

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun., Apr. 5	Easter 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (Nave) 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Nave) 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Outside) 10:30 a.m. Choir Brunch (Multipurpose Room) 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Nave)
Mon., Apr. 6	Office Closed
Tue., Apr. 7	9:30 a.m. ESOL (Parish Hall) 6:30 p.m. Troop 11 Meeting (Parish Hall) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (MPR)
Wed., Apr. 8	9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Chapel) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room) 6:30 p.m. Troop 52048 Meeting (MPR) 7:00 p.m. PRC Meeting (Conference Room) 7:00 p.m. CS Pack 684 Leader Meeting (Parish Hall)
Thu., Apr. 9	7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Nave) 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Meeting (Conference Room)
Fri., Apr. 10	1:00 p.m. Peace Islamic Center (Parish Hall) 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (Conference Room)
Sat., Apr. 11	6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Chapel)
Sun., Apr. 12	8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I (Nave) 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (Narthex) 9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Conference Room) 9:50 a.m. Childcare (Nursery & Room 2) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II w/ Baptism (Nave) 11:30 a.m. Sunday School (Classrooms) 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

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WELCOME!

Dear Friends in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! We thank you for celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ today! Please know that you are always welcome at St. Andrew's and you may reach out to us at any time, whether you are a long-time parishioner or if this is your first time here. We are so glad that you are here today!

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. William L. Packard | will@standrews.net

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

Welcome to St. Andrew's! We are so glad you are here. We know that getting everybody out of the house and to church can feel like a heroic feat, and on Easter no less! **Please know that whoever you are, however you are, you are welcome in this place.** We have a fuller experience of God's family because you are here. There is a space for you and your children, wiggly bodies and all.

Our **9:00 a.m. service** will feature an **Easter-themed Children's Chapel** led by Mtr Maria in the Parish Hall! Children of all ages are welcome, but we ask that children ages 5 and under come accompanied by a parent. Bring your alleluia-in-the-making (a slip of paper found on the worship box cart) to place in our resurrected alleluia box!

Worship boxes, available at all our services, contain quiet crafting materials, including Biblical coloring pages. They are located in the hallway

between the Narthex and the Parish Hall; please ask an usher if you need help finding them!

Extended Pray-ground: The St. Andrew's Pray-ground, a playful worship area, will be extended to the Narthex-Chapel area for Easter services. A play communion set, books, quiet toys, and adult seating will be provided. Parent supervision is required. The worship service can be heard from this area! See you at the pray-ground, where worship and play meet!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will begin around 10:30 a.m. Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to help us set up and hide the eggs during the 9:00 a.m. service. Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to hunt for eggs in age-designated areas! When finished, please empty your candy into your basket and return your eggs to the bin for reuse next year. Children will be instructed to ask



parents when they can eat their candy. This is a natural woods area, so please take normal precautions such as watching for poison ivy and checking for ticks afterward. Our rain plan will take place in the Parish Hall indoors, so come on out, rain or shine!

If you are new or visiting, we would love to get to know you better. Please introduce yourself to Mother Maria, our Associate Rector for Children, Youth & Families; and fill out a **Welcome Card**, which can be found in the pew and placed in the hands of one of your ushers or clergy!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Listening Assist Devices

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For those with programmable listening assist devices, St. Andrew's broadcasts services on the following frequency: 72.700 MHz.

New?

Scott Hellier | welcome@standrews.net

Thank you for coming today! We welcome you from wherever you are on your journey geographically and spiritually. Please know that you are always welcome here. Take a moment and complete a newcomer card so that we may thank you for worshipping with us today.

Donation/Prayer Request Cards

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net & Bill Johnson | stewardship@standrews.net

In your pew, you will see a new double-side card. On one side, there is a place where you may add a prayer request. These are given to the clergy and we will offer to pray for you in our personal prayers, with the prayer guild, and/or on the public prayer list.

On the other side is the option to donate. Many of us donate online, mail in checks, or donate in larger sums at one time. Feel free to place this card in the offering plate as a representation of your donation. There is also a web address and QR code if you are looking to donate online today. Thank you for your many gifts of stewardship!

Interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation?

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If you are interested in baptism for you and/or your child(ren), please do not hesitate to be in touch. While we are in the midst of classes, we are scheduling Fall classes based on need. Please let us (Fr. Will & Mtr. Maria) know if you are interested in getting confirmed, received, or reaffirmed this year.

Prayers for the People

We pray for those on our parish prayer list, *including 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, Kit Thompson, Lauren Bowdren, Scootie Prior, Gene Gironde, Dan Emrick, Roy Eichhorn, Donna Daugherty, Carol Robinson, Bob Gleason, Lucila Woodard, Katie Gould, Julie Morgan, Mary Petze, Debbie, Brady Dasher, Libby Hassler.*

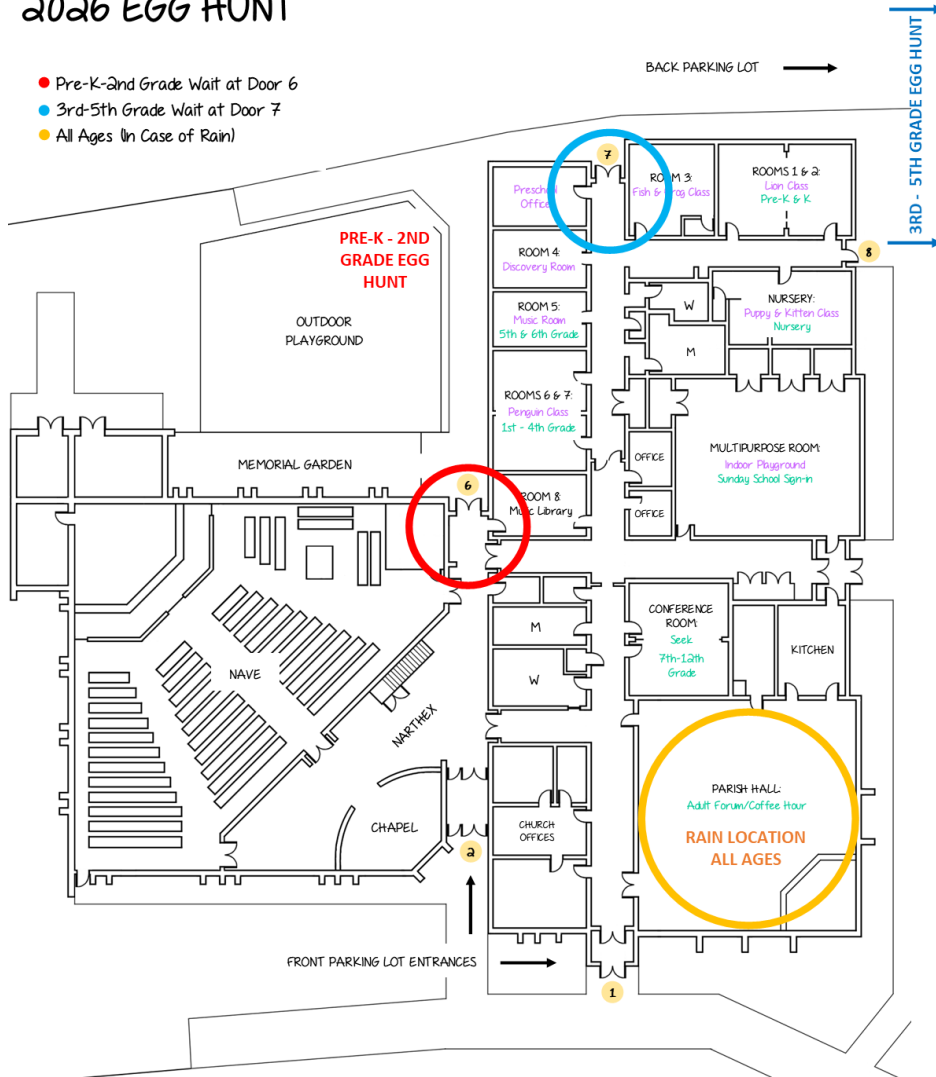
We pray for all those on our extended prayer list, *including Bill Hartig, Olivia, Felix, Eddie Fortune, Bishop Shannon Johnston, Bill Armour, Eric, Kevin Linehan, James, Phillipa, David Humphrey, Ro & Rob Africana, Karen Brannam, Carol Payne, Donna Fortune, Pam Mowry, Paula Masterson, Dennis Williams, 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, Jacylh Stern, Rebekah Guerra Day, Scott Kelley, Adam Gregory, CR, Chris Boyle, Johnathan, Yolande Gray, Susan Creeden.*

We pray for those deployed and serving abroad, *including Mark Jaskot, and the Wiedeman family.*

We pray for all those who have died, *including Christy Bering (mother of Jennifer Koerner) and Rebecca (friend of Anne Alexis Harra).*

2026 EGG HUNT

- Pre-K-2nd Grade Wait at Door 6
- 3rd-5th Grade Wait at Door 7
- All Ages (In Case of Rain)



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!

Easter Outreach 2026

Kate Lewis | outreach@standrews.net

After the service, you will receive a card to take with you. Together, we are helping to stock the shelves of our local food pantry at ECHO. They are particularly in need of dried beans (garbanzo, red, and black), canned fruit, honey, jelly, sugar, masa flour, cooking oil, lemon juice, condiments, baked beans, and spaghetti sauce. **Please return by April 19th** and we'll see how many pounds we can donate!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12, 2026 – Women’s Fellowship: March/April Birthday Celebration

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Calling all March and April birthday gals, and those who like to celebrate other people's birthdays! We will combine our March and April birthday events into one fabulous celebration! Simone Reba has graciously offered to host brunch at her house on **Sunday, April 12th** from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Bring your best birthday wishes and a few dollars to chip in for the cost of the meal.

RSVP to womensfellowship@standrews.net OR through the event post under "Women's Fellowship" on Realm. And please let us know if you have a March or April birthday!! The address for the event will be provided upon RSVP.

April 14, 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 gathering on **Tuesday, April 14th**, between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. at St. Peter’s in the Woods. Register here (<http://tiny.cc/april250>).



We are helping to host this event. If you would like to assist with food or set-up, please sign up here (<http://tiny.cc/help250>).



April 19, 2026 – FoMA Concert Series: The White House Band

foma@standrews.net

Our last concert of the 2025-2026 season is on **Sunday, April 19th**, at 4:00 p.m. Performing a mix of jazz ranging from swing and Dixieland to hip-hop and other popular genres, The White House Band performs concerts from New York to North Carolina. The musicians were all members of Washington DC-based military service bands and regularly performed at the White House. Trumpeter Dave Detwiler followed his US Army Band career with a second career with The National Symphony Orchestra Pops while founding and organizing The White House Band simultaneously. And, their White House stories add to the fun entertainment provided by these seasoned veterans! Free admission. Reception to follow.

April 19, 2026 – EYC Bowling Night

The Rev. Maria Maguire | maria@standrews.net

Calling all 7th-12th graders! Grab a friend and join us for bowling, food, and arcade games as we celebrate Easter together on **Sunday, April 19th**! Sign up here: http://tiny.cc/eyc_bowling. Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. to carpool over to Bowl America and arrive at 4:15 p.m. to check in. Bowling and arcade from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Pick-up is at 6:30 p.m. at the church!



April 23, 2026 – Women’s Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Spring has finally sprung! Join us at West Springfield Panera for your favorite beverage and casual conversation. Catch up with friends and make some new ones! I have high hopes that we will be able to sit on the patio and enjoy the warm sunshine! See you on **Thursday, April 23rd** at 9:30am!

May 3, 2026 – Presentation to the Parish

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

The Vestry voted to retain our land and not entertain options of selling a portion at this time. We will host a presentation on **Sunday, May 3rd**, at 11:30 a.m., to speak to the offer which was presented.

May 3, 2026 – Youth Car Wash

Gloria Spaans | cyf@standrews.net

Our Youth Car Wash is scheduled for **Sunday, May 3rd**. We need volunteers from 6th graders to 12th graders, and 4 adult volunteers. Please email us by **Sunday, April 19th** if you can help out. Money raised from this event supports all 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!

Upcoming dates: June 12th and July 10th (No August gathering).