

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!

A NEW LOOK is forthcoming for our Parish E-mail Communication and Website!

By Harper Lewis Bathel and Dennis Sipes



In our ever-changing world of technology, the St. Andrew's Staff, our webmaster, Jill Pollard and our Facebook coordinator, Mary Lou Crifasi have been working to keep our parish communications, including our parish e-mail and website, current.

All of our parish communications through e-mail will soon be transitioned to a new system called Constant Contact. This system has mobile friendly versions and you will notice a clean and well-organized interface for each communication. Our parish e-mails include our weekly meditation which you are enjoying this summer, Prayers and Thanksgiving, The Saltire Newsletter, Weather Alerts, and more. This e-mail system has some unique features that will help to support our staff as we share information with you.

See *A New Look is forthcoming*, page 2

God Sightings made this year's Vacation Bible School



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

Our four day VBS program was called *Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose*. The program took place in mid-June and was a tremendous faith filled week exploring and learning about God and Jesus. We gathered over 25 children each day with a team of 20 youth and adult volunteers.

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A New Look is forthcoming, continued from page 1



We have two other online tools that we use often for communication: our church website and our church Facebook page. Our webmaster, Jill, has been working hard for the last several months to move our website to a new platform which will have a fresh look and will be more mobile friendly. Our Facebook coordinator, Mary Lou Crifasi assists with keeping our church Facebook page current with happenings in our church and the world. We are grateful to both of these parishioners for their hard work and dedication!

Research shows that over 50% of communications are viewed on mobile friendly devices, so keeping our communications up-to-date is vital in our world in order to be welcoming to visitors, newcomers, and parishioners. We invite you to share your feedback with us as we make these changes which we hope to have fully launched in the month of September.



God Sightings, continued from page 1

Our purpose for the week was for our children to know God's love for them, to learn that God is always there for them, and to understand that God created each of them for a reason.

We had two mission connections to our VBS. These missions focused a World Connections Project for Clean Water for Kids in Peru and a Community Connections Project for Home Supplies for Families in Raleigh, NC. With these two missions, we provided 25 children with access to clean water in Peru and collected 40 home supplies which will aid families who are in need in Raleigh.

Each day, when our children returned to their families, they were invited to continue their learning by reflecting on a question for the day:

- **Monday:** Look for God in Creation - where do you see God?
- **Tuesday:** What ways is God for your family, friends, and you?
- **Wednesday:** What do you think God's presence feels like? What does it feel like to have God always with you?
- **Thursday:** You have many gifts. How will God shine through you this summer? What is unique about you?

Our children and volunteers were also invited to watch for God Sightings throughout the week at VBS and outside in the world. For our week as a community, there were many sightings which included seeing God in creation, through others' actions, and in each other as we participated. We hope that you will join us for the rest of the summer and be intentional about watching for God Sightings in your daily lives. As you see these glimpses of God, may it help us to discover our individual purpose, and go, and share it out in the world!

Vacation Bible School was a Huge Success!



Photo credits to our parishioner Erica Hurlburt

Ministries at St. Andrew's



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 July 20 and August 17. We gather at Soap and Suds on Colley Avenue and 27th Street at about 5:15 pm. The event runs from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. If you want to participate, we hope you will join us for any amount of time you are able to spare! Please email Susan Burt at susanadamson@yahoo.com and let her know if you are able to join us. Donations for Laundry Love can be given to the church office. Thank you for your support and thanks to those of you who have joined us for events so far!

Our **Flower Delivery Ministry** is every Sunday (except during Advent, Lent, and special occasions) the flowers on the altar are delivered to the sick, the shut-ins, individuals who are hospitalized, or those who are celebrating special occasions. After the 10:15 a.m. service, the Altar Guild or the person who is delivering the flowers removes the flowers from the high altar and places them in the Flower Guild Room. The volunteer, who is assigned for that Sunday, picks out various flowers and greenery from the arrangements to deliver to two individuals in vases located in the Flower Guild Room. The volunteer may add a card which can be found in the Flower Guild Room. The volunteer can ask our clergy or anyone on Pastoral Care Committee for names of any parishioners who should receive the flowers that Sunday. There is also a list kept on those who have received flowers in the past and the volunteer can select any two individuals from that list that have not received flowers lately.

The parishioners who receive the flowers enjoy a short visit. Our Flower Delivery Ministry is an uplifting commitment which brings joy to both the volunteers and to the recipients. It is a fulfillment of the Christian message. We can always use more volunteers, so if you are interested in learning more about this ministry or would like to volunteer, please contact John Chappell at jchappellodu@yahoo.com or 935-6180.



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

An Evening at the Theater,
Summer Connection Eve,
July 8, 8:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Cook-in, Kitchen
July 9, 8:00 a.m.

A Day Trip to Williamsburg, Summer
Connection Event, Williamsburg
July 9

EYC Mission Trip, Raleigh
July 9-14

A Day Hike, Summer Connection
Event, July 15

French Theme Luncheon, Summer
Connection Event, White Hall
July 16, 1:00 p.m.

Let's go to the Zoo, Summer
Connection Event, Norfolk Zoo
July 22

Spiritual Yoga Retreat, White Hall
July 30, 1:00 p.m.

Down by the Riverside, Summer
Connection Event at the Nuzzos
August 12

Deadline for Sept./Oct.
Saltire articles, August 24

Parish Breakfast, White Hall
August 27, 9:00 a.m.
The Rohrs return

Kickoff Sunday, with Activities Fair
and Sunday School
Registration, September 10

First Day of Sunday School,
September 17, 9:00 a.m.

Books, Church Mouse Bargains, and
Bake Sale, September 23

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.

Ashley and Joe Barrineau

Courtney Coleman, Neraeh and Sophia

Steve Rossiter

Vestry Updates



* At the May Vestry meeting, the Vestry approved for the second time the drawing up to \$42,000 from the Memorial Endowment Fund (in accordance with Memorial Endowment Fund policy that requires two consecutive Vestry meetings for approval to withdraw funds from the Endowment Fund) to pay for structural roof and ceiling repairs in the choir room and in the classroom off of the Auditorium. These needed repairs are the result of decades of water damage and failing joists.

* At the May meeting, the Vestry approved the selection of Dean Sobol, Mavis Benz, Tim Coyle, Louis Gail Davis, and Judy Blevins to serve as delegates and alternates at next year's Diocesan Council meeting in Williamsburg.

* At the May meeting, the Vestry was presented with a glowing report on the 2016 Financial Audit conducted at the end of April.

* At the June meeting, the Vestry was presented with a glowing report on two Summer Connection events to date. Approximately, 50 people attended the Tides game on June 4. The cooking class at Kay Yopp's home also was a success on June 15.

* At the June meeting, the Vestry favorably reviewed the services, the supply clergy and attendance since John's departure on sabbatical on May 22.

Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Births: Troy Jackson Arnold, May 7, parents are Ryan and Jessica Arnold and great grandparents are Mavis and Lee Benz.

Anna James Oelschlager, daughter of Austin and John Oelschlager and granddaughter of Robbin and Larry Brett, April 18

Deaths: Lillian Dahl, mother of Georg W. Dahl and grandmother of Georg J. Dahl, May 5

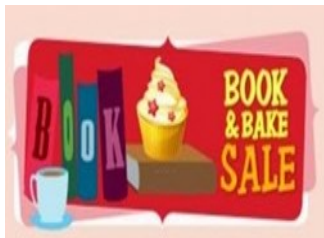
Sheila Barrie, mother of Sarah Stedfast, June 3.

Adelaide Curtis Snyder mother of Charles Snyder and mother-in-law of Lee Snyder, June 15.

Baptisms: Margaret Allison Elizabeth Scott, May 21

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

The WSA Book, Bake, and Bargain Sale is Back



Our sale this year will take place on September 23rd from 9:00 – 2:00. We will be selling our used books as well as baked goods and chili, coffee and ham biscuits. The Church Mouse will also be open with both new and sale items. Plus, this year, we will have a fall craft table with, of course, fall and Halloween-related items.

What do we want for the book sale? All types of books as long as they are in good shape – covers intact, no ripped or loose pages, no writing or highlighting. Most books will be accepted, the more current

the better. Non-fiction is always welcome as are children's books. What doesn't sell? Please do not send encyclopedias, old finance and travel books, dictionaries/thesauruses, magazines, alumnae directories, etc.

In addition, we will accept commercial CDs and DVDs, no home recording please. CDs and DVDs should be free from scratches and in their original jewel cases. Additionally, you may donate the following items, all of which must be unused and/or in like-new condition: Games (all pieces present); Jigsaw puzzles (ditto on the pieces being present); Greeting cards, notepaper, invitations; Wrapping paper, gift bags, bows; Prints for framing (matted or unmatted); Specialty napkins (e.g. cocktail), party plates, and cups; Photo albums, scrapbooks, scrapbooking

paper.

Is there anything that you can do to help? Absolutely. We need people to bake: cakes, pies, breads, brownies, cookies, etc. Lots of volunteers are also needed to sort, set up, and sell. You can sign up in White Hall.



Every Child Needs Music

Children benefit in many ways from active participation in music. Countless studies have long demonstrated higher academic achievement among children actively involved in music. These same children demonstrate improved self-esteem, increased social awareness, the ability to work with others, and greater leadership skills.

Music is also a powerful teaching tool. So many skills and concepts are wisely and widely taught to children and adults alike through the application of music. Music was even a required component of a

“classical” education as far back as the time of the ancient Greeks. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, “Music is the universal language of mankind.”

As Christians however, music has much more importance than the academic value. As such a strong teaching tool, music is an important means of learning to incorporate our Christian values into our soul. As such, the Episcopal Church has a long and important history of music. Hans Christian Anderson wrote, “Where words fail, music speaks.”

I hope parents will plan to include regular, active participation in the musical life of St. Andrew's for their children when the

“lazy days” of summer come to an end and we move into the busier lives of the fall and winter months. While we will need singers in the Children's Choir, the children also need the musical connection to our Christian values offered by this choral experience.

The Children's Choir participates musically in the liturgical life of St. Andrew's at various times through the year. Parents should look for more information about the Children's Choir, including schedule, as September approaches.

By Richard Rigg,
Associate Director of Music Ministry

Sabbatical Summer Connection

Our Summer Of Connection continues with vigor and enthusiasm. We assume John and Andie and family are enjoying their sabbatical time. We are certainly enjoying the summer activities funded by the sabbatical grant and coordinated by our own parishioners.

On June 4th approximately 50 people gathered for a Norfolk Tides game. It was a great time of Sabbath with other parishioners and a good game.

On July 16th we will gather for a French luncheon following the service. This happens to coincide with Bastille Day and John and

Andie's trip to France. We encourage all to participate.

On July 30th we will gather for a Yoga Retreat in White Hall led by Beth Murphy.

The participation and coordination of the small group activities are booming. We have groups planning trips to the zoo, the theater, and Williamsburg. We have other groups planning to dine out, watch a movie, attend a yoga retreat, and visit the Chrysler Museum and Glass Studio. Please share your experiences and put photos on the bulletin board. We also would love photos to post on our Facebook page and website in

accordance with the church social media policy.

By Doug Mitchell, *Senior Warden*



Congratulations to our Graduates!

College Graduates

Charles Kensett Dey, University of North Carolina Wilmington, B.S. in Business Administration, Sales & Marketing

Elizabeth Sarah Gollither, College of William and Mary, B.A. in Psychology, minor in Creative Writing

Molly Travers Golski, University of Virginia, B.S. in Global Studies, Environment & Sustainability

High School Graduates

Trafton Addison graduated from Norfolk Collegiate and will attend the Engineering School at Virginia Tech in the fall.

Carter Branham Snow Furr, III graduated from Norfolk Academy. He will attend the University of South Carolina this fall.

Isabel Glass graduated from the International Baccalaureate program of Granby High School. She is attending the University of Virginia this fall.

Church Mouse Gift Shop

During the summer months of June, July, and August the shop will be open after both Sunday services. On selected Sundays we will be offering sample of our food products, so please come by and try them. Of course we will have gifts available for every occasion and new items from time to time. Hope we'll see you there.

Centering Prayer

A small group of parishioners participate with other area church members in Centering Prayer sessions meet every Wednesday morning at 6:30 am in the Guild Room. **Centering Prayer** is a *method* of prayer, which prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence, traditionally called contemplative prayer. Rev. Julia Dorsey started this prayer practice at St. Andrew's in 2005, the sessions are open to everyone, and won't you consider joining.

Holy Communion

Whenever you may be worshipping at St. Andrew's and for whatever reason you are not able to come to the rail for Eucharist, just notify an usher of your need, and the clergy will be delighted to serve you in your pew. Also, gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine.



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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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