



The Net

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



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You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Spirit goes by many names. We name the Spirit as the creative energy which moved over the formless void in the creation story in Genesis 1, as Roo'akh (רוּחַ). Our Rite I services carry the term Holy Ghost. In the Baptism of Jesus, we see the Spirit like a dove coming down, which is the pneuma (πνεῦμα). This Spirit is carried in many ways, including when Jesus breathes on his disciples with the verb *emphaó* (ἐμφυσάω). We talk about Spirit—he, she, it—as the palpable love that exists between God the Father and God the Son, and which is alive in us today. It is this creative energy, indwelling Spirit, and presence of God which moves in and through the Church and enables us to encounter a new world today.

Should we want to cite chapter and verse for many cultural components of the Greek Hellenistic era in early Christianity and before, we can certainly do so. What may be more difficult is to cite chapter and verse in relation to how we encounter Artificial Intelligence. We do not see Jesus using ChatGPT. Our Scriptures arise from a Middle Eastern, collectivist, and tribal culture thousands of years ago. Does this mean that God does not speak to a modern world with individualistic and collectivist cultures in an interdependent and often symbiotic global existence? We will fall short when trying to find specific citations for unique, modern events. However, the gift of the Spirit and the gift of the Church enable us to see and discern God's movement in all places and at all times.

The Spirit's movement over the disciples gave birth to a Church to carry out a New Covenant for a growing and changing world. The Old Covenant was not destroyed, but renewed through the death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus. We too were given the gift of the Spirit. This is the same creative energy which moved over a formless void in

the Creation of all that came to be. This is the same Spirit present at Jesus' baptism and at our baptism. It is the same Spirit which moves through us, knows us, and calls us each by name. This gift of the Spirit enables us not only to encounter a modern world, but to bring the new Covenant into a world which continues to need it.

We often feel diminutive and ineffective against global powers and movements. This can lead to despair, in place of the hope given to us in the Gospel and through the Spirit. As we reaffirm our Baptismal Covenant this Pentecost, we remember that "with God's help" includes the Holy Spirit. How do we begin to respond to the Beatitudes in Matthew and Luke when we encounter "the least of these in our society?" We are given power in the Holy Spirit, collectively, to live in the Spirit in the here and now. This is the strength given to us when we do not have strength left to give.

How might the Spirit at St. Andrew's lead us into this new age? It does not necessarily mean transform our chapel space into a coffee house. It might guide us as we see an increasingly "busy" world in need of God's rest. It may lead us to lift those whose humanity is diminished in our community and the world. It will guide us to become the church, grounded in the past and for the future.

As we gather in celebration of the Holy Spirit at the Feast of Pentecost this Sunday, we remember that it moves through us in worship, and in a world which seeks to continually lift our own control and agency over that of God. We wear red as a sign of the Spirit, and we remember that it is always moving in and through us. The Spirit has worked, and will continue to work, in powerful ways in our lives—individually and as a church.

I look forward to worshiping with you at this High Feast day, to baptizing new members, to eating good barbeque, to listening to good music, to worshiping and proclaiming the Resurrection, and to coming together in the fellowship of the Spirit.

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

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



SENIOR WARDEN

JEFF REBA

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We made it through one of the coldest and snowiest winters in recent years (just look at our snow removal budget line!), and are now enjoying a beautiful spring. Next up: the mad dash to the end of the school year, summer vacation fun, and our old friends humidity and mosquitos.

One of the sure signs that summer is approaching is our annual Parish Picnic, to be held on Sunday, June 8th. Pam Hardin and the Fellowship team are planning a fantastic event and hope to see everyone there. If you haven't signed up yet, please do! Registration closes on Thursday, June 5th, but you can buy tickets at the door (<http://tiny.cc/stapicnic2025>).

Congratulations to Katie Campbell on her selection as the preschool's new chapel and music teacher! She will be a fantastic addition to the preschool team, and the children will surely benefit from her energy and caring spirit. As she steps into this new role as a church employee, Katie will be stepping down from the Vestry, making this the preschool's gain and the Vestry's loss. We'll soon be seeking someone to serve the remainder of her term.

One of our recent standout events was the FoMA (Friends of Music and the Arts) concert, which was a highlight for everyone who attended. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the FoMA committee for organizing such a meaningful event and to the Main Street Chamber Players for sharing their talents with us. Events like these remind us of the power of music to uplift, unite, and glorify God.

Our Safety & Security Commission, led by Carol Robinson, recently organized a CPR/AED training class for ushers and greeters. The class was attended by 17 participants who are now trained and ready to provide life-saving assistance. While we pray those skills never have to be used, it's reassuring to know that members of the St. Andrew's community are prepared to step in if needed. Many thanks to Carol and Ann DiMisa for coordinating this important and potentially life-saving training.

Following recommendations from the Fairfax County Police Department and our Safety & Security Commission, the Vestry has approved new procedures for locking some doors during Sunday services. Details about the timing and implementation of these procedures will be shared soon.

Speaking of security, a new interior door will be installed in the hallway leading to the education wing. Scheduled to begin in late June, this project will significantly enhance the safety and security of our preschool children.

Another major project—the installation of new flooring in the Parish Hall—is projected to also start in late June. After a thorough review of materials and meetings with potential contractors, the Property Resource Commission has finalized plans. Thanks to a generous donation from a parishioner, the project is fully funded and ready to move forward.

Thank you to Mother Maria and all the youth and children who participated in the youth-led service on May 18th. It was a fantastic idea, beautifully executed! I know I wasn't nearly brave enough at that age to step up to the altar to preach or read scripture, and I genuinely admire those who did. It's inspiring to see the Holy Spirit at work through our young people—and reassuring to know that the future of our church is in such good hands!

We welcome and thank Kat Benjamin as our new Vacation Bible School Director and Virginia Sertich as Assisting Director. We are thrilled for the upcoming "True North" VBS, from July 28th through August 1st. Volunteers are welcome and needed to help make this a memorable experience for our young ones. Please email vbs@standrews.net if you would like to help out.

Don't forget to register for our parish retreat at Shrine Mont. The retreat will be October 24th-26th, and registration is open now through July 1st at <http://tiny.cc/smretreat2025>. The retreat is one of the highlights of the year, and space is limited, so register soon!

Nothing says summer like a day at the ballpark! Join the St. Andrew's family for a fun-filled afternoon at Nationals Park as the Nats take on the St. Louis Cardinals at 12:05 PM on Wednesday, July 23rd. Special thanks to Virginia Sertich for organizing this event in memory of her father, Tom Pettit, who planned many Nats outings over the years. Baseball, sunshine, hot dogs—and maybe a cold beer or two—it just wouldn't be summer without them!

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & THEIR FAMILIES



ASSOCIATE RECTOR FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

THE REV. MARIA MAGUIRE

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Dear friends in Christ,

As we transition from the academic year into the summer, let us celebrate all who have played a role in nurturing young persons' lives in Christ here at St. Andrew's. In the introduction to her book, *Meditations for Church School Teachers*, Nell E. Noonan writes of

church school teachers, those saints who have the audacious ministry of creating an environment where persons may come to know God and God's love story in new and profound ways. Their work is often challenging, frustrating, thankless, and difficult. It is also often humorous, joyous, exciting, and gratifying. However, no matter what the circumstances may be, church school teachers are engaged in mysterious, significant, and holy work.

Thank you to everyone—Sunday School teachers and assistants, superintendents, worship role trainers, EYC leaders, Confirmation mentors and teachers, overnight chaperones, Nursery workers, and anyone else who has engaged in this mysterious, significant, and holy work. If this is you, please take a moment to allow God to thank you. Yes, God wants to thank you. Ministry inevitably presents challenging moments, as anything worth doing does and will. Thank you for giving your time, energy, and care to planting seeds that will last in the hearts, minds, and hands of our youngest members. Please join me in praying prayers of gratitude for all who have engaged in this ministry to our children, youth, and their families.

Please also join me in praying for our summer children & youth ministers, especially Kat Benjamin and Virginia Sertich, as they pave the way for a faithful Vacation Bible School, and for Carl Jones and Stacey Peters, as they lead our youth in putting their faith into action at Work Camp in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania at the end of June. Faith formation doesn't stop when the school year ends—rather, summer allows us to go deeper with Jesus and one another in community in these abundantly rich experiences.

We need faithful disciples of Christ to make these rich summer experiences possible, so please reach out to Mtr Maria for a conversation if you are feeling any nudges from the Holy Spirit to discern ministry in this area. Yes, it can be challenging in passing moments – but the rewards are so much greater: the smiles, the laughter, the way that children's wide-eyed wonder dispels the daily doldrums and opens our hearts to the promise of God in each moment. Indeed, Jesus says, "whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." (Mt. 10:42) Please join me as well in prayer that the ones whom God has chosen for this ministry will hear the call, listen, and step forward to serve!

May God equip and empower all who are called to engage in this mysterious, significant, and holy work this summer!

Peace,
Maria

Prayer List

Tony Durso
Don & Marlene Taggart
Eve Albanese
Claudia Dugan
Larry Packard
Rich Roerig
D'Arcy
Ron Mason
Susan Scott
Barbara Klix
Julie Morgan
Jeff Dutton
Sarah Lillard
Dustin Parson-Schwartz
Laura Sabo
Andie Hardin
Mary Richardson

Dj Cortés-Gunning
Rosemary Phillips
Kate Chipps
Marifran Bustion
Cathy Harman
Dave Lewis
Dave MacLean
Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Eddie Fortune
Bishop Shannon Johnston
Elaine Askev
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
Patsy High
Bob Turner
Annie Hughes
Millie Nash

Irma
Carol Payne
Frank Traglia
Athalee Williams
Jack Williams
Donna Fortune
Ellie Davis
Sarah Waite
Jan Wouters
Pam Mowry
Henry Anderson
Rick Harra
Paula
Mike Columbus
Dennis Williams
Carol & Kelsey
Gene
Tom & Beth C.
Jim Myhre
Ann Shannon

Stacy Testa
Jane Hoge
Georgiann McDaniel
Peggy Nordin
John Sandy
Patrick Sandy
Avi Zahedi
Marla Cook
Gene Rose
Mike & Alexandra
Downie
Jane McDonald
Chris Boyle
Janice Crosby
Katie Escalona
Susan Henderson
Russell Mac Nair
Lauren Bowdren
Levi Ridpath

Departed

Sally Heyer (wife of Bob Heyer)
David Deeb (friend of Elise & Dan Humphrey)
Gerry Connolly
Hon. Sepiriya Kajubi (father of Eunice Kalema-Musoke)
Luana (Pie) Cooke (cousin of Chris Umberger)

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Let's Get Connected: Realm Training for Everyone (with an invite)

Sarah Akins & Betsy Cotten | realm@standrews.net

The new Church Directory is here. We know, we know—you've been asking for years. You'll find all of the features you love about a Church Directory in Realm Connect. With Realm Connect, you can update your contact info, find and message fellow parishioners, register for events, manage your giving, and stay in the loop on everything happening at church—all from one simple platform.



During the next 8 weeks, you should receive an email invite and an email with step-by-step instructions. We invite you to attend a "Creating a Profile" Training session if you'd prefer to learn in a group. Our most enormous ask is that by Labor Day, every single member of the parish has updated their profile and picture. You can learn how to do that by signing up for a training session or by completing the training on your own.

You can sign up for a training session here: <http://tiny.cc/realmconnectreg>.

Formation Renovation Team Update

Renee Cone

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am excited to report on the good work that the Renovation Team has put forth in its efforts to solidify a strong foundation on which the architecture of the children, youth, and family ministry will continue to develop. As Mother Maria so eloquently described in the April Monthly Net, we are continuing the deliberate process of updating the systems, procedures, and documents to endure inevitable change as St. Andrew's community evolves in the love of Christ.

While this process began last spring, over the last few months we have seen a positive turn in energy, focus, and planning. Each month, we begin our meetings with a grounding prayer to ensure that Christ is at the center of our work, and the mission of St. Andrew's serves to guide us forward. We review the progress that has been made, the roadblocks that have limited us, and brainstorm the best path ahead. We also laugh and feel God's love. It is a wonderful place to give back to the Church that provides so much to our families.

We are all busy parishioners, parents, workers, and family members with many responsibilities and demands. We are all squeezing Renovation tasks into our busy days, and granting each other Grace when life distracts us from the to-do lists that have been assigned. We are all working together for one common goal, knowing that this work will make it easier for others to carry out the ministry that we are helping to build.

Please join me in celebrating some of the work that has been going on behind the scenes, all while the children and youth continue their present formation programs:

Realm Connect - we are working to sync the youth/children's database with the updated features of Realm to optimize communication among families, but we need your help to do so! Please accept the Realm Connect invitation in your email to activate your profile and opt in your children to the directory.

Major Events Notebook - documenting all the great work that goes on to ensure the events of the church are not reliant upon one person, but the processes that are required for success can be easily carried on

18-month Calendar - visualizing future events to ensure needed support and minimize conflicts

Welcome Plan - align the goals and work specific to families with children with that of the Welcome Committee

Curriculum - Michael Tune has gone above and beyond to canvas members of Youth and Children's formation, the Renovation Committee, as well as parents, to best understand the wants and needs of the community. His questions are thought-provoking, well researched, and heartfelt, allowing deep and honest discussions to get to the heart of how we want the youth and children of St. Andrew's to grow as members of this Holy Community.

It has been a blessing to be a member of this team. Please ask any of our members why they volunteered or how they are contributing to the process. The answers will be different for each member, but will fill you with a joy that can only be found in God's love.

Coffee Hour Donations

Pam Hardin | 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>.

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2024 Audit - Volunteers Needed

Jack Ramsdell | fac@standrews.net

The Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) needs 2-4 volunteers (outside of the Vestry) to help run some testing procedures over controls at the church (annual audit). There is a step-by-step checklist of all the audit procedures that is easy to follow. We are looking for people with a high attention to detail, but no accounting background or experience is required (though it wouldn't hurt). The FAC will offer guidance if/when needed. The plan is to start the audit process in June. Please contact Jack if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Shrine Mont Parish Retreat – Registration is Open!

Betsy Cotten | shrinemont@standrews.net

What if this fall, you gave yourself (and your family) the gift of pause?

Shrine Mont is more than a retreat—it's a reset. Tucked in the Shenandoah Valley, the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration offers a quiet, sacred space where we trade noise for stillness, and hurry for connection. It's where community deepens, where faith finds breath, and where you don't have to do anything to belong—you just have to come.

Each fall, we gather for a weekend away—October 24th–26th this year—to rest, reconnect, and remember what really matters. For first-timers, we want you to know: there's no pressure here. No perfect packing list. No expectations to meet. Just a place where kids roam freely, conversations run deep, and laughter stretches long into the night.

Mornings begin with worship and prayer that linger. Afternoons invite adventure or rest—hiking wooded trails, teeing off at the golf course, sipping something sweet at a local winery, or settling onto the porch with a good book.

Evenings gather us around the campfire for stories, songs, s'mores, and starlight. Meals are shared family-style and rich with tradition—fried chicken, green beans, and the famous "butt buns" (ask Father Will).

If you're new to Shrine Mont, this is your invitation to come and be part of something deeply good. The beauty of the weekend isn't in a packed schedule, but in the space we make—for each other, for God, and for ourselves.

Register here --> <http://tiny.cc/smretreat2025>

Registration is open now through July 1st, and spots are limited. A \$100 deposit per adult holds your place, with full payments due by September 15th. Lodging options include single or double rooms, with children's pricing available. Need help covering costs? Just reach out to Father Will—we never want finances to be the reason someone can't come.

Contact shrinemont@standrews.net with any questions, or visit shrinemont.com for more information about Shrine Mont itself. We would love to welcome you.

Worship Commission Spotlight: Ushers

Lori Foster | worship@standrews.net

Are you interested in meeting and serving other members of the St. Andrew's community? If so, the Usher Ministry is a great way to do both - on your schedule! Ushers assist by distributing service bulletins, managing the Holy Eucharist reception queue, collecting the offering, providing assistance to parishioners and visitors as needed, and monitoring the safety and security of the church during worship. Ushers serve at both of the Sunday morning services, Holy Week, and Christmas services, as well as weddings, funerals, and special events. They maintain an atmosphere of reverence and order before, during, and after services. We are always looking for new ushers, especially for the 8 a.m. service. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact our Usher Ministry Coordinator, Chris Runkel, at ushers@standrews.net or Lori Foster, Vestry Worship Commission Lead, at worship@standrews.com.

Childcare Help

Kate Lewis | formation@standrews.net

We are looking for volunteers to assist in our Pre-K & K class 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, 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-spr25> (April to June dates), <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-sum25> (July & August dates).



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Coffee Hour Ministry

Lori Foster | coffeehosts@standrews.net

Do you enjoy stopping off in the Parish Hall after the service for a cup of coffee and a few minutes of conversation with your fellow parishioners before Formation time? With a few of our coffee host volunteers stepping down, we're looking for new people to help keep things running! It's a great way to get involved and connect with others! If you're interested in helping out once every couple of months and would like more information, please contact Lori Foster.

Food for Friends: End of Year Report

Richard Sellers | outreach@standrews.net

Due to the monetary donations to the Food 4 Friends program—in which Richard Sellers and Marifran Bustion buy single-serve food products, assemble a team to pack them on a Sunday, and Woody Browne delivers them to Bonnie Brae Elementary School in Burke—we delivered 525 two-day food backpacks to feed some 25 students per month during this school year. Each shipment costs around \$800. Many thanks to all the adults and students who helped pack the weekend food backpacks, containing two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, two snacks, two drinks, and a treat, five times this school year. We also

delivered 25 candy/toy treat bags to the students before the Christmas holidays. Also, thanks to our Vestry Outreach leaders, Laura Sabo and Sarah Akins last year, and Paul Foley and Bill Johnson this year, for their strong support. This program is run entirely from parish donations, so please consider donating and put F4F in the memo line. Each month, I received a thank-you note from the school social worker. Thanks to Sarah Akins for donating a microwave to a student family that did not have one. We look forward to gearing up for donating food for the new school year! Many thanks!

Creative Gifts Ministry

Julie Morgan | creativegifts@standrews.net

Do you have a creative hobby you enjoy? If so, a new group is forming to make gifts for newborns, extremely sick or dying, and newcomers to be given to the church for Father Will to give as special homemade gifts from St. Andrew's. Work on your hobby at home and then bring your finished creations to our quarterly meetings to show others and to say a prayer over each item. Any size item is welcome. Ideas include blankets, prayer shawls, pot holders, bread baskets, small linens, and items for people to hold as they pray. Your talents and ideas are welcome. Knitting, crocheting, quilting, sewing skills, and any other specialty you have is great. Come to our initial meeting on Saturday, June 28, from 10am - 11am in the Conference Room and bring some of your past finished projects to display. Please let Julie know if you can attend or are interested.

Locking Procedures During Sunday Worship

Carol Robinson | safety@standrews.net

In response to the Fairfax County Police Department's 2024 security assessment, and as part of our continuing commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for all to worship, serve, and belong, the clergy, Vestry, and Safety & Security Commission are implementing a phased approach to locking certain doors during the 10:00 a.m. service. This is a proactive measure designed to enhance safety by limiting entry points monitored by ushers during worship.

Effective Sunday, June 1st, the door next to the Nursery (door #8) will be locked at 10:15 a.m. Posted signage will direct parishioners and visitors to enter through the door next to the Preschool office (door #7), the door next to the Memorial Garden (door #6) or either door located at the front of the church.

Later in June and early July, the door next to the Preschool office (door #7) and the Parish Hallway door (door #1) will also be locked at 10:15 a.m. Posted signage will direct parishioners and visitors to enter through either the doors to the Narthex or the Memorial Garden door (door #6).

Throughout June and July, we would like feedback from our parishioners regarding this proactive approach to securing the Education Wing and the Nave. In August, the Vestry will review any feedback and determine if this will become a permanent protocol for our church.

DIOSOCEAN NEWS

New Assistant Bishop and Canon for Discipleship Start June 1



New Assistant Bishop Mark A. Bourlakas and Canon for Discipleship Ricardo Sheppard begin June 1st, exponentially increasing the Diocese of Virginia's capacity to love Jesus, embody justice, and be disciples.

Bourlakas' new call makes three bishop-level leaders who "can spend more time out in and around the Diocese of Virginia getting to know people, getting to know ministries, and for me that's really exciting," Bishop E. Mark Stevenson said.

Introducing the New Assistant Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Mark A. Bourlakas comes from the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, where he served as the diocesan bishop since July 2013. The 50 parishes there are mostly rural and stretch to the Virginia tip that is as far west as Detroit.

Bourlakas is the twelfth assistant bishop in diocesan history and will be providing support for the Episcopacy



across the diocese. Additionally, he will collaborate closely with the Office of Congregational Vitality, and encourage parishes to boldly go beyond comfort into the mission field of their changing communities.

Introducing the New Canon for Discipleship

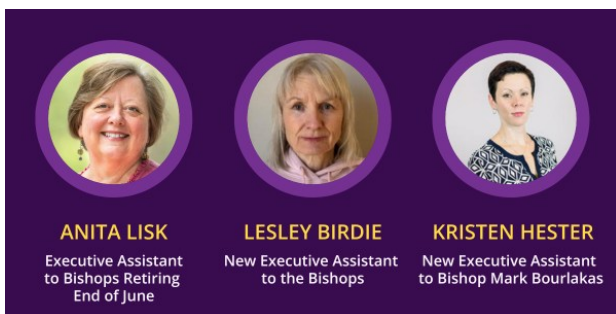
Sheppard has been rector of The Episcopal Church of the Atonement in Washington, DC, since 2019. Both his parents attended seminary while expecting him, so Sheppard likes to say that his discipleship journey began "in the belly." Born in Trinidad and Tobago, he immigrated to the United States in 1975.

He enlisted in the US Marine Corps and was honorably discharged after serving 9 ½ years. He earned a masters of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and a diploma in Anglican studies from the University of the South School of Theology in Sewanee. He was ordained a priest in 2016.

In Washington, he has served as chaplain at the Bishop Walker Episcopal School for Boys, on the Diocesan Council, and chairs the Diocesan Committee on Black Ministries. Prior to coming to The Episcopal Church, Sheppard served as the youth and outreach minister at the church founded by his father in 1983: Hebron Baptist Church in Brooklyn.

Read the full announcement on the [diocesan website](#).

Key Administrative Staff Changes in Diocese Keep Mission Moving



When Anita Lisk began working for the Diocese of Virginia in 2019, a message in Scrabble tiles caught her eye: "I dreamed I was tap dancing in roller skates."

Lisk is preparing to retire at the end of June as new executive assistants Lesley Birdie and Kristen Hester begin on June 2.

The increased administrative staff represents critical support for the diocesan mission to love Jesus, embody justice, and be disciples.

Meet the Two New Executive Assistants

Lesley Birdie takes Lisk's place as executive assistant to the bishops. She comes to the diocese with 13 years' experience supporting five attorneys in the law firm Jackson Lewis P.C., including the managing principal. Birdie has also worked in the travel industry and with elementary school children.

Kristen Hester will serve as executive assistant to new Assistant Bishop Mark Bourlakas. In 2017, she became his executive assistant in the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia.

Read the full announcement on the [diocesan website](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 8, 2025

Parish Picnic: Music, Food, & Fellowship!

Pam Hardin | fellowship@standrews.net

Mark your calendars for our annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 8th immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service! Our picnic will include BBQ chicken, black bean burgers, and sides from Famous Dave's BBQ, live music from 2025 FoMA performers, Orleans Express, and a bounce house and games for the kids.

Tickets are \$15/person ages 13 and up, \$7/person ages 5-12, and kids 4 and under are free, with a family cap of \$40. Admission is FREE for all newcomers who started attending St. Andrew's after our picnic last year (June 9, 2024)! Everyone is asked to register so we have an accurate head count. ALSO, please indicate if you would like the vegetarian option.

Online registration will end on Thursday, June 5th. You can pay at the door (cash or check) on the day of the event, but we'd prefer it if you register ahead of time.

Volunteers sign up here --> <http://tiny.cc/picnichelp25>

Register here --> <http://tiny.cc/stapicnic2025>

JUNE 13, 2025

Men's Fellowship: Coffee to Go or Stay!

Darren Williams | mensfellowship@standrews.net

Please stop by the West Springfield Panera (Rolling Rd and Old Keene Mill Rd) on your way to work, or stay and have coffee and a bagel. Be it 5 minutes or an hour, we'd love to see you for some fellowship on **Friday, June 13th**, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.!

Upcoming coffee meet-ups: June 13th, July 11th, and August 15th.

JUNE 18, 2024

Workcamp Care Cards

Stacey Peters & Carl Jones | workcamp@standrews.net

Since 1999, the St. Andrew's parish has sponsored a week-long community service trip for the teens of our parish. The Group Mission Camp provides an opportunity for teens to learn about serving God by serving families in need through home repair projects in communities nationwide. This summer, seven teens and two adults are heading to Wrightsville, PA from June 22nd through 28th.

You can show your support for this youth outreach program by making Care Cards for all the campers! Care Cards are little notes/treats the campers receive each night. They can be notes of encouragement, appreciation, riddles, and/or punny "dad jokes". These notes mean a lot to the teens (and adults), and sometimes they can help turn a hard, stressful week into a wonderful memory.

Completed Care Cards can be dropped off in the "Care Cards" box on the brick ledge across from the church office. **All notes must be dropped off by 4 PM on Wednesday, June 18th.**

The 2025 Workcampers are:

Alyssa Rollo
Declan Cone
Ellery Cone
Jack Koerner

Christopher Lillard
Benjamin Lillard
Eliot Lillard

Stacey Peters (adult)
Carl Jones (adult)

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

JUNE 1, 2025

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

JUNE 8, 2025

Pentecost

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalms 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:8-17, (25-27)

JUNE 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

JUNE 22, 2025

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms 22:18-27

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

JUNE 29, 2025

3rd Sunday after Pentecost




1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

Psalms 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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1 Carolyn Keller Luke Mannweiler	2 Barbara Klix Sarah Akins	3	4	5 Gene Gironde Nolan Valliere	6	7 David MacLean Beth Shannon
8	9 Todd McKeever	10	11 Carl Jones	12 Peggy Fink Will Packard	13	14 FLAG DAY 
15 FATHER'S DAY Sherry Slawski Lori Foster 	16 Parke Shappy-Behn	17 Stephanie Emert	18	19 JUNETEENTH Diana Campbell Margie Campbell	20 SUMMER BEGINS Tristan Krasnoselsky 	21 Kelly Withington
22 Sadie Nealis	23	24	25 Anne Brannam Kit Thompson Erin Rhoads Randall Hambrick	26 Rich Richardson	27 Barbara Eckman	28
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