

# The Saltire



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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!

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## Faith at Home: A New Series in December on Sunday Mornings

By The Rev. Andie Rohrs

*How do we know God is there if we can't see God? Where do we go when we die? Why did people kill Jesus and what does it mean that God brought him back?*

These are the kinds of questions that children ask about faith. And for adults – either parents or others- the experience of being on the receiving end of these questions can range from confusing to nerve-wracking to downright terrifying! Articulating our own faith can be hard enough. Knowing how to talk to our children about it is even more difficult.

As hard as it can be, these conversations are incredibly important. Research has shown that the greatest indicator for religious commitment and engagement in young adults is family conversations about faith at home. They help children to learn that faith is not just something that we do on Sundays at church but is central to our daily lives. They also empower children to take their prayers and their concerns to God, to put their trust in God and to know God's unconditional love and presence in their lives. And when adults are open about their own questions and doubts in their faith, it gives children permission to be open as well. It helps each of us to understand that being faithful does not mean we have to have all the answers.

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## New Liturgical Seasons Coming Soon!

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

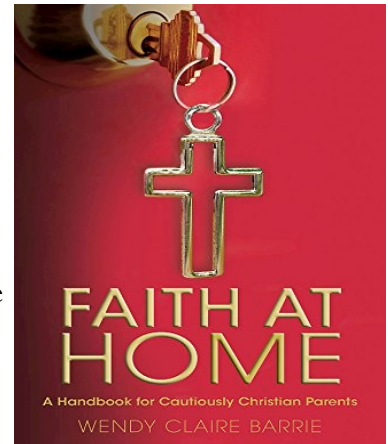
*Liturgical, do I know what that means?*

Liturgical is a word that we may have heard or read but we realize that we are not sure of its meaning. Liturgical comes from the word liturgy defined as public worship. Our worship is oriented around different liturgical seasons and we have two church seasons happening in the months ahead ... the season of Advent and Christmas.

First, let us lend **our focus to Advent**: Did you know? The church year  
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## *Faith at Home*, continued from page 1

Luckily, there is a new book that is a great resource for parents and others who struggle to talk to their children about faith. *Faith at Home: A Handbook for Cautiously Christian Parents* was written by Wendy Claire Barrie. She suggests that for many parents, religious language can feel like a foreign language. In the book, she teaches this “second language” and offers concrete talking points, practices, and resources for introducing it at home. Questions that are addressed include the following: How do we introduce prayer to our children if we do not necessarily believe prayer changes outcomes? How do we approach reading the Bible with our children when our own relationship with it is mixed or complicated? How do we talk about difficult things and how do we find God in the midst of them? How do we connect what happens at church to what happens at home?



Harper Lewis, our new Director of Children and Youth Ministry, and I will be leading an Adult Forum series on this topic of teaching faith to children at home during our Christian Formation hour on Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 in the Auditorium beginning at 9:00 a.m. The book will be the basis for our sessions, though you need not have read it in order to attend. Even if you do not have children at home, please consider participating and sharing your own experiences. Remember that in the service of Holy Baptism, the congregation promises to “be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life.” Here is an opportunity to live into that promise!



## *Two Seasons*, continued from page 1

begins near the end of the secular year with the season of Advent which begins at the end of November or the beginning of December. This time focuses us on waiting in anticipation of Jesus’ coming in the world and the promise that Christ will come again. The color for Advent is either blue for hope of the peace that Christ brings or purple for penitence, or our request for forgiveness, as we prepare to welcome the Christ child. The season of Advent lasts for four weeks.

Second, we will turn our focus to **Christmas, which begins** on December 25, and which lasts for twelve days. Each year it ends on January 6 with the Feast of Epiphany. During this season, we revisit the stories of Christ’s birth. The color for Christmas is either white for celebration or gold for royalty.

**As a church:** Reflect on ... How can we prepare our hearts a bit more each day for the anticipation of Christ’s birth?

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

- Prayer focus of gratitude or thankfulness daily for November
- Have an Advent Calendar where the focus can be on the anticipation of Christ’s birth
- Create a Prayer Jar at home by using different color sticks: the focus for each stick can be –
  - Adoration: praising God
  - Petition: asking God for our own needs
  - Intercession: asking God for the needs of others
  - Thanksgiving: thanking God for our blessings

## Children's Ministry (grades K – 5<sup>th</sup>)

### 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings

Our formation for children is off to a wonderful start!

***Our focus for Block 2 and special unit for November and December are:***

**K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** in room 204

“What Makes my Church Special” & Advent

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade** in room 208

“What is Worship?” & Advent

Our teachers for Block 2 are K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are Bug Gallagher, Charlie Hinsch, and Harper Lea and for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade are Mary Lou Crifasi, Marguerite Alley, and Bryan Rhodes.

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

*A special thank you* to Dianna Wassell, Lily Beachy, and Ginger White who taught K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and to Mary Lou Crifasi, Rick Hood, and Jamie Henthorn who taught 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

***Block 1's focus was:***

K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Baptism: Marked as Christ's own forever

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade: The Twelve who Changed the World

***Mark your calendars ...***

***Advent Wreath Making***

**An all ages parish wide event in White Hall**

Join us Sunday, November 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for a parish breakfast and a focus on Advent. Suggested donation for supplies is \$5.

## Youth Corner

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

Open to grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

**EYC: Sunday, November 6**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Room 207 (upstairs) Dinner will be provided.

**\*\* New \*\* November Weekend 2016: You Could be a Hero at Chanco**

**Open to all ages (grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20**

Cost: \$120

Questions, to sign up, or scholarship requests, ask Harper Lewis.

***To Register:***

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ed4lkvyn6e908a23&llr=sgcfnocab>

**EYC goes Bowling!: Sunday, November 20 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** (meet at the church) Cost: \$10

To R.S.V.P. and/or to be a driver, contact Harper Lewis. More details to follow.

**EYC Christmas Party: Sunday, December 4**

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in White Hall

Bring your favorite appetizer to share. More details to follow.

**EYC Mission Christmas Project:**

**Mission of the Holy Spirit Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 11**

Time to Be Determined– in White Hall More details to follow.

Questions or to R.S.V.P. for any of these offerings,  
please contact Harper Lewis at [hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org](mailto:hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org) .



## Fall Festival

Faith • Family • Fellowship • Festive • Friendship  
November 4-6

### Friday, November 4

6:00-9:00 p.m.

Community Party (& Childcare)

- 1 Featuring bluegrass band, *Hard Knox*
- 2 Food from local vendors
- 3 Fish Fry & Oyster Roast
- 4 Hot Apple Cider & Soft Drinks
- 5 Silent Auction with Themed Baskets
- 6 Children:  
Ages 3 & Under; Childcare & Dinner  
Ages 4-12, Activities, Movie & Pizza
- 7 Pre-Bazaar shopping at Christmas Mouse, Church Mouse & Village Bakery
- 8 Tickets \$20 (*Children 12 & Under Free*)

### Saturday, November 5

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bazaar & Family Festival

- 1 Children's Activities: Bounce House, Petting Zoo & Pony Rides, Face Painting & Magician, Costume Parade, Games & MORE
- 2 Bazaar with Local Vendors
- 3 Shopping at Christmas Mouse, Church Mouse & Village Bakery
- 4 For Sale: Christmas Trees & Wreaths, Hand Held Bouquets & Pansies
- 5 Outdoor Pansy Grill with Breakfast & Lunch Specials
- 6 Sanctuary Music: Organ Demonstrations, 12:00 p.m., Virginia Beach Middle School Band & Orchestra,  
*Conducted by Richard Rigg*

### Sunday, November 6

All Saints Sunday

- 1 10:15 a.m., Festive Celebration of the Feast of All Saints
- 2 5:00 p.m. Choral Evensong and the dedication of the Columbarium/Memorial Garden  
*Followed by a Reception in White Hall.*

## Calendar Highlights

Thanksgiving Food Baskets due at  
GAM office by November 8th

HIV/AIDS Cook-in White Hall,  
Nov. 13, 8:00 a.m.

Advent Wreath Making with Parish  
Breakfast, White Hall,  
Nov. 27, 9:00 a.m.

St. Nicholas Day Children's Activities,  
White Hall, Dec. 4,  
following the 10:15 a.m. service

Advent Lessons and Carols Service,  
Dec. 11 at 10:15 a.m.

Blue Christmas Service, Dec. 18  
at 5:00 p.m.

This service is intended to be more  
meditative and is designed for people  
for whom the holidays may be difficult.  
There will be some periods of silence,  
and the Caritas Quartet will be offering  
music.

Christmas Pageant,  
Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.

## Adult Forum - Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 13 - "Pursuing the  
Gospel of Peace," presented by  
The Rev. John Rohrs.

Nov. 20 - "Pursuing the Gospel of  
Peace," presented by The Rev. John  
Rohrs and Jesse Scaccia.

Dec. 4 - "Faith at Home: Nurturing  
the Spiritual Lives of Children and  
Families During the Advent Season,"  
presented by The Rev. Andie Rohrs  
and Harper Lewis.

Dec. 11 - "Faith at Home continued

Dec. 18 - "Faith at Home continued

## 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 wear your nametags during coffee hour so that we can all get to know one another better.

Dr. Dorothy and Mr. Brian Ballard and their daughters, Maddie and Claire

Emily and Tim Scott, and their daughters, Kate and Greta

Dr. Michael and Karen Ingraham

## Vestry Updates

- At our September Vestry meeting, we elected the new leadership for the coming year. Dr. Doug Mitchell will serve as the Senior Warden, and Page Lea will serve as the Junior Warden. Other Vestry members received their committee assignments as well. At that meeting we also shared updates on the Columbarium project and on the status of the rectory.
- The Rectory was rented on October 1. The tenants are three Navy officers, and it is a 12 month lease. The property will be managed by Doug Knack of Howard Hanna.
- The Columbarium and Memorial Garden construction is on schedule and is looking great! We hope that it will be substantially completed by the Fall Festival weekend. Our plan is to dedicate the garden and columbarium immediately following the Choral Evensong on Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m. There may be a few remaining construction items and landscaping, etc., but it will be mostly done and ready to bless.
- Our October Vestry meeting focused on early planning for the Rector's sabbatical, planned for mid-May to mid-August, 2017. More communication will be going to the parish in the coming weeks and months.

## Adult Offerings

Our next **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** will meet on Wed., Nov. 2 at 7:30 a.m. in White Hall. The speaker will be Skip Stiles, a West Ghent neighbor and the Executive Director of Wetlands Watch. His topic will be "Will St. Andrew's be under water in 50 years?"

**Women of the Way** is our new spirituality book group. All women are welcome, but the group is designed to address the needs and questions of women who are middle-aged and above. Our next meeting will be Wed., Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Kacky Bryant (1102 Leigh St, just across from the church). We will discuss *Called to Question* by Joan Chittister.

## Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Baptisms: Molly Anne Hanbury, August 21  
Charles Littlefield, September 25  
Luke Beeghly, September 25

Marriages: Christopher Brown and Grace Pardo, September 10  
Tory Harney and Cody Byrd, October 1  
Katie Duckett and Rebecca Freeman, October 9

Deaths: Sarah Kirkley, the mother of Nancy King, died August 26  
James Stephens Kollmansperger, the brother of Liza Needham, died September 6.  
Shirley Mulderrig, the mother of Craig Mulderrig, died October 2  
Danny Barber, the husband of Frances Barber, died October 3  
Ethel Valone, the mother of Jim Valone, died October 14  
Lillian Moore Ray, the mother of Jim Ray, died October 16

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

### Annual Angel Tree Will Benefit FORKids

In the coming month, we once again will collect new, unwrapped toys under an Angel Tree. See the list at the information table in White Hall or under the Christmas tree on top of the piano. The gifts will go to children affiliated with FORKids, a local service organization that works with homeless and at-risk children and their families.

To donate food items, please place canned goods and other non-perishable food items in the wicker

basket outside the parish office door, or look for the little red wagon in the Narthex of the church beginning Monday, Nov. 30. Each Sunday the collected presents will be brought in front of the pulpit as a symbol of offering during the 10:15 service.

*Please note that all presents and food need to be in by December 11.*

### Mission of the Holy Spirit Annual Christmas Party Sunday, December 11

Have you ever thought ...

**"I sure wish there was some activity I could participate in that would help my children understand the true meaning of Christmas"? Well, friends, we have the perfect activity right here at St. Andrew's! It will warm your heart and offer your children a lasting reminder of the true heart of the holiday!** This year, St. Andrew's will again host the family Christmas dinner and party for the families at the Mission of the Holy Spirit on the afternoon of December 11. The children and

families there look forward to this event each year. While many children might consider gift giving to be the highlight of Christmas, for most of the children and families at MOHS it is the family meal at the table. Their afternoon begins with carol singing in the church. They then have Eucharist celebrated by our own Andie Rohrs. After the worship service they come to White Hall for a wonderful traditional Christmas feast.

#### **Volunteers are needed to:**

**(3pm)** set up and decorate White Hall with the EYC, **(6pm)** take down and clean up after the event, **(2pm)** help prepare food, **(4:30)** help serve food, **(5pm)** sit at the dinner table with small children so their parents can relax and enjoy their meal, **(5pm)** offer children's activities during and after the meal, **(2pm)** childcare during the worship service, join the caroling before the worship service. **Donations are welcome.** Please contact Deacon Marguerite ([margueritesr@gmail.com](mailto:margueritesr@gmail.com)) if you have any questions, suggestions or you would like to help!

### College Care Packages

The Women of St. Andrew's send care packages twice a year (at exam time) to our undergraduate college students. Contributions of cash (for postage) and goodies are greatly appreciated. (Individually wrapped baked goods, nabs,

granola bars, nuts, candy, hot cocoa mix, cookies, microwave popcorn, gum and Pop Tarts are all popular.) Please put your contributions of goodies in the church kitchen no later than Monday morning, November 28.

**PARENTS: Please call or email the church office with your student's mailing address, or call or email Ann Dodson, 635-0488 or [ann.dodson@cox.net](mailto:ann.dodson@cox.net)!** If the address hasn't changed, let us know that as well. **We don't want to leave anyone out!**

**Columbarium and Memorial Garden Dedication Coming Soon! Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m.**

The closing day of our Fall Festival will be marked by a service of Choral Evensong, followed by special prayers of dedication as we officially open our St. Andrew's Columbarium and Memorial Garden. As you can see in the adjacent photo, the work is nearly complete, and this sacred space will be such a gift to our community for generations to come. A festive reception in White Hall will follow the service and dedication. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to share in this special evening.



**Christmas Flowers/Greenery Orders are due by Dec 14.**

To donate flowers or greenery in memory or in honor of loved ones, please make your check payable to St. Andrew's Church for \$10.00 per name.

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Flowers/Greenery given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory or in honor:

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Given by:

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**Christmas Pageant - Dec. 24, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.**

**ROLES:**

Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Gabriel, Innkeeper, King Herod, Wise Men, Big Angels, Scribes, Shepherds, Little Angels and Youth Choir

**Rehearsal dates and date for issuing costumes** to be publish via Weekly Happenings and Sunday Bulletins at a later date.

**QUESTIONS:**

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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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