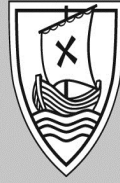


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The Saltire is a bi-monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Through feature stories, photographs and updates on events past and future, *The Saltire* provides a window into the vibrant life of our parish family. Historically, a "saltire" is the X-shaped cross associated with St. Andrew. For us, as for him, it is a symbol of faith and life!

St. Andrew's Sponsors Art Show and Community Dialogue

By The Rev. John Rohrs

Last summer, over the course of just a few weeks, we watched a spate of deadly violence unfold across our country. First was the massacre at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, followed promptly by the deaths of Philando Castile and Alton Sterling, and finally the shooting of five police officers in Dallas. These tragic incidents underscored the terrible cost of gun violence. It prompted discussion here at St. Andrew's, and among other sister churches as well. We were all weary of these devastating headlines, and we feared the day such violence and division might show up in our communities.

On behalf of our concerned parishioners, I began talking with The Rev. Harold Cobb, the Rector at Grace Episcopal Church, and with The Rev. Win Lewis of Christ and St. Luke's. Together, we pitched an idea to Brother and Meredith Rutter, who own and manage the Work | Release art gallery and event space at 759 Granby Street. How about a contemporary art show that highlights the tragedy of gun violence in all forms, and inspires us to come together as a diverse community and work to reduce violence and built trust in our city?

This idea will come to fruition in January, as Work | Release hosts a three week show featuring local and national artists. The show, curated by Jesse Scaccia and entitled "Under the Gun," will run from Friday, Jan. 13 through Saturday, Feb. 4. We have commitments for about a dozen significant art pieces, and we are working on a major installation of outdoor public art as well. See *Art Show*, Page 2

The Light of Epiphany: The Faith at Home Series

By Harper Lewis, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry

As we continue our focus on the liturgical seasons, at the beginning of January we will be finishing the season of Christmas which last for twelve days. On January 6, we have the Feast of Epiphany. This is when the magi follow a bright star which guides them to the manger. There they see baby Jesus and present him with three gifts: gold representing his kingship, frankincense a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh symbolizing bitterness, suffering, and affliction.

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In many ways, however, the art is just an excuse to bring people together in dialogue and cooperation. We have planned an ambitious schedule of events in conjunction with the show. On Friday, January 13, we will begin with a soft opening and legislative lunch featuring local and statewide speakers who will update us on current gun legislation and how to get involved in the issue. Opening night that same evening will kick off at 6:00 p.m., and that would be a great time to come visit the show.

Other activities include a Black and Blue Brunch, hosted by a local interfaith, interracial clergy group called Hands United Building Bridges. The brunch will bring together community activists and police officers for a time of fellowship, to build trust as the clergy pledge their support and cooperation in continuing the dialogue. On the evening of January 26, we also plan a major mental health forum, bringing together health care professionals, nonprofit organizations, philanthropists, faith leaders, and others to strategize about improving mental health resources and outcomes in Hampton Roads. This focus comes from the fact that nearly two-thirds of gun-related deaths in the United States each year are suicides. This is especially a pressing issue with veterans, who have a large presence in our community, so it hits close to home.

Finally, we also plan a women's empowerment event, a suicide prevention workshop for faith leaders and members of their congregation, and a student poster contest that culminates in a special tour for students and their families. You may check the Outreach Bulletin Board for more information and to get involved. St. Andrew's is already supporting the effort financially, with special thanks to the Women of St. Andrew's.

It is important to note that this effort is not anti-gun. In fact, we have had numerous conversations with gun owners throughout the planning, and they have been supportive. We do not want to politicize the issue and cause more division. Rather, we want to bring people together in partnership, because we all agree that we want less gun violence in our communities and in our country. What better way to carry forward the peaceful spirit of Christmas into the new year? Please join us in January!

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The season after the Feast of Epiphany focuses on Jesus as an adult in his public ministry. As The Rev. Peter Gomes explains, "In Epiphany we come to see who Jesus is, where he is to be found, and where we begin to understand what he is about." What this means for us is that we are invited to listen and watch Jesus as he claims his identity as the Christ, our Savior. In the days after the Feast of Epiphany, our color is green which represents growth. This season will last for eight weeks and is an opportunity for you to allow your faith to take root and bloom.

As a church: Reflect on how we can be the light in the world to celebrate Jesus' ministry among us?

Personally: In the following weeks consider one or several of these practices of faith at home ...

Consider, giving a gift to family members or supporting a community project in need on January 6 in honor of the Magi

Take the Gospel lesson home with you each week in Epiphany, read it again on Sunday or another day and ponder these questions ...

What is happening in this lesson? What part of this scripture is the most important? Which part of this reading relates to your life?

Sunday School

Children's Ministry (grades K – 5th)

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, upstairs

We are having a great formation year! Please join us.

Our focus for Block 3 and special unit for January and February are:

K – 2nd grade in room 204

Miracles of Jesus and A February Outreach Project

3rd – 6th grade in room 208

Miracles of Jesus and A February Outreach Project

Our teachers for Block 3 are K – 2nd grade are Sarah McBride, Heather Barnum, and Jen Cady and for 3rd – 6th grade are Ann Larkin, Lois Gail Davis, and Alison Dahl.

Join us on Sunday mornings as we go deeper in faith together.

A special thank you to Bug Gallagher, Charlie Hirsch, and Harper Lea, who taught K-2nd grade and to Mary Lou Crifasi, Marguerite Alley, and Bryan Rhodes who taught 3rd – 6th grade.

Block 2's focus was:

K – 2nd grade: What makes my church special?

3rd – 6th grade: What is worship?

Youth Corner: Open to grades 6th – 12th

Fellowship ... Faith ... Prayer ... Mission ...

Friday, January 6 – Saturday, January 7

EYC Beach Retreat

4:00 p.m. Friday – 6:30 p.m. Saturday

Sunday, January 22

EYC

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in White Hall

Sunday, February 12

EYC Host NEST

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in White Hall

Sunday, February 26

EYC Supports Stop Hunger Now

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Set up for Stop Hunger Now and have lunch together

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in White Hall

Youth are invited to participate in Stop Hunger Now Event

Questions? To R.S.V.P. for any of these offerings, please contact Harper Lewis at

hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org.



Vestry Nominations for 2017-2020

The **Congregational Meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2017**. At that meeting the nominating committee of the Vestry will propose a slate of candidates for membership on the Vestry. The nominating committee requests that parishioners suggest names of other parishioners for consideration by the committee (**nominations must be submitted no later than March 17, 2017**). All names submitted to the nominating committee will be considered, and a slate of five (5) candidates will be proposed for ratification at the Congregational meeting.

Please be certain that all persons submitted for consideration by the nominating committee have agreed to serve on the Vestry if they are asked and have met the following qualifications for Vestry:

To be considered for nomination to the Vestry, the Diocesan Canons require a person to be at least 18 years old and be listed in the parish register as a confirmed communicant in good standing. In addition, a person offering for the Vestry should be aware that: Vestry meetings are normally held on the third Monday of each month. Typically they run from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 or 8:30 p.m. Members of the Vestry are each assigned to a committee. Committees typically meet on the first Monday of each month.

To: The Nominating Committee of the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church

From: _____(Your Name)

Please consider the following person for inclusion on the slate of five(5) candidates to be put forward for ratification at the Congregational Meeting on **May 7, 2017**. I have discussed the matter with this person and they have agreed to have their name offered for consideration by the nominating committee.

NAME OF THE PERSON TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Feast of Lights Candle Light Service, Jan. 8, 5:00 p.m.

Annual Yankee Gift Swap/Chili Dinner, White Hall, Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m.

NEST, White Hall, February 8-15

Valentine Sunday School Activity/Parish Life Breakfast, White Hall, Feb. 5, 9:00 a.m.

Stop Hunger Now, White Hall, Feb. 26, 2:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, White Hall, Feb. 28, 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services, Church, Mar. 1, Noon and 7 :00 p.m.

Adult Forum

January 8, 22, and 29

Inquirer's Class: The Episcopal Church Yesterday and Today

Led by The Revs. Andie and John Rohrs

January 22 and 29

Special concurrent session preparing young children and their parents for baptism and communion

Led by The Rev. Marguerite Alley and Harper Lewis

Welcome to our Newcomers!

Please welcome our newcomers and help them feel at home. It helps to remember this rule of thumb for coffee hour and other parish events: spend the first three minutes introducing yourself to someone you don't know!

Also, remember to please wear your nametags during coffee hour so that we can all get to know one another better and build community.

Dr. Dorothy and Mr. Brian Ballard and children Maddie and Claire

Dr. Michael and Karen Ingraham

Sarah and Alex Parris

Jennifer and Patrick Perrott and children Declan and Ainsley

Erin and David Wickersham and children Otto and Liam

Vestry Updates

At the November Vestry meeting, the Vestry received a briefing on the 2017 draft budget from Jim Rhodes and Larry Brett of the Finance Committee. This represented the "wish list" budget submissions from all staff and lay leaders. The Vestry then began deliberations on ways to balance the budget. This discussion continued at the December meeting, at which time we had more information on the results of the stewardship campaign. We are grateful for the generosity of all parishioners, and for the work of the Finance Committee and Vestry in helping us sustain and grow our ministries while maintaining a balanced budget and preserving resources for the future.

At the November meeting, we also celebrated the happy news of a most generous gift toward the columbarium and memorial garden. The Martin family, represented by Bruce Martin and Boo Mathers, contributed a gift in honor of Judge William Bruce and Elizabeth (Betsy) Martin to cover the cost of the project. We are grateful for their generosity. The garden is nearly complete except for a few finishing touches, and on Dec. 18 we will have our first inurnment, as we lay to rest the ashes of former beloved parishioner Dr. Don Lewis.

We also made plans for a January Vestry retreat, which will focus on preparations for the Rector's sabbatical next summer. We already have three supply clergy in place to share the worship leadership during that time. They are The Rev. David Davenport, The Rev. Mary Hansley, and the Rev. Betty Hudson. Alongside our faithful staff and Vestry leaders, we will be in excellent hands during those summer months. More updates on the sabbatical planning will come in the early spring.

Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Births: Margaret Lynn Stoneburg, the daughter of Mike and Shannon Stoneburg and granddaughter of Doug and Karen Mitchell, born Tuesday, October 25
Ivy Rae Kruger, the daughter of Avery Kruger and Catherine Stambaugh and granddaughter of Robin and Jim Kruger, born Monday, November 28

Deaths: Lorena Dixon Hassell, mother of Charles Hassell, passed away on Tuesday, October 25
Mabel Stepp, grandmother of Amber Pickrell, passed away on Sunday, November 6
Elizabeth Lotz Brown, mother of Eddie Brown, passed away on Wednesday, December 7

Marriages: James McKee Wilson and Molly Logan Stedfast on Saturday, November 12

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

2017 Altar Flowers Signup



2017 Altar Flowers sign ups are now up for people wishing to sign up for altar flowers, If you would like to remember a friend or family members by donating altar flowers, please

call or send Dennis a note requesting your dates and altar @ 622-5530, dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org or you can sign up at the Lay Reader bulletin board near Andie's office under Altar Flowers Sign Up sheets.

We would like to encourage other areas of the church e.g. Narthex (\$25 for an arrangement) and at the foot of the Baptismal Font for \$50. Flowers for the high altar are **\$80.00**, flowers for the Lady Altar

are \$50.00. For more information please contact Venesaa August at vra2002@live.com or Debbie Goode Jones at dgoodejones@gmail.com

Thank You to our Church Volunteers

Each week at least 10 to 15 people give of their time so that others can experience life change through the ministry at St. Andrew's. The truth is that the structure and workings of a church are only as good as the church's volunteers. We serve an incredibly amazing God and He builds His church with people who are willing to love and serve others. The staff can and should do much to lead this, but regardless of the size

of the church, paid staff is never enough to accomplish the mission. Thank you for being willing to hold a stranger's weepy child during service so they can enjoy listening to the Word of God. Thank you for the hours you spent creating curriculum for the child who insists on coloring it and creating a paper plane. Thank you for standing at the door of the sanctuary simply to smile and welcome people in. But most of

all, thank YOU for believing in the Church. You are an integral part to our efficacy in the community. Thank YOU for being part of the St. Andrew's Church family.



Annual Gift Swap and Chili Dinner



Annual Gift Swap/Chili Dinner: Sunday evening, January 29th is the date for our Annual Yankee Swap and Chili Dinner. This popular event is a favorite in our parish. Here's the way the evening works ~ we gather at 5:30 pm for a delicious chili dinner and then the fun begins! Bring in your silliest Christmas gift ~ the

gift that you just HAVE TO part with ~ the gift that you can't believe ended up under your tree ~ and the swap begins. All gifts must be wrapped. So this year, as you linger beside the tree on Christmas morning keep your eyes peeled for the perfect Swap gift for St. Andrew's

NEST Week Is Coming

“NEST Week” at St. Andrew’s will take place February 8 – 15. During this week, we provide supper, overnight lodging, and breakfast for approximately 60-65 homeless persons living in the Norfolk area.

NEST is a vitally important part of St. Andrew’s Outreach program. It takes at least 15-20 volunteers to staff the shelter each night. There are plenty of jobs for everyone: registration desk, chefs and assistant cooks, evening helpers and overnight watch keepers. Stop by the signup desk in White Hall to see the schedule or signup on the Com-

munity Bulletin Board.

The Rev. Charles Joy, Rector of St. Andrew’s for over 25 years, used to tell the story of a rich society lady who went to the midnight Christmas mass at a very wealthy parish in New York. She was wearing her finest Christmas outfit. The church was crowded, and to her chagrin she found herself sitting next to a homeless woman in smelly dirty clothes. The rich lady was so offended that she found herself praying, “God, please make this foul stinky person move to a different pew.” God answered her prayer. He said, “I AM that old woman.”

In order to provide for our guest we are requesting donations of the following items: toothpaste, foot powder, wash clothes, small bars of soap, small packets of tissues, disposable razors, white socks, women’s personal items, individual packets of hot chocolate mix, anything that will add to the comfort of those who do not have a home. Bring items to church and leave in the baskets outside the parish office. You can also contact me at 757-451-0602 (work), 757-627-5980 (home), email jrhodes@rhodescomm.com.

Jim Rhodes
NEST Shelter Coordinator

Mark Your Calendars

St. Andrew’s HIV/AIDS Cook-in: Our next cook-in will be on Sunday, January 15.

St. Andrew’s Sandwich Ministry: Our next collection date of sandwiches for the Catholic Worker will be by Noon on Friday, January 27 and Friday, February 24, 2017.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: This year’s Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on **Tuesday, February 28, 6 p.m. in White Hall.** Signup sheets are on the “Information Table” in White Hall.

Ash Wednesday Services: Noon and 7:00 p.m. on March 1.

Help Support Laundry Love



Our Laundry Love program is going really well! We have established a great working relationship with the community, and the folks we have served have been genuinely appreciative of our ministry.

We really need your support to sustain this most valuable relationship and ministry. Each event runs around \$600. One of the contributing factors in this cost is purchasing detergent pods, dryer sheets, bleach and healthy snacks and water. You can be a part of this ministry by contributing in several ways. You can volunteer to help with an event. You can purchase detergent pods, dryer sheets or healthy snack foods and donate them. Finally, you can make a financial contribution as well.

Our next Laundry Love events are January 19 and February 16. We gather at Soap and Suds on Colley and 27th at about 5:00 pm. The event runs from 5:30 until 7:30pm.



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St. Andrew's Mission Statement

St. Andrew's is a parish of worship, spiritual growth, acceptance and healing centered in the Eucharist. We reach beyond ourselves, striving to allow God to work through our hands as Christ's own. As a place of hope for all people, we celebrate with joy through grace our oneness in Christ.

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