



The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

We enter the time of year, once again, known as "Maycember!" This time of busyness not only rivals December's busyness, but exceeds it in many instances. The time of graduation season begins when we hit milestones for completion of degree programs. Our own preschool hosts its ceremony soon as the young children, formed in faith, education, and love, are sent out. In the life of our parish, we hit milestones which feel as though they are graduations, but are actually commencements.

In the busyness of the month, we often find church as "one more thing" on a long list. We remember the Easter Season continues and we remember our Baptismal Covenant. Our continued time of preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation, enables us to reflect on how we continue and are called anew into our Baptismal Covenant.

To briefly review:

Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God. – BCP 860

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. – BCP 860

Reception is for those who made an adult affirmation of their Trinitarian Baptism in another faith who are received into the Episcopal Church.

Reaffirmation is for those who have confirmed their Baptism in the Episcopal Church and are taking on the promises again through a period of formation and study.

As we walk alongside those preparing for these sacraments, we too renew our faith and our commitment. We might think "great, one more thing to worry about when I'm already overwhelmed." Our covenant is not a "worry" but a support and covenant between us and God. Our Baptisms, Confirmations, Receptions, Reaffirmations, Confirmations, take place and we do not graduate. We commence and start our ministry again.

In the busyness of this month, we are able to rely upon the rock of our faith. We return each week and receive nourishment to carry out the promises and to find such assurance in an overwhelming world. We do not carry one more thing to do, but we carry not only the promises we make, but the promise God makes with us through Christ. In this Maycember, may we commence into the assurance of our Baptism.

I look forward to seeing you throughout May, especially at our May 3rd meeting on land stewardship, at our parish picnic on May 17th, at the Feast of Pentecost on May 24th (wear red!), and at each of our services.

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
STEPHANIE MEADOWS
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As the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers. At St. Andrew's, we have found that April showers—or sometimes, unexpectedly warm sunshine—bring not just blossoms, but also a vibrant surge of positive energy from our parish members.

April is recognized as National Volunteer Month, a period dedicated to acknowledging the efforts of volunteers in our communities while encouraging others to participate in volunteer activities. Within the St. Andrew's church community, this spirit of service was beautifully demonstrated during Holy Week. The success of the thirteen services held that week was made possible by our committed staff, who were generously supported by a remarkable number of volunteers. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Father Will, Mother Maria, Deacon Susie, Seminarians Anne Alexis and Jenn, Alan, the office staff, and our guest musicians. Special "National Volunteer Month" recognition to those who contributed by reading, singing, greeting, ushering, preparing the altar, arranging flowers, caring for young children, stuffing and hiding Easter eggs, and more. Together, you made each service leading up to and including our Easter celebrations truly glorious. I invite newcomers to join one of our many ministries and become part of the dedicated volunteer force that helps make everything happen here!

The dynamic energy in the parish continued through the remainder of the month with numerous activities. To name a few, our Junior Warden, Gail Bouton, tackled a yellow jacket breach in the Preschool office and oversaw the repainting of the steeple cross. Our Outreach Commission, led by Kate Lewis, initiated a food drive to help restock ECHO's shelves. Both the Women's and Men's Fellowship groups held their monthly coffees at Panera and EYC gathered for an evening of youth fellowship, bowling, and arcade fun.

Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew's (FoMA) closed out its impressive 2025-2026 concert series with a mix of jazz, swing, Dixieland, and hip hop performed by the amazing White House Band. "Team Believe" was the top contributing team walking miles in honor of cancer survivors and lost loved ones during the April Relay for Life event. At the time of this writing, Team Believe raised close to \$25,000 of the event total of \$42,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Looking forward to the month of May there are several key dates to note:

- Youth Car Wash on May 3rd (Contact: Gloria Spaans – cyf@standrews.net)
- Spring Clean Up on May 16th (Contact: Gail Bouton – jrwarden@standrews.net)
- Parish Picnic on May 17th (Contact: Karen Spencer – fellowship@standrews.net)

Finally, Father Will shared a letter with the parish in late March, announcing the Vestry's decision to retain our land and not proceed with the potential sale of the property to Benchmark. An important meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd, to share additional information with the congregation. In a recent article in the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's "Save the Bay" magazine, I came upon a quote the author applied to conservation. With a few tweaks on my part, I felt it appropriately applied to what we are trying to accomplish with the thoughtful stewardship of our property – "A church grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit." The use of St. Andrew's property is not necessarily about me or those in my generation, but about a thriving St. Andrew's for the generations to come. Please plan to join the May 3rd discussion and participate in the planned next steps as we continue our visioning process for the mission and future of this amazing parish.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Andrew's VBS Registration

Virginia Sertich | vbs@standrews.net

Vacation Bible School is one of our favorite weeks of the year, bringing friends of all ages together to have fun singing, playing, listening and sharing. This year we'll be exploring the nature of God in "Rainforest Falls." Come join us!

VBS (July 27th-31st) is for kids ages 3.5 to 9 (fully potty-trained preschoolers to rising 4th graders). Older kids and teens (ages 10-17) are also invited to serve as Junior Counselors, and adults (18+) as Volunteers. All can register at the link below.

Cost is \$55 per child; \$140 family maximum; one t-shirt and daily snacks are included for each registrant at no additional cost (note there will be no cost for youth and adult volunteers).

Registration is open until June 1st. Register: <http://tiny.cc/rainforest26>. Note: All adult volunteers (ages 18+) will be required to complete Safe Church online training, and will receive this information after registering.



St. Andrew's Name Tags

Scott Hellier | welcome@standrews.net

How often have you recognized a face but couldn't quite remember the name? You're not alone—we've all been there. To make it easier for everyone to connect, we're happy to offer free name tags with either a magnetic or pin backing.

Getting yours is simple: just email your preferred first and last name, along with your choice of backing (magnet or pin—pin backings are recommended for those with pacemakers), to welcome@standrews.net.

Once we've collected a few requests, we'll place a bulk order. Your name tag should arrive within a couple of weeks, and we'll let you know when it's ready for pickup from the table under the TV in the Narthex. Thank you for helping us create a welcoming and connected community!



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
Mary Richardson
Cathy Harman
Kit Thompson
Lauren Bowdren
Scootie Prior

Gene Girondo
Dan Emrick
Roy Eichhorn
Donna Daugherty
Bob Gleason
Lucila Woodard
Katie Gould
Julie Morgan
Mary Petze
Libby Hassler
Mary Roper
Kay Jones
Doug Taggart
Scott Kelley
Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Eddie Fortune
Bishop Shannon Johnston
Bill Armour

Eric
Kevin Linehan
James
Phillipa
David Humphrey
Ro & Rob Africano
Karen Brannam
Carol Payne
Donna Fortune
Pam Mowry
Paula Masterson
Dennis Williams
Tom & Beth C.
Jane Hoge
Georgiann McDaniel
Peggy Nordin
Marla Cook
Susan Henderson
Janet Williams
Terri Bennett

Rodney Green
Zayne Pape-White
Stan Tchorz
Nora Herrera
Jon Wise
Chuck DeBellevue
Mike Columbus
Ronda Rouse
Dani Bryan
Stewart
Doug Connell
Jim Myhre
Barbara Pelletier
Mark G.
Millie Nash
Alice Jean Stoots
Kristen Hull
Jack Miller
Chris Erbe
John Neal

Andrew Boucek
Erin Cartwright
Annie Hughes
Jeff Taltavull
Fidel Gonzalez
Bess Yang
Jaclyn Stern
Rebekah Guerra Day
Adam Gregory
CR
Chris Boyle
Johnathan
Yolande Gray
Susan Creeden
Norman Procope
Chris Bolognese
Leigh Magar
Marc
Mark Pierce
Sam Shepard

Departed

Rebecca (friend of Anne Alexis Harra)
Christy Bering (mother of Jennifer Koerner)
Barbra Strandell (aunt of Angela Edwards)
Brian Daniels (brother-in-law of Marifran Bustion)
William Mazur (friend of Paige & Will Packard)

ENDOWMENT NEWS

“Later” can be too late. Don’t delay having your will drawn. Make sure your estate plans are in place so that your wishes will be carried out to benefit your family. Gifts you plan for St. Andrew’s through your will can help your church continue to minister and serve.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 3, 2026

Youth Car Wash

Gloria Spaans | cyf@standrews.net

Our Youth Car Wash is scheduled for **Sunday, May 3rd** during the 10:00 a.m. service. We will start a little after 9:00 a.m. so there isn't a rush right before the service. Youth and Adult volunteers are welcome! All donations will go towards Youth Activities, including Youth Work Camp.

MAY 8, 2026

Men’s Fellowship: Coffee to Stay or Go!

Darren Williams | mensfellowship@standrews.net

Please stop by the West Springfield Panera (Rolling Rd and Old Keene Mill Rd) for some fellowship on **Friday, May 8th**, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m.! Stop by 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!



MAY 12, 2026

Faith 250

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

We continue our interfaith discussions with Faith250, studying and discussing our nation’s “Scriptures” with at least 13 other communities of faith. The format includes gathering at tables with a smaller group (pre-selected) with whom you will have guided discussion.



There is no preparation necessary for our next to last gathering on **Tuesday, May 12th**, between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (6304 Lee Chapel Rd). Sign up here: <https://abidingpresence.net/faith250>.

MAY 14, 2026

Women’s Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Yay for May! Patio weather is here- we think, lol! Come to West Springfield Panera on **Thursday, May 14th** at 9:30 a.m. to gather with St Andrew’s friends for casual conversation and fellowship. It’s a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends, or make new ones! All are welcome to drop by for a few minutes or stay a while to chat.

MAY 16, 2026

Spring Parish Clean Up

Gail Bouton | jrwarden@standrews.net

It takes a village!! We will be working on the outside and the inside of our church on **Saturday, May 16th** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for our Spring Parish Clean-up. Pruning, weeding, raking, dusting (every surface!), washing windows, wiping down all of the pews, etc. This is a good way to get service hours for school while serving the body of Christ! We also really need someone willing to take things to the dump (old paint, etc). Come one, come all.



MAY 17, 2026

Annual Parish Picnic

Karen Spencer | fellowship@standrews.net

The Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, May 17th**, after the 10:00 a.m. service. Come enjoy a barbecue lunch, live band, bounce house, face painting, and more! Registration is now open: <http://tiny.cc/burgers26>.



Tickets are \$15 for ages 13 and up, \$7 for ages 5–12, and free for children 4 and under, with a family cap of \$40. Admission is free for newcomers who began attending St. Andrew's after last year's picnic (June 8, 2025).

Everyone is asked to register online to help us get an accurate headcount, though you may pay in person on the day of the event if you prefer.

Please also indicate if you would like the vegetarian option when registering.

MAY 21, 2026

Women's Fellowship: Game Night & Birthday Celebrations!

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

It's time for another almost famous, fun-filled Women's Fellowship game night! Back by popular demand! For double the fun, we're combining it with our celebration of May birthdays! So bring your best game face and birthday wishes to the Parish Hall on **Thursday, May 21st** for an evening of board game shenanigans as we celebrate May birthday gals! Please bring either a snack or a beverage to share. Doors open at 6:30, with games beginning at 7:00 p.m. **RSVP to Women's Fellowship by email or on Realm**. Be sure to let us know if you have a birthday in May!

JUNE 2026

Save the Date: Lamb Center Drive

Kate Lewis | outreach@standrews.net

From June 1st–21st, St. Andrew's will host a collection drive for The Lamb Center, which serves our unhoused neighbors in Fairfax County and partners with us during our January Hypothermia week.

If you have gently used men's summer clothing, backpacks, athletic shoes, umbrellas, sleeping bags, or tents at home collecting dust, set them aside for our June drive. (New versions of these items will also be accepted.)

We'll also collect new items for TLC laundry room, including travel-size toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and deodorant), men's underwear and undershirts (sizes S–2XL), family-size laundry detergent, and family-size bleach. More details coming soon!

JUNE 7, 2026

Graduate Sunday

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

We are celebrating all those who are graduating this Spring on **Sunday, June 7th**. High School graduates are especially encouraged to attend the service to receive a gift from St. Andrew's.

In order to honor everyone's achievements, please send the following information to Emily by **Tuesday, May 26th** your photo, your name, your preferred pronouns, your parents' names, from where you are graduating, and, if applicable, your major.

This is not restricted to only High School and College grads. If you are graduating from any kind of program (high school and above), we want to know! Photos and info will be posted in the Wednesday email on May 27th.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

MAY 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

MAY 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

MAY 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

MAY 24, 2026

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

MAY 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday



Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Connor Flanagan Garrett Cone	2 Susan McWilliams Alice Redman Sean Hilber
3 Michelle Ramsdell Sarah Winfield Megan Proctor	4 Barbie Nein Ethan Groves	5 Roxie Dillon Adam Campbell	6 Alison Fedio Lilly Seidel	7	8 David Nies	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY Elizabeth Corbett Suzanne Keithline Fred Bubenhofer 	11 Chuck Sleeper Tom Horan Libby Packard	12 Stacey Peters Meghan Groves	13 Mary Hartig	14	15 Catherine Browne Brian Tollie	16 Kathleen Boster
17 Johnny Rollo	18 Linda Leong Annette Wright	19 Natalie Chrosniak Chris Runkel	20	21 Sadie Wood Beth Van Beek	22 Gavin Heyer Sandy Rogers	23 Randy Cotten
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY 	26 Andrew Cruickshank	27 Bill Sears	28 Jennie Koss Anna Nedelka Elise Humphrey	29	30 Benjamin Limbaugh
31 Marlene Taggart Jack Ramsdell Ellery Cone						

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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