

# 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!

## May Is Music Month at St. Andrew's

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

May is a big month for music at St. Andrew's, as we have several offerings which wind up the end of the 2016-17 choir season. Mark your calendars now for each of these special events.

On Sunday, May 14 at 5:00 p.m., the Parish Choir of St. Andrew's will be singing Choral Evensong. Not only is this a fitting "official" end to our choir year, but we are also recognizing the retirement and contributions of one of our long-standing members. Doug Chenault, who sings in the bass section, has been singing at St. Andrew's regularly for 20 years, and for many years before that was a frequent guest singer. Doug has had a long career in Norfolk, having sung in several church and civic choirs. Music for the service will include the Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in A by William H. Harris. At Doug Chenault's request, the anthem will be the *Cantique de Jean Racine*, a beautiful lyrical work by Gabriel Faure'. Two traditions that I have enjoyed with previous choirs are coming together in this Evensong: a celebration of the Parish Choir's work over the past year, and honoring the retirement of a singer who has dedicated several decades to making music in the church, and particularly ours.

On Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m., we will be hosting Brad Norris, along with Ian Robinson (cello) and Dan Waddill (baritone), in a program of organ solo works as well as instrumental and vocal combinations. This program is part of the Organ Swell series in conjunction with the Virginia Arts Festival,

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## You are Invited This June!

*By Harper Lewis*

Summer is right around the corner. Wow, can that be possible? It sure is, and that means it's time for Vacation Bible School which is fondly known as "VBS". This year we will be offering this incredible ministry on Monday, June 19 – Thursday, June 22 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's for rising K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Our online registration will open on Monday, May 1.

This year, we will be using the curriculum by Group called Maker's Fun Factory: Made by God. Built for a purpose. Our themes are that God made you. God is for you. God is always with you. God made you for a reason.

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## ***May Is Music Month, continued from page 1***

and we are glad to host once again after an absence of 2 years. The Organ Swell series combines local organists with instrumentalists of the Virginia Symphony and others across Hampton Roads. Brad Norris is the Minister of Music of our sister parish on the peninsula, St. Andrew's in Newport News. This will be a varied program that will surely have wide appeal. A reception will follow the concert at which you will be able to meet Brad and the other artists. There is a suggested admission donation of \$10 per adult, which helps meet the expenses of the series and ensure that it continues.

Building on last year's great success, we are once again participating with the choirs of Christ & St. Luke's and St. Paul's for the second annual Hymn Festival for Ascension, which will take place at Christ & St. Luke's on Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. This year's festival, with the theme "Why Stand Ye Gazing into Heaven?", will be led by Todd Wilson, Organist-Choirmaster of Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio, and a member of the faculty at the Cleveland Conservatory. An recitalist with an international reputation, Todd Wilson will be improvising on featured hymns and conducting the combined choirs in *God is gone up* by Gerald Finzi, *Let us love in deed and truth* by Larry King, and *Surrexit a mortuis* by Charles Marie Widor. In addition to the music, there will also be readings appropriate to the Feast of the Ascension.

Musical offering enrich our spiritual and cultural life. Plan now to experience each of these unique events in the life of our church!

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## ***Vacation Bible School, continued from page 1***

### ***What do we need to make this ministry a success? Our parishioners!***

First, we are looking for adult and youth volunteers who are willing to volunteer their time.

- Adults, we are looking for station leaders in storytelling, games, art, science, music, and more. We are also looking for behind the scenes help too.
- Middle and High Schoolers, we need you to be assistants in our stations and to guide leaders.

Second, we will be looking for donations of supplies. Keep an eye out in upcoming publications.

To volunteer or to learn more about supporting this vital ministry,  
please see or e-mail Harper Lewis at [hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org](mailto:hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org). Stayed tuned – more to come!



### Children's Ministry (grades K – 6<sup>th</sup>)

9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, upstairs

*Join us on Sunday mornings as we grow deeper in our faith as a community!*

#### Children's Ministry (grades K – 6<sup>th</sup>)

We have had an incredible year of Christian Formation!

Join us on Sunday, May 14 during the 10:15 a.m. service for Youth Sunday.

We will celebrate the children and youth, teachers, and Children's Chapel leaders. Formation is a lifelong journey where you explore and deepen your faith.

***Many thanks to our teachers in March and April:***

#### *For K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:*

In March, Mary Ellen Anderson, Drew Anderson, and Kelly Weir who taught the series of the Moses Chronicles. In April, Dianna Wassell, Larry Passquinnelli, and Mary Rippel and their focus was The Body of Christ.

#### *For 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:*

In March, Ann Dodson, Deane Sobol, and Jackie Scott who taught the series Prayers without Ceasing. In April, Lily Beachy, Mary Lou Crifasi, and Jamie Henthorn and their focus was the Millennium Development Goals.

## Youth Corner: Open to grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

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

**Sunday, May 7**

**EYC goes to a Tides Game** - Meet in White Hall at 12:15 p.m.  
Bring spending money for lunch. Friends are welcome.

**Sunday, May 14**

**Youth Sunday at St. Andrew's during the 10:15 a.m. service** – We're looking for musicians, choristers, artists, readers, ushers, coffee hour entertainers, and more. Please contact Harper Lewis, [hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org](mailto:hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org) to sign up to participate.

**Friday, May 19 – Sunday, May 21**

May Weekend Youth Retreat at Chanco, open to grades 6 – 12

Cost is \$120. Scholarships are available, ask Harper.

Program: Made Alive in the Spirit

Please register by Monday, May 8 by visiting <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edsvozyxf1b8240e&llr=sgcfnocab>

Questions or to R.S.V.P. for any of these offerings, please contact Harper Lewis at [hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org](mailto:hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org).



## 2017 Vestry Nominees

### Jeff Barnum

Jeff and his wife Heather joined St. Andrews in 2013 shortly after moving to Hampton Roads. Jeff grew up in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where he was an active member of the All Saints Cathedral Choir. Soon after moving to the United States, Jeff joined the US Coast Guard. As a result, Jeff and Heather have been active members of parishes in Seattle, Cleveland, and Boston. Jeff recently served on the choir master search committee. Jeff and Heather have three children aged twelve to almost seventeen.

### Kay Dahl

Kay is a Norfolk native and has been attending St. Andrew's with her husband Georg since they were married in the church in 1973. Kay is currently a Lay Reader/Chalicer and Eucharistic Visitor, and she has enjoyed singing in the choir for many years. As a long-standing member of the church, she is delighted to see so many young families at St. Andrew's including her son and his family. Kay and Georg consider St. Andrew's their spiritual home.

### Bill Davis

Bill grew up in California before serving as an Officer in the United States Marine Corps for 29 years. Following retirement from the Marines he was the Director of the MacArthur Memorial and continues to serve as the Executive Director of the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation. He and his wife Janice, transferred their membership to St. Andrews two years ago. Bill has been a member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

### George W. Pegram III OD

George grew up in Chesapeake and attended Chesapeake Ave. United Methodist Church before transferring to Saint Andrews. While there he served on the Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board in numerous capacities as well as sang in the choir for over 25 years, and has enjoyed singing at St. Andrews this year. George and his wife Roxanne officially joined Saint Andrews November 2015 and have three daughters Allison (19), Rebecca (16), and Courtney (12).

### Penny Lewis

Penny joined St. Andrew's in 1986 after moving to Norfolk with her husband Don. Since that time she has served on the Vestry and the Mission and Ministry committee, taught confirmation class, and volunteered for NEST. She found it especially rewarding to be a part of the most recent rector search committee, the columbarium committee and the 2011 centennial committee. Currently Penny enjoys making a joyful noise with the bell choir, and buying and selling merchandise for the Church Mouse. She looks forward to occasional duty in the nursery, which gives her a chance to get to know the youngest members of the St. Andrew's family.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Parish Meeting with  
Breakfast, May 7  
at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Blood Drive, May 10  
1:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday, May 14  
10:15 a.m.

Organ Swell, May 19  
7:30 p.m.

Annual Church Picnic, May 21 at  
10:15 and following

Hymn Festival, Christ & St. Luke's,  
May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Sandwich Ministry, sandwiches are  
due by Noon, May 26

Memorial Day, May 29  
Parish Office Closed

Day of Pentecost, June 4  
8:00 and 10:15 a.m.

Parish Day at the Tides Game, June 4  
Harbor Park, 1:05 p.m.

Summer Office hours begin  
(9:00—2:00), June 19

Vacation Bible School,  
June 19-22  
9:00—Noon

Sandwich Ministry, sandwiches are  
due by Noon, June 23

## 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.

Sharon Duprey

James Hardin

Karrie Lyons

Bobby Smith

Mary Wright

## Vestry Updates

At our March Vestry meeting, the Vestry welcomed Harper Lewis, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry. Harper shared her insights and vision for our children's and youth programs, and solicited feedback and support from the Vestry. Upcoming highlights include Vacation Bible School and a possible mission trip to Raleigh this summer.

In the Rector's Update, The Rev. John Rohrs noted that we will be transitioning to the use of Constant Contact for our weekly e-newsletter and other special announcements. Thanks to Dennis Sipes and Harper Lewis for taking the lead on that. The website will also be upgraded this summer to the newest platform available. Parishioner Jill Pollard is working on that for us.

At the April meeting, the Vestry approved funding from the Memorial Endowment to pay for necessary repairs to the ceiling and roof in the choir room and classroom off the Auditorium. This work will be completed this summer, likely in July.

The Vestry also finalized a list of activities for the "Summer of Connection" - a series of small group opportunities that will be available to parishioners this summer. Sign up sheets will be unveiled at the Annual Meeting. There will be about a dozen options for parishioners of all ages, and funding from the sabbatical grant will offset the costs so that everyone can be involved. Stay tuned, and sign up!

## Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

- Births:**
- Ayen, the daughter of Mary and William Mayom, March 8.
  - Caroline Rose, the daughter of Katherine and Chip Filer, March 24.
  - Willa Bell Rhodes, daughter of Mandy and Bryan Rhodes, April 12
  - Anna James Oelschlager, daughter of Austin and John Oelschlager and granddaughter of Robbin and Larry Brett, April 18
- Deaths:**
- Jay Councill, the husband of Susanne Councill and brother of Loretta Grant, March 13.
  - William Rob "Sonny" Turner IV, son of Jocelyn and Rob Turner, March 31

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

### St. Andrew's Red Cross Blood Drive

**Our Blood Drive is coming on May 10th from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Sometimes we all need to be reminded of the statistics: more than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day in the U.S.. This comes out to just under 15 million units that are needed annually. How many blood donors are there? About 9.2 million. Although 38% of us are eligible to donate blood, only about 10% of us actually do and many give no more than once per year. We also

need to keep in mind that as brilliant as scientists can be, they have been unable to duplicate an artificial blood that works like the original substance. So, with a little twist on the Golden Rule, Give unto others as you would have them give unto you. Be a life-saver (literally), donate blood. Sign-up sheets for both donors and volunteers are outside of White Hall. We will have a special coffee on April 30 to highlight our

need. Our goal is to schedule 70 donors.



**American  
Red Cross**  
home

### Summer Collections for Ghent Area Ministry



Please remember the poor and homeless people in Norfolk during the summer.

GAM Food Pantry is in desperate need of stock replenishing! Our shelves are almost empty due to the large numbers of clients we've been helping with food in recent months. With the move back to 1301 Colonial Avenue we are easier to find, which is good and not so good. Also, we are always in need of white cotton socks, and underwear. If you can donate any of these items,

please bring them to the church, or you may deliver them personally!

Pasta & Pasta Sauce

Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup

Cereal, Soup

Canned Meats

Crackers

Peanut Butter & Jelly

*Thank you for your continued support!*

### The Organ Swell Comes Back To St. Andrew's

Mark your calendars now. **Friday, May 19, 2017 at 7:30 THE ORGAN SWELL RECITALS**, of the 2017 Virginia Art Festival will come to St. Andrew's. The American Guild of Organists is sponsoring a series of organ recitals in churches throughout

Hampton Roads. St. Andrew's to play host to the important aspect of the festival. We will be hosting Brad Norris, along with Ian Robinson (cello) and Dan Waddill (baritone), in a program of organ solo works as well as instrumental and vocal combinations. The

suggested donation of \$5.00 per person is requested to help defray costs.





## Education for Ministry (EfM)



**What is Education for Ministry (EfM)?** Although it sounds like it, those who take this course are not training to be ordained ministers. Rather, through reading, discussion, and reflection, they are determining what their personal ministry will be in this world. The Episcopal Church believes that every baptized person is called to ministry. EfM is designed to help you explore what that ministry might be.

The 4 year course curriculum covers the Bible, church history, and theology. This is not a Bible

study course, however. Using a one-room school approach, students from all four years gather and discuss how the readings impact them – what was amazing, what was confusing, what was troubling, as well as what was delightful. They look for linkages in the lessons from each year, how what is in the Bible is reflected in history and is currently seen today. Each year we have a resource and guide book that has a theme that is carried throughout the year. Last year's theme was living faithfully in a multicultural world while this year's theme has been how to live spiritually as a mature Christian.

During the year the students share their spiritual journeys. Each student is encouraged, through the process of theological reflection, to look at what they are

learning, how the material is related to our culture and what is happening in the world today, as well as how the content impacts their personal ministry.

The EfM program is presented in a seminar format to 6-10 participants led by mentor Carolyn Moneymaker. Beginning in September and ending in May, the group meets each Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The course is \$350 per year (scholarships are available). Students need not commit to the entire four years. If you are interested in attending, additional information may be found at <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>. Any questions may be directed by e-mail to the administrative mentor Deane Sobol at [sobold43@gmail.com](mailto:sobold43@gmail.com). Enrollment requests should be submitted to Deane Sobol by May 20.

### St. Andrew's Day and Picnic Sunday, May 21, 2017

Join us at the 10:15 a.m. service for our annual celebration of St. Andrew's Day (normally celebrated on the first Sunday in June) and send off of Rev. John Rohrs on his sabbatical. We will honor our patron saint with special music (bagpipes, anyone?!) and prayers, and we will continue the festivities afterward with our annual parish picnic.

**Lunch will be served at 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.**

The church will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, sheet cake dessert, water, and soft drinks. Side dishes appreciated; vegetables, devil eggs, your special casserole, cold veggies/salad, fruit etc. For more information on helping or what to bring, please contact Steve Blevins.

### Mark Your Calendars

**Youth Sunday at St. Andrew's in May:** Our beloved Youth Sunday service will be Sunday, May 14 at the 10:15 a.m. service. We will celebrate the gifts of our children and youth as they help to lead the service. We're looking for musicians, choristers, artists, readers, ushers, coffee hour entertainers, and more! Please contact Harper Lewis, [hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org](mailto:hlewis@standrewsnorfolk.org) to participate and offer your talents.

**St. Andrew's HIV/AIDS Cook-in:** Our next cook-in will be on Sunday, May 28.

**Summer Office Hours:** To begin on Monday, June 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Monday, September 4 (Labor Day).



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## **St. Andrew's 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. As a place of hope for all people, we celebrate with joy through grace our oneness in Christ.**

## **St. Andrew's Officers and Vestry**

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