



The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

My seminary professor and friend, the Rev. Dr. William Bradley Roberts, once told me a story about the relationship between a Director of Music at a parish and the Rector. The Rector suggested that they could play a recording during the next service of a well-played anthem over the speakers instead of listening to the organist and choir since it would be a higher caliber. The Director of Music countered with a similar suggestion stating that he had incredible recordings of higher-quality sermons they could play over the loudspeakers as well. From this story proceeded a lesson on the gift of music in liturgy.

Gabe Simerson has led our music program for the past several years from the COVID times to its current point. I was reminded when we had the recent ordination of the high-quality music in our worship to which we have become acclimated. I also feel a bit spoiled as our Music Director has a penchant for liturgy and knows our Anglican identity and worship well. From his ancient and modern music, we have seen the light of Christ shine through our Director of Music and lead all of us into deeper worship of God in Christ. You are invited to celebrate the gift of his ministry with us this Sunday, August 4th, after the 10:00 a.m. service.

While many forms of worship may not include music, it is certainly a staple through the history of our Anglican/Episcopal identity. Our Psalms may even reflect our earliest hymnal! This period of discernment for a new Director of Music will enable us to listen to

God's call and how music may help us follow our vision and mission as "a place for all to worship, serve, and belong."

What role has music played in your life, both in your secular and church world? Are there songs or hymns which bring memories, emotions, and feelings? How has music at St. Andrew's led you into a closer relationship with God and a deeper worship experience? These questions and more are part of our discernment and we may take this opportunity to recognize the role music plays in our lives as a gift from God.

I look forward to worshipping with you throughout August and as we approach the new program year.

Faithfully yours,

Will



VESTRY NEWS

Worship Services

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

Bible Study

Wednesday @ 10:30 AM
Sunday @ 9:00 AM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday @ 5:00 PM (Youth)
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
BRIAN CHATMAN
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As we reflect on the past few weeks, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible efforts and dedication shown by our many volunteers. Your commitment and passion have made a significant impact on our church community, and we want to extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you.

Vacation Bible School: A Summer to Remember

Our Vacation Bible School has started off with a resounding success, and we owe it all to our wonderful volunteers. Your enthusiasm and hard work created a joyful and nurturing environment for our children to learn and grow in their faith. From organizing activities to guiding our young ones through stories of faith, your efforts have sown seeds of love and knowledge that will flourish for years to come.

Deacon Ordination Reception: Celebrating Service

The Deacon Ordination and reception that followed were both beautiful occasions, made even more special by the volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to ensure everything ran smoothly. Your meticulous planning, warm hospitality, and attention to detail helped create a memorable celebration of service and commitment. Thank you for honoring our new deacons and their families in such a meaningful way.

A Fond Farewell to Gabe Simerson: Leading with Heart and Harmony

As we bid farewell to Gabe, our music director, we are reminded of the amazing work he has done in leading our church choirs. Gabe's passion for music and dedication to our choirs have brought a new level of excellence and joy to our worship services. By continuing the summer tradition of a pick-up choir, he allowed more members to participate and share their musical talents, enriching our church community. Gabe, we are profoundly grateful for your leadership and wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Outreach Team: Bringing El Hogar Ministries to Us

Our Outreach Team has once again gone above and beyond by bringing El Hogar Ministries to share their stories with us. This opportunity to hear firsthand about the impactful work being done has inspired and moved us all. A special thank you to David Nies and Karen Nies-Vogel for coordinating this visit and for your unwavering commitment to connecting our church with meaningful outreach opportunities.

To all our volunteers, your dedication and love for our church community are evident in everything you do. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of people who give so generously of their time and talents. Thank you for making our church a place of warmth, faith, and service.

THANK YOU!

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Vacation Bible School is a week of formation and fun for participants and volunteers alike. It takes quite a bit of effort to launch and I want to say thank you to all of our volunteers, adult and youth, who helped to make this possible. Thank you especially to Marietta Mason, Lisa Rollo, Katie Campbell, and Ali Wiedeman, who co-chaired the VBS team. Of course, VBS is not possible without all of the participants. We "Thank God" for this week and experience!



OUTREACH

Boxed Cereal for ECHO

Andrea Hellier | echo@standrews.net

230+ pounds of PB&J and dry beans have already been collected to restock ECHO's shelves! The item of the month for August is Boxed Cereal. The annual ECHO Food Drive Coming in September – stay tuned for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Send Us your Summer Photos!

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

Email photos of adventures or summer activities (or resting) to Emily 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 the body of Christ and part of St. Andrew's.

Check out the bulletin board across from the Conference Room to see where people have been already this summer.

Coffee Hour & Coffee Hosts

Lori Foster | fellowship@standrews.net

Please join us for a cup of coffee and some multi-generational fellowship time this summer after the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday. We need volunteers to provide some snacks each week! If you would like to provide some baked goods, crackers, fresh fruit, etc. please sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/ipg3zz>.

Also, we need a few more volunteers to host coffee hour. You will be paired up with another coffee host, and training will be provided. You will only be scheduled once every two months. Contact Lori Foster if you have an interest in learning more about this fun ministry.

Popsicles on the Playground

Andie Hardin | andie@standrews.net

Join us for a sweet treat on the playground after the 10:00 a.m. services this summer. Every week we will meet outside on the Playground (or in the MPR if raining) for a chance for kids to get their wiggles out and for adults to hang out.

Prayer List

John Carver
Andrea
Tony Durso
Don & Marlene Taggart
Eve Albanese
Sally Heyer
Claudia Dugan
Ed Zaptin
Larry Packard
Rich Roerig
D'Arcy
Ron Mason
Helen DuVal
Peggy Fink

Susan Scott

Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Gayle Brooks
Eddie Fortune
Michelle
Angela Kennedy
Bishop Carl Wright
Bishop Shannon Johnston
Francisco
Elaine Askew
Sylvia J.
Bill Armour
Marcia & Jim Compton
Wally Morgan

Benn Crandall
Gary Nash
Cathy Withers
Dom Grady
Amber Almonte
Mike de Cardona
Lorinda Quinlivan
Eric
Craig D.
Kevin Linehan
Verona Grady
Dan Dellapenta
James
Norman Procobe
JoVanna Tawney
Darlene
Roslyn
Brice
Gabriel

Patrick
Samuel
Philippa Pearce
David Humphrey
Doffie Cobb
Kim Lyman
Stephanie Sher
Patrick Payne
Ro & Rob Africano
Pat Bienlien
Jim & Rita Maloney
Kristal Vonier
Jerry Reed
Karen Brannam
Scott Rife
Patty Rolla
Terri Bennett

Departed

Grady Edwards (father of Brian Edwards)
Edward Casey (former parishioner)
Larry Rosenthal (friend of Pete Kirkham)
Mike Trapper (friend of the Durso Family)
Rodolfo (friend of Jane Girondo)
John Cunningham (father-in-law of Nick Runkel)
Maura Pratt (friend of Gail Bouton)
Linda Hunter (former parishioner)

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ENDOWMENT NEWS

Did you know that there are many ways to contribute to the Endowment Fund? Some parishioners assume that Endowments are for those who are making an estate plan but only a limited number of our endowments are such bequests. Others assume that they need to give a significant amount of money for a named endowment in order to contribute to the fund. That is also not a correct assumption.

At any time you may give to the fund as little or as much as you would like. Your contribution may be made in giving thanks for or in memory of someone special. Another way of contributing is to the Endowment Outreach Fund. Every year in our Endowment Report, a list is published naming all those who have either been remembered, honored, or who have contributed to the funds.

The St. Andrew's Endowment Fund will ensure the viability of our church now and long into the future, sustaining it with invaluable financial support through good and difficult times.

Later in the year, we will have the opportunity to tell you the personal stories of some of those who have chosen to give named endowments and why they consider this an important gift.

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Supply Organist & Choirmaster

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On Sunday, August 11th we welcome our supply Organist and Choirmaster, David "Dj" Cortés-Gunning.

Dj played his first church service in August of 1994, a month before his 14th birthday, and has been active in church music ministry ever since. A classically trained tenor and member of the American Guild of Organists, music is Dj's passion, ministry, and vocation in life. He has a particular penchant for inclusion of all who desire to connect with God through music and inspiring everyone to make joyful noise. Dj was an organist first, as opposed to someone who learned piano and then studied organ, as he was taught beginning at age two by his grandfather M. Edward Gunning III, who was a theatre/jazz organist. You'll notice a flair for improvisation and occasional jazziness in his playing.



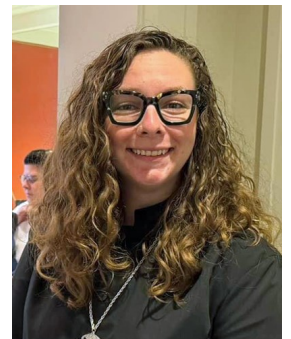
Dj and his husband Adán live in Leesburg, where Dj is the Parish Administrator for St. Gabriel's~San Gabriel Episcopal Church. A native of Baltimore, MD, Dj still eats at least one crab a year to maintain his "Bawlmer" credibility.

New Seminarian

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Our new Seminarian, Anne Alexis Harra, will be joining us starting in September.

Anne Alexis is a postulant to the priesthood in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and is starting her second year at Virginia Theological Seminary. Anne Alexis is a lifelong Episcopalian and finds deep joy (and questions!) in her faith. Before starting at VTS, she worked in full-time lay ministry at her beloved sending parish, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Philadelphia, where she served as Minister for Children, Youth & Families. At VTS, Anne Alexis serves as a sacristan in the chapel department, is a member of the Student Aid Society, and works at the Flamingo coffee shop. She feels guided by the Spirit to St. Andrew's and is excited to serve this community.



Anne Alexis is passionate about Jesus, liturgy, joyful movement, traveling, and iced lattes, and is a proud cat mom to Laney and Nellie.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 2, 2024

Labor Day Gathering with LDS

Sarah Akins | outreach@standrews.net

Our Latter Day Saints friends and Hypothermia Prevention partners are planning a low-key family gathering on Labor Day, **September 2nd**. It will be from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. at the softball park right across Sydenstricker from St. Andrew's. There will be some softball and other games going on, as well as some light foods available. St. Andrew's is invited to this social event to enjoy the morning together.

AUGUST 4, 2024

Farewell Celebration for Gabe

Lori Foster | fellowship@standrews.net

Before Gabe leaves us for his bright new future in Charlottesville, VA, we will be celebrating his almost 3 years with us on **Sunday, August 4th** after the 10:00 a.m. service. Gabe has brought such energy and enthusiasm to our music program, we want to send him off with the same feeling of joy he provides us with each Sunday. If you would like to help, contact Lori and/or scan the QR code/sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/y708zz>.



AUGUST 6, 2024

National Night Out with Adat Reyim

Sarah Akins | outreach@standrews.net

Congregation Adat Reyim—our friends through the woods—is hosting a National Night Out on **Tuesday, August 6th** from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be games, prizes, and treats for kids, as well as a chance to meet with people from the Fairfax County Police and Fire departments. There will also be a swap meet: bring some items you no longer need to exchange for things you might need. Completely free, no money exchanged. All remaining items will go to charity.

AUGUST 11, 2024

Under 3 Playgroup

Katie Campbell | playgroup@standrews.net

Join us on **Sunday, August 11th from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall for our next young family fellowship time! We will have snacks and a variety of toys for the kids to play with while parents socialize and connect. Older children are also welcome, but we have scheduled the event to give younger children a chance to nap after church. Don't miss this opportunity to meet other families!

AUGUST 15, 2024

Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Beat the heat with an iced drink and enjoy casual conversation with St. Andrew's friends! Whether you're new to St. Andrew's, or you remember when the "new" Nave was built, we'd love to see you at West Springfield Panera at 9:30 a.m. on **Thursday, August 15th** for the monthly Coffee Chat. Stop by for 20 minutes, or stay for a second cup!

AUGUST 18, 2024

Blessing of the Backpack

Andie Hardin | andie@standrews.net

We have our Blessing of the Backpacks scheduled for **Sunday, August 18th** during the 10:00 a.m. service. Bring your backpack, tote bag, laptop case, wheelie bag, or whatever you take to school/work so you can get them blessed. We will also have a little token you can take with you to have for the school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 18, 2024

Summer Pick-up Choir

Gabe Simerson | gabe@standrews.net

Have you thought about joining the choir, but didn't want to dive right in without knowing what it might be like? On our summer Pickup Choir Sundays, you can try it out with no strings (or vestments) attached! On **Sunday, August 18th** we'll meet at 9:00 a.m. by the organ and learn a simple anthem to sing in that morning's service. Anyone with a basic ability to read music and a song in their heart is welcome, and the only commitment involved is to have fun joining your peers in song.



SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

Women's Fellowship: Game Night

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Bring your A-game and your frivolity to Game Night on **Thursday, September 5th**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall! Details to come!

SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

St. Andrew's Golf Outing

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Join us for a fun day of golf at Penderbrook Golf Club in Fairfax on **Friday, September 13th**. We aim to have 36-48 participants, so feel free to invite your friends, family, and neighbors. New golfers welcome! Sign-in starts at 7:00 a.m. with tee-off at 8:00 a.m. The participation fee is \$90 per person. Additional expenses, like mulligans, string, and a toss, are priced at \$100 per foursome or \$25 per individual and can be paid on the day. After the game, we will convene for lunch (self-pay) on the terrace and present awards for achievements like closest to the pin, longest drive, and most lost balls.



Registration is now available online: <http://tiny.cc/68sbzz>. Payment must be made at time of registration.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

AUGUST 4, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4,9-15

Psalm 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

AUGUST 11, 2024

12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

AUGUST 18 2024

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

AUGUST 25, 2024

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Psalm 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Mary Roper Mary Jeanne Sabo Claudette Sterling
4 Dwayne Eckman	5 Chris Kohn Lauren Thomas	6 Simone Reba	7	8	9 Jewell Gould Valerie Chrosniak Eloise Stinger	10
11 Isaac Vopelak Sydney Mattalino	12	13 Scout Kirkham	14 Diana White	15 Jane Girondo	16	17
18 Jack Koerner David Trenner	19 FCPS BEGINS 	20 Mary Anne Haskins	21 Henry Koerner Sean Groves	22 Martha Turner Nicki Jones Shelly Naisbitt Emma Packard	23	24 Sandy Kirkpatrick
25	26	27 Emmy Cotten	28 Sue Emert	29 Rob Kugler Marietta Mason	30 Mark Foster Audra Jones Michael Rollo	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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