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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!

Children's and Youth Ministry Evolving

By The Rev. John Rohrs



A number of important staff changes will take place at St. Andrew's over the coming months. First, Children's Ministry Coordinator Jessica Chesson has decided to step away from her post at the end of this term, in order to focus on family commitments Jessica has done a wonderful job. Under her leadership our children's ministries have flourished, most notably with the successful introduction of Vacation Bible School the past two summers. She will continue in her staff role through June, at which time we will thank her for her service.

The Vestry and staff are committed to sustaining the positive momentum of our vibrant ministry with children and families. To that end, we are delighted to announce that Harper Lewis will join us in August as a new, full-time Director of Children's and Youth Ministry. Harper currently serves as the Youth Director at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Newport News, where she also works with children at the St. Andrew's Day School. She previously served as the Director of Youth Ministry and Christian Education at St. John's Episcopal Church in Hampton. A Hampton native and 2002 graduate of Longwood University, Harper is one of the most experienced and dynamic lay ministers in our Diocese. She combines creativity and joy with spiritual depth and a commitment to supporting children and youth as they grow in faith. We are fortunate to have her joining us.

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Hymn Festival Planned for the Eve of Ascension, May 4, with Bruce Neswick

By Stephen G. Leist



On Wednesday evening, the Parish Choir of St. Andrew's will be joining forces with the choirs of Christ & St. Luke's and St. Paul's for a hymn festival in celebration of the Ascension. The featured guest conductor and organist will be Bruce Neswick, who has a national, if not international reputation for conducting and organ improvisation. the Ascension and interspersed with anthems and hymns.

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Harper's position will essentially combine Jessica's job with part of The Rev. Andie Rohrs' role. Harper will coordinate children's ministries and also will take over weekly direction and leadership of the youth group, though Andie will remain involved in the program – co-leading Confirmation and taking part in other select mission and formation opportunities. Andie will remain the clergy contact for young adult and family ministries, and she will continue to be a pastoral presence in the lives of our young people. One benefit of this change is that Andie's time will be freed up to allow her to grow her ministry in new ways as well. Specifically, she anticipates giving more time to pastoral care and parish life planning, including intergenerational events, ministry with parishioners in mid-life (through such groups as the Transitions in Life group), and ministry with our elderly members. Andie also will help further develop our newcomer ministry so that we can be even more intentional about welcoming and integrating new folks who join our community. Our hope is that these changes will really strengthen our ministries with people of all ages and stages of life at St. Andrew's.

Supporting a full-time Director of Children's and Youth Ministry represents an exciting evolution in our capacity as a parish – an evolution made possible by the generous, goal-surpassing pledge commitments you made for this year. Obviously, we will need to continue that trend in the future, and I trust that we can as we sustain and grow our mission together. Additionally, this kind of growth in capacity also necessitates a growth in parishioner involvement and volunteer support. As Harper joins us this summer and begins to form relationships with our young folks and their families, she will need the active support of Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, Christian Education Committee members, and others. If you have not yet been involved in our children's and youth programs, please consider joining the effort this fall. It takes a village to raise our youngest members in faith!

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The hymn festival will be in a "lessons and carols" format, with readings tied to Each hymn, played by Bruce Neswick, will feature an improvisation in place of a verse. It is a privilege to have him here, and this is an event that is not to be missed. The festival will take place at Christ & St. Luke's on Wednesday May 4 at 7 p.m.

Bruce Neswick was the organist-choirmaster of Christ Church Cathedral in Lexington KY when I first arrived there in 1993. It was under his auspices that I joined the Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys (based on the traditional British model) and subsequently had the opportunity to have a choir residency at Norwich Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. It was through him that I learned more of the content of the 1982 Hymnal, which is yet new to this church as I share it with you. I gained a wider knowledge of Evensong repertoire, as we sang Evensong once each month between September and May of each year. We never thought that Bruce would be with us long, and in 1996, he was hired away by the National Cathedral to found the Cathedral Girls Choir in that place. He has subsequently served St. Phillip's Cathedral in Atlanta, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York, and now Trinity Cathedral in Portland, Oregon. He continues to serve on the faculty of the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University in their sacred music program. A prodigious improviser, Bruce is a past winner of the improvisation competition as part of the American Guild of Organists' national convention.

This is unique opportunity for our choir and our respective churches. Plan now to attend!

Education for Ministry (EfM)



What is Education for Ministry (EfM)? Although it sounds like it, those who take this course are not training to be ordained ministers.

Rather, through reading, discussion, and reflection, they are determining what their personal ministry will be in this world. The Episcopal Church believes that every baptized person is called to ministry. EfM is designed to help you explore what that ministry might be.

The 4 year course curriculum covers the Bible, church history, and theology. This is not a Bible study course, however. Using a one-room school approach, students from all four years gather and discuss how the readings impact them – what was amazing, what was confusing, what was troubling, as well as what was delightful. They look for linkages in the lessons from each year, how what is in the Bible is reflected in history and is currently seen today. Each year we have a resource and guide book that

has a theme that is carried throughout the year. Last year's theme was living faithfully in a multicultural world while this year's theme has been how to live spiritually as a mature Christian.

During the year the students share their spiritual journeys. Each student is encouraged, through the process of theological reflection, to look at what they are learning, how the material is related to our culture and what is happening in the world today, as well as how the content impacts their personal ministry.

The EfM program is presented in a seminar format to 6-10 participants led by mentor Carolyn Money-maker. Beginning in September and ending in May, the group meets each Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The course is \$350 per year (scholarships are available). Students need not commit to the entire four years. If you are interested in attending, additional information may be found at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>. Any questions may be directed by e-mail to the administrative mentor Deane Sobol at sobold43@gmail.com. Enrollment requests should be submitted to Deane Sobol by May 20.

Upcoming Children's Activities/Youth Group Events

Upcoming Children's Activities

Even though the last class of Sunday School was on April 24, we still have some great activities planned! Mark your calendars for **Youth Sunday on May 22**. Children in second grade and above grades can join the Children's Choir rehearsals in the month of May to prepare for Youth Sunday.

Children in Pre-K through 1st grade will prepare a song to sing as well. The dates and times for rehearsals and activities are the following:

May 1, 9:00 a.m. - Children's activity and choir rehearsal in the auditorium. Drop your kids off while you attend the Annual Parish Meeting!

May 8, 9:00 a.m. - Rehearsal in the sanctuary, followed by an activity in White Hall

May 15, 11:15 a.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal following the 10:15 service in the sanctuary

May 22, 9:00 a.m. - Rehearsal for Youth Sunday in the sanctuary, followed by the Youth Sunday service at 10:15 a.m.

Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet to help with children's activities in the summer. As in years past, we are looking for volunteers to help during the Children's Chapel time frame. Coloring sheets and snacks will be provided.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

Take Me Out to the Ball Game! On Sunday, May 15, our youth group will head to Harbor Park to watch the Norfolk Tides take on the Buffalo Bisons. We'll meet in White Hall at 12:30 to leave for the ballpark for the game at 1:05 p.m. The tickets are paid for, but bring money for food and drinks. Also, watch your email for upcoming summer opportunities for day-long mission projects and fellowship events!

2016 Vestry Nominees

Drew Anderson

Drew and his wife Mary Ellen moved to Norfolk from Washington DC where they attended Christ Church in Georgetown. After visiting other churches in Norfolk they began attending St. Andrews in 2013 and joined last year. Drew grew up in Charlotte, NC and graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Drew currently works for Smithfield Foods in Smithfield, VA in the business development group. Drew, Mary Ellen, and their son Andrew (5) live in Ghent.

J. David Branch

David was raised in the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina and moved to Norfolk in 1994. He joined St. Andrews with his wife Carol, a former vestry member, and was confirmed in May 2004. He has served as a NEST volunteer and on an as-needed basis as a member of Doug Tillberg's acolyte team. Carol and David have two grown children, David and Anne Randolph Powell. He enjoys running as well as walking Gracie, their Yellow Lab/Golden Retriever mix around their West Ghent neighborhood.

Eddie Brown

Eddie grew up in Norfolk and "married into St. Andrew's" in 1982. He and his wife Jenny have been active since, raising their boys (Christopher-29 and Claiborne-24) in the church and supporting the EYC, Happening, etc. He has been a Vestry member, Sunday school teacher, volunteered for NEST, is licensed as a Eucharistic Visitor and completed the Cursillo experience. He currently serves as a Greeter and Reader/Chalicer.

Molly Dey

Molly, a lifelong Episcopalian, came to St. Andrews in 1985 as a paid singer in the choir while at student at Old Dominion University. After graduation she transferred her church membership, was married to Ted here, and together they raised their sons, Wheeler and Charley, in the St. Andrews family. Molly has served on the Communications Committee, Organist Search Committee, and has been co-chair of the Stewardship Committee for the past several years.

Jon Hanbury

Jon, a native of Ohio, grew up in the Episcopal church. She and her two young sons were invited to St. Andrew's by Amy Rhodes in the fall of 1992; she became an official member of the church in December, 1993. Since then, she has served on the Children's Education Committee, participated in the St. Martha's Circle, created goodies for Fall Festivals, volunteered by cooking meals for NEST, constructed the banners for each baptism, and attended Cursillo in the fall of 2001. In addition, she was honored to serve on the lay member committee that was established to support our deacon in training, Genevieve Nelson, last year. Jon retired from Virginia Beach Public schools in June, 2014, after 40 years as an educator. Currently she supervises student teachers from Old Dominion University as they practice their craft. She and her husband, Paul, are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild due in early May and the marriage of their younger son in June.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Parish Meeting with
Breakfast, May 1
at 9:00 a.m.

Hymn Festival, Christ & St.
Luke's, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Blood Drive, May 11
1:00-7:00 p.m.

Day of Pentecost, May 15
8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

Sandwich Ministry, sandwiches
are due by Noon, May 27

Youth Sunday, May 22
10:15 a.m.

Memorial Day, May 30
Parish Office Closed

Annual Church Picnic, June 5 at
10:15 and following

Summer Office hours begin
(9:00—2:00), June 20

Sandwich Ministry, sandwiches
are due by Noon, June 24

Vacation Bible School,
June 27-30
9:00—Noon

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! And everyone, please remember to put on your name tags each week.

Keene and Debbie Black

Charles E. Jenkins, II

T.D. and Nancy McCarthy

Lamar and Lane Raker

Ashley M. Strew

Vestry Updates

- At the March meeting of the Vestry, we finalized our plan to offer the Director of Children's and Youth Ministry job to Harper Lewis, as described in the lead article of this issue. Along with the Rector, four Vestry members (the wardens and the two Christian Education liaisons) had previously met with Harper for an informal interview.
- Also at the March meeting, we discussed final plans and revisions for the congregation's joint application with John for his potential sabbatical in the summer of 2017. We submitted a grant application to the Lilly Endowment's Clergy Renewal Program. If it is funded, John would be on sabbatical from May—August of 2017. The proposal was written with support and input from the Vestry and a planning team of parishioners, along with the staff and chairpersons of all core parish ministries. The potential plan will be shared with the rest of the congregation at the Annual Parish Meeting. Again, it is contingent upon receipt of the grant, which is a competitive process and certainly no guarantee. If we do not receive the grant, John would delay his sabbatical and apply again the following year.
- At our April Vestry meeting, we heard a report from Junior Warden Greg Murphy about final renovations on the rectory, and we toured the house to admire the changes. All agreed that Greg has done a terrific job managing this process on our behalf. Because of financial constraints, we have decided to rent the house out again. We are finalizing a contract with Doug Knack to manage the property, and we hope to have it rented by early May.

Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Births: Luke Edward Beeghly, born on Sunday, March 6 to proud parents Casey and Dan Beeghly and big brother Jack; and Victoria Helen Knickerbocker, daughter of Kiki and Mike Knickerbocker, born on Monday, April 4

Deaths: Nicholas George Wilson, III, father of Nick Wilson and father-in-law of Linda Wilson, who passed away on Saturday, March 12 in Virginia Beach; and Corinne Bariteau, long-time member who passed away on Thursday, April 7.

Baptisms: Adeline Taylor Hennessy, Jackson Lee Holloway, and Sterling Elizabeth Stephenson, Sunday, April 10.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Summer Collections for Ghent Area Ministry



"Undies Sundays"

The Outreach Ministries Committee is sponsoring "Undies Sundays" during the month of June. The "undies" will go to Ghent Area Ministry (GAM) which is a program run by a coalition of Ghent area

churches to more efficiently serve the needs of the poor in our area of the city.

GAM is always in need of packages of new men's and ladies' underwear. If you can donate, GAM would like for men - L and XL white t-shirts and size 34/36/38 boxers or briefs. White work socks, crew type like those found in bulk packages, are also needed. The most requested sizes of ladies underwear are 7/8/9. Baskets for donations will

be available in the Narthex and outside of Dennis' office. Thank you for your support!

St. Andrew's Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Andrew's will have its annual blood drive on May 11th from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Sign-up sheets to make an appointment or to volunteer at the blood drive may be found outside of White Hall. Donors are now being encouraged by the Red Cross to make an appointment and save waiting time. The Red Cross has also introduced RapidPass which will help decrease the waiting time

even more. RapidPass streamlines the donation experience by allowing donors to complete pre-donation reading and health history questions online from the convenience of a computer at home or work. It can reduce the waiting time by up to 15 minutes. You do have to complete the RapidPass on the day of donation. To get a RapidPass, visit redcross-blood.org/rapidpass, complete all of the questions, then print your

RapidPass or show it on a mobile device when come to donate. Please join us on **May 11th, between 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** to help someone you will never know have a better life. Who says there are no more heroes? Give some blood, have a nosh, socialize with other heroes – you will be a member of a very special group. Can't donate blood? Then donate some home-made goodies, or fruit, or juice.

Food Handlers Certification

When was the last time you were certified as a food handler? If it is over 2 years ago, you need to be recertified. The good news is that you can finally easily access an on-line course through the city of Norfolk ([http://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/virginia/city-of-](http://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/virginia/city-of-norfolk)

[norfolk](http://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/virginia/city-of-norfolk)). The cost of the course is \$15. The course will take about 90 minutes to complete. The passing grade is 70 and you have 2 chances to pass. When you have successfully passed the course, you may print out your own food handlers card. If you work with food in our kitchen, you must

have a food handlers card. If you do not want to use a computer, then you may attend a class offered by the city of Norfolk. You can find a listing of requirements and locations at <http://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?NID=166>

Get Ready for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School 2016 is right around the corner. Join us June 27th-30th for "CAVE QUEST". Each day from 9:00 a.m. until noon we will "Follow Jesus, The Light of the World."

Each day kids will learn a Bible Point that corresponds to a Bible story and key Bible verse. A Bible Memory "Buddy" will be introduced as well to help kids learn and remember the Bible Point. Kids will love "meeting" (through music and video clips) Sal the salamander, Mawtha the moth, Radar the bat, and Ray the glow worm. Bible Buddies have been a hit the part

two years and children are sure to love these new critters.

For VBS to be successful, we need your help! Whether it's helping to decorate the week before, preparing snacks, teaching a station, leading or helping with fun science experiments, or signing children in and out each day, we need you! Middle and High School students would be great as helpers and it can count toward community service hours. Please contact Jessica Chesson to let her know you can help.

A link to online registration may be found on the St. Andrew's website:

www.standrewsnorfolk.org



St. Andrew's Day and Picnic Sunday June 5, 2016

Join us at the 10:15 a.m. service for our annual celebration of St. Andrew's Day. We will honor our patron saint with special music (bagpipes, anyone?!) and prayers, and we will continue the festivities afterward with our annual parish picnic.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

The church will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, sheet cake dessert, water, and soft drinks. Side dishes appreciated; vegetables, devil eggs, your special casserole, cold veggies/salad, fruit etc. For more information on helping or what to bring, please contact Steve Blevins.



Mark Your Calendars

St. Andrew's HIV/AIDS Cook-in: Our next cook-in will be on Sunday, May 15, please see list of items needed on the Outreach Ministry bulletin board located outside the back door to the parish office.

Summer Office Hours: To begin on Monday, June 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Monday, September 5 (Labor Day).



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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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