



# The Net

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



RECTOR  
THE REV. WILL PACKARD  
[will@standrews.net](mailto:will@standrews.net)

Dear Friends in Christ,

When an argument occurred, the grandmother went over to the large, family Bible, read a verse or two, and was immediately calmed.

This vision from *The Waltons* TV show, set in the 1930's may hold an idealistic viewpoint of Scripture's power, however, it was not lost on me that Scripture was the foundation of her life. What role does Holy Scripture play in your life? Would it be something you reference prior to a decision or when seeking comfort?

In last week's email, I wrote about our formation series this Fall and would like to explore this concept more. Within our denomination, we read a significant amount of Scripture in our liturgical worship. The lectionary is a chart of Scripture we read in worship over the course of a three-year cycle. We actually have three lectionaries in our denomination. We have the Sunday lectionary, the Daily Office Lectionary (two-year Cycle), the daily Eucharistic readings (for Eucharist on non-Sundays), and the Lesser Feasts and Fasts Lectionary with readings for each saint. Our Book of Common Prayer and companion Hymnals are full of Scripture. I write this to emphasize the importance of our Scriptures within our particular tradition.

Our Bible is not the revelation of God, but tells the story of salvation history and of the Messiah. This means that we acknowledge that our Scripture contains all things necessary for salvation and that it tells us about the Revelation of God, especially in the person of Jesus Christ. With the words being divinely inspired, we also recognize that the Spirit still moves in and through the Scripture as we read or hear it. Have you ever heard a new insight when reading a familiar passage? This also means that Scripture is not only accessible to non-clergy but that God's Spirit may speak to and through each one of us.

We will unlock Scripture this Fall to help those who may be experts better understand the Bible and help those who struggle to open the Bible gain confidence. While we are

firming up a few more dates, you may find some of the below scheduled topics of interest to you:

- September 22nd – (Dr. Stephen Cook) – I like the Old Testament God better than the New Testament God
- October 6th – (The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb) – An Anglican/Episcopal Reading of Scripture
- October 13th – (Rabbi Billinson, Adat Reyim) – A conversation with Fr. Will on the Hebrew Scriptures
- November 17th – (The Rev. William L. Packard) – How to Study the Bible
- TBD – Praying with Scripture and other topics

By the end of this Fall, the hope is a greater comfort and/or new insights into our Bible. How might you reference Scripture and your faith in those decisions such as the instance which plagued grandma in the Waltons? Perhaps you will hear the words of Scripture differently on Sunday morning. As our children study the lectionary readings, how might we all talk about Scripture together?

I look forward to our continued partnership in the Gospel!

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



SENIOR WARDEN  
**BRIAN CHATMAN**  
[srwarden@standrews.net](mailto:srwarden@standrews.net)

As summer comes to a close and the school year begins, we find ourselves transitioning into a new season

filled with opportunities to serve, grow, and connect with one another. While we bid farewell to the carefree days of summer, we eagerly anticipate the exciting activities and ministries that await us this fall.

### Get Involved: Your Time and Talents are Needed

There are many ways to use your gifts to make a difference in our church community. Whether it's through youth formation, outreach, or fellowship, we encourage you to get involved and contribute to the life of our parish.

### Sunday School Teachers and Registration

It's time to register your kids for the new school year. Blank registration forms are available [online here](#) and printouts are on the bulletin board in front of the church office. Completed forms can be emailed to Emily or dropped off in the envelope on the bulletin board.

If your children are participating in childcare/Sunday School (Nursery-12th) please fill out a form and turn it in by Kickoff Sunday, September 8th. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 15th.

### CROP Walk: Mark Your Calendars for November 3rd ([crop@standrews.net](mailto:crop@standrews.net))

One of the highlights of our fall calendar is the CROP Walk, scheduled for Sunday, November 3rd. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to walk together in solidarity with those who face hunger and poverty every day. We hope you'll join us in making a difference in our community and beyond.

### ESOL: Registration Opens Soon ([esol@standrews.net](mailto:esol@standrews.net))

Our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program will start on September 17th with registration opening

on September 3rd. Keep an eye out for the outdoor banner, and consider volunteering your time to help make this important ministry a success.

### FACETS Hot Meals: Responding to Growing Needs ([facets@standrews.net](mailto:facets@standrews.net))

Our FACETS Hot Meals program continues to see an increased need in our community. While our teams prepare 150 meals twice a month, we have seen as many as 189 meals given out by FACETS. To bridge the gap, FACETS has occasionally purchased meals, but our teams are also working hard to make extra sandwiches to meet the need. Your support and participation in this ministry are more important than ever.

### FACETS Hypothermia Program: Save the Date ([hypothermia@standrews.net](mailto:hypothermia@standrews.net))

Looking ahead, St. Andrew's will host the FACETS Hypothermia Program from Sunday, January 26 to Sunday, February 1, 2025. This is a vital ministry that provides shelter and warmth during the coldest months, and we'll be sharing more details about how you can get involved as the date approaches.

### Food for Friends: Returning in September ([outreach@standrews.net](mailto:outreach@standrews.net))

Our Food for Friends ministry will resume in September, with our Sunday School classes lending a hand to help provide meals and support to those in need. We are excited to see this ministry continue to grow and make a positive impact.

As we transition from summer to fall, let's embrace the many opportunities to serve, connect, and grow in faith together. Your time and talents are invaluable, and we look forward to seeing how you will make a difference in the life of our church this season.

## 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](mailto:emily@standrews.net)) no later than the 20th of the month. All submissions are subject to approval.*

# PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

**TAMI PHILLIPS**

[preschool@standrews.net](mailto:preschool@standrews.net) | (703) 455-8458

We are thrilled to begin the 2024-25 preschool year! We have two new staff members- Holly Welty, Fish Teaching Assistant and Cynthia Steele, Frog Teaching Assistant. Both of these ladies will work with Amy Bailey as their Lead Teacher. They are both a wonderful addition to our staff as they bring a wealth of experience, positive energy, and professional attitude toward educating young curious learners. Our preschool classrooms have new floors and beautiful new area carpets. Our preschool office has new bookshelves as well as new floors. A new space was added to the outdoor classroom so the nature class has a larger space to gather. With the help of the Vestry, Eagle Scout projects completed by CJ Brannam and Thomas Phillips, the Property Resource Commission, and Preschool Board, we were able to get a facelift this summer. Thank you to everyone!

We still have a few spaces left in our preschool for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know of friends and neighbors who are looking for a preschool space this year, please ask them to contact our office at (703) 455-8458 or email [preschool@standrews.net](mailto:preschool@standrews.net). They can also visit our web site <http://preschool.standrews.net> where they can take a virtual tour and fill out an inquiry to receive more information about enrollment or begin the registration process through our software ChildPilot.

Please pray for us as we continue our ministry and begin our preschool year Tuesday, September 3rd.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Coffee Hour

Lori Foster | [fellowship@standrews.net](mailto:fellowship@standrews.net)

Please join us in the Parish Hall for a cup of coffee and some intergenerational fellowship time after the 10:00 a.m. service each Sunday, before Sunday School/Adult Forum.

If you enjoy having goodies with your coffee (or tea) each week, we rely on volunteers to provide these snacks! If you would like to provide some baked goods, crackers, fresh fruit, etc. please sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/3avjzz>.

### Prayer List

John Carver  
Andrea Corella  
Tony Durso  
Don & Marlene Taggart  
Eve Albanese  
Sally Heyer  
Claudia Dugan  
Larry Packard  
Rich Roerig  
D'Arcy Roper  
Ron Mason  
Helen DuVal  
Susan Scott  
Scootie Prior

Barbara Klix  
Bill Hartig  
Olivia Kertesz  
Felix Benitez  
Gayle Brooks  
Eddie Fortune  
Michelle Meyer  
Angela Kennedy  
Bishop Shannon Johnston  
Francisco Frederickson  
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  
Roslyn  
Brice  
Gabriel  
Patrick  
Samuel  
Philippa Pearce

David Humphrey  
Doffie Cobb  
Kim Lyman  
Stephanie Sher  
Ro & Rob Africano  
Pat Bienlien  
Jim & Rita Maloney  
Kristal Vonier  
Jerry Reed  
Karen Brannam  
Scott Rife  
Patty Rolla  
Terri Bennett  
Susan Dickson  
Stella Farris  
Brooke Fortune  
Johnny Ho  
Will Sidor  
Nancy Speaker  
Howard Burtnett

### Departed

Leanna Lorraine Longaberger-Tyler (family friend of Elise Humphrey)  
John Sabo (father of Dave Sabo)  
Lorraine Rabil (friend of Elise & Dan Humphrey)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ENDOWMENT NEWS

My family has been at St. Andrew's since 1976. In the mid-'80s, my dad, who loved this church and was active for many years here, decided to begin an Endowment in memory of his parents. This endowment is still growing and going strong here, even though he moved several years ago. His legacy continues to help us pay for worship needs (like wafers and linens) and formation needs (such as teaching materials). When he died a couple of years ago, I used part of my inheritance from him to add to his endowment, building it up even more for the future. I know that St. Andrew's meant a lot to him, both spiritually and as a dad helping his children grow in faith, so keeping his legacy strong means a lot to me. See Pat Conrad with any questions you may have about these wonderful legacies. - Anne Brannam

Pat Conrad | [endowment@standrews.net](mailto:endowment@standrews.net)

---

### Coffee Hosts

Lori Foster | [fellowship@standrews.net](mailto:fellowship@standrews.net)

We are also in need of a few more coffee host volunteers to continue with this ministry. If you would like more information about serving (about every other month), contact Lori Foster.

---

### Unlocking Scripture: Fall Forum Series

The Rev. Will Packard | [will@standrews.net](mailto:will@standrews.net)

The goal of this formation series is to reinforce the reformational ideals of accessible worship and Scripture. The Bible has never been more accessible with apps, books, numerous translations and paraphrases, online courses, YouTube, and more. As Episcopalians, we worship with and through Scripture. While we hold some Bible studies, many individuals find Scripture intimidating or themselves inadequately equipped to read much less interpret. When we engage with other faith traditions, we may find it difficult to express our own view of Scripture and have less of an understanding of sacred Scriptures in other traditions.

A series of presentations and guests will help us unlock Scripture to help us not only understand more but give us the confidence to open the Bible ourselves.

- September 22nd – (Dr. Stephen Cook) – I like the Old Testament God better than the New Testament God
- October 6th – (The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb) – An Anglican/Episcopal Reading of Scripture
- October 13th – (Rabbi Billinson, Adat Reyim) – A conversation with Fr. Will on the Hebrew Scriptures
- November 17th – (The Rev. William L. Packard) – How to Study the Bible
- TBD – Praying with Scripture and other topics

---

### Sunday School Registration

Emily Nein | [emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)

It's time to register your kids for the new school year. Blank registration forms are available online here (<https://www.standrews.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Sunday-School-Registration-2024-25.pdf>) and printouts are on the bulletin board in front of the church office. Completed forms can be emailed to Emily or dropped off in the envelope on the bulletin board.

If your children are participating in childcare/Sunday School (Nursery-12th) please fill out a form and turn it in by Kickoff Sunday, September 8th. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 15th.

# OUTREACH

## ECHO Food Drive

Andrea Hellier | [echo@standrews.net](mailto:echo@standrews.net)

A summer with few food drives and low food donations has left ECHO's Food Pantry with urgent needs. Requests for food assistance are higher than ever before. Before COVID, ECHO purchased about 5 to 8% of food staples. ECHO currently purchases around 40% of the food they distribute because food donations only cover 60% of the need.

Our Fall Food Drive to help restock the shelves at ECHO continues with our ingathering on Sunday, September 15th. Items may be dropped off at St. Andrew's throughout the drive. Brown bags with the list attached will be available after services for the next few Sundays.

### FOOD ITEMS:

- Bag Beans (black, red, or garbanzo preferred)
- Bag Rice (Clients prefer white, jasmine, or basmati)
- Baked Beans
- Box cereal
- Box Pasta
- Can Fruit
- Can milk, shelf-stable milk
- Can Tomatoes
- Cooking Oil
- Crackers
- Healthy Snacks
- Instant (Box) Potatoes
- Instant and Ground Coffee
- Jelly and Honey
- Juice (Bottles or box)
- Lemon or Lime Juice
- Lentils
- Masa (Corn) Flour
- Pancake Mix
- Pancake Syrup
- Protein Items, e.g., canned chicken, Spam, chili, Tin Fish (tuna, sardines, salmon, etc.)
- Ramen
- Spaghetti (pasta)
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spices (garlic, onion, cinnamon, salt, pepper)
- Tea (Green, Herbal or Black)
- Tomato Paste and Tomato Sauce
- Tortillas
- Brown Paper Bags
- Reusable Grocery Bags

### HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

- Baby Wipes
- Band-Aids
- Body/Hand Lotion
- Children's Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Diapers - Sizes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Dish Soap
- Facial Tissues
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper Towels
- Sanitary Napkins
- Shampoo
- Shaving Cream/Razors
- Toilet Paper

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 5, 2024

### Women's Fellowship: Game Night

Karen Hilber | [womensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:womensfellowship@standrews.net)

Are you quick on your feet with trivia? A champion speller? A world-class sketch artist? No worries! You don't need to be any of those things to join us for Game Night in the Parish Hall on **Thursday, September 5th!** Bring your favorite snack or spirited beverage, and jump into one of several board game options. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., games start at 7:00 p.m. No kiddos, please. RSVP to [womensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:womensfellowship@standrews.net).

## SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

### Kick-Off Sunday

The Rev. Will Packard | [will@standrews.net](mailto:will@standrews.net)

We welcome back everyone from their Summer Adventures with our Kick-Off Sunday on **September 8th**. After the 10:00 a.m. service, we will have coffee hour in the Parish Hall and training for our Sunday School teachers, assistants, and superintendents in the MPR.

Sunday School Registration Forms are due this Sunday so we will know how many kids will be in each class. Please take a moment to fill out a form (found on the bulletin board outside the church office).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

### St. Andrew's Golf Outing

Tom Horan | [golf@standrews.net](mailto:golf@standrews.net)

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.

## SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

### Worship Commission Teams Training

The Rev. Will Packard | [will@standrews.net](mailto:will@standrews.net)

There will be a training session for all Worship Commission Teams on **Saturday, September 14th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. We will run through an entire service, pausing to review changes or reinforce current practices. It's important as many people attend this as possible for future services to run smoothly.

Worship Commission Teams include: Acolytes, Ushers, Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Lectors, Worship Leaders, A/V, and Choir (optional to help with music)

## SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

### Newcomers Café

Katie Campbell & Pam Hardin | [welcome@standrews.net](mailto:welcome@standrews.net)

The Welcome Commission is hosting a Newcomer Cafe on **Sunday, September 15th**, between the services (9:00 a.m.). There will be some fall-themed snacks and activities to make sure everyone, young and old, feels welcomed. This is a great time to meet people who are newer to the parish, so we invite all to stop by and say hi.

## SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

### Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | [womensfellowship@standrews.net](mailto:womensfellowship@standrews.net)

Pumpkin spice season is here! Come to West Springfield Panera and have a beverage and casual conversation with St. Andrew's friends on **Thursday, September 19th**, at 9:30 a.m. Whether you're new to St. Andrew's or a longtime parishioner, we'd love to see you there!

## SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

### Adult Forum: Active Threat Situation Presentation

Carol Robinson | [safety@standrews.net](mailto:safety@standrews.net)

The Safety & Security Committee is hosting an "Active Threat Situation" (Active Shooter) presentation by the Springfield Fairfax County Police Department on **Sunday, September 29th**, during the Adult Forum (11:30 a.m.) in the Parish Hall. This short presentation is designed to increase public awareness of what individuals can do to protect themselves and reduce the dangers faced during one of these events. While there is not a specific prescription for an event, strategies will be given for surviving Active Threat Situations. Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) will be explained to increase survival.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## OCTOBER 5, 2024

### Oktoberfest

Lori Foster | [fellowship@standrews.net](mailto:fellowship@standrews.net)

Join us for our annual Oktoberfest Dinner on **Saturday, October 5th** immediately following the 6:00 p.m. service. We will have social time starting at 6:30 p.m. and a Bavarian-style dinner at 7:00 p.m. Brats, potato salad, sauerkraut, and more, with oompah music provided by the Fairfax Band's Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden. Prost!

The cost is \$20 per person. You can purchase your tickets online at: <http://tiny.cc/oompah24>.

## OCTOBER 6, 2024

### Blessing of the Animals

Emily Nein | [emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)

Get ready to unleash the joy and join us for the Blessing of the Animals (the Feast of St. Francis) on October 6th at 4:00 p.m. in the Front Parking Lot! Rain or shine, this paw-some event will take place, with the Multi-Purpose Room serving as a cozy shelter in case of any unexpected showers. Bring your furry friends and let them bask in the divine blessings. Don't let them miss out on this fur-tastic experience!

## LECTIONARY READINGS

([www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net))

### SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalms 15

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

### SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 116:1-8

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

### SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12

-22

or Jeremiah 11:18-20

Psalms 54

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

### SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

19th Sunday after Pentecost


Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Psalms 19:7-14

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Cody Grogan John Greenlee Colin Browne Jack Lewis Brian Shannon	2 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Steve Ramsdell Karen Steele	3 Jennifer Davis Jacob Vance	4 John Flahive Carter Gregory	5 Kent Morgan Jonathan Nein John Osthaus Emily Reba	6 Mary Richardson	7
8 Sean Phillips	9	10 Diane Hill Luke Groves	11 <b>PATRIOT DAY</b> Andie Hardin	12 Pat Dewey Claire Watson	13	14 Mary Grogan Amelia Haubner Holden Kuhns
15 Will Spencer	16 Virginia Sertich Lydon Hawkins	17 Heather Flanagan Hadley Cone	18	19 Gretchen Parrott	20	21 Audrey Spaans
22 <b>AUTUMN BEGINS</b> CJ Brannam Karen Nies-Vogel  	23 Marc Turner Julian Spaans	24 Peter Dasher Lauren Phillips	25 Jonathan Withington Brett Bowker Madeline Akins	26 Carol Robinson Joseph Grundlehner Theodore Trenner	27	28 Bridget Spencer
29 Wesley McCurdy	30 Lucila Woodard					

*Don't see your name on your birthday? Let us know!  
Contact Emily ([emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)) and we'll get you added to the list.*



# DIRECTORY

## Clergy & Staff

**The Rev. Will Packard** | Rector  
[will@standrews.net](mailto:will@standrews.net)

**Michelle Ramsdell** | Parish Administrator  
[michelle@standrews.net](mailto:michelle@standrews.net)

**Emily Nein** | Communications Director  
[emily@standrews.net](mailto:emily@standrews.net)

**Andie Hardin** | Interim Communication Minister for  
Children, Youth, & Families  
[andie@standrews.net](mailto:andie@standrews.net)

**Tami Phillips** | Preschool Director  
[preschool@standrews.net](mailto:preschool@standrews.net)

**Carlos Guzman** | Sexton  
[sexton@standrews.net](mailto:sexton@standrews.net)

## 2024 Vestry

**Brian Chatman** | Senior Warden  
[srwarden@standrews.net](mailto:srwarden@standrews.net)

**Jeff Reba** | Junior Warden  
[jrwarden@standrews.net](mailto:jrwarden@standrews.net)

**Sarah Akins** | Register  
[register@standrews.net](mailto:register@standrews.net)

**Anne Brannam** | Treasurers  
[treasurer@standrews.net](mailto:treasurer@standrews.net)

**Lori Foster** | Fellowship  
[fellowship@standrews.net](mailto:fellowship@standrews.net)

**Sarah Akins & Laura Sabo** | Outreach  
[outreach@standrews.net](mailto:outreach@standrews.net)

**Carol Robinson** | Safety & Security  
[outreach@standrews.net](mailto:outreach@standrews.net)

**Anne Brannam & Paul Foley** | Stewardship  
[stewardship@standrews.net](mailto:stewardship@standrews.net)

**Katie Campbell & Pam Hardin** | Welcome  
[welcome@standrews.net](mailto:welcome@standrews.net)

**Dave Umberger** | Worship  
[worship@standrews.net](mailto:worship@standrews.net)

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, VA 22015  
[www.standrews.net](http://www.standrews.net) | (703) 455-2500

