



The Net

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



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Yes, we continue in this Christmas season to say Merry Christmas even when the radio has long since stopped playing carols. Today, we also observe the first day of 2025 and it is a feast day in the church with the observance of The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! As we continue to celebrate the Incarnation, observe the feast of the Holy Name, and begin a New Year, we reflect as God calls us by name as disciples.

This New Year, we often make changes in our lives and we have an opportunity to reflect upon our discipleship. We have always been an outreach-centered church connecting faith and works with faith. Our adult formation between Christmas and Lent will focus on our discipleship through Outreach ministry. We look forward to the following planned forum hours:

- January 12 - The Rev. Christine Dunne, Lutheran Pastor and Director for Community Engagement at Lutheran Social Services
- January 19 – Bob Vitter, Executive Director of ECHO
- January 26 – Anne Alexis Harra, our Seminarian
- February 2 – The Rev. Susie Harding, our Deacon
- February 23 – Steve Koss, lead for our FACETS Hypothermia Prevention Week
- March 2 – Denise Varga, Executive Director of El Hogar

As we explore these ministries from our parish, we examine our own call to discipleship. This is not an experience where we reflect upon how we can do more, but how we can live more deeply in Christ. There is never enough time in our 24 hour day which is typically when we need to make time for God and let our own ministry grow.

Our outreach ministries are a rich source and expression of our faith and it is in giving that we receive. The nature of Christian Mission does not simply focus on how much we give of ourselves but how we experience the reconciling love of Christ in relationship with each other in the world.

May you have a happy and blessed New Years and remember that we are each called by name as God's beloved.

Faithfully yours,

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
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Celebrating a Joyous Holiday Season

As we step into the new year, we reflect on the blessings of the past holiday season. Our youth Christmas pageant was a heartwarming highlight, showcasing the enthusiasm, creativity, and faith of our youngest members. Their portrayal of the nativity story reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas and brought joy to all who attended. Our holiday services, filled with inspiring sermons, beautiful music, and the warmth of fellowship, capped off an amazing year of faith, worship, and community outreach.

2024: A Year of Growth

Last year marked significant milestones for St. Andrew's as we welcomed new faces to our leadership team. The addition of our Associate Rector, Mother Maria Maguire, brought fresh energy and vision to our ministry. We also embraced Deacon Susie Harding, whose compassion and dedication have enriched our outreach efforts. Mr. Dj Cortés-Gunning joined us as interim Director of Music, blessing us with his talent and dedication to uplifting worship through music. Finally, we are grateful for the presence of our Seminarian, Ms. Anne Alexis Harra, whose journey of discernment inspires us all.

These additions have strengthened our church family, and we give thanks for their contributions to our shared mission of growing in faith and service.

Looking Ahead to 2025

This year, St. Andrew's will focus on growth in every sense. Our investments in the youth program, guided by the expertise of Ministry Architects, have laid the foundation for an exciting youth formation program in 2025. We are committed to nurturing the next generation of faithful leaders and look forward to seeing our young members grow spiritually and as a community.

Our outreach initiatives remain a cornerstone of our mission. We're kicking off the year with Hypothermia Prevention Week from January 26th to February 2nd. This vital effort underscores our commitment to serving those in need, and we invite everyone to join us in making a difference.

Engage with St. Andrew's Ministries

As we embark on another spiritual year of worship and service, we're reminded that every member of our community has unique gifts to offer—whether time, talent, or treasure. If you haven't yet found a way to engage, now is the perfect time to get involved. From youth programs and music ministry to outreach and worship support, there are countless opportunities to contribute to the vibrant life of St. Andrew's.

Together, let's make 2025 a year of growth, service, and deepened faith. Thank you for being a part of this journey. We look forward to sharing this exciting year with you.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



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Happy New Year! I hope your holidays were filled with much peace, joy, and family. My oldest son returned from Ohio to spend Christmas with us. He has a contagious laugh so it was nice to have him back in the house!

January is filled with events! We will host a PJ and Donut Day and enjoy a fire puppet show, a program sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire Department. If there are no emergency calls, we will also get to look inside a fire engine. This never gets old! Then January 15th, registration for the 2025-2026 school year opens to returning students, alumni families, and parish members.

If you are interested in registering for the 2025-2026 school year, call the office or send us an email. On our web site preschool.standrews.net you can take a virtual tour of our program. There, you can also complete an inquiry to receive more information about our program or begin the registration process through our software ChildPilot.

We wanted to make you heart smile and share a photo of the purple dinosaur on the playground dressed up for winter!



OUTREACH

Hypothermia Prevention Week

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St. Andrew's is hosting our annual Hypothermia Prevention Program from **January 26th to February 2nd**. During this week, we will welcome approximately 40 homeless guests each night and provide them with food, fellowship, and shelter. There are many volunteer slots (found here: <http://tiny.cc/hypovolunteers25>) that need to be filled in order to make this week a success.

We also have a need for donated items such as walking food, certain clothing, etc. (<http://tiny.cc/hypodonations25>). We are ready to receive donations as soon as possible and no later than January 25th by placing them on the brick ledge in the hallway across from the Office or in the Conference Room. Any questions please contact Steve Koss.

You can access both the volunteer and donated items Sign-Up Genius pages using the same link. If on a desktop there is a separate tab to toggle to each sign-up at the top of the page. On mobile there is a dropdown at the top to choose which page you want.

Hypothermia Prevention Week - Men's Fellowship Dinner Volunteers

Jim Kirkpatrick | mensfellowship@standrews.net

The Men's Group will again support St. Andrew's Hypothermia Week activities by providing the evening meal on **Friday, January 31st**, and volunteers are needed to bring food, be servers and help with clean-up. We provide the main dishes & sides while the drinks and desserts will be provided by others.

Hot BBQ sandwiches have been a popular main dish so we'll repeat last year's menu. We need at least 4 crock pots of your favorite BBQ recipe. It can be pork, beef or chicken, but we must have at least one non-pork selection so as to accommodate everyone.

Here's the menu (we need volunteers to bring the following)

- BBQ - 4 crock pots (already cooked and ready to serve)
- Buns - 8 packs of 8 each

- Macaroni and Cheese - enough for 35
- Cole Slaw - enough for 35
- Baked Beans - 4 large cans
- Fruit Cups - 30-35 individual cups

Jim Kirkpatrick is the lead on this, and will coordinate who's bringing what. Please contact him if you can help serve or bring a food item, or both.

The meal will be served between 6:00 - 6:30, so please plan to be at the church no later than 5:30.

Prayer List

Bishop Michael Curry	Jesse Hill	Eric
John Carver	Sarah Lillard	Craig D.
Tony Durso	Karen Steele	Kevin Linehan
Don & Marlene Taggart	Bob Gleason	Dan Dellapenta
Eve Albanese	Bill Hartig	James
Sally Heyer	Olivia	Roslyn
Claudia Dugan	Felix	Brice P.
Larry Packard	Gayle Brooks	Patrick
Rich Roerig	Eddie Fortune	Samuel
D'Arcy	Bishop Shannon Johnston	Phillipa
Ron Mason	Elaine Askew	David Humphrey
Susan Scott	Bill Armour	Doffie Crabb
Barbara Klix	Wally Morgan	Ro & Rob Africano
Julie Morgan	Benn Crandall	Karen Brannam
Andrea Hellier	Gary Nash	Jacqueline Turner
Beth Ridpath	Cathy Withers	Frank Winfield
Jeff Dutton	Mike de Cardona	Bronwyn Alleman

Departed

Evelyn Bailey (grandmother of Becca Hoffman)
 Derek Wimmer (former parishioner)
 Evelyn Weber Tinker (mother-in-law of Kate (Rozelsky) Weber)
 James Gallati (uncle of Jen Koerner)
 Anne Beers (mother-in-law of the son of Andrea Hellier)
 Anne Gallant (former parishioner)
 Paul Roper (son of D'Arcy Roper)

ENDOWMENT NEWS

In the last few issues of the Monthly Net you heard from families who have given named endowments to the St. Andrew's Endowment Fund. In future Monthly Nets you will hear from other families and individuals who wished to remember or honor special people or to support particular programs by giving to the St. Andrew's Endowment Fund. Their gifts greatly support a whole variety of current programs in our church as well as future programs and needs of our parish. You too can contribute to the Endowment Fund. It need not be in the form of a Named Endowment. It can be a gift of a few dollars or more in memory of a special person or in honor of a special event. At the end of the year the names of those honored in such a way are listed in the final endowment report. Such gifts along with the named endowments allow the board to provide significant funds to the vestry each year to support the needs of the church.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Childcare Help

Katie Campbell | formation@standrews.net

We are looking for volunteers to assist in our Pre-K & K and Nursery classes, which care for our youngest members every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (or 10:00 to 11:15 if there is no Sunday School). While we have a paid staff member in each class, we need an additional volunteer helper to ensure the safety and well-being of all the children. Teenagers (14+) can earn service hours for their time. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up here: <http://tiny.cc/babywatch-win25> (Jan. to Mar. dates).



Casting a New Net: Welcome to Realm Connect!

Sarah Akins | realm@standrews.net

In 2025, St. Andrew's will be casting our net into new waters as we transition to Realm Connect! You've been hearing whispers about this for years, and now the time has come to dive in. Realm is a modern church management solution that will strengthen our community connections and simplify communication. With Realm, you'll be able to RSVP to events, manage your giving, update your profile, and more — all in one place.



Sarah Akins will serve as your point person, but if you have questions, please email realm@standrews.net. Stay tuned for training sessions to ensure smooth sailing.

Let's work together to make this a great catch for our St. Andrew's family!

2025 Pledge Campaign

Anne Brannam & Paul Foley | stewardship@standrews.net

January's budgeting activities conclude our active annual Giving Campaign. We wish you every blessing and gratitude for each active member of the St. Andrew's community, a congregation that flourishes because of our parishioners' shared commitment to its mission and ministry.

We hope that all St. Andrew's parishioners will express their passion for the church by making a financial pledge for the coming year. You are the primary resource for fulfilling our mission by serving our church family and the wider community.

Remember, your financial pledge goes to support the work and ministries of St. Andrew's. Our worship services, the variety of programs and ministries we offer, and our outstanding clergy and staff are all possible because of parishioner support. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their pledge cards or pledged online! Pledge Cards are available on the table in the Narthex, or you can [pledge online](#).

St. Andrew's 2025 Pledge Drive



JANUARY 18, 2025

Prayer Guild Meeting

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The Prayer Guild is a cherished community within our church, made up of both current and former parishioners, who are dedicated to building a strong network of care, connection, and spiritual support. Rooted in faith and love, our mission is to hold every person in our congregation—and beyond—in prayer, lifting up those on our prayer list and sharing in both joys and burdens.

We would be delighted to welcome you into this meaningful ministry. Whether you're looking for a moment of peace, seeking solace during challenging times, offering gratitude for life's blessings, or simply curious about how prayer can enrich your spiritual journey, we invite you to come as you are.

Join us on **Saturday, January 18th** at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room. Together, we'll nurture our faith, grow in fellowship, and discover the power of prayer to transform hearts and lives.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing this time of reflection and community!

JANUARY 19, 2025

Chili Cook-Off and Talent Show!

Lori Foster | fellowship@standrews.net

Everyone is invited to our first fellowship event of the new year! We will have a family-friendly Chili Cook -Off and Talent Show on **Sunday, January 19th** at 5:00 p.m.! Show off your Talents - whether in the kitchen, or on the stage!

You can bring a pot of chili to share, or you can bring a chili go-with (such as shredded cheese, chopped onions, cornbread, etc.), salad, or dessert.

All ages are invited to participate in the talent show following the meal. If you can sing, dance, play an instrument, tell jokes, perform magic, or have any other unique talent you'd like to share with us, start planning your routine now.

Sign ups will be available for both the food and talent portions of the evening right after the New Year.

JANUARY 23, 2025

Women's Fellowship - Coffee Chat

Karen Hilber | womensfellowship@standrews.net

Catch up with St. Andrew's friends and meet new ones! Come to West Springfield Panera on **Thursday, January 23rd** at 9:30am for a hot beverage and warm conversation. See you there!

JANUARY 26, 2025

FoMA Concert Series - Orleans Express

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Our first concert of the new year will also be a part of our Hypothermia Prevention week. Join us on **Sunday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m.** to hear 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.



LECTIONARY READINGS

(www.lectionarypage.net)

JANUARY 5, 2025

2nd Sunday after Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 84

Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a

Luke 2:41-52

JANUARY 12, 2025

Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

JANUARY 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 36:5-10

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

JANUARY 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany




Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 	2 Jim Slawski Scott Emert Steve Koss Andrew Winfield	3 Ann DiMisa	4 Carol MacLean
5 Brian Umberger	6 EPIPHANY Janet Foley Liz Ryon 	7 January Layman-Wood Henry Scarborough	8	9 Christie Dasher Nayeli Wiedeman Jackson Shriner	10 Violet Baker	11 Anjaleah Smith
12 Shawn Richardson	13 JD Thomas	14	15 Timothy Brady	16 Libby Spencer Isabel Hernandez	17	18 Pam Rozelsky Ronan Davis
19	20 MLK JR. DAY 	21 Bella Bruggeman Mary Petze	22	23 Alex Sperry	24 Henry Wisniewski	25 Deborah England Bill Wright Dan Emrick Sean Cafferky
26	27 Scootie Prior	28	29 Bruce Stuck	30 Anna Rozelsky	31 Harrison Coates	

*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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