

GOING DEEPER IN FAITH

In the fifth chapter of Luke, Jesus calls the first disciples. They are fishermen, and he joins them on their boats and tells them to “cast out into the deep water, and let down their nets.” Soon their boats are overflowing, symbolic of abundant life with Jesus. This year at St. Andrew’s, we too are going deeper in faith, both within and beyond our church walls. Here are a few highlights:



Formation and Fellowship for All Ages

Harper Lewis, our new full-time Director of Children’s and Youth Ministry, began in August, and is helping us build a long-term vision for continued growth and depth in our formation program. The Rev. Andie Rohrs will continue to work with the youth group at times, but she also is expanding her role in ministering to adults – through such efforts as the new Women of the Way group and Men’s Fellowship Breakfast.

Seeking God’s Dream in the World

Last year we successfully launched Laundry Love. In partnership with four other churches, we maintain a monthly presence at an area laundromat, spreading love and easing financial burdens one load at a time. We hope to continue to grow that ministry this year, and also explore a tutoring program with the Mission of the Holy Spirit. Additionally, St. Andrew’s is a sponsoring partner of an exciting effort to use art and community dialogue to reduce violence in our city.

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. In our role as stewards of God’s gifts we embrace a comprehensive concept of stewardship as central to our ministry. As a place of hope for all people, we celebrate with joy through grace our oneness in Christ.

St. Andrew’s Staff

The Rev. John Rohrs, *Rector*
The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs, *Associate Rector*
The Rev. Dr. Marguerite Alley, *Deacon*

Ashlee Erestain, *Nursery Coordinator*, Stephen Leist, *Director of Music*, Harper Lewis, *Director of Children’s/ Youth Ministry*, Richard Rigg, *Associate Director of Music Ministry*, Dennis Sipes, *Parish Administrator*, JonMichel Sipes, *Sexton*

St. Andrew’s Officers and Vestry

Doug Mitchell, *Senior Warden*
Page Lea, *Junior Warden*
Larry Brett, *Treasurer*

Drew Anderson, Judy Blevins, David Branch, Kristan Burch, Eddie Brown, Susanne Council, Molly Dey, Jon Hanbury, Jim Kruger, Amber Pickrell, Sheri Searing, Andy Stephenson, and Mike Whitehurst

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ST. ANDREW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



“Going Deeper in Faith”

2017
Stewardship
Campaign

GIVING BACK TO GOD



If you think about it, every day is a gift. Every breath, every laugh, every tear is a blessing from our Creator. Our commitment to our church - sharing time, talent, and money - is a way of expressing our gratitude for those most basic gifts. In that sense, stewardship is a spiritual discipline, one that draws us closer to God as we give back in thanksgiving for the blessings of life. At the same time, stewardship gifts are critical support for our collective ministry at St. Andrew's, and they aid the Vestry in planning an annual budget.

Our church pledge is different than the other financial commitments we make throughout the year because it has a direct connection to our faith. That doesn't mean we need to give more or less, but it does mean we should give prayerfully and with grateful hearts. Please consider what you would like to give this year. The amount is not as important as the intentionality. Some parishioners use the notion of proportional giving, or identifying a percentage of their income that they will devote to the church's mission. Others determine their gift in response to the church's expenses and needs. This brochure highlights a few of the programs and ministries that represent a special focus this year, as together we go deeper in faith and in mission. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support.

ONE DAY AT A TIME

In 2015, it cost nearly \$1,700 per day to fund our shared mission and ministry at St. Andrew's. That's everything from keeping the lights on and paying our staff to supporting our outreach ministries, formation programs, music, pastoral care, fellowship, and more.

As we aim for the goal below in this year's stewardship campaign, would you consider supporting St. Andrew's for a few hours? For a day? For a week? Every pledge is important and helps us reach our goal. We hope that everyone will participate at whatever level they are able.

2017 STEWARDSHIP GOAL

**165 pledges
totaling \$375,000**

Please respond by November 4 to give the Vestry adequate time for budget planning

TIME AND TALENTS

As members of St. Andrew's, the commitment of our time and talents is as vital to the future growth of the church as our money. Whether preserving our wonderful music program, maintaining our beautiful church building and grounds, or expanding our mission and outreach, there is a place for everyone.

We have ongoing committees and special projects that fit your spiritual needs as well as your work/family balance. Help us sustain the cherished ministries and traditions that make St. Andrew's special, while also encouraging our congregation to discover new opportunities for mission and growth.

Contact the parish office or visit our website, www.standrewsnorfolk.org, to fill out a Time and Talent Survey and see how you can get involved.

2017 PLEDGE CARD

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Amount pledged in 2016: _____

2017 Pledge: _____

Do you require pledge envelopes?

Yes No

Would you like to use your Credit Card?

Please indicate type of card and frequency:

Visa MasterCard

Monthly Quarterly Other::____

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Would you like a personal visit?

Would you like to make a stock transfer?

Would you like info. on planned giving?

If yes to one of the above, someone from the office will contact you.

Tear off and return your pledge card in the envelope provided or place in the alms basin. You may also submit your pledge online at www.standrewsnorfolk.org.