

The Saltire



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**January &
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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!

St. Andrew's Welcomes New Staff Members

By The Revs. John Rohrs and Connie Jones

We are excited to announce the addition of two new members of the staff team at St. Andrew's! One of them, The Rev. Dr. Connie Jones, is already familiar to many of you. Connie retired from Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, this summer, and has joined us as a Priest Associate. She will introduce herself further in the second part of this article. We are blessed to have her here!

We also are pleased to welcome Allison Eney as our new Director of Parish Communications. Allison will begin the second week in January. As we explained previously, this is a new, part-time position (10-15 hours per week) to accommodate Dennis Sipes' reduction in hours as he spends extra time caring for grandchildren. Dennis will remain the Parish Administrator and still will keep regular office hours from approximately 9:00 – 2:00 Monday through Friday. He also will retain his normal duties, with the exception of much of our parish communications, which he will hand over to Allison. This includes maintenance of the website, production of our newsletters, and other communications.

Allison has an extensive and impressive career in this field. She graduated from Mary Washington College with a degree in Public Affairs Journalism. She worked as the Assistant Director of News and Information Services at Mary Washington, and then worked for the City of Virginia Beach as the Media and Communications Coordinator. Subsequently, she held leadership positions in the communications departments at Norfolk Southern and APM Terminals. Most recently, she directed marketing and special events for the Virginia Beach SPCA.

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Connecting Our Stories and God's Story

By The Rev. John Rohrs

Story-telling is at the root of our faith. The Bible itself is a collection of stories – the greatest stories ever told. Jesus built relationships and formed disciples by telling stories that we call parables. Each week in worship we recall the stories of Scripture, and we bring them to life in our music, in our preaching, and in our many cherished traditions and rituals. Beyond that, in a more subtle way, what ultimately holds us together as a parish family is the intertwining of our stories, and the many ways in which we care for each other in times of joy and grief.

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The birth of her son, Thomas, led Allison to step back from this professional track about five years ago. Now, Allison is easing back into professional work in a part-time capacity. This position appeals to her in terms of its balance and scope, and also because of the growing and welcoming nature of our parish community. Allison grew up in the Lutheran Church and is familiar with the language and life of the church. She looks forward to joining us in January, and I know she will be a great gift to our staff team and to our parish.

A Word of Introduction from Connie Jones:

“What is a Priest Associate?” This question I’ve had a few times is usually followed by, “We already *have* an Associate Rector!”

So since John has already introduced me in an email, I’ll just answer the question. An **Associate Rector** is called by the Rector with the Bishop’s consent and the Vestry’s. She works very, very hard in her areas of responsibility and serves in the pulpit and at the altar almost every Sunday.

A **Priest Associate** like me *was once* a Rector (or Associate Rector, as I was at Grace Church, Yorktown) but is now retired. At official retirement (which is age-mandated in the Church) clergy must leave their old parishes. So since I live in Norfolk, I went hunting for a new church family where I could worship, and where I could be useful from time to time. Except when visiting my grandchildren in Richmond and Wisconsin, St. Andrew’s was my first choice..

John and Andie and Marguerite have welcomed me warmly, and so have many of you. I’ll be leading the Transitions group and I will fill in from time to time as preacher or celebrant. I’ll lend a hand in pastoral care when called on, and along with John and Andie and other Norfolk clergy, I’ll bring a Sunday afternoon service to Harbor’s Edge. A Priest Associate, I think, is a bit like a utility infielder in baseball -- you’re on the bench most of the time, but if the shortstop gets the flu you can step in because you’ve played that position before.

In the meanwhile, I’ll be learning your names as best as I can, and showing up at various events so I can get to know you better. A thousand thank-yous for the warm, generous welcome you’ve shown me already.

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During the coming seasons of Epiphany and Lent, we will embark on a thematic journey together, exploring how our stories connect with God’s larger story of salvation. You will see this in our Adult Forum schedule, which will feature a chance to share our faith stories, to reflect on the church’s (his)story, and to deepen our understanding of God’s story through a study of Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Our Lenten Supper program will pick up this theme as well, as we gather for Dinner Church, a new formation model spreading across Christian denominations. We will share conversation over a meal, focusing on Lenten themes of Blessing, Wilderness, Redemption and Resurrection. At the close of each conversational evening, we will conclude with an informal celebration of the Eucharist. Older children will be invited to take part through planned activities and conversations, and childcare for younger children will be available.

The Women of St. Andrew’s are planning a Parish Lenten Retreat around a corresponding topic, and you may stay tuned for more details on that. It is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 9 and will be open to all.

These interconnected programs offer a wonderful opportunity to deepen our faith and to connect with one another in a meaningful way. It does not need to be deeply personal sharing, and no one will be compelled to share anything they prefer to keep to themselves. Rather, this is a way to build community and deepen connections. The more we are able to hear and to share one another’s story, the more it helps to open our hearts to God’s story and to what God is doing in the world. Please join us!

For our St. Andrew's Children & Youth

Join us this Winter for Sunday School!

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

Our fall offerings for Sunday School have been wonderful as our kids and teachers explore Bible stories, learn Episcopal terms, and pray together! Our focus in November and December was on a Veteran's project and an Advent offering. We also studied David and Goliath, Jonah and the Big Fish, and an Angels visit to Joseph. This winter, we plan to focus on some of our great Gospel stories from the New Testament - Luke, Matthew, and Mark. Join us upstairs for these offerings!

A special thank you to our teachers - Amber Pickrell, Ryan Reese, Harper Lea, Page Lea, Trisha Kern, Charlie Hinsch, and Harper Bathel who taught our ages 4 – 6th graders!

Children's Calendar for Sundays in January and February:

January 6 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

January 13 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

January 20 NO Sunday School (Martin Luther King Weekend)

January 27 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

February 3 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

February 10 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

February 17 NO Sunday School (President's Day Weekend)

February 24 at 9:15 a.m.; Sunday School

Children's Chapel is offered for ages 4 – 10 every Sunday in January and February during the first part of our 10:15 a.m. service. Please meet in the Narthex to be part of this ministry for our kids!

We are still looking for teachers to complete our amazing group of volunteers. To sign up visit the bulletin board outside of White Hall or contact Harper Bathel at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org.



Youth Corner

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

Open to grades 6th – 12th



EYC Resolutions for 2019 & Mission Night: Sunday, January 6, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this fun night of prayer, fellowship, an outreach project, and more. Dinner is provided.

EYC Beach Retreat: Friday, January 18 – Sunday, January 20

5:00 p.m. Friday – 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Our theme will be "You are Light" as we focus on the season of Epiphany. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with your peers, to explore your relationship with God, to enjoy the beach in the winter, and have a lot of fun! The cost is \$30. Scholarships are available, ask Harper.

EYC goes to lunch.: Sunday, February 3, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Our youth will pick one of their favorite places on Colley to eat. Then we will walk over and enjoy lunch before the Super Bowl! Friends welcome.

EYC supports Rise Against Hunger: Sunday, February 17, Time to be Determined

All youth are invited to help to prepare our space for this mission project. The packing of meals will follow. Friends are welcome. Earn service hours!

EYC hosts NEST: Sunday, February 24, 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Our youth and families come together for a fantastic night of mission as we host our neighbors in our community. Parents and EYC Leaders are needed to help host. (**Shift 1** is from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m./**Shift 2** is from 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.) Drop and pick up will be at St. Andrew's

AND... Save the date: May Weekend at Chanco! May 18 – 20 for grades 6 - 12 .

Questions or to R.S.V.P. for an event, contact Harper Bathel at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org.

Vestry Nominations for 2019-2022

The **Congregational Meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2019.** 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 15, 2019**). 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 5, 2019.** 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. 6, 5:00 p.m.

Annual Yankee Gift Swap/Chili Dinner, White Hall, Jan. 27, 5:30 p.m.

Valentine Sunday School Activity/Parish Life Breakfast, White Hall, Feb. 10, 9:00 a.m.

Rise Against Hunger, White Hall, Feb. 17, 2:00 p.m.

NEST, White Hall
Feb. 20- Feb. 27

Adult Forum

The themes this year are related to sharing our stories of faith and connecting to God's story of salvation.

This first unit in January and early February doubles as our Inquirer's Class and is geared toward newcomers and old timers alike.

All classes meet in the Auditorium.

January 6 and 13 at 9:15 a.m.
Sharing Our Stories

January 27 at 9:15 a.m.
St. Andrew's Story, in narrative, photographs and videos

Feb. 3 and 10 at 9:15 a.m.
The Church's Story, in Southern Virginia and Beyond

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.

Maureen Carlson

Christine Hebert

Tam Lazenby and Toni Speach
and daughters Eloise and Lucy

Vestry Updates

At our November meeting, the Vestry welcomed Jim Rhodes, the Chair of the Finance Committee, who introduced the draft budget for 2019. We discussed the budget and also reviewed the stewardship campaign thus far. A final, balanced budget will be approved at the December Vestry meeting.

We also noted the landscaping that had recently been completed by Wedgwood. They did a nice job and it really cleans up the grounds and ties in with the plantings around the columbarium. We will be painting a few pipes and perhaps planting a few extra bushes to hide the pipes. The next round of landscaping—on the Princess Anne Road side—will be completed in 2019.

Our Guild Room “facelift” is almost complete! We are so grateful to the following folks who offered advice in the process: Susan Woolfitt, Linda Wilson, Alexandria Snyder, Beth Murphy, Deane Sobol, and Melanie Sewell. Thanks also to our team of mighty painters expertly led by Jim Kruger: Bob Woolfitt, George Pegram, Debbie and Keane Black, and Drew Anderson. And finally, thanks to those who made quiet contributions to make the improvements possible. We are grateful that the room is more functional and welcoming for all who use it!

Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Baptisms: William Reid Beeghly, Eleanor Josephine Bota,
and Elizabeth Ferebee Kitchin, Nov. 4

Deaths: Charles Daas, son of Mary Daas and brother of Martha Daas, died on Tuesday, Nov. 27.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

2019 Altar Flowers Signup



2019 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

Baptism and Communion 101

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Sundays, January 27 and February 3.

Our annual offering is an opportunity for parents and other inquiring adults to explore the meanings of baptism and communion in the Episcopal Tradition. This offering will be held in White Hall from 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Leaders: Mrs. Harper Bathel and The Rev. Dr. Marguerite Alley

To learn more or to sign up, contact Harper at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org.

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



Annual Gift Swap and Chili Dinner



Annual Gift Swap/Chili Dinner: Sunday evening, January 27th 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

As most of you probably know, St. Andrew's is one of 30+ churches and synagogues participating in the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) program, which provides overnight refuge to homeless men and women during the winter months. The NEST season runs from the beginning of December through the first week of April. It's a rotating shelter; each site hosts the shelter for one week, then hands it off to the next location. Normally we have two sites each week. Locations near downtown Norfolk (such as St. Andrew's) are designated "walk-up" sites. For locations further out, NEST runs a school bus to deliver and pick up guests.

Our NEST week at St. Andrew's runs from Wed. Feb. 20 through Tues. Feb. 27. We will be

paired with Talbot Park Baptist Church (a busing location). During that week, we will open White Hall for 50 or more homeless guests. It's strictly a barebones shelter. Each guest gets one foam rubber mat and a wool blanket on the floor. The shelter hours run from 7pm to 6am. We feed our guests a hot evening meal and a light breakfast in the morning. They must be out of the building in time to clean up before the West Ghent School students and teachers arrive.

We depend on volunteer workers to staff the shelter each night. Last year, our parish put in a total of nearly 500 hours of manhours during NEST Week, with an average of 15-20 volunteers every evening. There are plenty of jobs to go around, including chefs, cooks, evening

helpers and overnight watchkeepers.

To my mind, NEST is one of the most important outreach ministries of our parish. It's a rare opportunity to answer Jesus' call in a direct and personal way. If you've volunteered for NEST in the past, you know what I mean. If you haven't, I urge you to look closely at the messages in the six stained glass windows on either side of the church sanctuary and consider how you can play a part in giving our homeless brothers and sisters a safe and warm place to sleep on cold winter nights.

A signup sheet will be posted in January. Please ponder on it. Pray on it. Then act on it.

Jim Rhodes
St. Andrew's NEST Chairman

Choir Residency at Lichfield Cathedral, August 2020

By *Stephen G. Leist, Director of Music Ministry*



As announced previously in a summer edition of the *Saltire*, the St. Andrew's Choir will be singing at Lichfield Cathedral in England the week of August 10-16, 2020. We will be the choir in residence at that time. What does this mean? For the choir, being in residence means that we will provide music for the daily services at the cathedral, which consists of Choral Evensong in the late afternoon, and on Sunday providing a sung Eucharist in the morning and concluding with Evensong at the end of the day. The choir will have much to learn, and we will be sharing some of that with you over the next 18 months.

Lichfield is located in the northern midlands in the county of Staffordshire. The cathedral was the burial place of St. Chad, who was bishop there in the 7th century. The current building, completed in the 14th and 15th centuries, is particularly noteworthy as the only cathedral in England with three spires.

Watch for bulletin announcements for upcoming Evensong services and make plans to attend. The next one will be March 10, 2019. A choir committee will also be planning some events in which you can participate and help support our choir in making this trip.



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*A neighborhood church with
a heart for the world.*



St. Andrew's Mission Statement

***St. Andrew's is a vibrant, in-
clusive parish, formed in the
fellowship of Christ.***

***We strive to be a place of
hope for all people, to reach
beyond ourselves,
and to manifest God's love in
the world.***

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