

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!

MINISTRY NIGHTS AT ST. ANDREW'S

By The Rev. John Robrs

On Monday, July 1, we launched a new offering at St. Andrew's, Quarterly Ministry Night. Part fellowship and part administrative, our intent for these evenings is to foster open and easy communication among our parish committees, and help introduce our ministries to interested parishioners in a hands-on way. Subsequent Ministry Nights are scheduled for October, January, and April, always on the first Monday of the month unless noted otherwise.



Each evening begins with a time of fellowship over a light supper. The Rector will share some words of welcome and introduction, and general announcements. As supper winds down, we split up into various parish committees, which then will conduct their regular discussion. Interested parishioners are welcome to sit in on any conversation in order to learn more about the ministries of the parish and to consider how they might like to be involved.

We hope that this new format will have several benefits. For example, if two committees are collaborating on a project, or need to check in about dates or use of space, they can simply cross the room and meet together. Newcomers will have an easy way to learn more about the mission and ministry of our parish, and committees will have a ready-made mechanism to invite and incorporate new volunteers.

Our inaugural meeting included the following committees: Buildings and Grounds, Christian Formation, Outreach, Pastoral Care, and Worship. In subsequent meetings, we may add Communications, Finance, Parish Life, and Stewardship.

It may take a few months to work out the kinks, but our hope is that this will be a positive and helpful initiative in the long run. If you would like to attend and are not currently on a committee, please RSVP to Dennis Sipes at dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org. Thank you!

HAPPENING AROUND ST. ANDREW'S



HELP US PREPARE FOR THE WSA BOOK, BAKE, AND HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE (B3) SALE

Mark your calendars! The Women of St. Andrew's will host its Annual Book, Bake and Holiday Boutique (B3) Sale on Saturday, October 12. The event will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we need you to help us make the event a terrific success!

For the book sale, we are looking for the following items:

- Adult, teen and children's books in good condition (no missing or stained covers, torn spines, loose or marked up pages);
- CDs and DVDs in satisfactory condition (no scratches that interfere with playing) and in their original jewel cases;
- New, unused, and in their packaging Paper items such as wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, gift bags, gift boxes, decorated paper plates and napkins; journals and notebooks; greeting and note cards;
- Games and Jigsaw Puzzles with boxes intact and all pieces present.
- We also need - boxes with tops (particularly the ones that photocopy paper comes in or bank boxes). Please bring them in – they are great for packing the books and small sale items. We can also use paper grocery bags with handles (no plastic bags, please).



Please **DO NOT** bring or send the following items

- mildewed, musty, or water-damaged books; Reader's Digest Condensed books; encyclopedias; travel and financial books; dictionaries or thesauruses; textbooks; magazines; souvenir books from places visited; college or town directories; Bibles. Please, do not bring home-recorded CDs or DVDs, VHS tapes, or audiotapes.

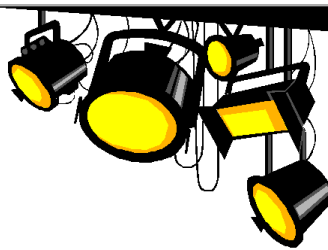
The Crazy Crafters are also looking for material. The great thing about crafting is that you can often recycle material that is just sitting around. The Crazy Crafters are looking for any of the following that are in like-new condition:

- Silk flowers, small pine cones or decorative cones (not the ones you see all around Norfolk); wired ribbon in fall and Christmas colors; mini-Christmas tree ornaments;
- Unique beads or charms that you no longer wear;
- Small to medium baskets (good quality, not dollar store or Easter type baskets), preferably without a handle (no large baskets, please);
- Unique containers that may be used in flower arrangements for the holiday season (no clear glass vases for flower bouquets, please).

Information on the bake sale and other B3 events will come out later this summer!

Please leave all donations on the stage in the Auditorium and label them "B3."

ST. ANDREW'S SPOTLIGHT



We are thrilled to share another community recognition of one of our parishioners!

Hilarie Wakefield Dayton and Little Stitch Studio



Earlier this spring, *Inside Business* featured a profile of parishioner Hilarie Wakefield Dayton and her business, Little Stitch Studio. Located at 807 Shirley Avenue in Ghent, the studio offers individual and group sewing and crafting classes, workshops and parties.

The article details how Hilarie turned her passion for sewing, which began at only four years old under her grandmother's watchful eye, into a thriving business. She told the reporter, "I remember sitting there at the table with her and becoming hooked," she said. "That's all I ever wanted to do."

Hilarie taught her first private lesson in late 2014, and business quickly took off. Needing more space, Little Stitch Studio has been at its current location since July 2017.

She also recently has written a book to help sewers get started and build their skills. Released earlier this summer, "Sew Bags: The Practical Guide to Making Purses, Totes, Clutches & More; 13 Skill-Building Projects" is available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble Booksellers. A book tour is planned for this summer.



You can learn more about Little Stitch Studio on their website, www.littlestitchstudionorfolk.com.

Do you have good news to share or have someone in mind you'd like to suggest for a profile in an upcoming Saltire? Please email aenedy@standrewsnorfolk.org

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Independence Day
July 4 - Office Closed

Laundry Love
July 18 at 5:30 p.m.
Soaps N Suds, Colley Ave.

Sandwich Ministry
July 26 - Sandwiches due at Noon

Laundry Love
August 15 at 5:30 p.m.
Soaps N Suds, Colley Ave

Women of St. Andrew's Meeting
August 21 at 6:30 p.m., White Hall

Sandwich Ministry
August 23 - Sandwiches due at Noon

Vestry Meeting
August 26 at 6:30 p.m., White Hall

Labor Day
September 2 - Office Closed

Men's Fellowship Breakfast
September 4 at 7:30 a.m., White Hall

Senior Choir Rehearsal Begins
September 5 at 7:30 p.m.
Choir Room

Choir Bootcamp
September 7 at 9:30 a.m.
Choir Room

Kickoff Sunday
(Activities Fair, Parish Breakfast,
Sunday School Open House)
September 8 at 9 a.m., White Hall

VESTRY UPDATES

At the May meeting, the Vestry reviewed the newly revised Safe Church policies adopted by the Diocese of Southern Virginia. These policies were approved by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church and handed down to dioceses for implementation. Each parish in the Diocese is asked to approve the revised policies and put them into practice. Our Vestry voted to approve at this meeting. The policies include many changes to better safeguard our parishioners. First, they extend protective practices and awareness re: elder abuse, in addition to child abuse. They streamline requirements for background checks and for safe church training. They also require every who holds key access to our buildings to undergo a basic level of training (called "universal" training), in addition to staff and key volunteers who take more advanced training modules. Harper Bathel serves as our Safe Church representative. Please let Harper or the Rector know if you have questions.

At the June meeting, we welcomed Allison Eney, Director of Communications, who shared her early work and impressions with the Vestry. We also had some brief conversation and brainstorming about communications ideas and needs in the parish. Additionally, the Rector briefed the Vestry on a couple of community initiatives with which he is involved. He is assuming a leadership role in Hands United Building Bridges, serving as the co-chair along with two others. And we are reforming a coalition focused on mental health awareness and resources; the coalition is undertaking an initiative targeting the business community as partners in reducing stigma related to mental illness.

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.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Gabby Allen, Norfolk Collegiate - Plans to attend American University

Kate Furr, Norfolk Academy - Plans to attend University of Virginia

Rebecca Pegram, Norfolk Christian Schools - Plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University

Mary Rigg, Deep Creek High School - Plans to attend Virginia Wesleyan University

Rachel Sutelan, Norfolk Collegiate - Plans to attend College of Charleston

Kenneth Riley Golski, Virginia Tech - B.A. in Geography

Luke Longest, Old Dominion University - B.A. in English

Savannah Dunlap Longest, Old Dominion University - B.S. in Marine Biology

Rowan Miller, Hampden-Sydney College

Ashleigh Nottingham, College of William and Mary - B.A. in Finance from the Mason School of Business

James McCaw Pickrell III, College of William and Mary - B.A. in Government and History

Margaret Elizabeth Ruffin, University of the South - B.S. in Biology



MISSION REPORT JANUARY-JUNE 2019

The Mission Report is a new feature of the Saltire and is scheduled every four to six months as a regular recap of the life and ministry of our parish. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure make this mission possible! Thank you!



- ◆ Packed 12,000+ meals for school children through Rise Against Hunger.
- ◆ Hosted homeless guests in our parish hall for two weeks through Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST).
- ◆ Raised approximately \$2,700 for the Foodbank in a Lenten drive.
- ◆ Hired Allison Eney as a new part-time Director of Communications.
- ◆ Experimented with Dinner Church as our Lenten Supper Series.
- ◆ Enjoyed many fellowship events, ranging from chili dinner/gift swap to Dishing Up Stories, along with breakfasts and small group programs.
- ◆ Hosted the Virginia Chorale and participated in an annual hymn festival featuring three church choirs.
- ◆ Baptized four children, and conducted two funerals and one wedding.
- ◆ Began leading a worship service at Harbor's Edge on second Sundays.
- ◆ Planned an Instructed Eucharist and a Bluegrass Mass as Fifth Sunday creative worship offerings.
- ◆ Hosted an inquirers class for 18 adults.
- ◆ Provided ongoing space for Alcoholics Anonymous, the Girl Scouts, and the West Ghent Civic League.

- ◆ Coordinated monthly Laundry Love, in partnership with other churches.
- ◆ Helped re-energize the Mentally Healthy Norfolk Coalition and continued supporting HUBB.

PARISH PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Births:

Phoebe Logan Wilson.

Born Friday, May 17, to parents Molly and James Wilson, grandparents Sarah and Phil Steadfast and great grandmother Dot Steadfast.

Lucy Catherine Funderburk.

Born Saturday, May 18, to parents Meggie and John Funderburk, and grandparents Robbin and Larry Brett.

James Edward Cunningham

Born on Monday, May 20 to parents Kate and Tom Cunningham, and grandparents Boo and Bill Mathers.

Brooke Eloise Martin

Born Friday, June 14. She is the granddaughter of Lane and Lamar Raker.

Baptisms:

Griffin Michael Sewell and Maisy Eloise Sewell, children of Melanie and Bill Sewell.

Deaths:

Brenda Hines Jones, sister of Jerry Hines, passed away June 9.

Arion John Harris, grandson of Bill Armstrong, passed away June 13.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ST. ANDREW'S SHINE!

Volunteers are needed to join the Altar Guild, which handles setting up and taking down duties on Sundays. The commitment is generally one Sunday per month. We're also looking for Silver and Brass cleaners! If interested, please contact Ellie Ankerson at 623-0597 or let Dennis know in the Parish Office at 622-5530, or by email at dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org.



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Parish Office Hours: M-Th 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fri 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Please note there will be no Wednesday Noon Eucharist on August 14 or August 21.

THE CHURCH MOUSE

The Church Mouse will be closed on weekdays during the months of July and August. But you can still find great gifts and accessories every Sunday. Shop the Mouse to support the many activities of the Women of St. Andrew's!

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 are available upon request.



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

LABEL HERE



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.*

St. Andrew's Officers and Vestry

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