



The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

We publish this Monthly Net a few days prior to the celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary! While attending the ordination of our former seminarian, the Rev. Deacon Anne Alexis Harra, I was

able to walk by Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. These spaces (as well as the local pub) held intense conversations in the discussion of liberty and in the formation of our nation. These places are "sacred" in the secular sense. The celebrations commemorating our declaration are sacred. As Christians we are familiar with commemorations of places, dates, and people.

In our Faith250 discussions, we sat in small groups with about 15 different faiths and one of the questions asked how we celebrate the 4th of July or have observed the celebration. We spoke of fireworks shows, grilling, vacation, church services, singing and more. We heard from individuals who were about to celebrate their first fourth of July at the same table of people whose ancestors may have heard the Liberty Bell at the announcement of the Declaration. Living into the ideals of our nation, we sat from many differing beliefs in common practice and observance of ideals and in how we commemorate.



From the Diocese: As July 4 approaches, five Diocese of Virginia congregations are participating in Faith250, a multifaith initiative helping communities listen, reflect, and find connection at a time of deep national division. ([Link](#))

The questions of our commemoration closely align with liturgy. Liturgy, to put it simply, is aligning our body and minds in common action to worship. Liturgy in the Christian sense "is the public worship of the church, the body of communal religious rituals that gives structure, definition, and expression to the relationship between God and the company of Christian believers," states Susan J. White in *The Oxford Companion to Christian Thought*. What rituals might you observe in this 250th anniversary? In what ways are our liturgy and these commemorations aligned and in which ways to they depart?

As Christians who are in America, we recognize the preeminence of our identity in Christ as citizens in the United States. We more than acknowledge that the nation's founders wrote ideals into our founding documents which were not lived into and with which we still struggle. In our own practice as disciples, we acknowledge that we do not live fully into our own Christian ideals. We seek first those things that are of God's Kingdom in order to serve Christ here in the world. We have set the bar high in all instances and, while we may discover shortcoming in our nation and in our church, we continue to seek to live into them.

This Sunday, we will sing "O beautiful for gracious skies" also known as "America the Beautiful" which is a text we studied in Faith250. It speaks of ideals into which we still strive to live and admits our dependence on God our Creator in order to live towards them. We celebrate in thanksgiving this Sunday for the ability to worship God in Christ freely. In this service, we too commemorate in a sacred space, time, and people. We remember the Last Supper and we celebrate the Holy Eucharist in which we participate in Christ in the here and now. As we partake, we are nourished with the food that reminds us and sustains us in our Baptismal Covenant.

As we celebrate our 250th and commemorate this particular celebration, we give thanks for the ability to celebrate our Eucharist and worship God in Christ. As Christian (Episcopal) Americans, may we serve and celebrate reflecting the love given to us that is the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Happy 250th!

Faithfully yours,

Will

VESTRY NEWS

Worship Services

Wednesday @ 9:30 AM
 Saturday @ 6:00 PM
 Sunday @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

AA Meetings

Tuesday @ 7:00 PM
 Friday @ 8:00 PM



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Following the idiom of *light as a summer breeze*, I am striving to make my July Monthly Net article a bit shorter

(fingers crossed).

First, by the time you receive this Net, our Workcamp teens and leaders will have returned home from their incredibly rewarding service in Belle, West Virginia and shared their incredible stories. Welcome home and congratulations on your transformational journey.

Your Vestry has agreed to a brief break in July. While we will have no monthly meeting scheduled, we have been given a homework assignment to attend a church service other than St. Andrew's this month. To better understand what is appealing to a newcomer attending our parish and what might keep them returning, we are looking at what other churches/denominations do differently/successfully. The accumulated information will help us build upon our own newcomer welcoming program.

Additionally, following up on the early May congregational meeting and Father Will's May 6th Weekly Net article on comments parishioners shared, we have made progress in several areas:

- Pam Hardin and Gail Bouton recently walked the wooded property with a professional arborist to provide a census on the tree population, reviewing what needs immediate attention (some clearing already underway), and providing recommendations on how to address property clean up and maintenance over time.
- The Vestry Register, Jeff Reba, finalized a report summarizing our history with land stewardship, identifying lessons learned from the most recent interactions, and establishing guidelines for future land stewardship considerations. A copy of Jeff's report is available in the church office.

- The Vestry continues to work on commissioning a discernment team for the long-term visioning and missioning of St. Andrew's. Interested individuals should contact Father Will and me (will@standrews.net and srwarden@standrews.net).

Finally, it is hard for me to believe the 4th of July is just days away! It is even harder for me to comprehend that another 50 years have passed since our nation's bicentennial. I was a teenager in 1976 and remember visiting Valley Forge, Pennsylvania where the Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage concluded. As part of the 100-year celebration, all fifty states were provided with an authentic Conestoga wagon, and selected teams traveled the historic pioneer routes west to east for a year. Visitors to the July 4th encampment were able to climb into the wagons to get the authentic feel of life in 1876. It was there I discovered I much prefer modern-day conveniences. A pioneer woman I am not!

Having said that, as we gather with friends and family to celebrate the birthday of this magnificent "work in progress" we know as America I share a verse from Zach Brown's *Chicken Fried* that succinctly sums up how I feel during this semiquincentennial birthday.

*I thank God for my life
 And for the stars and stripes
 May freedom forever fly, let it ring
 Salute the ones who died
 The ones that give their lives
 So we don't have to sacrifice
 All the things we love.*

Happy Birthday America and an enjoyable July to all.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Door Code Access Reset

Sean Hilber | safety@standrews.net

We are updating our door code policy and will **deactivate all non-updated door codes by Monday, July 13th.**

You only need to get a new code if you currently use a code to get into the building during non-office/service hours. Also, if you have not filled out the yellow form in the office, you need to do so before the 13th.

To get a new code, you will need to:

- Complete the required online Safe Church courses:
 - [Limited Access Code](#) (works on select days, ex. Thursdays @ 7pm; used by group members)
 - [All Access Code](#) (works 24/7; used by Vestry, Staff, PRC, etc.)
- Email your transcript to Emily in the church office
- Visit the office to fill out and sign a (yellow) form

Everyone who needs a code will receive an individual code. **No more group codes (tell your group members who don't read the Nets).** Also, If you have any physical keys, be sure to bring them with you so they can either be turned in or checked out again.

Remember, do not share your code with anyone (there is a reason why we are doing this reset). If you have already taken Safe Church classes for something else, check with the office. You may already meet the requirements and don't need to take more training. If you have any questions, email Sean Hilber (safety@standrews.net) or Emily Nein (emily@standrews.net). Copy/paste if links above don't work: (http://tiny.cc/limited_access) (http://tiny.cc/all_access).

Congratulations to the Rev. Deacon Anne Alexis Harra

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

On June 27, in the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral, the Rev. Deacon Anne Alexis Harra was ordained to the transitional diaconate by the Rt. Rev. Daniel Guttierrez! Members of St. Andrew's were able to attend and our Rector, "presented" her (with others) to the Bishop. As a transitional deacon, she continues in formation and, God willing and with the consent of the people, will be ordained a priest after a period of at least six months. We celebrate this gift to the Church of Deacon Harra!



Prayer List

Tony Durso	Gene Girondo
Don Taggart	Roy Eichhorn
Marlene Taggart	Lucila Woodard
Eve Albanese	Katie Gould
Larry Packard	Julie Morgan
Rich Roerig	Mary Petze
D'Arcy	Scott Kelley
Susan Scott	Mary Roper
Barbara Klix	Kay Jones
Jeff Dutton	Doug Taggart
Sarah Lillard	The Rev. Carey Connors
Mary Richardson	Cathy Sears
Cathy Harman	-----
Kit Thompson	Bill Hartig
Lauren Bowdren	Olivia
Scoutie Prior	Felix

Eddie Fortune
Bishop Shannon Johnston
Bill Armour
Eric
James
Phillipa
Ro & Rob Africano
Karen Brannam
Carol Payne
Paula Masterson
Tom & Beth C.
Jane Hoge
Georgiann McDaniel
Peggy Nordin
Marla Cook

Susan Henderson
Janet Williams
Terri Bennett
Nora Herrera
Jon Wise
Chuck DeBellevue
Mike Columbus
Dani Bryan
Doug Connell
Barbara Pelletier
Mark G.
Alice Jean Stoots
Jack Miller
John Neal
Erin Cartwright
Jeff Taltavull

Fidel Gonzalez
Bess Yang
Jaclyn Stern
Rebekah Guerra Day
Norman Procope
Mark Pierce
Kim Howard
Priscilla Howard
Todd Howard
Jill Hicks
Benn Crandall
Jim Lorenzen
Judy Vogel

Departed

Corby Zeren (aunt of Kara Corbin-Rusnok)
 Donna Daugherty (parishioner)
 Christopher Bowser (friend of Karan Wright)
 Garland T. Riggs (sister-in-law of Mary Petze)
 Bob Gleason (parishioner)
 Jennifer Addington (friend of Kate Chipps)
 Nancy Knight (parishioner)
 David Neilon (cousin of Susan Scott)
 Charles McLeod (family of Julie Morgan)
 Kevin Linehan (father of Meghan Packard)
 Lawayne Barner (friend of Eric Haler)
 Howard Moses (brother-in-law of Lula Carpenter)
 Leigh Magar (daughter-in-law of Liz Ryon)
 Danny Morgan (parishioner)

ENDOWMENT NEWS

Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider gifting part of it to the St. Andrew's Endowment Fund in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.

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Send us your Summer Photos

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Email photos of your adventures or summer activities (or resting) to Emily (with your names and location) and we will share them on our bulletin board here at church. It will be fun to see what adventures people take and it is a reminder that wherever you go in the world, you are part of St. Andrew's family.

Check out the bulletin board (TBD) to see what people are up to this summer!



UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 1, 2026

Faith 250 Picnic Celebration *Location Change*

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We are excited to gather on **Wednesday, July 1st** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Peter's in the Woods (location change due to dangerous temperatures) for a potluck celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our country as an Interfaith community.

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA822ABF58-64059389-july#/>

We invite you to bring food to share and ask that you label what it is. If you are bringing something homemade, you can bring copies of the recipe to share, if you want. Children are more than welcome! We look forward to our celebration together!



JULY 10, 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, July 10th**, 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!



JULY 11, 2026

Funeral for Libby Hassler

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The funeral for parishioner Libby Hassler will take place on **Saturday, July 11th, at 11:00 a.m.** at Greenspring's chapel (7420 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, VA).

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 12, 2026

Training for VBS Counselors and Volunteers

The Rev. Maria Maguire | maria@standrews.net

Calling all VBS Volunteers!! On **Sunday, July 12th**, let's gather for food, fellowship, and an empowering training session from 11:45-1:30 in the Multipurpose Room! LUNCH INCLUDED! Let's provide an awesome space for the campers.

JULY 14, 2026

Funeral for Nancy Knight

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The funeral for parishioner Nancy Knight will take place on **Tuesday, July 14th, at 10:00 a.m.** at St. Andrew's. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

JULY 18, 2026

Funeral for Danny Morgan

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The funeral for parishioner Danny Morgan will take place on **Saturday, July 18th, at 12:00 p.m.** at St. Andrew's. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

JULY 19, 2026

Summer Choir

Alan Moser | alan@standrews.net

While the Adult Choir is on summer break, we invite you to join us in the choir (the people, as well as the seats) on the **third Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m.** to prepare an anthem to be sung during the 10:00 a.m. service that day. The anthems will be old favorites, or readily accessible pieces.

No vestments are required, and no commitment outside of rehearsing one piece on one Sunday for singing in worship that day. We welcome former or aspiring choristers of all ages. If you want to sing and have young children who need to sit with you, feel free to bring them; as a photo in my office is captioned, "all God's creatures got a place in the choir."

The final summer choir will meet on Sunday, August 16th.

JULY 26, 2026

VBS Set-up & Decoration-a-thon

Virginia Sertich | vbs@standrews.net

VBS starts bright and early on Monday, July 27th, which means decorations go up after the 10:00 a.m. service on **Sunday, July 26th**. Everyone is invited to stay and help out as much as they can. More details coming soon.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

JULY 5, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45: 11-18

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139: 1-11, 22-23

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Jacoub Lazo-Berge	2 Bo Zagurski	3 Andrew Haskins	4 FOURTH OF JULY 
5	6 Vinnie Zagurski Cathy Sears Christopher Lillard Mike Brant	7	8 Todd Brannam Emily Sertich	9	10	11 Cary Haskins
12	13 Quinlan Hawkins	14	15 William Hellier Maria Maguire	16	17 Su Pankow Susan Scott Elena Rhoads	18 Kevin Rozelsky
19 Ashleigh Haskins	20 Shirley Dunham Bill Johnson	21 Alex Brannam	22 Jeff Nein Karen Spencer Lorelai Scribner	23	24 Margaret Jones	25 Greg Haubner Paige Packard
26 Pam Hardin Benjamin Mattalino	27 Eliot Lillard	28	29	30 Steve Frazier Alyssa Rollo Laythrop Krasnoselsky	31 Henry Hinton	

*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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