

The Saltire



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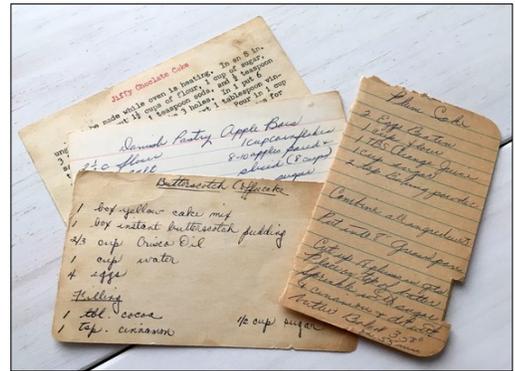
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The Saltire is a bi-monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Through feature stories, photographs and updates on events past and future, *The Saltire* provides a window into the vibrant life of our parish family. Historically, a "saltire" is the X-shaped cross associated with St. Andrew. For us, as for him, it is a symbol of faith and life!

DISHING UP STORIES - MAY 22, 2019

By Linda Wilson

Do you have a "comfort" food that makes you, your sick children or your family feel better when you need a lift? Is there a recipe that your mother made that you remember from your childhood? How about a particular dish that marks a celebration or one that just makes the holiday meal special? Have you borrowed something from here, there and added your own touch for a signature creation?



Food is surely the tie that binds, feeding our bodies and our spirits. It weaves its way through Scripture from the apple in the Creation story, to the manna that sustained the Israelites during their sojourn to the Promised Land to the bread and wine of the Last Supper. The very act of cooking, providing a meal, satisfying another's hunger, is a form of love.

A special food doesn't have to come from your kitchen. In our hectic lives it is often what we like to take home from a restaurant or the grocery store. These count, too!

The Women of St. Andrew's will come together the evening of **Wednesday, May 22, from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** to share recipes, these special foods and the stories accompanying them. Please mark your calendars now and plan to be there! If you can't prepare food or pick up anything, come anyway. There will be plenty for all.

We would love to exchange recipes so if you could either bring yours on an index card or email it to Jessica Horner at jessica.k.horner@gmail.com we will make sure that these are shared with everyone at St. Andrew's.

As an added attraction we'll offer door prizes to area vendors and a \$250 gift certificate to the Kitchen Barn, a fabulous culinary supply store at Hilltop in Virginia Beach.

Come to share in the abundance of our blessings and a prayer for all people!

HOLY WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORKED WITH OUR CHILD AND YOUTH MINISTRIES!

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



This was a wonderful year for our formation programs! Our many offerings included our Nursery, Sunday School, Children's Chapel, EYC, and other special programs. 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, learning about our Episcopal identity, and fun. Our youth built deeper relationships with each other, reflected on scripture and prayed, assisted with several mission projects, enjoyed fellowship offerings, went on faith retreats to Chanco, and had a lot fun! A huge thanks to all who supported our offerings with their time, dedication, and creative energy. Our volunteers and staff who worked with our offerings included:

Nursery offered for ages 0 – 4: Ashlee Erestain, Emily Scott, Annie West, Rebecca Barnum, Reilly Gallagher, Rebecca Pegram, Penny Lewis, Sheri Searing, Emma Searing, Noelle Searing, and

several of our teens and nursery parents who volunteer several times throughout our year.

Sunday School offered for ages 4 – 5th grade: Emily Goodman-Scott, Savannah Longest, Melissa Reese, Ryan Reese, Trisha Kern, Aarynn McMahon, Ann Larkin, Jessica Chesson, Sarah McBride, Sarah Black, Amber Pickrell, Charlie Hinsch, Mary Ellen Anderson, Drew Anderson, Harper Lea, Mary Rippel, Marguerite Alley, Harper Bathel

Children's Chapel offered to ages 4 – 5th grade: Lois Gail Davis, Amber Pickrell, Charlotte Zito, Margaret Bishop, Jan Melton, Kathleen Williamson, Harper Lea, Sheri Searing, Heather Barnum, Melanie Sewell, Jackie Scott, Marti Drummond-Dale, Alexandra Nolde, Charlie Hinsch, Sarah Black, Miranda Philput, Alison Dahl, Isaac Zito, Anna Rohrs, Deane Sobol, Richard Rigg, Harper Bathel

EYC offered to grades 6 - 12: Brett Bathel, Savannah Longest, Jan Melton, Francesca Jankosky, Tucker Jankosky, Andie Rohrs, John Rohrs, Marguerite Alley, Harper Bathel and a special thanks to all the youth parents who supported us as volunteers and drivers for our events.

May Weekend at Chanco

Friday, May 17 – Sunday, May 19

Open to grades 6 - 12

Our theme for this spring faith retreat will be *God's love is ...*
How would you finish this sentence?



2019 VESTRY NOMINEES

Mavis Benz | Born in Newfoundland, Mavis grew up in the Anglican church. She began attending St. Andrews when she moved from Chesapeake to Portsmouth in 2002, and transferred her membership from her former church in Newfoundland in 2012. During her time at St. Andrews, Mavis has volunteered and been a buyer at the Church mouse, been Pastoral Care leader, has previously served on the Vestry, is currently reader and chalice and an active member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry. During her 15 years as leader, the Pastoral Care Ministry expanded to Eucharistic Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry and Card Ministry.

Bonnie Johnson | Bonnie and her husband Kurt joined St. Andrews in 2010 after a military move to the Hampton Roads area. Bonnie grew up in Terre Haute, Indiana, where she was an active youth member at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church until heading off to college. Bonnie currently is a Lay Reader/Chalice and Acolyte Team Member. Bonnie and Kurt are the proud parents of Kara (21), Kristin (19) and Blake (16).

Harper Lea | Harper is a native of Norfolk and grew up going to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She and her husband, Page, were married at St. Paul's in 2005. Harper, Page and their two sons, Preston and Christopher (ages 9 and 6), joined St. Andrew's in January of 2013. Harper is a member of St. Andrew's Christian Formation, Fall Festival, Flower Delivery, Flower Guild, Hospitality, Stewardship and VBS Committees. She also is a Children's Chapel leader and Sunday School teacher. Harper and her family love being a part of the St. Andrew's family.

James Philput | James and his wife Miranda joined St. Andrews in 2013 after moving to the West Ghent side of the neighborhood. James grew up in the Episcopal church, attending Old Donation in Virginia Beach and playing an active role in that church and Camp Chanco until his late teens. He continues to be actively involved with Chanco on The James Camp and Retreat center as a member of its board of directors and the parish representative to St. Andrew's. James works as a computer security architect, and has two children, Lucas and Julia.

Nate Rippel | Nate and his wife Mary joined St Andrew's in 2012 shortly after moving to the neighborhood of Colonial Place in Norfolk. Nate is an active volunteer with NEST, and he and his wife recently cooked dinner for two of the Lenten Dinner Church meals. Mary also has volunteered for several sessions as a Sunday School teacher. Nate and Mary's twins, Alex and Lilly, were baptized at St Andrew's in the summer of 2012. Alex and Lilly are active members of EYC and also serve as acolytes.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Mother's Day
May 12

Laundry Love
May 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Soaps N Suds, Colley Ave.

Vestry Meeting
May 20 at 6:30 p.m., White Hall

Sandwich Ministry
May 24 - Sandwiches due at Noon

Memorial Day
May 27 - Office Closed

Hymn Festival
May 30 at 7 p.m., Christ & St. Luke's

Annual Church Picnic
June 2 following the
10:15 a.m. service

Pentecost
June 9
8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

Vestry Meeting
June 17 at 6:30 p.m., White Hall

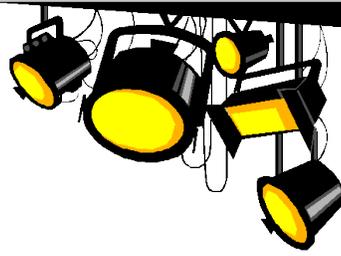
Laundry Love
June 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Soaps N Suds, Colley Ave.

Sandwich Ministry
June 21 - Sandwiches due at Noon

Vacation Bible School
June 24-27
9 a.m. - 12 noon

Independence Day
July 4 - Office Closed

ST. ANDREW'S SPOTLIGHT



We are thrilled to share two outstanding recognitions that our parishioners have received in 2019. Going forward, we envision this “spotlight” feature to include news about the good works our St. Andrew’s parishioners are doing in the community, as well as short profiles about our members.

In January, **Georg Dahl** was recognized as a Living Legend of the Tidewater Council of the Boy Scouts of America. These “living legends” are recognized for their generous support of the Scouting program in the Tidewater area. Georg joined Cub Scouts with his son in 1989 and is a current member of the Bayside district committee and a council volunteer. He also volunteers with Troop 24, chartered by Larchmont United Methodist Church. Outside of scouting, Georg is a board member of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, and a state judge at MATHCOUNTS, a nationwide middle school mathematics competition. Congratulations, Georg!

On March 23, **Alice and George Bangs** were recognized by St. Patrick’s Catholic School during their annual Servant Leadership Awards Dinner. Each year, the eighth grade class is asked to develop a list of attributes that demonstrate a commitment to the Life of Vocation and then, with the help of their pastors, nominate members of their congregations who best reflect those qualities. Honorees are brought to Saint Patrick Catholic School for a special “Reveal Ceremony” in which they are made aware of their award and are invited to attend a dinner in their honor at the school. Both Catholic friends and friends of other faiths are represented at the dinner, with the graduating class serving the meal to the award recipients and their friends and family. Congratulations to Alice and George!

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.

Erin & Ryan Colston
(Parker and Blair)

Appalonia Edwards

Cynthia & Jeremy Jones

Danielle & Zac Norris
(Luke, Noah, and Raina)

VESTY UPDATES

At its March meeting, the Vestry reviewed some newcomer updates and continued to discuss follow ups from the Vestry Retreat and Staff Retreat. The Rector and Wardens provided an update on the purchase of a used Cleveland Kettle for the kitchen, as well as plans for the renovations of the bathrooms in the ambulatory hallway behind the altar. We also noted plans to begin using biodegradable plant-based disposable products at coffee hour and receptions.

In April, the Vestry discussed a proposal for adult formation offerings in the fall of 2019 and spring of 2020. The plan is to utilize a longer-term small group curriculum at Sunday morning Adult Forum, and then once a month to interrupt that focus for a more broadly-appealing topic featuring the Rector or other clergy/guests teaching in White Hall over breakfast. In the fall and again in the spring, we also are considering complementary pilgrimage/retreat trips to build on these opportunities for spiritual formation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

You are invited to ...

Who is my Neighbor? *Learning to Love like Jesus* Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 24 – Thursday, June 27
9 a.m. – 12 noon at St. Andrew's

Registration opens for participants and volunteers on St. Andrew's website on Wednesday, May 1.

Our themes for our four days of VBS will include:

- To discover Jesus' instructions to love God and your neighbor
- To recognize what it means to be a good neighbor
- To think about living peacefully with neighbors
- To understand that everyone is included as neighbors and invited to God's table
- To see an example of sharing God's gifts with church communities and neighbors



We will learn about who are our neighbors and being a good neighbor through Bible stories, music, art, games, and more. Friends are welcome!

Adults and teens are needed to volunteer in all areas of VBS – please sign up by e-mail Harper Bathel at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org or register on our website. Join us!

Closing VBS Program: Thursday, June 27 at 11:45 a.m. in the Auditorium

All are invited to experience what our VBS program has taught our kids and volunteers! A simple reception will follow after our program in White Hall.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY AND PARISH PICNIC

JUNE 2, 2019



Join us on Sunday, June 2 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 and prayers, and continue the festivities afterward with our Annual Parish Picnic. Lunch will be served from 12-12:30 p.m.

The church will furnish the main meal of picnic fare and drinks. Side dishes and desserts are most appreciated, so please bring a dish to share if you are able. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact the parish office.

MAKING EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME AT THE TABLE

Food has always been a central feature of fellowship. Time and time again in Scripture, we learn of Jesus breaking bread and sharing meals with his friends and others in the community. At St. Andrew's, we enjoy many opportunities to gather around food. Sunday coffee hours, parish breakfasts, Lenten dinners, and special parish life events are just a few of our regular events that involve eating together.

Several of our parishioners have severe food allergies, and others have dietary restrictions. We are working to become more hospitable to ensure that everyone feels "welcome at the table." A set of Food Hospitality Guidelines has been adopted to serve as a resource as parishioners are planning and serving food at St. Andrew's events. It is posted in the kitchen and is available on the website under the "Publications and Media" tab.

Some of the guidelines include simple modifications such as If you are putting purchased food out on a tray or serving bowl, please save the ingredient list from the package. If you are looking for recipe ideas, our folks with severe allergies are always happy to offer suggestions. As we continue to work on our hospitality at parish events involving food, we are grateful for your input and suggestions. Thank you for your help in making all of our parishioners feel as included as possible!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SACRED MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE - MAY 30

Three Choirs Festival for Ascension Day

On Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m., the Choirs of St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, and Christ and St. Luke's join forces with organ and brass to present a festival service of readings and music for Ascension Day. Conductor Richard Webster from Trinity Church, Boston will lead us in an uplifting evening of song. Free-will offering, reception to follow. Christ & St. Luke's is located at 560 West Olney Road, Norfolk.



PARISH PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Births

Zoe Belle Gonzalez

Born Friday, March 22 to parents Jen Nuzzo and Oscar Gonzales (Grandparents Wendy and Lee Nuzzo)

Deaths

Pamela Hyatt, a member of the St. Andrew's Choir for more than 30 years, passed away on March 1.

Nancy Perry Fitchpatrick, grandmother of Lindsay Stephenson and great-grandmother of Sterling and Shiloh Stephenson, passed away on April 18.

Dr. Claude Smith, husband of Jane Smith, passed away on April 16.



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

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St. Andrew's Mission Statement

*St. Andrew's is a vibrant,
inclusive 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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