



The Net

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



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"The College for Congregational Development has given us a new vision for our church, renewed our energy to pursue it, and provided a whole array of tools to use as we journey

together..." - www.cdcollege.org

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. Andrew's is in the perfect time for planning and spiritual growth. Your Vestry made the difficult decision to retain our land this past Spring when given the opportunity to sell a portion to develop a continuing care community. This decision was not "to do nothing," but now opens us for what is next in our parish life. We find ourselves at the perfect intersection with stability, engagement, and desire for deeper spiritual growth.

Your Vestry has already begun its work with what to do next in the midst of this opportune time. Specific to the wooded area, we have already had an arborist come through to identify species of trees and plants and to mark trees which need removal. There were also some recommendations as to next steps as we look to clean it up while maintaining a healthy ecosystem next to the church.

As we look at a macro level, your Vestry is drafting recommendations for a vision and mission discernment team. Correlating with this team, we are engaging in a new opportunity to begin this work. Mother Maria, Simone Reba, Darren Williams, and I begin the College for Congregational Development this August. The College for Congregational Development (CCD) is an intensive two-year program designed for teams of lay and clergy leaders to

develop leadership skills for parish growth and health. CCD's goals include helping parishes become more faithful, effective, and healthy. Based in the academic disciplines of congregational and organization development, CCD is also rooted in the identity, doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Episcopal Church.

With your dedicated team of clergy and lay ministers, we will engage this work and bring it back to the parish and future discernment team. We do not yet know the outcome; however, we are excited for this ministry so that we can continue to do the work God is calling us to do here at St. Andrew's.

I've said from the beginning of my ministry here that there is something special about St. Andrew's. I believe that this experience here is a profound experience of God's consolation. Since my arrival, we celebrated 50 years as a church and now we look towards the next 50 and beyond. It is time to build the scaffolding so that we may continue to share the gift of Christ's love here at St. Andrew's to more in the community and for years to come. This discernment team and our work with CCD will build upon the foundation already laid. This is an exciting time for us as a parish and I am grateful to God to be a priest with you all in this time.

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



SENIOR WARDEN

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While searching online for a book title, I came across the quote – *August is the Sunday of Summer*. I was

suddenly hit with the feeling that summer was winding down, and the start of a new school year was on the horizon. I had that “let down” feeling of an exceptionally fun weekend ending with too many unfinished items on my To Do list.

Before St. Andrew’s shifts into the approaching seasonal change, much is already planned for the month, and several key dates follow below.

- Sunday, August 2, 2026 – VBS Celebration – During the 10:00 am service campers, staff, and volunteers will celebrate the completion of a successful week of fun, singing, and dancing.
- Monday, August 10, 2026 – St. Andrew’s Vestry Meeting – Your Vestry will gather after a July break to address upcoming fall activities and fiscal issues, including a review of visits to other churches to help enhance our own newcomer welcoming program.
- Sunday, August 16, 2026 – Summer Choir -- This will be the last opportunity to hear our 2026 summer choir. A huge thank you to all who participated and shared their vocal talents.

- Sunday, August 23, 2026 -- Blessing of the Backpacks – During the 10:00 a.m. service, all children and youth are invited to take part in this meaningful annual event, held just before the first day of school.
- Sunday, August 23, 2026 – Acolyte Training – Current and interested youth are invited to attend lunch and an initial practice following the 10:00 a.m. service.
- Thursday, August 27, 2026 -- Shrine Mont Registration Closes for our November 6-8, 2026 Shrine Mont Weekend.
- Sunday, August 30, 2026 – Sunday School Teacher Training will follow the 10:00 a.m. service.

We each have 31 days to get out there and enjoy God’s glory! Please consider taking a picture of your end-of-summer adventures and sharing them with the St. Andrew’s family on the designated bulletin board. Enjoy August!

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

Shrine Mont Retreat - A Weekend Away Is Waiting for You

Simone Reba | shrinemont@standrews.net

What if this fall, you gave yourself the gift of really knowing your church family?

Shrine Mont isn't just a retreat. It's a chance to sit across the table from someone you usually only wave to across the parking lot. Nestled in the Shenandoah Valley, the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration offers a quiet, sacred space where noise gives way to stillness, and Sunday-morning small talk gives way to real conversation. It's a place where community grows deeper, faith catches its breath, and belonging asks nothing of you except to show up.

Each fall, we head there together for a weekend away—November 6th through the 8th—to remember what actually matters and to remember each other. And if you've never been, hear this: there's no pressure, no perfect packing list, no boxes to check. Just a place where kids run free, conversations go deep, and laughter carries long into the night with people you'll now call more than just fellow parishioners.

Mornings open with worship and prayer that linger a little longer than usual. Afternoons are yours to fill however you like—wander the wooded trails alongside someone new, play a round of golf, visit a nearby brewery or winery, crunch on some locally made potato chips, or simply sink into a porch chair with a good book and whoever wanders

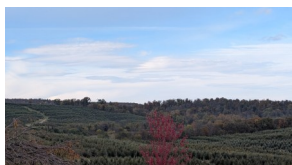
by. As evening falls, we gather around the campfire for stories, songs, s'mores, and a sky full of stars—or wander over to a neighbor's cabin for some fellowship that runs later than planned. Meals are shared family-style, full of tradition—from the barbecue on Friday nights, to the coveted fried chicken on Sunday—the kind of meal that reminds you of grandma's table, except now it's full of people from your own pew.

If Shrine Mont is new to you, consider this your invitation. Come be part of something good. The magic of the weekend isn't in a packed itinerary—it's in the space we make for each other, for God, and for ourselves, and in the friendships that start around a campfire and carry straight back into the pews on Sunday.

Register here --> <http://tiny.cc/shrinemont2026>

Registration is open now through August 27th, and space is limited. A \$100 deposit per adult secures your spot, with full payment due by September 30th. Both single and double room options are available, along with children's pricing. If cost is a concern, please reach out to Father Will—we never want finances to keep anyone away.

Questions? Email shrinemont@standrews.net or visit shrinemont.com to learn more about Shrine Mont. We can't wait to welcome you.



Prayer List

Tony Durso	Scottie Prior
Don Taggart	Gene Gironde
Marlene Taggart	Roy Eichhorn
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	Bill Hartig
Kit Thompson	Felix
Lauren Bowdren	Eddie Fortune

Bishop Shannon Johnston
Bill Armour
Eric
James
Phillipa
Karen Brannam
Carol Payne
Paula Masterson
Jane Hoge
Marla Cook
Susan Henderson
Janet Williams
Terri Bennett
Nora Herrera

Jon Wise
Chuck DeBellevue
Mike Columbus
Barbara Pelletier
Mark G.
Jack Miller
John Neal
Jeff Taltavull
Fidel Gonzalez
Bess Yang
Rebekah Guerra Day
Norman Procope
Mark Pierce
Kim Howard
Priscilla Howard

Todd Howard
Jill Hicks
Benn Crandall
Jim Lorenzen
Judy Vogel
Jean Gulley
Flora Wouters
Jonathan Wouters
Marcela Wouters
Carla Beachy
John Roy
Jerry Shaffer
Bill Browder
Fany Santos

Departed

Kevin Darcas (father of Lisa Rollo)
 Doug Connell (former parishioner)
 Rosemarie Africano (sister of Tony Durso)

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY NEWS



ASSOCIATE RECTOR FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

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RAINFOREST WATERFALL!
Shhhhhhhh.

We are exploring the awe-inspiring nature of God this week at Vacation

Bible School: Rainforest Falls! Each morning, the sounds of trickling water and tropical birds chirps greet our 48 children who eagerly await another day of Vacation Bible School. This morning we met Dottie, an ocelot, who showed us that God is our safe place. Have you ever heard of an ocelot?

On Monday, our friend Tango the resplendent quetzal told us that God is our creator! On Tuesday, we learned from Seymour the glass frog that God knows everything. The next two days we will learn from new animal friends that God is love and God is forever. We have witnessed expressions of awe on children's faces as they encounter these quirky creatures, who teach us glorious things about creation and the One who made it all.

Children rotate through five stations led by lay leaders throughout the day, including Sticky Scriptures, where they learn a Bible verse by heart; Music, which presents silly songs and rhythmic instrumentation; Playground, a chance to run, jump, and play through games with Scriptural themes; Bible Adventures, a tactile means of Biblical storytelling; and Imagination Station, a way to discover how God made stuff work!

A crowd favorite, of course, is snack time, where campers are nourished by food and fellowship alike.

We are so grateful for the families who have chosen to send their children to this fun week of learning and spiritual growth! Thank you. We couldn't do it without these campers who come each day with a joyful, open heart.

We definitely could not make this happen without our amazing volunteer lay ministers—adults and junior counselors alike! A big thank you to all who are giving their time this week to serve. We have 28 adults and 12 junior counselors (older children & teens) helping to make it all come together.

A big thank you to Virginia Sertich and Holly Welty, our director team. This year has been outstanding; comments of how smoothly it is running have overflowed. Virginia and Holly make a dynamic duo with strong gifts of joy, care, administration, insight, leadership, and deep attention to the needs of all our ministers and children. One adult volunteer told me, "Every time some concern pops up, I discover it's already been handled; so I can just relax and be present with the campers." From camper dietary needs to welcoming crafts during free time, little details go a long way in ensuring that all feel safe, welcome, and valued.

Thank you to everyone at St. Andrew's for supporting an joyful, intergenerational week of sharing the Good News of Christ among our parishioners, preschool families, and neighbors. Your support – through prayer, observation, financial contribution to the mission of St. Andrew's – is the instrument through which God makes this all happen. As we say at camp, Wow, God!



ENDOWMENT NEWS

Life insurance is a way to make a larger gift to the St. Andrew's Endowment Fund than you might otherwise be able to afford. Consider naming St. Andrew's as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

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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 to see what people are up to this summer!



Door Code Access

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

If you are still working on your Safe Church training to receive a new door code, here is the pertinent information:

- **Complete** the required online Safe Church courses:
 - [Limited Access Code](#) (2 classes; used by group members; works on select days, ex. Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.)
 - [All Access Code](#) (9 classes; works 24/7; used by Vestry, Staff, PRC, Group Leads, etc.)
- **Email your transcript** to Emily in the church office
- **Visit the office** to fill out a (yellow) form and get a new code

If you have questions about how to do this, contact Emily (emily@standrews.net). If you have questions about why we are doing this, contact Sean Hilber (safety@standrews.net).

2026-2027 ESOL Class

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St. Andrew's ESOL program will resume this September. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the Parish Hall. We kindly request your assistance in spreading the word about these classes to our community members. By the end of August, we will have information cards ready for you to distribute to potential students. You may also consider leaving cards with your neighbors for their friends or relatives who might be interested in improving their English language skills. Cards can also be left with service providers or merchants. If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact Pat Conrad.



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 16, 2026

Summer Choir

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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. Our last summer gathering is on **Sunday, August 16th**.

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. All are welcome (including children).



AUGUST 23, 2026

Blessing of the Backpacks

The Rev. Maria Maguire | maria@standrews.net

Blessing of the Backpacks is on **Sunday, August 23rd** at the 10:00 a.m. service. Bring your backpack, tote bag, laptop case, wheelie bag, or whatever you take to school/work to receive a token and to get them blessed for the new school year!

AUGUST 23, 2026

Acolyte Corps Training

The Rev. Maria Maguire | maria@standrews.net

Calling all acolytes! We are having a training session from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on **Sunday, August 23rd**. We will have pizza first in the MPR, then we will move to the Nave to learn new skills for the upcoming program year. Current and prospective acolytes strongly encouraged to attend (3rd grade or older).

AUGUST 30, 2026

Introduction to Communion Family Class

The Rev. Maria Maguire | maria@standrews.net

Do you or your child want to know more about the Lord's Supper? Join us for an introductory class at **9:15-9:45 a.m. on Sunday, August 30th** with Mtr Maria. All ages welcome.

AUGUST 30, 2026

Sunday School Ministry Training

The Rev. Maria Maguire | maria@standrews.net

Attention all Sunday School Ministers - Teachers, Co-Teachers, Superintendents, and more - please come for a special training designed to equip and empower you to serve Christ in our children and one another in the 2026-27 program year. Lunch included! **Sunday, August 30th, from 11:40 a.m.-1:15 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room

OCTOBER 2, 2026

Save the Date: Golf Tournament

Save the Date for St. Andrew's Golf Tournament on Friday, October 2nd at Penderbrook Golf Club in Fairfax. More details and registration coming soon.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

AUGUST 2, 2026

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17:1-7, 16

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21

AUGUST 9, 2026

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

AUGUST 16, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

AUGUST 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Psalms 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

AUGUST 30, 2026

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Claudette Sterling Charlotte Benitez	4 Dwayne Eckman	5 Chris Kohn	6 Simone Reba	7	8
9 Jewell Gould Valerie Chrosniak Eloise Stinger	10 Kat Benjamin	11 Isaac Vopelak Sydney Mattalino Michael Lazo-Berge	12	13	14 Diana White	15 Jane Girondo
16 Wesley Keithline	17	18 Jack Koerner	19 Piper Benjamin	20	21 Henry Koerner Sean Groves	22 Martha Turner Nicki Jones Emma Packard
23	24 FCPS BEGINS Sandy Kirkpatrick 	25	26	27 Emmy Cotten	28 Sue Emert	29 Rob Kugler
30 Audra Jones Michael Rollo Charlotte Eick	31 Annette Hales					

*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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