

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!

Youth Group Planning Peace Pilgrimage



By Harper Bathel, Director of Children and Youth Ministry

As we begin this new year, there is some fantastic news to share! St. Andrew's has received a pledge of \$16,000 from the Shafer Trust, a fund administered by Kellam, Pickrell, Cox, and Anderson that promotes peacemaking. With this generous grant, we plan to take a group of our graduating 10th – 12th grade youth on a peace pilgrimage to Northern Ireland in June 2018. John, Andie, and I are thrilled to receive this grant on behalf of this faithful and talented group of young people. This pilgrimage is scheduled for Saturday, June 16 – Saturday, June 23, 2018.

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Introducing Hands United Building Bridges

By The Rev. John Rohrs

For the past year and a half, I have been involved with a group of clergy called Hands United Building Bridges. It is an intentionally inter-faith and inter-racial group that came together to talk about race and racial justice and religious understanding and cooperation. The group first got organized after the shooting of Freddie Gray in Baltimore, in hopes of building relationships of trust in Norfolk, lest such a tragedy ever hit close to home.

We meet monthly, always an important and challenging time of sharing and dialogue. Many positive efforts have also resulted. A new clergy patrol program
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It is important to note that this is a one-time grant. We do not anticipate being able to take this kind of trip in the future, so we will enjoy this unique opportunity for this particular group of teens. We will be working with leaders from a gifted non-profit organization, Wonder Voyage, who will assist us in planning, implementing, and personalizing this peace pilgrimage for us. Their mission statement reads: “an extraordinary non-profit that creates personalized pilgrimages and mission trips. Our voyages encourage an encounter with the heart of God through exploration and sacrificial service to distinctive communities around the globe. Through Wonder Voyage, each event becomes a journey and every participant a pilgrim.”

On this peace pilgrimage, our focus will include connecting with one another and with God, building relationships with the people we encounter, learning about Celtic Christianity, and having some fun adventures. We also will have the opportunity to explore Northern Ireland’s history of inter-religious and inter-culture conflict and how they have come together to pursue peace. Our youth will have the opportunity to see Dublin, the Corrymeela Community, Derry, and Belfast (among other locales.) Our hope is that this experience will give our group a chance to reflect on the value of peacemaking and gain perspectives that will aid in seeking peace in our own context and communities.

Our hope is to take at least twelve young people and two or three adults on this pilgrimage; however, we can accommodate a group size of up to twenty individuals. This grant will be applied to the costs of the entire pilgrimage which will bring the costs down dramatically for each of our participants. The initial cost estimate for fifteen individuals for airfare, travel, meals, transportation, and lodging is approximately \$3,200 per person. The grant funding brings down the cost to \$1,800 per student.

In the coming months, we will have a few pilgrimage fundraisers to help offset some of these expenses through different church-sponsored offerings. Families of participants will help to sponsor these events. The first will be on Fat Tuesday, February 13, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in White Hall. Please mark your calendars and more details will follow. Also, be on the lookout of other opportunities to support our youth.

This is an incredible opportunity for our young people and St. Andrew’s! This peace pilgrimage will be a journey to grow, learn, and to be changed – a faith pilgrimage of a lifetime.

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takes area clergy on police rides to offer pastoral care and aid to people and communities impacted by violence. Group members have also participated in a number of community forums, including taking part in the art show and programming we organized last January at Work | Release (now Commune).

This January, we are “going public” more broadly with a number of special events, organized in partnership with the Urban Renewal Center directed by Dr. Antipas Harris. People from St. Andrew’s are encouraged to attend, and please contact me with questions and interest. Here are the highlights:

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| Friday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. | Lead Like King Gala at First Presbyterian Church, to celebrate young people who demonstrate commitment to peace and justice in the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. St. Andrew’s is a table sponsor and has seating. |
| Sunday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. | City on the Hill Forum on Race and Faith Today, a panel discussion featuring Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders from Hampton Roads |
| Monday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. | Free screening of the film Marshall at the TCC Roper Theater, followed by a panel discussion. |

Sunday School

Children's Ministry (grades K – 5th)

Our Sunday School is a wonderful offering from 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Join us, upstairs in room 204 and 208, as we explore a new Bible story through discussion and interactive activities, and learn a new Episcopal term each week. Friends are always welcome!

A special thank you to our teachers who taught block 2: Dianna Wassell, Charlie Hinsch, Savannah Dunlap, Mary Lou Crifasi, and Betty Wade Coyle. Their focus was on the Abraham and Sarah's Visitors, Isaac's Blessing, and A Child called Emmanuel. There was a special cooking offering where our children made communion bread which was led by Kacky Bryant and Mary Rippel. In December, we had a special Advent offering and project led by Mary Ellen Anderson, Drew Anderson, and Harper Bathel.

For block 3, our teachers will include Heather Barnum, Melissa Reese, Alison Dahl, and Sheri Searing. Our focuses will be on Jesus' Baptism, The Disciples, The Lord's Prayer. **Would you like to be part of this incredible ministry?** We are still looking for teachers

to complete our amazing group of volunteers. Please e-mail Harper Bathel at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org or call 757-622-5530 to find out more about this fantastic program!

Children's Calendar in January and February, ages 4 – grade 5 are invited:

Sunday, January 7 at 9:15 a.m.; Block 3 begins

Sunday, January 14 NO Sunday School (Martin Luther King Weekend)

Sunday, January 21 at 9:15 a.m.; Block 3

Sunday, January 28 at 9:15 a.m.; Block 3

Sunday, February 4 at 9:15 a.m.; Block 4 begins

Sunday, February 11 at 9:15 a.m.; Block 4

Sunday, February 18 NO Sunday School (President's Day Weekend)

Sunday, February 25 at 9:15 a.m.; Block 4



Youth Corner

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

Open to grades 6th – 12th



EYC Beach Retreat: Friday, January 12 – Sunday, January 14

4:30 p.m. Friday – 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Our theme for this retreat will be Light, the Season of Epiphany. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, to explore your relationship with God, to enjoy the beach in the winter, and to have fun with your peers. The cost is \$25 – scholarships are available.

EYC: Sunday, January 28, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. EYC goes to lunch and the movies! Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun at the movies. Friends are welcome. Drop and pick up will be at St. Andrew's. The cost is \$10.

EYC: Tuesday, February 13, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. EYC supports the peace pilgrimage. Join us in White Hall as we assist with the Pancake Supper and Pilgrimage Fundraiser. Friends are welcome. Dinner will be provided.

EYC: Sunday, February 18, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EYC supports Rise Against Hunger. All youth are needed to help with set up for Rise Against Hunger. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to stay from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. to work with our parish to pack 10,000 meals for hunger. Friends are welcome. Earn service hours!

AND... Mark your calendar for **Diocesan Youth Weekend at Chanco, May 18 - 20 – May Weekend** for grades 6-12

For more information or to R.S.V.P. for an event, contact Harper Bathel (hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org) or 622-5530.

Vestry Nominations for 2018-2021

The **Congregational Meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2018**. At that meeting the nominating committee of the Vestry will propose a slate of candidates for membership on the Vestry. The nominating committee requests that parishioners suggest names of other parishioners for consideration by the committee (**nominations must be submitted no later than March 16, 2018**). All names submitted to the nominating committee will be considered, and a slate of five (5) candidates will be proposed for ratification at the Congregational meeting.

Please be certain that all persons submitted for consideration by the nominating committee have agreed to serve on the Vestry if they are asked and have met the following qualifications for Vestry:

To be considered for nomination to the Vestry, the Diocesan Canons require a person to be at least 18 years old and be listed in the parish register as a confirmed communicant in good standing. In addition, a person offering for the Vestry should be aware that: Vestry meetings are normally held on the third Monday of each month. Typically they run from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 or 8:30 p.m. Members of the Vestry are each assigned to a committee. Committees typically meet on the first Monday of each month.

To: The Nominating Committee of the Vestry of St. Andrew's Church

From: _____(Your Name)

Please consider the following person for inclusion on the slate of five(5) candidates to be put forward for ratification at the Congregational Meeting on **May 6, 2018**. I have discussed the matter with this person and they have agreed to have their name offered for consideration by the nominating committee.

NAME OF THE PERSON TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Feast of Lights Candle Light Service, Jan. 7, 5:00 p.m.

Annual Yankee Gift Swap/Chili Dinner, White Hall, Jan. 28, 5:30 p.m.

Valentine Sunday School Activity/Parish Life Breakfast, White Hall, Feb. 5, 9:00 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, White Hall, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Services, Church, Feb. 14, Noon and 7 :00 p.m.

Rise Against Hunger, White Hall, Feb. 18, 2:00 p.m.

NEST, White Hall
Feb. 28– March 6

Adult Forum

What it means to be a Christian with
The Rev. John Rohrs, Jan. 7

What it means to be an Episcopalian,
with The Rev. Andie Rohrs, Jan. 21

What it means to be a member
of St. Andrew's with
The Rev. John Rohrs, Jan. 28

Vestry Forum with The Rev. John
Rohrs, Molly Dey, Sr. Warden and
Page Lea, Jr. Warden, Feb. 4

Chanco Capital Campaign with
Gareth Kalfas, Director of Chanco,
Feb. 11

Building Bridges Across Lines of Race
and Religion, The Rev. Dr. Antipas
Harris, Director of the Urban
Renewal Center, Feb. 25

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.

Evelyn Stanley

Alex and Dan Westcott, and son Ian

Vestry Updates

- At its November meeting, the Vestry welcomed Larry Brett, St. Andrew's Treasurer, as he presented the initial draft budget conveyed by the Finance Committee. The Vestry subsequently began discussing on possible changes to arrive at a balanced budget.
- Also at the November meeting, the Vestry approved work on the front entry path into the church, to replace with blue stone and brick to match the grounds of the memorial garden. The sidewalk will also be repaired in that area.
- The Vestry also approved the use of endowment funds to pay off the remainder of the capital campaign loan, which is around \$35,000-\$40,000. The plan will be to pay back that amount into the endowment through the operating budget over the coming several years, in addition to any further contributions that come.
- We had a brief discussion about church security in the wake of the shooting at a church in Texas. We will continue this discussion early in the new year, and expand it to include a broader discussion on emergency preparedness, church security, and practices of hospitality.

Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Births: Miles Robert Hurlburt, son of Erica and Ryan Hurlburt and baby brother of Iris, Oct. 17.
Shiloh Elyse Stephenson, daughter of Lindsay and Andy Stephenson and sister of Sterling, Nov. 9.
Max Michael Goodman Scott, new son of Emily and Tim, little brother to Kate and Greta, Dec. 4.

Deaths: Diane Florienne Samareh, Oct. 25.
Emmie Pittman Harris, the grandmother of Emilly Lasley, Nov. 13.
Betty S. Hines, the mother of parishioner Jerry Hines, Nov. 18.
Jimmy Wayne Bryant, husband of Nancy Kimsey, Dec. 3.
Lena Elizabeth Walker, mother of Pat Perry, Dec. 2
Macon Brock, brother-in-law of Doug Perry, Dec. 9

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

2018 Altar Flowers Signup



2018 Altar Flowers sign ups are now up for people wishing to sign up for altar flowers, If you would like to remember a friend or family members by donating altar flowers, please

call or send Dennis a note requesting your dates and altar @ 622-5530, dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org or you can sign up at the Lay Reader bulletin board near Andie's office under Altar Flowers Sign Up sheets.

We would like to encourage other areas of the church e.g. Narthex (\$25 for an arrangement) and at the foot of the Baptismal Font for \$50). Flowers for the high altar are **\$80.00**, flowers for the Lady Altar

are **\$55.00**. For more information please contact Venessa August at vra2002@live.com or Debbie Goode Jones at dgoodejones@gmail.com

Thank You to our Church Volunteers

Each week at least 10 to 15 people give of their time so that others can experience life change through the ministry at St. Andrew's. The truth is that the structure and workings of a church are only as good as the church's volunteers. We serve an incredibly amazing God and He builds His church with people who are willing to love and serve others. The staff can and should do much to lead this, but regardless of the size

of the church, paid staff is never enough to accomplish the mission. Thank you for being willing to hold a stranger's weepy child during service so they can enjoy listening to the Word of God. Thank you for the hours you spent creating curriculum for the child who insists on coloring it and creating a paper plane. Thank you for standing at the door of the sanctuary simply to smile and welcome people in. But most of

all, thank YOU for believing in St. Andrew's. You are an integral part to our efficacy in the community. Thank YOU for being part of the St. Andrew's Church family.



Annual Gift Swap and Chili Dinner



Annual Gift Swap/Chili Dinner: Sunday evening, January 28th is the date for our Annual Yankee Swap and Chili Dinner. This popular event is a favorite in our parish. Here's the way the evening works ~ we gather at 5:30 pm for a delicious chili dinner and then the fun begins! Bring in your silliest Christmas gift ~ the

gift that you just HAVE TO part with ~ the gift that you can't believe ended up under your tree ~ and the swap begins. All gifts must be wrapped. So this year, as you linger beside the tree on Christmas morning keep your eyes peeled for the perfect Swap gift for St. Andrew's

NEST Week Is Coming

Mark your calendar now for February 28 – March 6. That's when St. Andrew's will host the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST).

A few words of background for those who are not familiar with the program...

NEST is a multi-faith coalition of over 30 churches and synagogues that work collaboratively to provide overnight shelter for homeless men and women during the winter months. It was founded in the mid-1990s, and St. Andrew's was one of the first to sign up.

The NEST shelter operates from the beginning of December through the end of March. Each site hosts the shelter for one week, after which it rotates to the next location. The shelter week runs from Wednesday evening through the following Wednesday morning. There are normally two sites in operation each week. Guests walk to sites that are near downtown Norfolk, and are transported by bus to outlying locations. St. Andrew's is a walk-

up site.

The NEST program has no paid staff and is run entirely by volunteers. It has no official affiliation with the City of Norfolk, although the city does provide grant money that helps to pay for the bus transportation.

NEST is not a permanent shelter, soup kitchen or halfway house. It's strictly a barebones overnight shelter to give homeless men and women a safe, warm refuge from the city streets on winter nights. We do, when possible, try to connect guests with city services for their specific needs.

We will accommodate up to 60 guests each night in White Hall. About one-third of them are normally women. We do not accept children, except in emergencies. The doors open at 7pm. Guests receive a hot meal, sleep on mats on the floor, eat a light breakfast and leave the building by 6:30am. It takes a host of volunteers to manage the NEST shelter for a week – typically about 15-20 per

night – to serve as shelter managers, cook and serve meals, clean up the kitchen, set up the sleeping mats and blankets, staff the registration desk and take overnight shifts to ensure the safety and security of guests through the night. There's plenty of work for everyone. We need YOUR help. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted soon.

Let me leave you with this thought. Next Sunday, take a fresh look at the six stained glass windows depicting the acts of corporal mercy from the Gospel of Matthew, and ponder in your heart about Jesus' unambiguous call to action in reaching out to those who are hungry, thirsty, unclothed, sick and lonely. That's exactly what NEST is all about.

Jim Rhodes

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Mark Your Calendars

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Wednesdays, January 3 from 7:30-8:30 a.m., White Hall. –

Transitions in Life Meeting: Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Guild Room – Our Transitions in Life will begin the new year with a discussion of the classic book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Rabbi Harold Kushner. It is quite short and easy to read, and all are welcome to the meeting.

Women of the Way: Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6:30-8:00 p.m. – The Women of the Way will gather for fellow-

ship and a discussion of *Love Heals* by Becca Stevens. Contact Andie for more details.

St. Andrew's Cook-in: Our next HIV/AIDS Cook-in will be Sunday, January 18 at 8:00 a.m. in the Kitchen.

St. Andrew's Sandwich Ministry: Our next collection date of sandwiches for the Catholic Worker will be by Noon on Friday, January 26 and Friday, February 23.



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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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