



# The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

What would you say to someone who asks what you believe? As an Episcopalian, you can open to page 358 (or 326) in the Book of Common Prayer and tell them exactly what you believe. We say this profession of faith at every Eucharist and its companion, the Apostles' Creed at Evening Prayer. However, many of us, myself included, have professed without thinking about the statements made or from where they came. It is important to engage our Creed in today's world.

The logical question to ask is "why do we need to study the Creed?". In today's world, we experience continued division and many ideologies, theologies, and opinions. This is a time to ground ourselves in the Resurrection and what we believe. "We Believe," was the theme of the week of Christian Unity earlier this year and it continues to resonate in Credal Churches as we observe the 1700th anniversary.

To facilitate our formation we will bring in a host of speakers on a variety of topics and themes. I will provide an overview and prime our formation with major themes and topics this Sunday, September 7th.

These sessions will enable each of us to better understand the faith we profess and what it means today for the church and for us individually. The gaps in the calendar are held for additional faith formation subjects or held for Vestry presentations so you can plan on attending adult formation each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service.

I look forward to seeing you in this new program year as we all profess our faith and worship together.

Faithfully yours,  
*Will*

Date	Speaker	Topic
September 7	The Rev. William L. Packard	Professing our Faith
September 14	The Rev. Jim Hughes	The Dirty Secrets of the Creed's Beginning
October 5	Anne Alexis Harra, Candidate for Holy Orders	Sacramental and Liturgical Theology of the Council of Nicaea
October 12	Justin Smith, Aspirant for Holy Orders	The Nature of God: The Holy Trinity
October 19	Jenn Cruickshank, Postulant for Holy Orders	Theotokos: The Blessed Mother Mary and the Creed
November 2	The Rev. A. Katherine Grieb, Ph.D., Director for the Center of Anglican Communion Studies	One Holy, catholic, and Apostolic Church: Professing our Faith as the Anglican Communion
November 9	<i>Invite Pending</i>	<i>TBD</i>
November 23	The Rev. William L. Packard	The Concluding

# VESTRY NEWS

## Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM

Saturday @ 6:00 PM

Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

## Formation

Sunday @ 11:30 AM

## Bible Study

Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Wednesday @ 10:30 AM

## Choir Rehearsal

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](mailto:emily@standrews.net)) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.*



SENIOR WARDEN

JEFF REBA

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Many of us think the start of school a couple of weeks ago marked the end of summer, while others

view Labor Day weekend as summer's close. At St. Andrew's, we give you one more week, because for us, summer officially ends on September 7th with Kickoff Sunday and the launch of our new program year! We're excited to begin another season filled with Sunday School, Bible study, Adult Forums, and all the special events that make St. Andrew's such a vibrant and welcoming place to worship and belong.

A heartfelt thank you to our Vestry commission leads for hosting tables at the Ministry Fair on August 24th. They shared information about their ministries, answered questions, and helped many of you discover new ways to get involved. We are also grateful to everyone who attended, especially those who found a place to share your gifts and make a difference through your service. If you missed the Ministry Fair, don't worry - it's never too late to get involved. Whether through worship, youth formation,

fellowship, outreach, or any other ministry St. Andrew's offers, you are always welcome. Feel free to reach out to me or any Vestry member if you have questions or would like to learn more about how you can contribute.

After six months of steady and intentional work, your Vestry took a well-deserved pause in August, stepping back for one meeting to rest and recharge. While the Vestry took this short break, individual commissions continued their efforts, especially in preparing for the Ministry Fair. We now return in September, ready to dive into the work ahead and begin planning for the 2026 budget with fresh energy and focus.

After praying for our Interim Director of Music, Dj Cortés-Gunning, during our service on August 24th and sharing in his farewell reception the following Sunday, I would like to offer one final word of thanks on behalf of the Vestry. We are deeply grateful for Dj's ministry at St. Andrew's, and we send him off with our prayers and best wishes for all that lies ahead.

# OUTREACH

## ECHO Food Drive

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

St. Andrew's Fall ECHO Food Drive is getting underway! Bags with a list of items will be available after the services for the next few weeks. Donations can be made anytime in the ECHO bin or brought to the service on September 28th – PLEASE HELP RESTOCK THE SHELVES. Your donations matter!

### FOOD ITEMS

- Bag Beans (black, red or garbanzo beans preferred)
- Lentils
- Bag rice
- Protein Items (e.g. can chicken, Spam, sardines, salmon, tuna, chili, etc.)
- Canned Fruit (100% juice)
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal/Oatmeal (Low sugar)
- Instant (Box) Potatoes
- Box Pasta
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Can Tomatoes, Tomato paste and sauce
- Can Milk, Shelf Stable Milk and Hot Chocolate
- Snacks (Crackers, raisins, granola bars, dry fruit, nuts, etc.)
- Baked Beans
- Instant Coffee
- Tea (green, herbal, black)
- 100% Juice
- Pancake Mix and Syrup
- Cooking Oil
- Non-Salt Spices (cinnamon, cumin, pepper, garlic powder, onion powder)
- Masa (Corn) Flour
- Flour
- Sugar
- Lemon or Lime Juice
- Honey and Jelly
- Tortillas (corn and flour)
- Condiments (Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard)
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Muffin Mix
- Paper Bags (Brown Grocery and Reusable)

### HYGIENE ITEMS

- Toilet Paper
- Facial Tissues
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Deodorant
- Paper Towels
- Children's Toothbrushes
- Adult's Toothbrushes
- Body/Hand Lotion
- Band Aids
- Diapers - Sizes 2, 4, 5, 6
- Baby Wipes
- Sanitary Napkins

## Prayer List

Tony Durso  
Don & Marlene Taggart  
Eve Albanese  
Larry Packard  
Rich Roerig  
D'Arcy  
Ron Mason  
Susan Scott  
Barbara Klix  
Julie Morgan  
Jeff Dutton  
Sarah Lillard  
Laura Sabo  
Andie Hardin  
Mary Richardson  
Cathy Harman  
Dave Lewis  
Dave MacLean

Kit Thompson  
Lauren Bowdren  
Scootie Prior  
David Nies  
Ethan Groves  
Robert Eugene Stead  
Gene Gironde  
Jesse Hill  
Bill Hartig  
Olivia  
Felix  
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  
Cari Gulley  
Jean Gulley  
Cathy  
Patsy High  
Bob Turner  
Millie Nash  
Irma  
Carol Payne  
Frank Traglia  
Laura Sabo

Andie Hardin  
Athalee Williams  
Jack Williams  
Donna Fortune  
Mary Richardson  
Ellie Davis  
Jan Wouters  
Pam Mowry  
Rick Harra  
Paula  
Mike Columbus  
Dennis Williams  
Gene  
Tom & Beth C.  
Jim Myhre  
Ann Shannon  
Jane Hoge  
Georgiann McDaniel  
Peggy Nordin  
John Sandy  
Patrick Sandy

Avi Zahedi  
Marla Cook  
Jane McDonald  
Gene Rose  
Chris Boyle  
Janice Crosby  
Susan Henderson  
Russell Mac Nair  
Lauren Bidwell  
Lew Alleman  
Steve Morgan  
Pat Maddy  
Janet Williams  
Glenn Watson  
Conrad Grundlehner  
Adele Horton  
Bev Kraker  
Terri Bennett  
Patrick Payne  
Rodney Green  
Zayne Pape-White

## Departed

Cliff McCurry (cousin of Deborah England)

Rosemary Phillips (parishioner)

Claudia Dugan (parishioner)

Jeff Testerman (friend of Alice Redman)

Debbie Mignella (friend of Lori Foster)

The Rev. George Woodward (friend of Deborah England)

Dottie Arnold (friend of Chris Umberger)

## ENDOWMENT NEWS

Think about the part you want to play in our church's future. Naming St. Andrew's Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plan can assure your continued participation in the life and mission of St. Andrew's far into the future.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Childcare Help

Kate Lewis | [formation@standrews.net](mailto:formation@standrews.net)

We are looking for volunteers to assist in our Pre-K & K class on Sundays from 9:50 to 11:30 a.m. While we have paid staff members, we always need additional volunteer helpers each week to ensure the children's safety and well-being. Whether you can serve once in a while or on a more regular basis, we'd love to have your support in caring for our youngest parish members. **We are moving our sign-ups from Sign-up Genius into a calendar in Realm**, so if you'd like to volunteer, please email Kate and we'll get you signed up.

### Altar Flower Contributions

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

Are you interested in making a contribution "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" your loved ones? This can be for a birthday, anniversary, a new birth, a memorial, a graduation or any number of meaningful occasions. Your contributions provide flowers, plants and altar adornments necessary for worship services throughout the year.

The altar flowers are not supported by the operating budget of the church, so we rely completely on your generous contributions. The suggested amount is \$25.00 per listing in the service bulletin for a desired Sunday. Names should be received one week prior to the desired Sunday.

You can request altar flowers two different ways: Fill out the Flower Contribution Envelope located in the narthex or on the bulletin board outside the church office, and enclose cash or check. The envelope can be given to an usher or left in the church office.

If you prefer to request and pay for flowers online, you can contribute towards the Flower Guild through Realm: <https://onrealm.org/standrewsVA/give/flowers>. Be sure to use the memo line to say who the flowers are for and the occasion.

### ESOL Classes

Pat Conrad | [esol@standrews.net](mailto:esol@standrews.net)

ESOL classes will begin on **Tuesday, September 16th**, at 9:30 in the morning. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our program. On Sunday, September 7th we will have cards in the Narthex that you can pick up to pass on to potential students. We have a dedicated group of teachers who help a diverse group of students. The students may be illiterate in their own language or may have advanced degrees and wish to polish their English language skills. Our teachers not only address language needs but also provide support and acceptance for each student.



Because of the current situation, we have no idea how many students will register for our program and therefore we don't know exactly how many teachers will be needed. If you are interested in working with ESOL students either as a teacher, assistant, or a substitute, please contact Pat Conrad.

### Designated Plate for September 6th & 7th

Paul Foley & Bill Johnson | [outreach@standrews.net](mailto:outreach@standrews.net)

This month our designated plate offering is going to the Good Friday Offering: Creating new relationships in and among the Christians of the Middle East. All loose offerings and checks made out St. Andrew's with "Good Friday Offering" on the memo will go towards helping with the crisis in the Middle East.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Stepping Into What's Next: Volunteer Scheduling on Realm Connect!

Sarah Akins & Betsy Cotten | [realm@standrews.net](mailto:realm@standrews.net)

Our Realm Connect rollout is moving right along! Now that the Parish Directory is live and thriving, we're ready to take the next step together: **volunteer scheduling**.

This new feature makes coordinating volunteers smoother and simpler than ever. Realm Connect allows team leaders to see everyone's serving preferences and availability, so scheduling is clearer for everyone. And when plans change, you can request a replacement right through the app—no more last-minute phone calls or emails!

We're beginning this rollout with **Lay Ministers, Formation Teachers, Coffee Hosts, and Tellers**. If you're in one of these serving teams, you should already have an email invitation waiting in your inbox. (Check your

spam folder if you don't see it!) Your first step is to create your Realm profile and then set up your serving preferences.

And don't worry—we know new tools can feel overwhelming. That's why we're offering **training sessions** to help. Whether you need help **creating your profile, getting into the directory, or setting up your serving preferences**, we've got time for you. Use the links below to sign up for a training, and let's step into this new season of service together.

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



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

### Acolyte Information Session/Training

Jennifer Koerner & Gloria Spaans | [acolytes@standrews.net](mailto:acolytes@standrews.net)

We will be holding an Acolyte Ministry information session and training on **Sunday, September 7th** from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Acolyte Coordinators will stick around afterward to answer any questions from parents who are coming from the Back to Sunday School meeting.) All interested youth in Grade 3 through High School, whether new to the ministry or just seeking a refresher, are welcome! St. Andrew's acolytes serve during our regular Sunday services, as well as other special services, assisting the Clergy with the Liturgy and Eucharist.

Due to recent family moves, we have a significant shortage of acolytes available to serve each week. Therefore, we are eagerly looking for additional young parishioners interested in supporting this important ministry. There is a great set of older acolytes who are eager to mentor and support our newer acolytes!

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

### Back to Sunday School: Parent & Teacher Meeting

The Rev. Maria Maguire | [maria@standrews.net](mailto:maria@standrews.net)

Join us on **Sunday, September 7th**, from 11:30-12:30 for an in-person gathering of all parents and volunteers with Sunday School-aged children, 3 years old through 6th grade. Come learn about some exciting new developments that will help us draw closer to Jesus in Sunday School this year.

Child care will be available: a movie for the littles plus Acolyte Training for 3rd graders and up. This year, Sunday School includes Pre-K to 6th grade during Formation Hour from 11:30-12:30. (Details about 7th and 8th-12th are forthcoming; please still fill out a registration form for them!)

## SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

### FoMA Concert Series: Rocknoceros

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Our 2025-2026 Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew's concert series is starting early this year! Join us on **Sunday, September 14th**, at 4:00 p.m. as we welcome back family favorite Rocknoceros!

Rocknoceros is a children's band formed in Fairfax, Virginia in 2005. Rocknoceros has entertained tens of thousands of fans around the country, performing at Lollapalooza, Austin City Limits, and the Kennedy Center. Since its inception in 2005, Rocknoceros has won ten Washington Area Music Awards and has found its way into the hearts and homes of music-lovers of all ages. The duo does a fine balancing act: they play for the kids and keep parents entertained too. Free admission.



## SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

### Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

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

We're back! After a break for the summer we're resuming our coffee gatherings at West Springfield Panera! Join us on Thursday, September 18th, at 9:30 a.m. to catch up with each other and meet new friends! All are welcome!

## SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

### Creative Gifts Ministry Meeting

Julie Morgan | [creativegifts@standrews.net](mailto:creativegifts@standrews.net)

The Creative Gifts Ministry might be for you if you enjoy crafting at home! We make handmade items to comfort parishioners in hospice, nearing end of life, or welcoming a new baby. All work is done at home, and we meet quarterly to share creations, pray over them, and take a photo for Father Will's inventory.

Our next meeting is **Saturday, September 27th** at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Items can include lap or baby blankets, candle holders, prayer tokens, baskets, and more—anything made with love. Can't attend? Let us know so we can add you to the roster.

## OCTOBER 2, 2025

### Women's Fellowship: Game Night

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

Are you highly competitive? Do you like to have fun, and couldn't care less about who wins? Do you just like to cheer others on? Good news! Game Night is the perfect event for all of you! Bring your game face, and either a beverage or snack to share to the Parish Hall on Thursday, October 2nd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and games begin at 7:00! Sorry, no kiddos at this one. RSVP to by email or to Women's Fellowship Group on Realm.

## LECTIONARY READINGS

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

### SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

### SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-11

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

### SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

### SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a,4-7


Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31



# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Colin Browne Jack Lewis Brian Shannon Alexandra Kuhns	2 Steve Ramsdell Karen Steele	3	4 Carter Gregory	5 John Osthaus Jonathan Nein	6 Mary Richardson David Cruickshank
7	8	9	10 Diane Hill Luke Groves	11 <b>PATRIOT DAY</b> Andie Hardin	12 Claire Watson Sean Akins	13
14 Mary Grogan Amelia Haubner Holden Kuhns	15 Will Spencer	16 Virginia Sertich Lydon Hawkins	17 Heather Flanagan Hadley Cone	18	19 Gretchen Parrott	20
21 Audrey Spaans	22 <b>AUTUMN BEGINS</b> CJ Brannam Randall Prior Karen Nies-Vogel Dj Cortés-Gunning 	23 Marc Turner Julian Spaans	24 Peter Dasher	25 Jonathan Withington Madeline Akins	26 Carol Robinson Joseph Grundlehner	27
28 Bridget Spencer	29	30 Lucila Woodard				

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