

### October 2013

#### Rector's Reflections

October will be a month of blessing at St. Andrew's. On Sunday, Oct. 6, Bishop Hollerith will join us to pray God's blessing upon the young people and adults being confirmed or received. It promises to be a special day of celebration, and I hope that you will join us. Two Sundays later, on Oct. 20, we will gather at 9:00 a.m. for our Stewardship Breakfast, as we kick off our annual pledge drive and give thanks for the blessing of growing together in faith and service.

But it is the Sunday in between that I want to highlight now. That Sunday, Oct. 13, will bring another blessing, this one much more chaotic and unpredictable. At 2:00 p.m. that day we will gather outside the front of the church for our inaugural Blessing of the Animals! It's something that has been discussed over the years, but my predecessor and friend, The Rev. Charles Joy, chose not to conduct the service until the church elected to bless same-gender couples as well, and I upheld that policy. Now that we have taken that important step, however, we are ready for Fido!

At the last General Convention in 2012, church leaders approved a new liturgy for a Blessing of the Animals. It typically falls in early October to commemorate St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. St. Francis is said to have communed with animals and possessed a unique appreciation for the way in which they reveal God's love to us. I know that many of you share that same appreciation and that you have pets who are integral and beloved members of your family. Please bring them on the 13th and take part in this meaningful service.

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#### Jr. Warden's Letter

Welcome back to another fulfilling year at St. Andrews. Where together we will continue to move forward and do God's work. There are a lot of important missions in our church and one very important one is maintaining and improving our building and grounds. We have accomplished a great deal in the past two years; a new heating and cooling plant, new floors and ceilings, new lighting, patio and play ground, electrical and plumbing improvements and a new kitchen to name a few.

We still have things to do. We have made small improvements and repairs; many that are not readily visible. We have some larger projects that need to be addressed; the painting and plaster repair of the church, landscaping the patio area, which will honor the memory of Dr. Don Lewis and adding benches for relaxing and enjoying the patio.

This summer we also installed an up to date state of the art security system something that has been long overdue. With your help we will continue to grow and improve. Please contact me with concerns and suggestions that will benefit us all.

*In Christ name, peace be with you,  
Dean Rogis*

#### 2014



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**WHAT: STEWARDSHIP KICK OFF BREAKFAST**

**WHEN: Sunday, Oct. 20, following the 8:00 service**

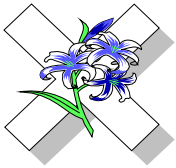
**WHERE: White Hall**

**Nursery will be available**

In closing, let me offer a few logistical notes. Leashes and cages and such are probably a wise idea; we don't want any unwelcome romps or riots. I will bless any creature, but creeping and slithering pets may receive their blessing from a prudent distance. I assure you that it will be no less heartfelt. Finally, if you have lost a pet recently, you are welcome to come as well. We will include prayers for pets we love but see no longer.

Mark your calendars, and let the wild rumpus begin!

Peace,  
John



## 2013 Flowers Festival November 1-3

Refer to the insert for detailed information about the  
21ST ANNUAL FLOWER FESTIVAL.

In order to continue the success of the Festival,

### WE NEED YOU!

*Please contact the committee member listed below if you can help with cooking at church or provide baked goods, purchase and/or solicit flower dedications and program ads, make and/or solicit donations for the silent auction, recommend a vendor for the bazaar, and/or volunteer during the Festival.*

### BAKERY

Llew Roberts, 423-6310, [llewroberts1@verizon.net](mailto:llewroberts1@verizon.net)

### FLOWER DEDICATIONS AND PROGRAM ADS

Dot Stedfast, 451-3201, [dstedfast@cox.net](mailto:dstedfast@cox.net)

### SILENT AUCTION

Ann Golski, 622-9933, [amgolski@cox.net](mailto:amgolski@cox.net)

### VENDORS

Deane Sobol, 623-0796, [sobold43@gmail.com](mailto:sobold43@gmail.com)

### VOLUNTEERS

Ellie Ankerson, 623-0597

If you are interested in serving on the Committee and/or you have comments/suggestions, please contact Amber Pickrell at 627-9258 or [pickrell3@cox.net](mailto:pickrell3@cox.net).

*The Flower Festival is an opportunity for the St. Andrew's parish family to work and grow together as a community. The Festival also gives members of this church an opportunity to reach out to the surrounding community. The Flower Festival is, above all, a means of giving glory to God.*

## Adult Forum

The Adult Forum Series meets on Sunday mornings in the Auditorium from 9-10 a.m.

October 6 – The Church of Tomorrow: Bishop's Reflections. The Rt. Rev. Holly Hollerith, The Episcopal Bishop of Southern Virginia

October 13 – Perspectives on Race and Racism in the Diocese of Southern Virginia – Video and discussion facilitated by Canon Caroline Black, Diocesan staff liaison to the Repairers of the Breach Committee

October 20 – Annual Stewardship Kick Off Breakfast – No Adult Forum

October 27 – The Faces of Homelessness – Tim Sobol and a panel of participants from the youth mission trip.

## Upcoming Youth Group Events

- October 13 - Let's Go to the Movies! - Join us to go to MacArthur Mall to see *Grace Unplugged*. Watch your email for final departure time.
- October 27, 5:30-7:30 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Convocation Halloween Party - See old friends and meet new ones from other churches as we carve pumpkins, make s'mores, and play graveyard games. Meet at 5:15 in White Hall for a ride
- November 10, 12 pm - Chesapeake Arboretum Hiking Trip - Meet in White Hall at noon ready to walk and play on a beautiful fall day.

## Parent Education Session – Positive Discipline – October 17, 5:30-7:30

Positive Discipline is a program designed to teach children to be responsible and respectable citizens. It focuses on helping them feel a sense of belonging, while using techniques that are both kind and firm. Thanks to a generous grant from the Outreach Committee, Venessa August, a parishioner and parent of young children, was trained as a Certified Positive

Discipline Parent Educator. She is bringing that training back to us and offering a parent education session on October 17 from 5:30-7:30. All are welcome.

The nursery will be open, and dinner will be provided for parents and children. Please RSVP to Andie Rohrs ([andiewigodsky@gmail.com](mailto:andiewigodsky@gmail.com)) so that we can plan accordingly.

## Wine and the Word

Wine and the Word will meet on Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm at the home of Jeanne-Marie Tufts (705 Westover). We will begin our discussion of *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress: A Memoir of Going Home* by Rhoda Janzen. Our conversation will continue on Wednesday, November 13 at the home of Casey Beeghly (6303 Hampton Blvd) at 7 pm. Contact Margaret Blair ([mtblair76@gmail.com](mailto:mtblair76@gmail.com)) with questions.

## Women of St. Andrew's

The Women of St. Andrew's, an informal group open to all women of St. Andrew's, meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, directly after the 10:15 service, and we invite you to join us! Our meetings are held in the auditorium, so grab some coffee and a snack from Coffee Hour and come on over!

Here's a round-up of current activities:

The annual Book Sale was held Sept. 21 (along with a rummage sale on Saturday, Sept. 21), generating funds for the Women's projects and outreach.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, October 27, in the auditorium, following the 10:15 service.

## Parents of College Students:

The Women of St. Andrew's send care packages twice a year (at exam time) to our undergraduate college students. **Please call or email the church office with your student's mailing address and email address!** The first mailing will go out right after Thanksgiving. **We don't want to leave anyone out!** Questions, contact Ann Dodson at 627-1353 or [ann.dodson@cox.net](mailto:ann.dodson@cox.net).

## Centering Prayer

A small group of parishioners participate with other area church members in Centering Prayer sessions every Wednesday morning at 6:30 am in the Guild Room.

**Centering Prayer** is a *method* of prayer, which prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence, traditionally called contemplative prayer. Rev. Julia Dorsey started this prayer practice at St. Andrew in 2005, the sessions are open to everyone, and won't you consider joining, just meet up with us in the Guild Room.

## Communications Task Force Forming

The St. Andrew's Communications Committee is re-organizing to form a new Communications Task Force. Made up of volunteers with experience and/or interest in communications, the task force will identify and work on assignments and projects to aid and extend communications efforts within both our parish and our neighboring community. If you have experience or an interest in graphic arts, photography, website expertise, writing and community relations, join us for a get-to-know you meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the home of Beth Lloyd. Please contact Beth to RSVP and for directions by emailing her at [Mixer0920@hotmail.com](mailto:Mixer0920@hotmail.com) or calling 627-4888.

## All Saints' intercessory prayer list requests are due by October 28.

All Saints' Sunday is when we remember in intercessions the names of all those who have been buried from this church since the last All Saints' Day. If you would like to list the names of others who have died, please list their FULL CHRISTIAN NAMES (no initials, titles, etc.) on the form below. Place the form in the offering plate or in the parish administrator's box in the library - or you may call the parish office at 622-5530.

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Please print clearly, include your name & phone number in case there are questions about spelling, etc.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Name(s) of deceased: \_\_\_\_\_

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*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.*

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**The Backpack Program:** is an initiative developed by the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia to address the nutritional needs of children who are at risk of weekend hunger. These children, identified by school personnel, are discreetly provided backpacks filled with non-perishable food, to eat on weekends and school holidays. There are 25 children at W. H. Taylor Elementary School that receive these bags. The cost of the program is \$100 per student, per school year, or \$50 each semester. Please consider partnering with The Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and the PTA of W. H. Taylor Elementary School to provide backpacks for the 2013-2014 academic year. If interested in learning more about this program, please contact Hilarie Dayton, 615-5802, [hilariewakefielddayton@yahoo.com](mailto:hilariewakefielddayton@yahoo.com)

**New Website Calendar:** We are pleased to announce that we have a new main calendar for our website [www.standrewsnorfolk.org](http://www.standrewsnorfolk.org). Please check it out on the home page under the calendar menu button at the top of the page.

**Mark your November calendar for the following dates:** Flower Festival 11/1-3, ODU Chorus Concert 11/17 at 3 pm and St. Andrew's Cook-in 11/24