



The Net

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



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Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help. – BCP p. 304

Dear Friends in Christ,

We often use the word "Fellowship" around church loosely for events in which we gather to have fun. Our wonderful vestry commission lead, Lori Foster, led us to some fantastic events this year from our parish picnic to Oktoberfest. We have had Men's fellowship events (with some great BBQ) and regular gatherings of women's fellowship (especially coffee at Panera). We have fellowship after church and we experience the presence of Christ as we come together, from our varied backgrounds and experiences.

On February 9th, we will gather again in the name of Christ, for our annual meeting and for our chili cook-off. At this time we will conduct parish business such as electing new members of the vestry and hear about where our parish has been and where it is going. While many may not classify our meeting at the same level of an Oompah Band, however, its intent is at the very heart of fellowship.

Our Baptismal Covenant, cited above, quotes directly from Acts 2:42, when we first read the term "Koinonia" or "fellowship" in the New Testament. This type of gathering goes deeper than gathering for fun but in knowing Christ made manifest in our gathering. In our annual meeting, we listen for Christ's presence and movement in the life of our parish as we also listen for where we are being led by Christ.

In a world in which we have always known tension and division, Jesus has continually called us to gather in his name. Each week, we gather from our various careers, stages in life, identities, differing secular political backgrounds, and different places in our journey in faith. We come and partake of the one Christ as part of the body of Christ. This will continue to be our call in a world which always has and will continue to find division. Where there is fear, pride, love, joy, weakness, and health, we seek to bring Christ's loving presence. This is our call as a Christian Covenant Community, to be and proclaim by Word and Example the Good News of God in Christ. "Whether free or slave, Greek or Jew, male or female, (Eagles or Commanders)...we are all one in Christ."

I look forward to seeing you this month and especially at our annual meeting as we gather and are sent out in the name of Christ.

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

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 NEWS



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

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Registration is well under way for the 2025-2026 school year. We encourage parish members to register before we open registration to the community on Tuesday, February 4th. If you are interested in registering for the 2025-2026 school year, contact our preschool office at 703-455-8458 or email preschool@standrews.net. On our web site preschool.standrews.net you can take a virtual tour of our program. There, you can also complete an inquiry to receive more information about our program or begin the registration process through our software ChildPilot.

The classes will of course celebrate Valentine's Day by indulging in some special sweet treats and exchanging valentine cards with their classmates. This is one of my favorite times. The joy of giving and receiving is expressed so genuinely with our little ones.

Happy Valentine's Day to you!

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Our Annual Meeting is on Sunday, February 9th, set to begin shortly after the 10:00 a.m. service, and will be held in the Nave so those at home can watch and participate. We invite all members of St. Andrew's to attend this meeting to hear about the status of the church, to go over our financials, and to vote for our new Vestry members.

The nominees, offered by Vestry members, are vetted by Father Will and the Nomination Committee.

Voting at the Annual Meeting is conducted by secret ballot. No absentee ballots are allowed.

To vote, a person must be:

- a confirmed/registered member of St. Andrew's
- at least 16 years old
- in good standing with the Church

The term of office for a Vestry member is three years. A Vestry member is expected to participate fully in parish events and encourage others to do so, attend monthly meetings (held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.) either in person or via Zoom, and assist Father Will in dealing with current issues in furthering the spiritual growth and programs of St. Andrew's and take on a major responsibility for some areas of parish life and the programs associated with it.

The next two pages include the 2025 Vestry nominees, complete with short bios and their visions of the future of St. Andrew's. Please read these before the Annual Meeting.

Also, please thank the retiring Vestry members (pictured below) for all their hard work and dedication to St. Andrew's. See you at the meeting!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Brian Chatman



Sarah Akins



Dave Umberger



Carol Robinson



David Limbaugh

Prayer List

Tony Durso
Don & Marlene Taggart
Eve Albanese
Sally Heyer
Claudia Dugan
Larry Packard
Rich Roerig
D'Arcy
Ron Mason
Susan Scott
Barbara Klix
Julie Morgan
Andrea Hellier
Jeff Dutton
Jesse Hill
Sarah Lillard
Karen Steele

Dustin Parson-Schwartz
Laura Sabo
Richard Sellers
Andie Hardin
Mary Richardson

Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Gayle Brooks
Eddie Fortune
Bishop Shannon Johnston
Elaine Askew
Bill Armour
Wally Morgan
Benn Crandall
Gary Nash

Cathy Withers
Mike de Cardona
Eric
Kevin Linehan
Dan Dellapenta
James
Brice P.
Patrick
Samuel
Phillipa
David Humphrey
Doffie Crabb
Ro & Rob Africano
Karen Brannam
Jacqueline Turner
Frank Winfield
Cari Gulley

Jean Gulley
Cathy
Hannah Ake
Patsy High
Bob Turner
Annie Hughes
Millie Nash
Irma
Carol Payne
Tom Stalzer
Frank Traglia
Mary Virginia Ellis
Athalee Williams
Jack Williams
Donna Fortune

Departed

Jeff Jenkins (friend of the Packard Family)

John Carver (parishioner)

VESTRY NOMINATIONS



STEPHANIE MEADOWS

I am a life-long Episcopalian having grown up in a parish in a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio. My husband and I joined St. Andrew's in 1994 looking for a home parish to have our first child baptized. Shortly thereafter I served a two-year term on the St. Andrew's Vestry. Over the years, I have participated in many of the church programs including service on the St. Andrew's Preschool Board, the Endowment Board, the Visitation Team, the Property Task Force (both the original and the current committee), ECHO, Foyer group, and the book club. I assisted with the 50th Anniversary celebration and continue to serve on a fabulous FACETS Team. Since I like to bake, I try to be responsive to Fellowship calls for reception items and assistance with event setup or clean up, when possible.

My grown children still view St. Andrew's as their home parish, and I have had two grandchildren baptized here. For those of you who do not recognize my photo, I typically attend the 8:00 a.m. service. As I move toward retirement and have more free time, I feel this is the right time to come back to the vestry – to help find ways to ensure the future growth and vitality of this exceptional parish.



KAREN SPENCER

My mom likes to say I "converted" to the Episcopal Church after my father took me to St. Paul's when I moved to Charlottesville for grad school. The kindness of those first church members, their clear embrace of people from all walks of life and all stages in their spiritual journey, and their focus on God's grace for all made me a quick "convert." (I had to remind my mom that Episcopalians, like Lutherans, believe in Jesus.) We found St. Andrew's over 10 years ago, and I have taught Sunday School, currently help as a Superintendent and lector, help cook for Hypothermia Week, formerly helped with coffee service, and have loved being a member of multiple foyer groups.

I tell our kids that if they are going to be a member of a community then part of their responsibility is to give back to that community and not just take from it. Serving on the Vestry would be one way for me to give back to this faith community. I hope to bring the skills I have acquired through sitting on multiple boards, running our 150+ member summer swim program, and my ancillary duties at my job (specifically new hire training and curriculum review). As a mom who works full time outside of the house with three kids involved in many, many sports, I'm very attuned to the competing demands on families trying to navigate their work, home, and spiritual lives. I hope to help others navigate their own journeys and feel welcome at St. Andrew's, and help us be the most effective, inclusive, and spiritually healthy community we can be.



BILL JOHNSON

After growing up in non-denominational churches I started my search for my own church home and started attending Episcopal churches in 2015. My primary involvement in churches in the past has been in youth ministries including teaching Sunday school, youth camps, and youth work trips. I have attended St Andrews since 2023 and got married here last year.

I see St. Andrew's as a welcoming and affirming place of worship and ministry. My vision for St. Andrew's is for it to continue to be a strong support both for all the families that make up the church and the broader community we are in. I would love to apply my history working in Youth ministry and my professional background in teaching, budget work, and strategic planning to serving on the vestry.

Due to moving and my schedule over the past two years I have been limited in my involvement at St. Andrew's beyond attending services and events, but I am looking to increase my involvement in service at the church and make that a larger part of my life. I have attended church workdays and events and am participating in the Hypothermia Prevention Program this year. I look forward to continuing new ways of serving at St. Andrew's and contributing to this great church family.



CAROL ROBINSON

As a lifelong Episcopalian, I have had wonderful opportunities to serve on many committees at St. Andrew's. I taught Sunday School for seven years; developed and co-led three pilgrimages to Ireland, Canada, and Italy; served on a Seminarian lay committee; taught the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct training for many churches in Northern Virginia; served on the Meal Support Committee; and served as Chairperson on the St. Andrew's Preschool Board for six years.

Currently, I serve on the Vestry as the Safety and Security Commission (SSC) lead, the Property Resource Commission (PRC), the Altar Guild, a Lay Eucharist Minister (LEM), Lector, and a member of Team Believe (Relay for Life). My time at St. Andrew's has been marked with many wonderful friendships and volunteer opportunities for spiritual growth.

In the community, I served as Vice President and President of the Inova Fairfax Auxiliary Board and volunteered at the Inova Schar Cancer Institute at Inova Fairfax Medical Campus. For thirty-six years I was an educator/administrator in FCPS. Currently, I read and edit PhD dissertations.

My vision for St. Andrew's is to continue to support the mission of our church as well as ensure our community has a safe and secure environment for all who worship in our building. I am excited about the growth of young families and will work for this to continue as we welcome all new people to our church. I am grateful to serve and worship with you.



KATE LEWIS

I came to St. Andrew's in 2017 looking for a community where I could grow and practice my faith and a place to help teach my kids about God's love and grow in their own faith. I was raised in the Roman Catholic church and was active in my church community into early adulthood, however, over time I had pulled away from belonging to a church as I found it was not always the best fit for me. I remember walking into St. Andrew's for services that first time with my, at the time, infant son Ben, and thinking, "Well, let's just try this." I remember experiencing a warm welcome, support, and a feeling of belonging even on that first day as I know many others have shared that they experienced. Shortly after, I decided to go through the process of being received into the Episcopal church.

Over our time at St. Andrew's, I have volunteered in the nursery, as a Sunday school teacher, with VBS, various service projects, and have enjoyed fellowship and built friendships through participating in Foyer groups, social events, and participating in Shrine Mont weekends.

What I value about St. Andrew's is the welcoming community, opportunities for learning for all ages, and commitment to care not just for the members of our parish but our larger local community and communities in other parts of the world. I hope to continue to support all the concrete ways we serve each other, build relationships, and provide service to our larger community. Also, to continue to find ways for us to have fun together across generations in our parish.

Professionally, I am a social worker, have worked in that profession in different capacities over the past 20 years and, apart from my roles as a Christian and as a parent, it's probably the role that most influences my identity and how I show up in the world. I have come to believe strongly in the power of connection; that the story of one of us is the story of all of us. I've built skills in listening and holding space for others, understanding and forming connections with different types of people, sometimes people with very different experiences than my own, practicing compassion, creativity, and flexibility, and using gentle humor, when appropriate, to help work through difficult things.

I have found a strong, loving community at St. Andrew's and, if elected, I'd love the chance to use my skills to serve our community in a new way. Thanks for considering me for this opportunity.

ENDOWMENT NEWS

The St. Andrew's Endowment Fund is now in excess of two million dollars. Donations to the Endowment Fund are either designated to a special purpose or may be used at the discretion of the Vestry. At this time of year the Endowment Board recommends to the Vestry the amount of money that may be made available for either current expenses or a special need. The Vestry then decides how much is needed for the upcoming year. This year the Endowment Fund will provide \$60,000 to Vestry. Our parish is indeed grateful to all those who have, over the years, given so generously to the fund and for their confidence in the ongoing ministry of our church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A New Way to Stay Connected at St. Andrew's

Sarah Akins | realm@standrews.net

St. Andrew's is preparing to reel in a big catch with Realm Connect! This platform is more than just record-keeping; it's a tool designed to help us strengthen our ties as a church community. From group communication and event RSVPs to managing your giving and sharing files, Realm offers a streamlined way to stay involved.

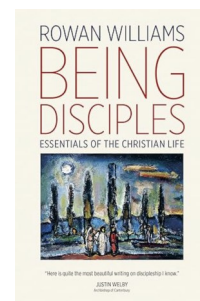


Our transition will take time, and we'll first focus on training those who use it most, like Formation Teachers and Coffee Hosts. We will share our full training schedule with you soon. Until then, stay tuned for updates, and let's navigate these waters together! Questions? Email realm@standrews.net.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: Being Disciples

Anne Alexis Harra | aharra@vts.edu

You are warmly invited to join us for study and fellowship on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. from March 5th to April 9th for a Lenten book study. We will be reading and meditating on former Archbishop Rowan Williams' book *Being Disciples*. Each week we will read one chapter and reflect in group discussion. One chapter per week for six weeks! You can buy the book here (<http://tiny.cc/ix7001>). Please contact our Seminarian, Anne Alexis Harra, for more information or if you have any questions. We look forward to praying and reading together this Lent!



Shrine Mont Summer Camps

Registration for the 2025 camp season is now open! Save a spot for the camper in your life to experience this transformative program. Register here: <https://www.shrinemontcamps.org>.

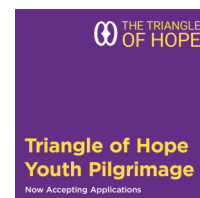


Triangle of Hope Youth Pilgrimage

The Triangle of Hope is a covenantal community between the dioceses of Liverpool (England), Kumasi (Ghana), and Virginia dedicated to transforming the long history, ongoing effects, and continuing presence of slavery in our world through repentance, reconciliation, and mission.

Participants will prepare together through worship, prayer, study, and retreats, then travel together as pilgrims to one of the three partner dioceses each summer for three summers. It is desired, but not required, that participants be present for all three years so they may travel to each of the three dioceses in the Triangle of Hope.

Ideal candidates are in 8th through 9th grade the year they apply which would enable them to finish all three pilgrimages by the summer after their senior year of high school. 10th through 12th graders will be considered. More info here: <https://episcopalvirginia.org/ministries/justice-healing/triangle>



Childcare Help

Katie Campbell | formation@standrews.net

We are looking for volunteers to assist in our Pre-K & K and Nursery classes, which care for our youngest members every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (or 10:00 to 11:15 if there is no Sunday School). While we have a paid staff member in each class, we need an additional volunteer helper to ensure the safety and well-being of all the children. Teenagers (14+) can earn service hours for their time. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-win25> (Jan. to Mar. dates).



Coffee Hour Donations

Lori Foster | fellowship@standrews.net

If you enjoy having goodies with your coffee (or tea) each week, we rely on volunteers to provide these snacks! If you would like to provide some baked goods, crackers, fresh fruit, etc. please sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/3avjzz>.

Ramadan Prayers

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

From February 28th to March 30th, our friends at Peace Islamic Center will be using the Parish Hall in the evenings for prayers during Ramadan. Set up will begin at 7:15 p.m. with their prayers starting around 8:00 p.m. Please keep this in mind if you need to schedule an evening event or meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Scout Sunday

Woody Browne | scouts@standrews.net

All Scouts and Scout leaders are invited to wear their uniforms on **Sunday, February 2nd** for Scout Sunday! See the bulletin board outside the church office for more details, or contact Woody Browne if you would like to participate.

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Annual Meeting

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 9th** for our Annual Meeting, set to begin shortly after the 10:00 a.m. service. The meeting will take place in the Nave so those at home will be able to join us via YouTube and Zoom. We invite all parishioners of St. Andrew's to attend this meeting to hear about the status of the church, to go over our financials (and answer any questions), and to vote for our new Vestry members. The Annual Report will be sent out in early February and the Vestry Nominees are on pages 4-5 of this Net. Please review them before the meeting.

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Chili Luncheon

Lori Foster | fellowship@standrews.net

We have rescheduled the Chili Cook-Off for **Sunday, February 9th**, immediately following the Annual Meeting! Join us for lunch, and you will still be home with plenty of time before the Super Bowl kick-off. This event is free, but we need to get an accurate headcount so that we know how many to set up for. Please register (<http://tiny.cc/jn67001>) for the event, to include how many family members will attend, if you can bring chili, toppings, a side, salad, or a dessert, and if you can help.

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

FoMA Concert: The U.S. Navy Band Saxophone Quartet

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Join us on **Sunday, February 23rd**, at 4:00 p.m. for a concert from part of the U.S. Navy Band! The U.S. Navy Band Saxophone Quartet features Musicians Jonathan Yanik, Patrick Martin, David Babich, and Dana Booher. The ensemble regularly performs public recitals in the Washington, D.C. area and presents a unique program to children at local schools as part of the Navy Band's "Music in the Schools" educational outreach program. The quartet plays music in many different styles, ranging from standard concert saxophone quartet literature to contemporary and jazz, tailoring the musical selections to a wide range of audiences. Free admission.



FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Greenspring Lunch

Barbara Klix | greenspring@standrews.net

All St. Andrew's Greenspring residents are invited to lunch on **Thursday, February 27th** at 12:30 p.m. at Greenspring. For details about this get-together, please contact Barbara.

MARCH 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday Services

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Our Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, March 5th, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Childcare is not available, but we encourage you to bring your whole family to the service.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Presentation of our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

7th Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

Luke 6:27-38

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Whitney Wiedeman
2 GROUNDHOG DAY	3	4 Amy Gallant	5 Sean Hartig	6 Avi Kuechler Steven Puryear	7	8
9 Megan Steele Lauren Baker Avery Reid	10 William Haskins	11 Grace Hellier	12 Donna Osthaus Brady Dasher Lily Sabo	13 Lula Carpenter	14 Rosemary Phillips	15 Karan Wright Andrew Guccione
16	17 PRESIDENTS' DAY	18	19 Tom Watson	20 Jamie Vance Luke Puryear	21 Nicholas Chrosniak	22 John Dunham
23 Doug Kelly Noelle Koss Madison McWilliams Cole Watson	24	25 Richard Roerig Camden Baird Benjamin Trenner	26 Cathy Cruickshank	27 Austin Parrott Lauren Bidwell	28 Bram Lillard	

*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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