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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!

BECOMING A MATTHEW 25 PARISH

By Rev. John Robrs, Rector

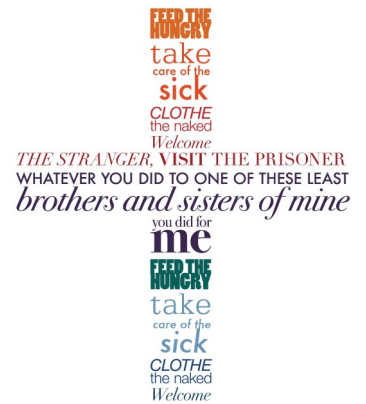
When I first walked through the nave of St. Andrew's, before I was called as your Rector, the thing that left the biggest impression on me was the theme reflected in the stained-glass windows. It says something about a parish that out of the whole body of Scripture this congregation chose to highlight the acts of mercy in Matthew 25. In this passage, Jesus pledges blessing and a place in his kingdom to those who feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, care for the sick, visit the prisoner, and welcome the stranger.

I am proud to say that we are a congregation that strives to embody these acts of mercy – through our work with the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST), our preparation of meals for ACCESS AIDS and the Catholic Worker food line, our monthly ministry of Laundry Love, our support of refugees through Outreach Africa, and much more.

In talking with congregation and community members, however, I have come to learn that our outreach ministries are so many and varied that it is hard for some to identify the focus or core of our mission. It can also be hard for some parishioners to get involved in those ministries, due in part to the pace and fullness of their daily lives. With this in mind, we are planning to form a new framework for our outreach ministries in the new year. Actually, it isn't a new framework, but a revisioning and reclaiming of our identity. In the year ahead, my hope is that we would embrace our identity as a Matthew 25 parish.

At our Quarterly Ministry Night, January 13, parish leaders representing our various committees and ministries heard a brief proposal of this vision. At their January retreat, the Vestry will further discuss and clarify this framework with the goal of adopting it as a guiding vision for our outreach ministry and mission.

Briefly stated, the concept is to divide existing and potential outreach ministries into five categories of mission corresponding to the acts of mercy. Our hope is that each category will feature substantive grants from our church to relevant community organizations as well as meaningful volunteer opportunities. We also plan to have one Sunday each year dedicated to each of the five categories, highlighting opportunities to serve. Stay tuned and get involved in the new year. Help us embrace our identity as a Matthew 25 parish!



JOYFUL HAPPENINGS AT ST. ANDREWS!



FOR OUR ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN & YOUTH

By Sarah Franz Zimmer, Interim Director of Children and Youth Ministry

The last few months in Sunday School have been busy ones, with our children learning about Moses, God's provision to his people in the desert, Samuel and David; and preparing our hearts through the advent season. This winter, our studies will take us into Luke's account of some familiar New Testament stories, and perhaps some that aren't as well-known. We have enjoyed our spirited group of students upstairs and invite your elementary-aged children to join us in the new year.

We would like to offer a special thank you to our teachers this fall: **Emily Goodman-Scott, Melissa Reese, Amber Pickrell, Robin Brady, Sue Gates, and Ginger White.** Thank you for sharing your kindness and compassion with our elementary schoolers. We are so grateful for you!

Would you like to be part of this incredible 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 email hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org.



YOUTH CORNER

EYC Beach Retreat: Saturday, January 18 – Sunday, January 19 5 p.m. Friday – 11:30 a.m. Sunday

Our theme will be “Surfing the Waves of Faith” as we explore how a life of faith is not always smooth sailing. 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.

EYC supports Rise Against Hunger: Sunday, February 9, 12-4 p.m. Lunch and preparation will be from 12-2 p.m., followed by the mission project of packing meals from 2-4 p.m.. Experience the joy of serving others alongside your friends from the EYC. Friends are welcome. Earn service hours!

EYC Mystery Outing: Sunday, February 24, 12-2:30 p.m. Where are we going? That's for us to know and you to find out! Stay tuned for details.

Questions or to RSVP for an event, contact Harper Bathel at hbathel@standrewsnorfolk.org. Each month, we are building a deeper community, sharing in mission projects, exploring and growing in our faiths, and of course, always having fun!



ORDINATION & CONSECRATION OF THE 11TH BISHOP OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA

The Ordination & Consecration of the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Rev. Susan B. Haynes, will be held February 1, 2020 at 11 a.m. The Most Reverend Michael Curry presiding. Service will be held at St. Bede Catholic Church, 3686 Ironbound Road, Williamsburg. Reception following the service in Kaplan Parish Hall.



The Consecration Service will be live streamed on the diocesan website and video will be available afterward for on-demand viewing.

Tickets are not required to attend the service. Ample parking is available at St. Bede.

VESTRY UPDATES

At the November meeting of the Vestry, we welcomed Jim Rhodes and Larry Brett of the Finance Committee to present the initial draft budget for 2020. As of this writing, the amended budget was scheduled to be balanced and approved at the December meeting. Many thanks to all of parish staff and committees for their diligent work, and of course greatest thanks to all those who contributed to our stewardship campaign to fund our mission in the new year!

The Rector reported that he plans for St. Andrew's to join the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) in 2020. This consortium offers resource-sharing, best practices, and peer learning, as well as the best continuing education conference available in the Episcopal Church.

Plans for a Vestry retreat in January were discussed. The retreat will focus on crafting and clarifying an over-arching vision for our parish outreach, tying in with the theme of Matthew 25 found in the six stained glass windows in our nave.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Rector's Forum & Breakfast
Spiritual Practices for Today's World
January 12 at 9 a.m., White Hall

Quarterly Ministry Night
January 13 at 6:30 p.m., White Hall

Transitions
January 14 at 6:30 p.m., Guild Room

Women of the Way
January 15 at 6 p.m., Guild Room

Laundry Love
January 16 at 5:30 p.m.
Soap N Suds, Colley Ave.

Sandwich Ministry
Due: January 24 at 12 noon, Kitchen

Annual Chili Supper and Yankee Swap
January 26 at 5:30 p.m., White Hall

Men's Fellowship
February 5 at 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Smartmouth Brewing

**Rector's Forum and Planned Giving
Breakfast**
February 9 at 9 a.m., White Hall

Rise Against Hunger
February 9, White Hall

Transitions
February 11 at 6:30, Guild Room

Laundry Love
February 20 at 5:30 p.m.
Soap N Suds, Colley Ave.

Sandwich Ministry
Due: February 21 at 12 noon, Kitchen

NEST Week
February 26—March 4

WE WORSHIP A HOMELESS LORD

NEST WEEK IS COMING FEBRUARY 26

By Jim Rhodes

Pick a night, preferably one that's cold and wet. Open your front door and look out at the miserable weather, then shut the door and stand there inside your warm home looking at the closed door for a few minutes. Now go outside and shut the door behind you. Stand outside awhile, long enough to get wet. Look at the closed door again and ponder the difference in how it looks from the inside and outside.

As you might surmise I'm setting the stage to get you thinking about the homeless shelter that we will host at St. Andrew's this winter.

For more than 25 years, St. Andrew's has been a member of the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST). It's an informal coalition of over 30 other churches and synagogues in the area, who agree to provide temporary overnight shelter for homeless men and women during the winter months. Each institution hosts the shelter for one week. It rotates each Wednesday from one site to the next.

During our week, we will open White Hall at night as a barebones overnight shelter for homeless men and women sleeping on mats on the floor. We will start admitting guests at 7 p.m. each night, and they all depart before 7 a.m. the next morning, giving us time to clean up before the West Ghent School teachers and students arrive. Last year, we averaged about 70 homeless men and women each night. We are expecting similar numbers again this year.

Planning and staffing the shelter takes a ton of volunteers. To be exact, there are more than 140 volunteer slots to fill. There are jobs for everyone – preparing and serving the dinner, greeting and signing in guests and keeping the watch by night.

Our NEST week at St. Andrew's will run from February 26 through March 3. Please mark your calendar now. A recruiting table will be set up in White Hall soon.

Think hard about that cold night and the closed door, then come and sign up to do your part.

*And Jesus said to them,
"Foxes have holes and
birds of the air have
nests, but the
Son of Man has
nowhere to lay his head."
(Luke 9:59)*

WINTER CHILDREN'S CALENDAR

January 19 NO Sunday School (Martin Luther King Weekend)

January 26 at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

February 2 at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School

February 9 at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Rector's Forum in White Hall begins at 9 a.m.)

February 16 NO Sunday School (President's Day Weekend)

February 23 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!

WHITE ELEPHANT EXCHANGE AND CHILI DINNER IS JANUARY 26!

Join us in White Hall at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 26 for our Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange and Chili Dinner! We will share a delicious dinner and then the thievery begins!

For anyone new to this parish-favorite night of fun and fellowship, here are the basic rules of a White Elephant (or Yankee Swap) gift exchange:

1. Each player brings one wrapped gift to contribute to a common pool.
2. Players draw numbers to determine in what order they will go.
3. Players sit in a circle or line where they can see the gift pile.
4. The first player selects a gift from the pool and opens it.
5. The following players can choose to either pick an unwrapped gift from the pool or steal a previous player's gift. Anyone who gets their gift stolen can do the same – choose a new gift or steal from someone else.
6. After all players have had a turn, the first player gets a chance to swap the gift he or she is holding for any other opened gift. When someone declines to steal a gift, the game comes to an end.



Is there something that you can't believe ended up under your tree? Something silly? Or just something you really can't use? Bring it! We'll see you there!

PARISH PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

Births

Zane Thomas Hanbury, son of Caitlin and Joshua Hanbury, the little brother of Molly, and the grandson of Jon and Paul Hanbury was born October 26.

Evelyn Marie Hipps, daughter of Leslie Caughell and Mike Hipps, was born on November 5.

Deaths

Daniel (Dan) Stratton Dechert, Sr., husband of Mary Ellen Dechert, passed away on November 10.

Patricia Lee Speer, the mother of Phil Bass and mother-in-law of Stephanie Brown, died on December 11.

Baptism & Confirmation

Alison Dahl, Mary McClintock, and William Sewell

Confirmation

Yolanda Brown, Rebecca Barnum, Sharon Duprey, Lindsay Stephenson, Sabrina Warburton, Tom Warburton, and Mary Wright

Reception

Brett Bathel, Deborah Black, Kenneth Cason, Matthew Frauenzimmer, Charles Hinsch, José Rivera Hinsch, Jessica Horner, Jessica McKinney, Melanie Sewell, and Elizabeth Yusi

SPOTLIGHT: SANDWICH MINISTRY

On the Friday before the fourth Saturday of each month, St. Andrew’s parishioners make and drop off sandwiches to support the Norfolk Catholic Worker’s efforts to “bring breakfast to the streets” for homeless men and women in our community. The sandwiches are distributed at a 7 a.m. breakfast line sponsored by Catholic Worker.

So how does this all work? Catholic Worker requests meat and cheese sandwiches for optimum protein. We use coolers for transport so meat, tuna and cheeses are safe to use and we use mustard or mayonnaise sparingly.

Our volunteers make their sandwiches at home and wrap each uncut sandwich individually in a self-closing sandwich bag (the type you can press shut, like a zip-lock). All of the wrapped sandwiches get put back into the bread bag and twist-tied shut. A note is taped on the outside of the bag with the number and type of sandwiches. Volunteers deliver the sandwiches to the church and put them in the kitchen refrigerator by noon on the Friday before the fourth Saturday.

If you are interested in joining this important community ministry, contact Robin Kruger at rekruger54@gmail.com or 757-470-9882

2020 Sandwich due dates:

January 24, February 21, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 21, September 25, October 23, November 27, No Sandwiches in December.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS

Please welcome our newcomers and help them feel at home. Wear your nametags during coffee hour so that we can all get to know one another better and build community.

Rebecca Colaw and Lori Kuhn

Ray Hughes

Carolee Lewandowski

Jennifer and Bruce Martin

Marie and Jonathan Sluss
(Ben)



2020 ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to remember a friend or family member, celebrate a special occasion, or honor a loved one by donating altar flowers, please contact Dennis Sipes, dsipes@standrewsnorfolk.org or 757-622-5530.



You may also sign up on the Flowers Sign Up list on the Lay Readers Bulletin Board located near the back door leading to Sexton’s Alley.

Please note: some dates will be unavailable due to weddings already scheduled at St. Andrew’s. Per policy, Friday or Saturday wedding flowers remain on the altar for Sunday.



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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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