

November 2013

Rector's Reflections

As many of you know, Betsy Martin, a long-time and devoted member of St. Andrew's, died recently. She was our next door neighbor, and one of Betsy's many admirable qualities was her youthful spirit. She loved being around children. Often when my kids were out playing in the front yard, she would walk over to say hello and see what they were up to. She wouldn't let them call her Mrs. Martin. It had to be Miss Betsy. She is one of the first people whose death we have had to discuss with our daughter.

That discussion brought to mind one of the things I love the most about church. It is one of the few places in society that is truly intergenerational. What a gift it was for my children to get to know Miss Betsy and many others like her at St. Andrew's. And if she were here she'd say that it was a gift for her to know them too. That's one of the great things about our congregation: it's a community in which young and old and in between gather each week in worship and fellowship and service. From our elders we gain wisdom and strength and historical perspective; from our children we garner energy and enthusiasm and curiosity. Everyone has something to share.

The months ahead promise many opportunities for intergenerational activities, whether it's helping at Flower Festival, making Advent wreaths, singing in the Christmas pageant, packing meals for Stop Hunger Now, or serving our guests at NEST. Let's make the most of these chances to live and work together as the Body of Christ. We are all richer for sharing the life of this parish with each other.

Faithfully,

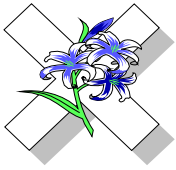
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Sr. Warden's Letter

As a parishioner of St. Andrews for many years, I am well aware of that this is a very special place. Having recently become your senior warden, I am humbled to take a leadership role in our Church. It has made me even more aware of how blessed I am to be a part of the St. Andrew's community. I often hear how beautiful our building is, especially since the completion of the capital improvements. Walking into the sanctuary on Sunday morning, listening to our amazing choir and seeing the magnificent flowers on the altar have always been so uplifting, but recently there has been a change. Now virtually every pew is filled, many with young families. It seems that the line of children joining the processional grows larger every week and their enthusiasm is infectious. Following every service, current members are welcoming newcomers. Having John Rohrs as our Rector and now to have Andie Wigodsky Rohrs as our Priest Associate for Family Ministry working with our expanding group of children, youth and families only adds to our blessings. The list of programs and activities going on in our Church each week boggles my mind with something for every age and interest. This is a remarkable community and I feel God's love in every person who comes to worship among us.

As I write this, an extraordinary group of volunteers is preparing for our 21st Flower Festival. This will be an especially exciting year as the festival evolves and the entire congregation takes part in the flowering of the sanctuary. What a marvelous way for all of us join in on this signature event in the life of St. Andrews. Come and enjoy this celebration of our Church community.

Sally Kellam



2013 Flowers Festival November 1-3

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.

Schedule of Events

Friday, November 1

Festival Blessing, Sanctuary

6:15 p.m.

***Gala Grand Opening and Silent Auction**

6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., White Hall

Silent Auction closes at 8:00 p.m.

Jim Newsom Band 6:30 - 9:00 pm

\$20 per person

Saturday, November 2

The Festival Bazaar

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Music

Organ Demonstrations by Lee Hendricks, Organist of Saint John's Lutheran Church

Performance by Norfolk A Cappella Ensemble

Performance by Virginia Beach Middle School Band and Orchestra (Grade 8), Conducted by Richard Rigg

***Luncheon**

Lunch served 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., White Hall

\$10 per person

***Event which requires purchase of ticket.**

Sunday, November 3

All Saints' Eucharist

8:00 and 10:15 a.m., Church

The Reverend John Robrs, Rector

The Reverend Andie Wigodsky Robrs, Priest Associate for Family Ministry

Old Dominion Faculty Organ Recital

Dr. James W. Kosnik, Organist/Choir Director

followed by Evensong

4:30 p.m., Church

Admission is free.

Evensong

Service by The Reverend John D. Robrs, Rector

Music by Dr. James W. Kosnik, Organist

and Choir Director of St. Andrew's

5:00 p.m. Church

Admission is free.

Reception to follow in White Hall

Adult Forum

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

November 10 - Muslim Myths and Realities in Norfolk and Beyond with Imam Vernon Fareed, Masjid William Salaam

November 17 - Recovering from Addiction in Body and Soul with Jan Brown, Director of Spirit Works Foundation, Williamsburg

November 24 - Advent Wreath making in the Auditorium

Sunday School

We've had a great start to Sunday School. The teachers are amazing and the children are doing such a nice job. If you haven't signed up for Sunday School it's not too late! Children are welcome anytime and we would love them all to join us. Please e-mail or call Jessica Chesson with any questions and/or to register. jessicachesson@yahoo.com or 692-6867.

Below are a few reminder dates:

October 27th: All Hallow's Eve Activities in White Hall at 9:00 (No Sunday School)

November 3rd: No Sunday School; Flower Festival Weekend

November 10th: First day of Second Rotation of Sunday School

Upcoming Youth Group Events

- November 10, 12 pm - Chesapeake Arboretum Hiking Trip - Meet in White Hall at noon ready to walk and play on a beautiful fall day.
- November 24 - Bowling Extravaganza, meet in White Hall at 4:30 pm to go to AMF Indian River

Lanes. Please bring money for shoe and ball rentals. We will return by 7 pm.

Also, the EYC will be selling holiday arrangements and wreaths to raise money for the youth group mission trip next summer. Talk to a youth group member to purchase something to meet your decorating and gift needs!

Contact Ginger White with questions (gingergwhite@cox.net).

Follow EYC on Facebook by "liking" the St. Andrew's Youth Group, Norfolk, VA page!

College Care Packages

The Women of St. Andrew's send care packages twice a year (at exam time) to our undergraduate college students. Contributions of cash (for postage) and goodies (individually wrapped baked goods, nabs, granola bars, nuts, candy, hot cocoa mix, cookies, microwave popcorn, gum and Pop Tarts are all popular. Please put your contributions of goodies in the church kitchen no later than Sunday, Dec. 1.

PARENTS: Please call or email the church office with your student's mailing address! If the address hasn't changed, let us know that as well. **We don't want to leave anyone out!**

Our Annual Angel Tree FORKids, Inc.

We will collect new, unwrapped toys ([please see list in White Hall at the information table](#)) for the Angel Tree (in White Hall and the Auditorium) and food: can goods and non-perishable food items for the children at the FORKids, Inc. Look for collection baskets in the church Nov. 27, Dec. 1 and 8; PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TOYS NEED TO BE IN BY DEC. 9

I'm Serving Coffee after Church – Now What Do I Do?

Our after church coffees are a wonderful time to get to know one another over coffee and a snack. The church relies upon volunteers to provide those snacks but if you are the one who has volunteered, it could bring on indigestion just thinking about what to bring. Here is a simple 3-step recipe for putting together a coffee. First, think about doing the coffee with a friend. If it is your first time, team up with someone who has done the coffee in the past. That cuts down on time and money invested by each person and is a lot more fun than doing it by yourself.

Second, know what is supplied by the church. The church provides the coffee, tea bags for hot tea, sweeteners, and powdered cream. Cups and mugs for

the coffee are found on the shelves under the beverage center. Plates (always use small ones), napkins, and plastic cups for cold drinks are also provided. Check with church administration during the week before the coffee to make sure supplies are present. If they are not, purchase the items and keep your receipt for reimbursement.

Third, provide the food to accompany the coffee. It need not be anything elaborate. Think of FSSS – fresh, savory, salty and sweet. Have some fruit and vegetables. Grapes are always available and cutup celery and carrots can be served with hummus, a dip, or a thick salad dressing like blue cheese or 1000 island. Salty can encompass a bag of chips and a dip, a bowl of goldfish, nuts or the like. Savory could include hummus, cheese and crackers, pimento cheese, cream cheese and olives, etc. Sweet, of course, would be cookies, brownies, cake or the like. Keep it simple. Buy in quantities of one – 1 bunch of celery, 1 bag of chips, 1 container of dip, etc. For cold drinks, you can serve water, brew your own tea, or buy some soda, brewed unsweetened tea, or lemonade. You can save money by going to the big box stores like Costco and BJ's. If you go to your neighborhood grocery store, look for sale items and house brands.

We have 52 weeks during the year during which a coffee is held after church. Please sign up to do one of them. The sign-up sheet is in White Hall.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2013

December 24th
4:00 p.m.

ROLES:

Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Gabriel,
Innkeeper, King Herod, Wise Men,
Big Angels, Scribes, Shepherds,
Little Angels and Youth Choir

BRIEF MEETING & COSTUME DISTRIBUTION:

December 1st
Following the 10:15 a.m. church service

REHEARSALS:

December 8th, 15th & 22rd
Following the 10:15 a.m. church service (lunch will be provided)

QUESTIONS:

Amber Pickrell
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pickrell3@cox.net

**SIGN UP ON THE CHRISTIAN
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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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Sandwich Ministry: One of St. Andrew's outreach projects is to make sandwiches to help the Catholic Worker, which serves breakfast 3 days a week to our homeless brothers and sisters. Several church members make one or two loaves of sandwiches in their homes, and bring them to the church on the Friday before our due date—which is the 4th Saturday of the month. Currently, we are in need of a few more volunteers. If you would like to help with this important ministry, (making a loaf or two of sandwiches such as you would make for your own family), just once a month, please see the Outreach Ministry bulletin board for details, or contact Robin Kruger at 470-9882 or jkruger3@cox.net

Wine and the Word: the young women's fellowship group, will have their next meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 7 pm at the home of Casey Beeghly (6303 Hampton Blvd.) We will continue our discussion of *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress: A Memoir of Going Home* by Rhoda Janzen. Contact Margaret Blair for more information (mtblair76@gmail.com).

UTO: United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Our Fall ingathering will be held Sunday, November 17. Please be sure to pick up your blue offering box or envelope in White Hall or the Narthex.

Mark your December calendar for the following dates: St. Nicholas Day, 12/8, Lessons and Carols 12/15, Christmas Pageant 12/24.