



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



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"Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You

shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. – Mark 12: 28b-31

Dear Friends in Christ,

We will encounter much in our church community and in our daily lives this November. Let's think about the large events which will occur. We begin with the Feast of All Saints' (November 1 and 3) and the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (Nov. 2). We have our secular political elections including the election of a new President (November 5); the investiture of the new Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe (November 2); the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Virginia (Nov. 7-9); the Howard University Gospel Choir concert (Nov. 17); the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Nov. 26); Thanksgiving (Nov. 28); and the final days of our liturgical year. As we encounter these momentous events in our lives, we seek to keep Christ as central.

We conclude our readings in the Gospel of Mark before we begin to read Luke beginning on December 1st for Advent. While we have the All Saints' readings for this Sunday, the alternate reading includes the verses from above. This may be a guide as we enter such a busy time and when we hear or experience divisions in the world. We seek to follow Christ and go out in the world seeking and carrying Christ's love.

Jesus knew this task of loving God and loving neighbor may need additional guidance and we acknowledge this as a church. Our own Baptismal Covenant asks that we respond, "I will, with God's help." In addition, we have a church which supports us as we seek to love God and neighbor. We also seek guidance from church leadership such as our own Presiding Bishop Curry whose stalwart leadership included his pastoral touch during the global pandemic. We now turn towards Bishop Rowe as our chief pastor in the U.S. as we seek to follow Christ in our new and changing world.

With the November Presidential election, we may overlook the Investiture of a new Presiding Bishop. I think it appropriate that in advance of the elections, we mark our own election in the church as Bishop Rowe assumes the role of Presiding Bishop and as Bishop Curry steps back for some muchneeded rest. I invite you to watch and follow the investiture on Saturday and you can find all of the details here. How might this sacred event of apostolic succession provide a sense of God's presence in our lives and in the church?

Our denominational title, Episcopal, literally means governed by Bishops. This does not negate that we follow Bishop Rowe above our Lord and Savior but that we seek his leadership as we all follow and are sent out in the name of Jesus. Moving from this Investiture to our Tuesday elections there are many opportunities for prayer, which you may also see included from our Prayer Guild below. I ask you to pray and also to vote.

We will then go from our national election into those numerous events listed above and into our new liturgical year. As life rushes by and as momentous occasions come and go, we will come to many crossroads made of joy, fear, anxiety, and everything between these human emotions. In our decisions and in these times, we look to Jesus who said "love God and love neighbor."

I continue to look forward to following Jesus with you each and every day!

Faithfully yours,

Prayer for Election, Book of Common Prayer, pg. 822 (slightly adapted)

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of our President, officials, and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



SENIOR WARDEN
BRIAN CHATMAN
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What a wonderful time we had connecting with fellow parishioners in the beautiful woods of Shrine Mont! It was a

true blessing to share laughter, stories, and moments of reflection together. This experience filled me with gratitude for our amazing community, which thrives on the generous pledges of time, talent, and treasure from each of you.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated planning team, led by Betsy Cotten, along with Rebecca Umberger, Christine Kelly, Jane Girondo, Georgene Chatman, Laura Sabo, Lori Foster, and Martha Turner. Your hard work made this gathering such a memorable event!

We also want to highlight Father Will for leading an incredible kids' program filled

with games that focused on the body of Christ. Seeing the joy and excitement on the children's faces was heartwarming.

A big thank you to our Fellowship Commission, led by Lori Foster, for their exceptional planning and execution of another fantastic Octoberfest. Your efforts truly enrich our community life.

Finally, we extend a special welcome to our newest team members: our new Associate Rector, the Rev. Maria Maguire, and our new Interim Director of Music, Dj Cortés-Gunning. We are excited to have you both with us!

Thank you all for being an essential part of St. Andrew's. Let's continue to support one another as we grow together in faith and fellowship.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR
TAMI PHILLIPS

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November is a beautiful time to be a student at St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool.

Enrichment classes for Pre-K students, themed lunch bunches, and nature explorers for all students are off and running. We will also host a Stone Soup celebration at the end of the month. All of the classes read various versions of the story throughout November and contribute an ingredient to the class stone soup which ends up being more than just a stone with everyone's help! Mrs. Elliff, our music teacher, teaches our students a catchy musical rendition of the story.

"Stone soup, stone soup, everybody's gonna love stone soup. Come on along and join the group. Everybody loves stone soup."

At the Stone Soup celebration, students, families, and staff participate in a retelling of the story using the catchy musical version and of course, enjoy a bowl of stone soup!

There are still a few spaces left in our preschool for the 2024-2025 school year. If you know someone looking for a preschool next year, please ask them to contact our preschool office at 703-455-8458 or email. On our website preschool.standrews.net they can view a virtual tour of our program. There, they can also complete an inquiry to receive more information about enrollment or begin the registration process through our software ChildPilot.

Enjoy the beautiful fall leaves and crisp cool temperatures!

OUTREACH

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: <u>burkecropwalk.org</u>
- St. Andrew's Team: CROP Walk Team Registration

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

Thanksgiving Baskets

Andrea Hellier | echo@standrews.net

Thanksgiving is weeks away, but ECHO is already planning to connect donors with families who struggle to provide a holiday meal. St. Andrew's has partnered with ECHO for many years, and we need your support. ECHO suggests that donors give grocery gift cards so clients can purchase foods their families prefer. St. Andrew's will buy and deliver the gift cards to the ECHO clients in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

To support this program, you can write a check to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with "ECHO Holiday Meal Fund" on the memo line. Please send your donations to St. Andrew's, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, VA 22015.

Prayer List

John Carver
Andrea
Tony Durso
Don & Marlene Taggart
Eve Albanese
Sally Heyer
Claudia Dugan
Larry Packard
Rich Roerig
D'Arcy

Claudia Dugan Larry Packard Rich Roerig D'Arcy Ron Mason Susan Scott Scootie Prior Barbara Klix Julie Morgan Andrea Hellier Pam Hauge Frances Moffett
---Bill Hartig
Olivia
Felix
Gayle Brooks
Eddie Fortune
Bishop Shannon Johnston
Francisco
Elaine Askew
Bill Armour
Wally Morgan
Benn Crandall
Gary Nash
Cathy Withers

Mike de Cardona

Kevin Linehan

Fric

Craig D.

Roslyn Brice P. Patrick Samuel Phillipa David Humphrey Doffie Crabb Ro & Rob Africano Karen Brannam Jacqueline Turner Karen Camp Frank Winfield Sirgute Morgan Bronwyn Alleman Cari Gulley Jean Gulley Tim Withers Cathy

Dan Dellapenta

Hannah Ake Donna Hitchings Paul Roper Patrick Payne Patsy High Departed

Anne Biddle Graham (friend of the church)

Seymour Nussenbaum (family friend of Roy Eichhorn)

Dominic Grady (father of Pam Rozelsky)

Joy Stevenson (wife of Bishop E. Mark Stevenson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2025 Pledge Campaign

Anne Brannam & Paul Foley | stewardship@standrews.net

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their pledge cards or pledged online! As of Monday, October 28th, we have already received pledges from 102 families and are at 76% of our pledging goal! Remember, every little bit helps. Even \$5/week makes a big difference, especially when multiple families make that pledge.

Pledge Cards are available on the table in the Narthex, or you can pledge online at www.standrews.net/giving. Remember that your pledges make up 85% of the annual budget, and the Vestry needs to know how much to budget for based on your response. So, help us reach our goal of \$825,000, and thank you all for your support of our staff and our many ministries!



Beloved Community, Thank You for a Beautiful Weekend at Shrine Mont

Betsy Cotten | shrinemont@standrews.net

Did you know that tucked away beneath the towering trees of the Shenandoah Valley, at the base of Great North Mountain, lies the Cathedral Shrine of the Transfiguration? It's a place of rest, wonder, and reunion—our Diocesan Retreat Center, lovingly nestled in the heart of Orkney Springs, VA. Shrine Mont is more than a destination. It's a homecoming for the soul, inviting us to slow down, breathe deeply, and discover again that we are beloved.

This past weekend, 100 of our parish family made the pilgrimage to this sacred place for an intergenerational retreat. In a world that tugs and pulls at us from every direction, Shrine Mont offers the rare gift of pause. It gives us space to sit with the sacred—within ourselves, with one another, and with God.

This year's theme was Lost and Found, led by the excellent David Hoover. Adults leaned into quiet reflection and meaningful conversation while children climbed the mountain, playing and learning that we are all vital parts of the body of Christ. Together, we laughed and danced, roasted marshmallows around the fire, hiked to the cross, prayed silently, and found God in the faces beside us.

One moment always lingers in our hearts—the Sunday Eucharist at the Shrine. Voices rise among the trees,

blending with birdsong and the gentle rustling of leaves, as we proclaim with joy: God loves the world. God loves you. God loves me. There is something holy about knowing and feeling that truth in the crisp mountain air.

To everyone who attended, thank you. Your presence, kindness, and willingness to share yourselves made this retreat the gift it was. We hope you carry a bit of this peace—this reminder of how deeply you are loved—back into your daily life.

If you couldn't join us this year, we hope you'll mark your calendars for next year. Shrine Mont will be waiting for you with open arms—a place to rest without guilt, laugh without restraint, and reflect on the beauty that's been with you all along.

As we continue dreaming toward next year's retreat, we invite you to consider supporting the Designated Fund that makes Shrine Mont possible for everyone. If you are able to give, you can do so here (insert link).

Until then, know this: You are loved. You belong. And there is always a place for you at Shrine Mont.



Prayer Opportunities for the 2024 Election Season

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As we approach the 2024 election, it's understandable that some of us may feel overwhelmed by the moment. In times like these, prayer offers a way to ground ourselves, connect with God, and find hope for what's ahead. I hope to provide you with some resources for prayers for our nation, the election, and our communities. There are many welcome paths to prayer, whether you use the guides below, personal prayers, or other words that resonate with you. Praying together is a way to steady ourselves, align our hopes, and remind each other that we are not powerless—we are called to be part of what's unfolding.

The Book of Common Prayer has wonderful prayers for this time; turn to pages 820-827. The Diocese of Virginia has put together a Prayer Book for the Election Season for anyone seeking focus and peace during this election cycle. If you'd like a copy, please email me at prayer@standrews.net.

If you are interested in joining others in prayer for the election, the Diocese has also organized a group to pray together throughout this season. You can sign up here: Join the Prayer Group.

Finally, a member of the Prayer Guild is always praying for you, no matter the season. We hope you feel supported, knowing that someone in our community holds you in mind and lifts your name in prayer.

Let's keep seeking ways to move forward with peace, hope, and trust—trust in each other, in God, and in the good still possible in the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2, 2024

Presiding Bishop Investiture

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The Investiture of our new Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, will take place on November 2nd, at 11:00 a.m. The service will be online and we encourage you to participate. You may find all of the details at Episcopal News Service including how to watch the stream on Facebook (https://www.episcopalchurch.org/investiture).



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 3, 2024

Unlocking Scripture: My Redeemer Lives—Scripture and the Funeral Liturgy

Emily Nein | emily@standrews.net

This formation series aims 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 understand more and give us the confidence to open the Bible ourselves.

Coming up: We will engage Scripture with our funeral liturgy drawing on the personal experience and formation from our Seminarian, Anne Alexis Harra.

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NOVEMBER 5, 2024

Election Day Bake Sale

Sarah Akins & Laura Sabo | outreach@standrews.net

St. Andrew's will serve as a polling place on Tuesday, November 5th. To celebrate Election Day, we're excited to host a bake sale to support youth activities, including Workcamp. Our sale will operate on a donation basis, so there won't be individual prices for items.

To make this event a success, we need both adult and youth volunteers to help staff the table, as well as bakers to contribute delicious treats. Please remember that all baked goods should be nut-free (this includes peanut butter) and individually wrapped (for example, one muffin wrapped on its own or two cookies/brownies wrapped together).

You can drop off your baked goods on Sunday, November 3rd, and until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 4th. To sign up to volunteer, please visit: tiny.cc/rhkpzz. Thank you for your support!

NOVEMBER 9, 2024

Fall Parish Cleanup

Jeff Reba | jrwarden@standrews.net

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!

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Adult Forum: Safety & Security Carol Robinson | safety@standrews.net

Plan to attend an informational PowerPoint presentation of the Safety and Security Commission (SSC) at the Adult Forum on Sunday, November 10th. The SSC was created in March this year to assist the Rector and Vestry, in ensuring a safe and secure environment to meet our church's mission. The SSC's responsibilities include but are not limited to providing for the physical safety and security of the church building and grounds, as well as tracking and managing Diocesan mandated training and background checks for church staff and volunteers and ensuring the security of the Church's electronic data and records. Members of the SCC will be present to discuss the mission and purpose of the Commission, a recent Risk Assessment from FCPD as well as proposed changes to our procedures and upgrades to our campus and answer any questions from the Parish.

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

Women's Fellowship: Game Night

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Whether you have a competitive streak or are easygoing, we have a game for you! Come to the Parish Hall on Thursday, November 14th for a fun evening playing various board games. Bring your favorite beverage. Snacks will be provided. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for snacks and bevies; games begin at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to womensfellowship@standrews.net is requested, but not required.

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

FoMA Concert Series: Howard University Gospel Choir

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We kick off our 2024-2025 FoMA Concert series with the Howard University Gospel Choir on Sunday, November 17th, at 4:00 p.m. We will break bread with the choir after the concert.

For almost five decades, the Howard University Gospel Choir has set a very high standard as a premier performing arts ensemble. 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.



NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Women's Fellowship: Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Come to West Springfield Panera on Thursday, November 21st, at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy a cup o' Joe and casual conversation. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with current friends, and meet new ones! No RSVP necessary.

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Senior EYC Youth Group

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

We had a fun time at EYC in October. Our evening date for November will be November 24th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.! We seek to have fellowship (AND FOOD!) as well as connecting our faith to life. This coming session, we will engage the question, "What do I do when I'm overwhelmed" through the lens of faith. This is a Senior EYC (High School) group and we will listen to the needs of a potential Junior EYC (Middle School) group.



NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Rev. Will Packard | will@standrews.net

We're excited to continue our annual tradition of coming together in worship with diverse communities of faith in Burke for our Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This year's theme is "Hearing One Another," and we invite you to join us in embracing this spirit of connection.

The service will include people from Adat Reyim, Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, Burke United Methodist Church, Burke Presbyterian Church, St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Durga Temple, Rumi Forum/Peace Islamic Center/AFTA, St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal Church, and St. Christopher's Episcopal Church.

The service will take place on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (6509 Sydenstricker Road), followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments. We look forward to sharing this meaningful evening with you as we express gratitude for our community and one another!

DECEMBER 8, 2024

Women's Fellowship: Christmas Cookie Exchange

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 p.m. for the Christmas Cookie Exchange! It's a yummy, festive event at off-site, just for grown-ups. Details to come soon.

LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

All Saints'

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

25th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

26th Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Last Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Chandra Cookson Nora Wood Kathryn Payne | 4 Alex Froede Jeffrey Regan | 5 Darren Williams | 6 Kiley Meadows Chelsey Dunham Andrew Nedelka Sammy Demy | 7 John Sabo Maddy Cotten Peyton Larsen | 8 | 9 Steve Van Beek Carleigh Haskins Ken McKeever |
| 10 Gloria Spaans | 11 VETERAN'S DAY Stephen Bowdren Nicholas McWilliams | 12 Allie Kugler Ronan Ganley | 13 Donna Daugherty Dave Umberger | 14 | 15 D'Arcy Roper Allie Harris Logan Ganley | 16 Julie Morgan Christina Nies Ann Bidwell |
| 17 Claudia Borke Keira Schaffer Kylie Arnott | 18 Marcy Bowdren Richard Sellers | 19 Carolyn Kohn | 20 Robbie Kugler Jensen Kugler Ron Mason | 21 | 22 Hope Van Beek Skye Van Beek Evie West | 23 Chris Umberger |
| 24 Stephanie Meadows Teddy Chatman | 25 Martha Williams | 26 | 27 | 28 THANKSGIVING Alice Corbett Heidi Kugler | 29 Cathy Harman Olivia Beckwitt Janet Rife Harry Raber | 30 |

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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