Wiedeman Sarah Winfield Megan Proctor Carolyn Girondo	4 Barbie Nein Ethan Groves
5 Forrest Browne Madeline McCurdy Roxie Dillon	6 Janet Crooks Alison August-Fedio	7	8 David Nies Sophie Baker Jacob Baird	9	10 Fred Bubenhofer	11 Chuck Sleeper Tom Horan Libby Packard
12 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> Stacey Peters  	13 Mary Hartig	14 Sarah Paquette	15 Catherine Browne Brian Tollie	16 Kathleen Boster	17 Johnny Rollo Kate Rozelsky	18 Linda Leong Annette Wright
19 Chris Runkel Natalie Chrosniak	20 Jun McKeever	21 Christian Locke Beth Van Beek Sadie Wood	22 Kelly Stuck Cole Arnott Gavin Heyer	23 Randy Cotten	24	25
26 Hunter Ridge Charlie DeWyngaert	27 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Bill Sears  	28 Jennie Koss Anna Nedelka Rhys Spitzer Elise Humphrey	29	30 Michael Slawski Meredith Stuck Joshua Kirkham Abby Thompson	31 Marlene Taggart Jack Ramsdell Christopher Chrosniak Ellery Cone	

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