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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!

Columbarium and Memorial Garden Ready for Launch after a Long and Winding Road

By Deane Sobol

In January 2014, a small group of volunteers (Jim Affeldt, Deane Sobol, Penny Lewis, Will King, Dean Rogis, Steve Battan and Mavis Benz) got together to look into the possibility of building a columbarium for St. Andrew's. At the time they set off on their journey, they had little idea just how long the road would be. In the first leg of their journey, they collected columbarium information from dozens of places, they surveyed 15 or more local churches which had columbaria, and made many visits to see what they looked like.

Then they came to a fork in the road. In which direction would they go? To the right towards construction or to the left and the end of the journey? They went to the parishioners and surveyed them to determine if the project would have their support. The overwhelming response was yes. And so the journey would continue and the first year came to an end. Next the committee began to assess the space and talk about design. More forks in the road! Which company to choose? After visiting with several, they decided to go with Homecoming, Inc., a company that offered both the columbarium niche faceplates and memorial wall plaques made out of beautiful polished granite. Their niche design provided a safe environment for a loved one's ashes throughout time.

See *Columbarium*, page 2

Doing Laundry and Spreading Love

By The Rev. Dr. Marguerite Alley

On the afternoon of January 26, a small group people gathered at Soap and Suds on Colley Avenue in Norfolk to spend some time getting to know their neighbors a little better and offering a unique service. From 3pm until 6pm, laundry service was free to anyone who came through the doors! The event happened under the leadership and guidance of Deacon Candidate Genevieve Nelson, and Deacon Marguerite Alley.

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A design was created and policies and procedure development was begun. Along the way, the committee expanded and now includes Greg Murphy and John Hudson. Drawings and policies were presented to the parishioners and the Vestry and we turned another bend into 2016. Now the end of the journey is in sight. The committee has some tasks to complete before ground is broken; these should be completed over the next couple of months.

The big news is that we are ready to offer the niches up for pre-sale and the great news is that if you purchase a niche or a memorial plaque now, you will get a 10% reduction in the

price. The standard cost for a double niche will be \$2000. The pre-sale price will be \$1800. The standard price for a memorial plaque will be \$250. The pre-sale price will be \$225. For additional information on our columbarium, a drawing of the planned space, and a view of the niche and plaques, please see the Columbarium display in White Hall, or speak to one of the Committee members.

Laundry Love, continued from page 1

Lois Gail Davis, Pat Hodge and Deane Sobol, members from St. Andrew's Norfolk and Joyce Wood and The Rev. Scott Hennessey from St. Paul's were on hand to greet people at the door, and visited with them while they did their laundry for free.

Genevieve says this about this special ministry: "Laundry Love seeks to bring economic relief by the giving the individual or family the option to redirect funds toward food, medical, gas or transportation costs as well as school supplies and other basic, everyday necessities. It is a neighboring movement that partners with individuals, groups and Laundromats to care for the poor, vulnerable and marginalized throughout the U.S."

For more information on how you can contribute or participate please contact Genevieve Nelson at nelson.genevieve@gmail.com.



Youth Program and Sunday School

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Sunday School

Sunday School has been in full swing in 2016. We have completed our third rotation. Thank you to Jamie Henthorn, Beth Murphy, Sara Burnette, Liz Minton for teaching our 2nd-5th graders. They had a great time learning about Queen Esther. Our K-1st grade class was taught by Mary Rippel, Larry Pasquinelli, and Judy Blevins. Thank you to them for teaching our younger children about Samuel.

The fourth rotation began on February 21st. Both classes will be learning about "The Mystery of Easter." Jennifer Cady, Heather Barnum, and Ginger White are teaching the K-1st grade class. Our 2nd-5th graders will be led by Deane Sobol, Ann Dodson, and Jackie Scott.

Thank to all of our children who collected money for the Stop Hunger Now meal packing event. We raised over \$29 which pays for 100 plus meals! Great job!

Join us for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:15 service on March 27th. Please help us prepare for this activity by bringing in already stuffed eggs or bags of candy. Please place them in the hallway outside of Dennis' office. (We do not need any empty eggs).

Finally, please mark you calendars for June 27th-30th for Vacation Bible School! Remember, we need middle and high school students to help. Get ready for a fun week!

Transitions in Life Group Update and Plans

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, Mar. 20

- 8:00 a.m. Rite I Service with Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Gospel
- 10:15 a.m. Rite II Service with Liturgy of the Palms and Passion Gospel (gather outside)

Holy Wednesday, March 23

- 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with healing prayers

Maundy Thursday, March 24

- 5:30 p.m. Agape meals in parishioner homes (sign up on information table in White Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Rite II Service with foot washing and stripping of the altar

Good Friday, March 25

- 12:00 p.m. Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday, March 27

- 8:00 a.m. Rite I Service (followed by Easter Breakfast in White Hall)
- 10:15 a.m. Rite II Service (followed by Easter Egg Hunt on front grounds)

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

St. Andrew's NEST Week,
March 2-9

Lenten Supper Series,
March 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Supper Series,
March 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time begins,
March 13

Vestry Nominations due for term
2016-2019, March 11

St. Andrew's HIV/AIDS/Cook-
in, White Hall, March 20

EVMS NEST week begins,
March 30

Sandwiches for the Sandwich
Ministry are due by Noon,
March 26 and April 23

Adult Forum

.Holy Living/Holy Dying: Fu-
neral and Estate Planning, Mar. 6

Jewish Perspectives on Holy
Week, with Larry Forman, Rabbi
Emeritus, Temple Ohef Shalom,
Mar. 13 and 20

Forgiveness and Healing on a
Personal Level, Apr. 10

Forgiveness and Healing in Rela-
tionships, Marty Philips, Director,
Tidewater Pastoral Counseling,
Apr. 17

Forgiveness and Healing in
Community, Apr. 24

Annual Diocesan Council Recap

- On February 6-7, our delegation traveled to Williamsburg for the Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Our representatives were Mavis Benz, Tim Coyle, Lois Gail Davis, and Jay Lassiter, along with Andie and John Rohrs and Marguerite Alley.
- The legislative agenda was light, with only two canonical resolutions that were technical in nature. They keynote address focused on racial justice and reconciliation and was delivered by The Rev. Mike Kinman, the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis.
- Our church was well represented in diocesan leadership, as Tim Coyle continues his service as Vice Chancellor, Andie Rohrs continues on the Commission on Ministry, Marguerite Alley serves on the Chanco Board and in various diaconal capacities, and John Rohrs continues as the Dean of Convocation III and became the chair of the Standing Committee.

Vestry Updates

At their January Vestry Retreat, the Vestry discussed the possibility of John taking a 12 week sabbatical during the summer of 2017. We invited The Rev. Scott Hennessey of St. Paul's to share his sabbatical experience, along with parishioner Jean Lamkin. The Vestry was supportive of the idea, and we decided to move forward with an application for funding to the Lilly Endowment. We should hear by August if the application is successful and the plan will move forward, and at that point we will communicate more with the parish.

At their February meeting, Vestry members heard from Deacon Marguerite Alley about her background and interests and also about some new outreach initiatives at St. Andrew's - namely the Laundry Love initiative and an increased partnership with the Mission of the Holy Spirit. We also reviewed the Columbarium Policies and Procedures.

Vestry Nominations Are Open!

It is that time of year again when we prepare to elect a new Vestry class at our Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 1 in White Hall. Church members may nominate other parishioners for the Vestry by submitting names to Dennis Sipes, our Parish Administrator, or to members of our three person Vestry Nominating Committee, consisting of Harper Lea, Elizabeth Evans, and Dean Rogis. Any of those three will be glad to speak to you further about Vestry service.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 11. Please ask permission first from anyone you hope to nominate. In order to serve, parishioners need to be confirmed Episcopalians and regular communicants and supporters of St. Andrew's.

Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Deaths: Frances Booker Melton, mother of Jan Melton, January 24.

Baptisms: Oliver George Longwell, January 20.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Church Mouse

Thank you to all of the shoppers who made 2015 a very successful year for the Church Mouse. The Church Mouse is one of the major fund-raising projects of the Women of St. Andrew's, and we were delighted to provide \$5,000 to the WSA for continued support of their many parish and community activities.

The Church Mouse is operated by the WSA and staffed by a host of dedicated volun-

teers – Gail Austin, Judy Blevins, Jeanne Burger, Cindy Creed, Kay Dahl, Lois Gail Davis, Mary Ellen Dechert, Candice Detloff, Ann Dodson, Carole Duckett, Sue Gates, Vicky Genesevich, Pat Hodge, Jan Kovalcik, Susan Rogis, Sharon Smith, Deane Sobol, Kat Viccellio, and Kathleen Williamson. Penny Lewis and Dana Strew are the buyers and Jane Smith, our manager, oversees the entire operation. New merchandise is arriving all the time, including great

spring sweaters and fun literary themed-items. Please stop by and take a look. The Mouse is open Monday through Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and after services on Sunday.

The Church Mouse is a great resource for gifts, and since we have no overhead, all of our profits go to support projects within our parish and community. That makes the Mouse the perfect spot for guilt-free shopping!

Flower Delivery Ministry/Flower Arranging

Our parishioners and friends who may have fallen ill, lost a loved one, and those who are homebound receive a selection of the altar flowers delivered to them by parishioners after church. This ministry brings fellowship and a friendly face to those who appreciate it dearly. You may never truly know how much it means to those whom you visit. To be a

smiling face and join our flower delivery team, contact John Chappell at 935-6180 or [jchappel-
lodu@yahoo.com](mailto:jchappel-
lodu@yahoo.com)

Also, if you would be interested in arranging flowers for the altars, baptismal font or inside the church on Sundays and special occasions please contact Debbie Goode-Jones at

dgoodejones@gmail.com or
Vanessa August at
vra2002@live.com



College Care Packages

The Women of St. Andrew's will be sending exam "care packages" to our college students at the end of April. Contributions of cash (for postage) and goodies – such as (individually wrapped) baked goods, nabs, granola bars, nuts, candy, hot cocoa mix, cookies, microwave popcorn, gum and

Pop Tarts, are needed. Please put your contributions of goodies in the church kitchen no later than Sunday, April 19. Our college students always appreciate this ministry!

PARENTS: Please call or email the church office if your

student's mailing address has changed since last fall!



Deacons Lead Effort to Support Refugees

With our Baptismal Covenant in mind, the deacons of Southern VA have come together in this season to bring light into the darkness of refugees. We are partnering with a non-profit organization, the International Rescue Committee which was founded by Albert Einstein in an effort to resettle Jewish refugees during World War II. That's all they do. Ninety-two percent of every dollar goes directly to refugee resettlement/language education and health care. A website has been set up for contributions. The website is live so that you may go there and read about the

International Rescue Committee as well as our efforts to assist. As deacons we are called to bring the concerns of the world to the church and in this very dark time in our world we all felt the respect for human dignity to be the most compelling. Contributions are anonymous and will go to the IRC offices in Charlottesville and Richmond.

As Christians, as beloved children of God, we are, all of us, the hands and feet of Christ in the world. As John the Baptist cried out in the wilderness it is now up to us to stand up and cry out for justice and mercy. We cry out not

in despair, but because we care about the brokenness of the world, and we can be agents of change. We stand beside John, asking the world to open its eyes and make a way. St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." We hope you will join us in this very relevant, timely and worthwhile endeavor! <http://diy.rescue.org/sovadeacons>

Easter Flowers

Orders for Easter Flowers will be accepted through March 20. Please use full given names (not Mr./Mrs., or other titles). Please make your check payable to St. Andrew's Flower Guild for \$10 per name. Drop your request in the offering plate or mail to the parish office. Flowers will be for both altars as well as in the Narthex and at the baptismal font .

In Memory of or In Honor of:

Name(s) _____

Given by _____



Mark Your Calendars

St. Andrew's HIV/AIDS Cook-in: Our next cook-in will be on Sunday, March 20, please see list of items needed on the Outreach Ministry bulletin board located outside the back door to the parish office.

St. Andrew's Sandwich Ministry: Our next collection date of sandwiches for the Catholic Worker will be by Noon on Friday, March 25 (Good Friday) and April 22.

Annual Parish Meeting: Sunday, Mary 1 we will hold our annual Parish Meeting where we will elect 5 new vestry members for term 2016-2019 at a 9:00 a.m. in White Hall along with a parish breakfast.

Vacation Bible School: June 27th-30th for Vacation Bible School! Remember, we need middle and high school students to help. Get ready for a fun week!



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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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