

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!

Hymn Festival 2018

By Stephen G. Leist, Director of Music Ministry



St. Andrew's will be the setting for this year's Three Choirs Hymn Festival for Ascension on Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the third year for what has turned out to be a successful musical occasion and collaboration between the St. Andrew's Parish Choir and the choirs of Christ & St. Luke's and St Paul's churches, with their respective choirmasters, Kevin Kwan and Chuck Woodward. We are pleased to have as this year's guest conductor, Walden Moore, Director of Music at Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven, Conn. In addition to hymns appropriate to the Easter season and Ascension, special choir music will include *Ascendit Deus* by the late Tudor composer Peter Philips, a setting of *King of Glory, King of Peace* by the contemporary American composer Andrew Clarkson using the tune *General Seminary* found in our hymnal, and a grand anthem by 20th century American composer Leo Sowerby, *Be ye followers of God*.

Walden Moore has been the Director of Music at Trinity since 1984, where he conducts a choir of Men and Boys, Men and Girls, and the Parish Choir, which is an adult mixed choir. These choirs are renowned for their music in support of services and special programs undertaken each year. He is a 1980 graduate of the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, where he studied with Robert Baker and Gerre Hancock.

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A Summer of Peace ... For our children, youth, and adults

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

Did you know the word peace appears in the NRSV Bible over 337 times? Knowing this, peace is an important mission that we are challenged to pursue as Christians throughout our entire life.

In Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount*, he begins with the Beatitudes where he shares "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." We discover this entire sermon in Matthew's gospel, chapters 5-7. Jesus' sermon covers

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Walden is frequently in demand as a guest conductor and organist at choir festivals across the nation. He has been the guest Music Director for Royal School of Church Music in America courses at King's College in Wilkes-Barre PA and Charlotte NC. He was also a guest lecturer for the Diocese of Virginia Leadership Program for Musicians workshop in Richmond in 2014. Since 2007, he has been on the faculty of the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music.

In other music news, the last Sunday for our Parish Choir will be Pentecost Sunday on May 20. Beginning the following week, our annual summer choir begins. All that is required for summer choir is to show up at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday morning to run through the hymns of the day. Summer choir will run through to Labor Day weekend. If you are thinking of choir but are not sure, or like to sing but don't have time during the regular season, this is a good opportunity. In June, I will be travelling to San Antonio, Texas, to attend the annual conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians. This will be a particularly important event for me this year, as I will be starting a 3-year term as editor of the *The Journal of the Association of Anglican Musicians*. This has been a primary resource for my professional development, and I was honored to be elected to membership in 2010.



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many themes that grow out of this initial focus on peacemaking. He discusses how to be in relationship with others, the challenge of loving your enemies, the importance of giving to the needy, how to pray, how to fast, how to withhold judgment, and more. One

could argue that living as a peacemaker is a central thread that ties together the whole framework of his sermon.

This summer our children and youth will be focusing on many of the themes in Sermon on the Mount as they learn about peace and discover how to be peacemakers. In June, our 10th – 12th grade youth will travel to Northern Ireland on a Peace Pilgrimage where they will learn about the region's history of conflict and how various communities there have worked for peace. This experience will give our pilgrims a chance to deepen their relationship with God and with each other while reflecting on the value and importance of peacemaking. They will gain skills and perspectives that aid in seeking peace in our own context and communities.

In July, our younger parish children will participate in a "Peace Lab" experience at Vacation Bible School. Based on a curriculum developed by the Mennonite community, the Peace Lab helps children explore in fun and meaningful ways the role of peacemakers in finding good ways to solve problems, help other people, speak up for what is right, and asking for help to resolve conflicts.

We are currently discerning ways in which our Summer of Peace will extend to adult learning and formation as well. There is a possibility that we will be asked to be a pilot site in a national church initiative to help congregations learn about the roots and realities of conflict in the Holy Land, and how Episcopal churches can be engaged in the work of peace in that region. If that does not come to fruition, we will explore a book study or a field trip or another means of learning. Stay tuned!

In the meantime, we encourage you to reread Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Reflect on what Jesus' words mean to you in this period of your life. This will be an exciting time for our parish as members of all ages journey together in this Summer of Peace. We will have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with God, with each other, and our understanding of God's call to live as peacemakers in our local community and world. Join us!



A **HUGE** thank you to all who supported our Children and Youth Ministries!



We have had a wonderful year of formation for our children and youth through our offerings that included our Nursery, Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Acolyting, and EYC. Our programs touched over 70 children and youth along with their families.

Our children's offerings focused on over 30 Bible stories through reflection, prayer, art, games, music, and fun. Our youth built deeper relationships, reflected on scripture and prayed, assisted with several mission projects, enjoyed fellowship offerings, went to Chanco, and had fun! A special thanks to all who supported our offerings with their time, dedication, and creative energy. Our volunteers and staff included:

Nursery offered for ages 0 – 4: Ashlee Erestain, Hayley White, Kristin Johnson, Penny Lewis, Sheri Searing, and several of our teens and nursery parents who volunteer several times throughout our year.

Sunday School offered for ages 4 – grade 5: Emily Goodman-Scott, Erica Hurlburt, Sarah Black, Harper Lea, Bug Gallagher, Dianna Wassell, Mary Lou Crifasi, Savannah Dunlap, Kacky Bryant, Mary Rippel, Heather Barnum, Jessica Chesson, Charlie Hinsch, Melissa Reese, Brett Bathel, Sarah McBride, Hadil Arusi, Alison Dahl, Sheri Searing, Ryan Reese, Mary Ellen Anderson, Drew Anderson, Ann Larkin, Abby Larkin, Sue Gates, Marguerite Alley, Jon Hanbury and Harper Bathel.

Children's Chapel offered to ages 4 – grade 5: Jessica Chesson, Charlie Hinsch, Charlotte Zito, Lois Gail Davis, Harper Lea, Jan Melton, Heather Barnum, Judy Blevins, Amber Pickrell, Kathleen Williamson, Margaret Bishop, Jessica Chesson, Amber Pickrell, Charlotte Zito, Harper Lea, Susan Rogis, Sheri Searing, Hayley White, Jackie Scott, Melanie Sewell, Judy Blevins, Deane Sobol **Special Offerings:** Ann Larkin, Abby Larkin, Mary Ellen Anderson, Page Lea, Richard Rigg, and Harper Bathel.

Youth offerings for grades 5 - 12: Amber Pickrell, Jim Pickrell, Bonnie Johnson, Doug Tillberg, Andie Rohrs, Andy Larkin, Brett Bathel, Ginger White, Evelyn Stanley, Francesca Jankosky, George Pegram, Harper Bathel, James Philput, John Rohrs, Madeline Williams, Tim Sobol, Tucker Jankosky, and a special thanks to all the youth parents who supported us as drivers and volunteers for our offerings.

EYC goes to Topgolf

Sunday, May 6
12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Cost is \$15

Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship as our regular offerings come to a close for the year. Lunch will be provided. Friends are always welcome. Scholarships are available, ask Harper.

Summer offerings will be offered for our youth including volunteering at our VBS in July. Stay tuned for details in our Youth offerings emails.



Vacation Bible School 2018

July 16 – July 19
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
at St. Andrew's

open to rising K-5th graders

Our themes for our four days will include: Blessed are the peacemakers. Peacemakers find good ways to solve problems. Peacemakers help other people. Peacemakers speak up for what is right. Peacemakers ask for help to resolve conflicts.

We will learn about being peacemakers through Bible stories, skits, music, art, games, and more. Friends are welcome!

Registration opens for participants and youth and adult volunteers on St. Andrew's website on Tuesday, May 1. Join us!

Questions, to volunteer, or to R.S.V.P. for any of these offerings, please contact Harper Bathel at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org.

2018 Vestry Nominees

Pat Turney Garris

Pat grew up Roman Catholic in Santa Fe, NM; she was Received in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Rose in 1975. She was a member of Good Shepherd and their Bookkeeper when, in 1993, she was offered the opportunity to also work for St. Andrew's. She accepted, discovered she had been led to her spiritual home, and made the decision to transfer to St. Andrew's during Cursillo in 1998. She continued as Bookkeeper for both parishes until 2000, led a Diocesan workshop for Treasurers, and has more recently helped count and record donations. She was a Stephen Minister and Leader, and served on two OEP committees. Pat completed EFM in 2005, has written Advent and Lenten meditations, and enjoys the "Women of the Way" and "Transitions" book groups. Her children, Mary and William, enjoy attending St. Andrew's when they visit Norfolk.

Nancy King

Nancy and her family became members of St. Andrew's in 1990. She has been involved in a number of church ministries including Christian education, choir, Gospel Lights, Flower Festival, and the college care package ministry. She has also served a previous term on the Vestry. Nancy's teaching job at West Ghent School keeps her connected with St. Andrew's on a daily basis.

James H. Lasley, Jr.

"Jay" and his family began attending St. Andrew's shortly after moving to Norfolk in 2011. He has served on the Stewardship Committee for several years and participated in NEST. Jay and his wife, Emily have three children, Jack (13), Kate (11), and Sam (9) and live on the campus of Norfolk Academy.

Derris Lea Raper

Derris has been a member of St. Andrews for 36 years, and has served on the Vestry, various parish and diocesan committees and in the choir. Co-author of the 100th anniversary history of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, he also served as Historiographer of the diocese 1985-1998. After teaching college for 35 years, he is now enjoying retirement. His life partner Stephen Batten, was head of the Flower Guild for over two decades, and a member here for 34 years

Deane Sobol

Deane Sobol was baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew's Church and reaffirmed her faith in 2006. Her husband, Tim, was received into the church in March of 2011. Deane previously served on the Vestry from 2011-2014. She is currently active in the Women of St. Andrew's, the Outreach Committee, the Pastoral Care Ministry, and the bell choir. She also helps to mentor the Education for Ministry program. Deane was born and has lived in Norfolk all of her life. She received her B.S. in Medical Technology from Old Dominion University and her Master of Arts in Human Resources Management from George Washington University. After working for the American Red Cross for 35 years, she retired in 2012.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Parish Meeting with
Breakfast, May 6
at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Blood Drive, May 9
1:00-7:00 p.m.

Hymn Festival, May 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Day of Pentecost, May 20
8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

Women's Meet, Greet and Swap,
May 23 in White Hall
7:00—8:30 p.m.

Sandwich Ministry, sandwiches are
due by Noon, May 25

Annual Church Picnic, June 3
flowing the 10:15 service

Memorial Day, May 28
Parish Office Closed

Summer Office hours begin
(9:00—2:00), June 18

Vacation Bible School,
July 16 – July 19
9:00—Noon

Sandwich Ministry, sandwiches are
due by Noon, June 22

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 you nametags during coffee hour so that we can all get to know one another better and build community.

Sarah and Matt Frauentzimmer,
daughters Mari and Lissy
1007 Graydon Ave, 23507

Sabrina and Tom Warburton,
daughters Sophia and Gabi
1349 W. Princess Anne Rd,
23507

Sally and Joe Mayes,
daughter Alexandra
1956 Munden Point Rd.
VB, VA 23457

Vestry Updates

- At the March Vestry meeting, the Vestry discussed several new communications strategies for the parish. These included the possibility of making audio recordings of the sermons, to be posted on the website and on social media; better publicity and usage of the church's social media platforms; occasional printing of the full service in the bulletin on special feast days; increased giving opportunities through the website and text-based services, and more.
- At the April meeting, we heard an update on safety and hospitality projects. Donations have been received for the installation of two AEDs (defibrillators), and they will soon be ordered and installed in the narthex and in White Hall. Vestry and staff members will be trained on their proper usage. We also continue to raise money and wait for cost estimates for the proposed project shortening several pews in the church to allow for improved hospitality and accessibility for those in wheelchairs.
- Also at the April meeting, we reviewed the results of the January/February parish survey regarding the church's mission statement and core values. There were 24 respondents, which is a relatively small number, but there was nonetheless some helpful and interesting feedback. We will share with the parish at the Annual Meeting in May.

Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Births: Riley Anne Adams, Born March 12, 2018 in Nashville, TN. Daughter of Leigh and Brewer Adams. Granddaughter of Becky Ruffin.

Charlotte Walden McCorry was born on March 13th at 8:37 p.m. to Laura and Gavin McCorry and big sister Madeleine

Evelyn Monroe Rogis, the daughter of Sarah and Dean Rogis and granddaughter of Susan and Dean Rogis, was born on Friday, March 23.

William Reid Beeghly born April 19, to parents Casey and Dan Beeghly and big brothers Jack and Luke.

Deaths: Edna O'Brien, mother of Lynda Leigh and grandmother of KK West and Jenny Leigh who passed on February 28.

Charles M. Cooper, son Prior and Gerald Cooper, who died Feb. 26 in California .

Elisabeth "Deta" Beaman, long time member, died peacefully at home on Monday, February 19.

Donald Andrew Burnett, father of Sally Marr, who passed away on Tuesday, April 3.

Sohail Elias Arusi, the husband of Sabah and father of Eli, Hadil, and Iyad, April 14.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Women's Meet, Greet and Swap

All of the women of St. Andrew's from nineteen to ninety-plus are invited to a fun social event where the goal is to get to know one another better. **The "Swap" will be held on May 23, 2018 from 7 PM until 8:30 PM in White Hall.**

We are calling it an "Accessory Swap" for everyone is invited to bring scarves, necklaces, any kind of jewelry, purses, etc. to contribute to the event. Contributions are optional, however. Please wear a favorite

accessory and come prepared to tell the story behind it. Attendees may bring a "finger food" dessert (store-bought is great!) if convenient. Beverages will be provided.

Many of us who have the time volunteer for St. Andrew's but don't get to know women outside of our project. Those who are new to St. Andrew's may wish to know other women better. Working women may not have the time now to engage in St. Andrew's many ministries. This

occasion is for you. We can promise you a warm welcome and an enjoyable evening on May 23rd.

—The Reverend Andie W. Rohrs
Penny Lewis and Linda Wilson

Summer Collections for Ghent Area Ministry



Please remember the poor and homeless people in Norfolk during the summer.

GAM Food Pantry is in desperate need of stock replenishing! Our shelves are almost empty due to the large numbers of clients we've been helping with food in recent months. With the move back to 1301 Colonial Avenue we are easier to find, which is good and not so good. Also, we are always in need of white cotton socks, and underwear. If you can donate any of these items,

please bring them to the church, or you may deliver them personally!

Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup

Cereal, Soup

Canned Meats

Crackers

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Thank you for your continued support!

St. Andrew's Red Cross Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive is coming on May 9th from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sometimes we all need to be reminded of the statistics: more than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day in the U.S.. This comes out to just under 15 million units that are needed annually. How many blood donors are

there? About 9.2 million. Although 38% of us are eligible to donate blood, only about 10% of us actually do and many give no more than once per year. We also need to keep in mind that as brilliant as scientists can be, they have been unable to duplicate an artificial blood that works like the

original substance. So, with a little twist on the Golden Rule, Give unto others as you would have them give unto you. Be a life-saver (literally), donate blood. Sign-up sheets for both donors and volunteers are outside of White Hall. Our goal is to schedule 70 donors.

Education for Ministry (EfM)



What is EfM? Although it sounds like it, those who take this course are not training to be ordained ministers or deacons. 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. Nor are

students expected to give reports on reading content. Using a one-room school approach, students from all four years gather and discuss how the readings impacted and challenged them. The students look to see how the readings from each year might be linked, how Biblical content and history are reflected in our lives. Each year we have a resource and guide book that has a theme that is carried throughout the year. For example, one year's theme was living faithfully in a multicultural world while another theme was 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 hap-

pening in the world today, as well as how the content impacts their personal ministry, theology and beliefs.

The EfM program is presented in a seminar format to 6-10 participants led by mentors Carolyn Moneymaker and Deane Sobol. Beginning in September and ending in late May, the group meets each Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The course is \$375 per year (scholarships are available). Students do 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 27.

St. Andrew's Day and Picnic June 3, 2018

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 at sblevins@standrewsnorfolk.org.

Mark Your Calendars

St. Andrew's HIV/AIDS Cook-in: Our next cook-in will be on Sunday, May 28.

Summer Office Hours: To begin on Monday, June 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Monday, September 4 (Labor Day).



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a heart for the world.*

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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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