



The Net

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



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Dear Friends in Christ,

With our Fall and October traditions, we tend to find ourselves with a surplus of candy in our lives. This is especially true on the last day of October. One of my favorite practices after this event is the Candy Tithe, when we ask the children (and adults) to give one-tenth of their candy to the church. We inevitably have an overflowing wagon each year! We donate this candy and hope to give it to college-aged kids this year.

Along with this tradition being a fun practice, we are also asked to explain to our kids why we give a tenth of the candy to church. This isn't just the unwanted candy, but the good stuff too! It is a way of orienting our lives towards God as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our children and indeed our own hearts are bound to ask the question, "but why?"

We respond to this question, part of our "inquiring and discerning hearts," with Scripture, Reason, and Tradition. The act of stewardship is founded in Scripture such as Leviticus 27:30 which states that "a tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord." The word *מֵעֵשֶׂר* or *maaser* means "tenth" or "tithe." Our New Testament sources reference the tithe and ask that it also corresponds with how we live. We are also reminded in 2 Corinthians that "God loves a cheerful giver." In addition, our National Canons ask that (Canon 9.6.b.2.iii) we all be instructed in "the biblical standard of the tithe for financial stewardship." Our reasoning applies the amount that enables us to recognize that everything comes from God and that we put our whole trust and faith in God and Jesus Christ. This is a true act of faith, especially when considering a Reese's Peanut Butter Cup!

We cast our nets as disciples and "put your whole trust in his grace and love." We recall Andrew and the disciples' faith and their orientation to follow Christ. At St. Andrew's, we have certainly cast our nets! I want to say thank you for the many gifts of our community of time, talent, and treasure! Each and every day at church and especially Sunday the gifts of faith through Stewardship abound! With this growing ministry, we look to provide further support and it is through your generosity that we will be able to hire an Assistant Priest and an Interim Director of Music.

I reflect on my time at St. Andrew's and am encouraged in my own faith by the "cheerful giving!" The gifts of stewardship from the Stewardship team have been amazing. This year on October 20th, we will have an ingathering when we encourage you to bring your 2025 financial pledge to liturgy as an offering before God. Our online pledge form may be easier and know that in that moment we are acknowledging your gift as an offering before God.

I am grateful to serve and worship with you as we offer our gifts to God as disciples of Jesus together. Our wagon is overflowing with candy and with the grace of God. I look forward to seeing you this month when we particularly acknowledge the many gifts of God and present ourselves as a "living sacrifice" to God.

Faithfully yours,

Will

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.

VESTRY NEWS



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As we move into the vibrant season of fall, we know how busy schedules can become with school activities, holiday preparations, and community events. Amidst this busyness, we're excited about the many opportunities for connection and growth within our church community!

VESTRY UPDATES

Your Vestry has been diligently working to create a robust calendar filled with meaningful activities. Recently, we held our quarterly commission sync, bringing together our various teams to discuss upcoming events, identify areas of overlap, and pinpoint where we might need additional support. We are thrilled to share some key events on the horizon:

Formation in Full Swing: It's been awesome seeing Formation back in full swing! If you have a child interested in our youth formation programs, stick around after the 10:00 a.m. service! If you're interested in helping in any of the classrooms, we'd love the help!

Shrine Mont Retreat: Mark your calendars for October 25-27! This weekend promises to be a time of reflection, fellowship, and renewal.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: Join us on Tuesday, November 26th as we gather with our neighbors to give thanks and celebrate our community.

Bishop's Visit: We are honored to welcome Bishop James Joseph "Bud" Shand on December 8th for a special Confirmation service. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with our wider church community. If you haven't been confirmed and want to be, talk to Father Will!

BEHIND THE SCENES

While planning for these events is well underway, there's also a lot happening behind the scenes. A special shoutout goes to Sean Hilber, who has been leading our engagement with DMS (Diocesan Missionary Society) to refinance our church loan, ensuring we can continue our mission without financial strain.

Additionally, we are hosting a Kitchen Renovation Meeting this week to discuss much-needed upgrades to our kitchen facilities. These improvements will not only enhance our fellowship opportunities and additional outreach ministry through shared meals and events.

LOOKING AHEAD

Finally, we are making significant progress in our search for an Assistant Rector and an Interim Organist. We look forward to introducing these new team members to you soon!

PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Fall brings so many opportunities to enjoy the beautiful crisp outdoors and of course a variety of pumpkin-flavored treats. Another treat will be after-school programs starting October 1st. We will begin Enrichment classes for our Pre-K students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and Lunch Bunches for all of our students on Mondays and Thursdays. Our themed Lunch Bunches include: Nature Explorers, Little Chef, Book Buddies, Craft Club, Music and Movement, Wiggle Worms, and Busy Builders.

We will host a Trunk or Treat at the end of the month. This is a huge hit with everyone!

October also finds our students understanding their schedules and routines. They look comfortable and confident walking down the hallway. Our learners begin to notice what's around them and how the different parts of the preschool work. They always ask great questions when they pass by my office.

We enjoy working with our students each day. They are funny, smart, and curious! Now let's have some fall fun!

OUTREACH

ECHO October Donations

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ECHO Item of the Month: Macaroni and Cheese. Donations can be dropped off during weekend service times or Monday-Thursday during office hours.

ECHO Yard Sale

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ECHO's traditional Fall Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, October 26th**, at St. Bernadette School, 7600 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Bargain shoppers and treasure hunters will find a gymnasium full of housewares, toys, fashion accessories, jewelry, electronic equipment, picture frames, wall art, and more! The two yard-sale events each year are the primary source of funds for ECHO to carry out its mission of helping people in need in our community.

CROP Walk

Elaine Runkel | crop@standrews.net

Join the St. Andrew's team for the 32nd Annual Burke/Fairfax CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, November 3rd**. Registration starts at 1:45 p.m., and the walk begins at 2:00 p.m. The walk will start at Burke Presbyterian Church, proceed to Knollwood, and then return to the church.

This family-friendly event welcomes participants of all ages and is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners. Father Will will lead the event with an opening prayer.

CROP Walks are community fundraising events held nationwide to support the mission of Church World Service in addressing hunger, poverty, and displacement. By joining the walk, you'll help local organizations like ECHO and contribute to global efforts to combat these issues.

Participants can earn service hours, get their steps in, and enjoy prizes and refreshments at the end. For more information and to register or donate to the St. Andrew's team, visit:

- Burke/Fairfax CROP Walk: burkecropwalk.org
- St. Andrew's Team: [CROP Walk Team Registration](#)

Don't miss this chance to make a difference in your community and beyond!

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
 Susan Scott
 Scootie Prior
 Barbara Klux
 Julie Morgan

 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 Maloney
 Kristal Vonier
 Jerry Reed
 Karen Brannam
 Scott Rife
 Patty Rolla
 Terri Bennett
 Stella Farris
 Brooke Fortune
 Nancy Speaker
 Howard Burtnett
 Katie Escalona
 Lynda Hancock
 Ray Hubbard
 Jacqueline Turner
 Karen Camp
 Judy Frey
 Frank Winfield
 Millie Nash
 Sirgute Morgan

Bronwyn Alleman
 Cari Gulley
 Jean Gulley

Departed

Becky Myhre (mother of Beth Shannon)
 Betty Folcomer (mother of Larry Winfield)
 Rita Maloney (friend of the Durso Family)
 Frances McClure (Godmother of Whitney Wiedeman)
 Terry Orr (family friend of the Gowers)
 Stella Farris (aunt of Georgene Chatman)
 Johnny Ho (friend of Elise Humphrey)
 Edyth Wheeler (former parishioner)
 Judith Fike (mother of Libby Fike)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENDOWMENT NEWS

In memory of our son, Bill Gould, who passed July 5th, 2023, Sharon and I created an endowment to reflect the special person Bill grew to be, learning from his experiences at St. Andrew's and going on to create his special community for family, neighbors, co-workers, and friends.

As former President Bill Clinton said, "Those of us who have more yesterdays than tomorrows tend to care more about our children and grandchildren. ... in the greatest country on earth, we have always been about tomorrow. Your children and grandchildren will bless you forever if you do."

Establishing an endowment at St. Andrew's is one way to assure our children and generations in the future who come to St. Andrew's will have a community where values and ideas are modeled, understood, and become deeply-held beliefs that guide their actions to make this a better world for all. The St. Andrew's community helped shape Bill's values, and we believe this endowment will preserve and maintain that for others.

St. Andrew's community shaped our family in several ways:

- Opportunity to acquire values, interacting with people with principles;
- Places where our values are developed;
- Activities, where we can explore our potential;
- Music and the arts—lifting our voices with our choir in praise and joy, or as Bill learned, simply singing with your children in the minivan going down the road; and
- Worship —where we learn to love our neighbors as ourselves and to perfect values to guide our lives, reflecting the teachings of Christ.

The French phrase, "je ne sais quoi," speaks to personal qualities that can not be easily described or named. Bill developed in part from the community at St. Andrew's and our home, where he grew to love people, trees, and plants.

His favorite tree was a Paper Bark Maple, and we planted one at the Church in his memory. We can all watch it glow red in the fall and develop delicate paper bark, reminding us that community begins with a place. A few weeks ago, Father Will blessed it with our family there, to the glory of God in the memory of Bill Gould.

We created the Bill Gould endowment to support a vision of St. Andrew's gardens and campus, the outdoor space, and our first parish impression as our island home, welcoming families to a place of peace and beauty. The earnings from the endowment—supported by generous contributions from other parishioners—provide income and funds to plant, prune, and sustain our parish beds and grounds. This endowment helps to achieve that vision.

You, as well, may have a vision for St. Andrew's and the opportunity to establish the means to an end that speaks to your heart. Think of a gift that helps you and others model the values you believe Christ has called you to embrace in your life. When you imagine one, I encourage you to start or contribute to an endowment to make your vision a reality, improving St. Andrew's and enhancing values that will make our world a better place. Please contact Pat Conrad, Chair of our Endowment Board to begin your endowment discussion.—Jewell Gould

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Unlocking Scripture: Fall Forum Series

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The goal of this formation series is to reinforce the reformational ideals of accessible worship and Scripture. 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.

- 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
- October 20th – (The Rev. William L. Packard) – TBD
- November 17th – (The Rev. William L. Packard) – How to Study the Bible

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Friends of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew's 2024-2025 Concert Series

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November 17th @ 4:00 p.m. - Howard University Gospel Choir

For almost five decades, the Howard University Gospel Choir has set a very high standard as a premier performing arts ensemble, singing at a wide variety of venues in and around the Greater Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. Notwithstanding the legacy of excellence and the vast accomplishments since its inception, the main objective remains the same: to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through song. Our purpose and passion is to serve Christ with our musical gifts bringing peace, restoration, healing, and inspiration to all who will lend their ears and hearts.



December 22nd @ 4:00 p.m. - Karen Ashbrook: Celtic Benefit Concert

Join us for our annual seasonal celebration and benefit concert with Karen Ashbrook and multi-instrumentalist Paul Oorts. These internationally known performers have crafted a delightful program of Celtic songs and tunes to celebrate Christmas, winter, and the New Year. The program has a wide selection of traditional and contemporary airs, jigs, and reels from Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man, and Brittany. All donations from this concert will be given to local charities FACETS and ECHO.



January 26th @ 7:00 p.m. - Orleans Express

Orleans Express (formerly Dixieland Express) has been delighting its audiences since it was founded in 1999 to continue the creative sounds of early and mid-twentieth-century jazz. Known as traditional jazz or just plain "Dixieland", the music is straight from the heart of the New Orleans melting pot where immortals such as Louis Armstrong took it to new heights around the world. You will be transported to the fun and magic that is the spirit of the Mardi Gras, and will leave smiling and humming familiar melodies.



February 23rd @ 4:00 p.m. - The U.S. Navy Band Saxophone Quartet

The U.S. Navy Band Saxophone Quartet features Musicians Jonathan Yanik, Patrick Martin, David Babich, and Dana Booher. The ensemble regularly performs public recitals in the Washington, D.C. area and presents a unique program to children at local schools as part of the Navy Band's "Music in the Schools" educational outreach program. The quartet plays music in many different styles, ranging from standard concert saxophone quartet literature to contemporary and jazz, tailoring the musical selections to a wide range of audiences.



May 18th @ 4:00 p.m. - Main Street Chamber Players

The Main Street Chamber Players is a mixed instrumental chamber ensemble whose collective experience spans more than 30 years and is comprised of members of Main Street Music Studios and various guest artists. MSCP performs works from the standard repertoire, as well as works by women, composers of Color, and living composers. Concerts by MSCP have included performances at the John Kendall Recital Hall in Takoma Park, Maryland, and The Lyceum in Alexandria, Virginia as well as other venues in Washington, D.C., and the Northern Virginia area. In addition, all members of MSCP are full-time private teachers at Main Street Music Studios.



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 5, 2024

Prayer Guild Meeting

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Comprised of current and former parishioners, the Prayer Guild fosters a network of support and connection. This devoted group has made it our mission to extend prayers to those on our list and to every soul within our congregation. We extend a warm invitation to all. We invite you to join our community that nurtures and grows through prayer together. Whether you're seeking solace, offering thanks, or simply curious, consider joining us on Saturday, October 5th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

OCTOBER 5, 2024

Oktoberfest

Lori Foster | 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

Adult Forum: The Rev. Dr. Kathrine Grieb

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Kathrine Grieb on Sunday, October 6th. She will preach at both the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services and will lead the Adult Forum "An Anglican/Episcopal Reading of Scripture" after the 10:00 a.m. service.

The Rev. A. Katherine Grieb, Ph.D., is an affiliated faculty member and director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies. She joined the VTS faculty in 1994. Her expertise includes Greek language, New Testament Interpretation, Romans, Hebrews, social justice, Biblical storytelling, and theatre. Before coming to VTS, she taught at Bangor Theological Seminary.

OCTOBER 6, 2024

Blessing of the Animals

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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!

OCTOBER 12, 2024

Worship Commission Teams Training

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There will be a training session for all Worship Commission Teams on **Saturday, October 12th** at 4:00 p.m. in the Nave. We will run through an entire Sunday 10:00 a.m. 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)

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OCTOBER 17, 2024

Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

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Join St. Andrew's friends for your favorite fall beverage and casual conversation at West Springfield Panera on **Thursday, October 17th** at 9:30 a.m. It's a great chance to make new friends, and catch up with ones you already have!

OCTOBER 20, 2024

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) – High School

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We are slowly gathering our High School formation and fellowship and are so grateful to many adults who are able to provide this ministry with the church and for our teenagers. We will gather weekly after church with a Bible Study and monthly on Sunday evening (with food provided!). Our first evening date will be Sunday, October 20th at the church with pizza!

We encourage High Schoolers to especially attend this week after church as we will also listen to their needs as we continue to shape their formation and fellowship.

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Candy Tithe

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

On Sunday, November 3rd, we invite children (and parents) to bring 1/10 of their Halloween candy to the church. We will invite them up during the Offertory to drop off their donations in our Candy Wagon (or they may place it in the wagon before or after the service). This is a fun practice and also an opportunity to teach our children about stewardship.

The candy will go to our hard-working college students. If you have a college student coming home for Thanksgiving, let us know! We will make up a candy bag that they (or you) can pick up from church.

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Election Day Bake Sale

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On Tuesday, November 5th, St. Andrew's serves as a polling place and this election day we'll host a bake sale to support youth activities, including Workcamp. The "sale" will be by donation so items won't be priced individually. To make the bake sale a success, we need [adult and youth volunteers to staff the table, as well as bakers to contribute treats.](#)

Baked goods should be nut-free and a serving wrapped individually (1 muffin wrapped alone or 2 cookies/brownies, etc. wrapped together). Baked goods can be dropped off on Sunday, November 3rd, and through 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4th.

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

Fall Parish Cleanup

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Please save the date! On Saturday, November 9th, starting at 9:00 a.m., we will clean up leaves and flower beds and tend to other outside areas and the inside of the church. Please come for as long as you can. Coffee and snacks will be provided!

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

OCTOBER 6, 2024

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

OCTOBER 13, 2024

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

OCTOBER 20, 2024

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

OCTOBER 27, 2024

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mikey Eckman	2 Aidan Fernandes Drew Peters Andrew Davis Jack Spitzer Josephine Gallant Alexa Dillon	3 Claudia Brady	4	5
6 Christian Pohlmann Ben Kosowski Ben Lewis	7 Rebecca Umberger Marifran Bustion	8 Paul Foley Dustin Parsons-Schwarz	9	10	11 Sarah Gregory	12
13	14 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY John Bernhards Elaine Runkel	15 Brynley Wright	16 Judie Prentiss Sam Withington John Heyer	17 Fred Kalema-Musoke Corene Froede Vanessa Parks	18	19
20 Anna Kosowski	21 Libby Hassler	22 Erik Pohlmann Colin Jones Autumn Haubner	23 Wes Akins Vivian Chatman	24	25	26 Bruce McWilliams Marshall Withington Jason Watson Emily Proctor
27 Pam Hauge Doug Wood Amelie Rhoads	28 Jesse Hill Joe Steele Brianna Memon	29 Katherine Gallant Bailey Gallant	30 Pat Conrad Meredith Horan Ripley Coates	31 HALLOWEEN Korie Gondek 		

*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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