



The Net

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



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The kingdom is also like what happened when a man went away and put his three servants in charge of all he owned. The man knew what each servant could do. So he handed five thousand coins to the first servant, two thousand to the second, and one thousand to the third. Then he left the country. – Matthew 25:14-15

Dear Friends in Christ,

With every step in our church building and with every interaction, I am reminded of the abundant gifts from God in our community and in our lives. Our community is “a place for all to worship, serve, and belong.” This community is one of the abundant gifts given to us and you are a gift. The next time you are at church, I encourage you to look at each person as a gift in the community and recognize the abundant gifts each person offers in so many ways. As a community, we bring forth our many gifts of time, talent, and treasure, in response to what God has entrusted us in Matthew 25.

The church is not the church without you. It takes a congregation in order to observe our two great Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. It takes a congregation to engage in stewardship of resources. We have the gift of supporting a large church building in which we may worship, engage in outreach, and find Christian fellowship. It is through our stewardship practices that we are able to maintain and even grow our ministry.

Thanks be to God and to you for the ability to support our church staff and many programs. In this past year, we were able to grow and support a full-time Associate Rector for Children, Youth, and Families! Our outreach efforts, bolstered by enduring gifts of Stewardship through the Endowment, supported tens of thousands of dollars to those in particular need this year, including our annual hypothermia prevention week. Our adult, children, and youth formation opportunities are supported through

incredible gifts of finances and time. Thank you for this support and I look forward to our continued ministry in these areas as we grow.

In addition, we observe a ministry of space here at Church. We offer many opportunities within our own programs, from the Preschool to Oktoberfest. We are also a community gathering center for other worshiping communities such as the Peace Islamic Center, Scouts, Alcoholics Anonymous, and more. These are gifts we offer carrying out the mission of our Gospel.

I encourage us to continue to approach life and our ministry through the lens of abundance, reflecting upon the abundant grace of God in which we find through Jesus Christ. Through this lens of gratitude, I ask you to consider how you can engage in the spiritual practice of stewardship this coming year. Please know that your financial pledge is distinct from a secular “fundraising” drive. With this spiritual practice we also provide for the practical needs of paying staff salaries, keeping up with building repairs, and sending resources back into the community. Consider how you give of time and talent. Every cent and second is not only appreciated but something to which we give thanks and glory to God. Thank you for your ministry and gifts!

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we give thanks to God for the many gifts in this life and as we celebrate the gift of the Resurrection. Please mark October 18/19 on your calendar as the Sunday when we offer our pledges for the coming year.

As we offer our gifts, know that you belong and we give thanks together for the fellowship of this Christian covenant community.

Faithfully yours,

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) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.



SENIOR WARDEN

JEFF REBA

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September was quite a month for the Reba family. It kept me away from church for much of the month, so I don't have much of a "report" to share. But during that time, Simone and I were reminded repeatedly of the goodness of God, for which we are eternally grateful.

Our daughter Emily was expecting our first grandchild, due on September 12th. At our Vestry meeting on September 8th, I asked that Emily and the baby be included in our prayers. About an hour later, Simone called to tell me Emily was in labor. I excused myself, hurried home, and we booked the first flight to Phoenix the next morning. While in the air, we received a text from our son-in-law, Zach, announcing that baby Dean Robert Wilson had been born. A few hours later we were at the hospital, holding that little miracle for the first time. He was happy, healthy, and, like most newborns, working hard to figure out how to eat. The memories came rushing back to when Emily herself was born 28 years ago. And though I know you may find it hard to believe that Simone and I are old enough to be grandparents (ha, ha!), we now proudly wear that title.

A few days after our arrival, Simone tested positive for COVID, and when she recovered, it was my turn. Thankfully, God answered our many prayers, and Dean and his parents stayed healthy. While isolating, we made the best of the time and explored the desert Southwest. We visited Joshua Tree National Park, Petrified Forest National Park, and the Painted Desert. We stood among petrified trees more than 200 million years old and stargazed in Dark Sky areas where,

through a telescope, we saw the Andromeda Galaxy—2.5 million light years away, with more than a trillion stars. And it is just one of an estimated two trillion such galaxies in the observable universe. Numbers like that make it difficult to comprehend the vastness of the universe.

In those moments, I was struck by how small and insignificant we really are. And yet, the God who created all of it cares deeply for each one of us. He knows us, loves us, and blesses us with new life and reminders of His presence every day.

That is the good news we carry as a congregation: whether in the birth of a child, the prayers of a community, or the majesty of creation, God's goodness surrounds us. Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Childcare Help

Kate Lewis | 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.

Coffee Hour Donations

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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>.

Realm Connect Party - Thank You!

Betsy Cotten & Sarah Akins | realm@standrews.net

Thank you for making the Realm Connect Party a success! We loved seeing your smiling faces in the directory and sharing why this system matters for our St. Andrew's family.

Congrats to our raffle winners! Annette Hales and Richard Sellers (with Marifran accepting on his behalf) won gift cards to Spartans and Glory Days—enjoy!

Missed the party? You've still got one more chance to win! Pick up a Realm Passport and enter to win a gift card to Trattoria Villaggio in Clifton. Between now and Advent, stop by to chat with Sarah or Betsy about how Realm Connect strengthens our community and how we can help you get started. Email us or join an **upcoming training session**—we're here to make it easy!



Prayer List

Tony Durso
Don Taggart
Marlene Taggart
Eve Albanese
Larry Packard
Rich Roerig
D'Arcy
Ron Mason
Susan Scott
Barbara Klix
Jeff Dutton
Sarah Lillard
Laura Sabo
Mary Richardson
Cathy Harman

Dave Lewis
Kit Thompson
Lauren Bowdren
Scootie Prior
David Nies
Gene Gironde
Dan Emrick
Hezekiah Richardson

Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Eddie Fortune
Bishop Shannon Johnston
Bill Armour
Wally Morgan
Eric
Kevin Linehan

James
Phillipa Pearce
David Humphrey
Ro & Rob Africano
Karen Brannam
Carol Payne
Donna Fortune
Pam Mowry
Paula Masterson
Dennis Williams
Tom & Beth C.
Jane Hoge
Marla Cook
Jane McDonald
Janice Crosby
Susan Henderson
Lew Alleman
Pat Maddy

Janet Williams
Terri Bennett
Adele Horton
Bev Kraker
Rodney Green
Zayne Pape-White
Stan Tchorz
Eugene Robert Stead
Bronwyn Alleman
Jim Golle
Nora Herrera
Valerie Stevenson
Jon Wise
Chuck DeBellevue

Departed

Clay Clarke (former parishioner)
Christopher Brook Talley (former parishioner)
Phyllis Brant (mother of Mike Brant)
Matt Hager (family friend of Carl & Nicki Jones)
Alice Consolvo (friend of Elise Humphrey)
Jack Stem (father of Jack Stem)
Sunni Putnam (friend of Deborah England)
Paul Kyabaggu (brother-in-law of Fred Kalema)
Margarita (Margot) Nunez (sister of Lucila Woodard)
Eugene Rose (friend of Julie Morgan)

ENDOWMENT NEWS

Did you know that when your estate planning documents are prepared by your attorney, you can include St. Andrew's Endowment Fund as the final beneficiary to receive any benefits that remain after other beneficiaries are remembered?

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STEWARDSHIP

Introducing Stewardship to St. Andrew's Children

Stephanie Meadows | stewardship@standrews.net

October 12, 2025, is Stewardship Sunday. Because we view stewardship as a way of life, embracing the grateful and responsible use of all God's gifts, including time, talents, and financial resources, our youngest church goers are getting a chance to make their own promise to put faith into action. A Children's Pledge Card (K through 6th) and a Youth Pledge Card (7th through 12th) will be distributed in Sunday School classes in early October, and children will be asked to return their cards in the offering plate on Sunday, October 19, 2025. Stewardship at St. Andrew's—for adults and children alike—provides a place to serve, grow, and belong.

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2, 2025

Women's Fellowship: Game Night

Karen Hilber | 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 by email or to the Women's Fellowship Group on Realm.

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Blessing of the Animals

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Get ready to unleash the joy and join us for the Blessing of the Animals (the Feast of St. Francis) on Sunday, October 5th at 2:30 p.m. in the Front Barking Lot! Rain or shine, this paw-some event will take place (the Multi-Purpose Room in case of rain). Bring your furry friends and let them bask in the divine blessings. Don't let them miss out on this fur-tastic experience!

OCTOBER 5, 2025

FoMA Concert Series: John Bullard & Markus Compton "Baroque with Pluck"

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Next in our concert series is a banjo and keyboard duet, "Baroque with Pluck," on Sunday, October 5th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. John Bullard is a classically trained musician and the first graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University's Department of Music to earn a degree in performance with the banjo. Markus Compton, keyboardist, graduated summa cum laude and holds degrees in Music Education and Keyboard Collaboration from George Mason University. Free admission. Reception to follow.



Adult Forum Series: The Nicene CreedThe Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

Date	Speaker	Topic
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

OCTOBER 10, 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, October 10th, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.!

Upcoming coffee dates: November 7th and December 12th.

OCTOBER 12, 2025**Second Sundays: Pumpkin Painting Party**Kate Lewis | formation@st.andrews.net

Join us for a Pumpkin Painting Party on Sunday, October 12th from 4-5pm in the Parish Hall. We will have pumpkins to paint, time to catch up and fellowship with other families and some sweet Fall treats. Hope to see you there and click the **Sign-up Genius link** if you are able to help!

OCTOBER 18, 2025**Oktoberfest**Pam Hardin | fellowship@standrews.net

Please come and join us for our annual Oktoberfest Dinner on Saturday, October 18th. The event will take place right after the 6:00 p.m. Taizé service. We will kick off the evening with some social time beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a delicious Bavarian-style dinner at 7:00 p.m. The menu will include brats, potato salad, sauerkraut, and more. To add to the festive atmosphere, the Fairfax Band's Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden will be providing lively oompah music. Prost! Tickets are \$20/person and on sale now (<http://tiny.cc/prost2025>).

OCTOBER 30, 2025**Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat**Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

That chill in the air means it's the perfect time to grab a cup of coffee and a pastry with your friends from St. Andrew's! Join us at the West Springfield Panera on Thursday, October 30th at 9:30 a.m. See you there!

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

OCTOBER 5, 2025

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 37:1-10

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

OCTOBER 12, 2025

18th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm 111

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

OCTOBER 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

OCTOBER 26, 2025

20th Sunday after Pentecost


Sirach 35:12-17

Psalm 84:1-6

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Drew Peters Josephine Gallant Eli Haler Alexa Dillon	3 Claudia Brady	4
5	6 Ben Lewis	7 Rebecca Umberger	8 Paul Foley Dustin Parsons-Schwarz	9	10	11 Sarah Gregory
12	13 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY Loyal Lazo-Berge	14 Elaine Runkel	15	16 Judie Prentiss Sam Withington John Heyer	17 Fred Kalema-Musoke Evan Campbell	18
19	20	21 Libby Hassler	22 Colin Jones Autumn Haubner	23 Wes Akins	24	25
					SHRINE MONT WEEKEND	
26 Bruce McWilliams Emily Proctor	27 Pam Hauge Doug Wood Amelie Rhoads	28 Jesse Hill Joe Steele Hobbs Haler	29 Katherine Gallant Bailey Gallant	30 Pat Conrad Meredith Horan Ripley Coates	31 HALLOWEEN Korie Gondek	
						

*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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