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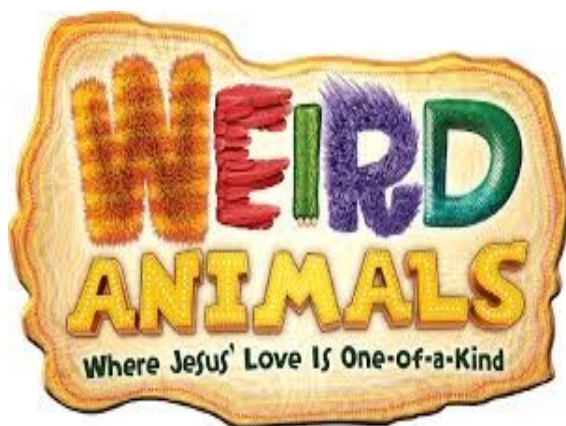
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The Saltire is a bi-monthly newsletter of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Through feature stories, photographs and updates on events past and future, *The Saltire* provides a window into the vibrant life of our parish family. Historically, a "saltire" is the X-shaped cross associated with St. Andrew. For us, as for him, it is a symbol of faith and life!

Vacation Bible School is Coming!

By Jessica Chesson



Vacation Bible School is returning to St. Andrew's, **June 23-26** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Open to all rising Kindergarteners through rising Fifth Graders, this summer program will focus on **"Weird Animals, Where Jesus' Love is One of a Kind."** This amazing unit will help children (and adults) explore God's incredible love for each of us and the ways that God has made every person unique.

It has been 10 years since St. Andrew's has hosted Vacation Bible School. During that time, many of our children have visited other churches for their VBS programs. With a remarkable increase of new families with young children, St. Andrew's now has the young people and the resources to again support the initiative. This will be a wonderful addition to the children's programming that is currently offered, as well as a great way to reach out to our surrounding community.

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Crisis in South Sudan Hits Close to Home

By Betty Wade Coyle and The Rev. John Rohrs

The story of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan began in the 1980s when thousands of children fled war-torn Sudan journeying hundreds of miles over difficult terrain to Kenya. There, many of the survivors lived for over a decade in refugee camps.

In 2002, dozens of the Lost Boys (named after the lost boys in the Peter Pan story) were relocated to Hampton Roads. Soon after they arrived, Julie Hill, the founder of Outreach Africa: Lost Boys Foundation, noticed two of the recent arrivals in a Ghent grocery store. She recognized them as being Sudanese and still "lost" in their new land.

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It is our hope and prayer that Weird Animals VBS will allow God's love to come to life like never before!

Each day kids will learn a Bible point that corresponds to a Bible story and key verse. A Bible "memory buddy" will be introduced as well to help kids learn

and remember the Bible point.

Through music and video clips, kids will meet Axl the salamander, Milton the mole, Fern the leafy sea dragon, Iggy the lizard and Shred the porcupine. What better way to learn about God's love than through unique characters and great music.

For VBS to be successful, we need your help. Whether it's helping to decorate the week before, preparing snacks, teaching a station, leading or helping with crafts or signing children in and out each day, there are opportunities for everyone. Middle and high school students would be particu-

larly great as helpers, and their time can count toward required community service hours.

An introductory meeting for all who are interested in helping is planned for Monday May 12 at 9:30 a.m. in White Hall. Attendance does not commit you to volunteer for VBS; just bring your great ideas and enthusiasm!

A link to online registration will be live soon on the church website. Get ready for Weird Animals VBS at St. Andrew's, where Jesus' love is one of a kind!

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Julie took the new arrivals under her wing and helped them settle into their new homeland - teaching them to cook, providing transportation, and helping them find medical care, education and jobs.

But all of the refugees had left behind numerous family members, including many young children who needed education. As the situation of the Lost Boys in Hampton Roads became more stable, Julie created the Foundation and began raising funds to send young Sudanese refugees in Africa to school. The Foundation supports nearly 100 students each semester.

In December of 2013, a political power struggle broke out in South Sudan. Thousands of people have been killed in inter-ethnic fighting, and it is estimated that more than 800,000 people have been displaced. Many of the local Lost Boys have family members who are affected, and the Lost Boys Foundation has been soliciting donations to help with their travel, shelter, food and medical care. In January, St. Andrew's contributed \$1,500 through our Mission and Ministry budget, and individual parishioners donated as well. It is not often that we can say we are literally saving lives



with our support.

St. Andrew's has included the Foundation in its outreach initiatives since being introduced to the organization by William Mayom, a parishioner and Lost Boy. William and some fellow Sudanese refugees in Hampton Roads are now exploring additional opportunities to partner with other churches and raise awareness about this continuing crisis. If you are interested in helping, please contact the St. Andrew's church office.

A St. Andrew's "Adoption" - Tyler Montgomery

By The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs

Recently, St. Andrew's was given a unique opportunity. We were asked to serve as the sponsoring parish for Tyler Montgomery, a current student at Yale Divinity School and a Candidate for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Tyler's journey in the Ordination Exploration Process has been unique. Because he has moved around a lot, he has not had a long-term relationship with any one parish or diocese. He met with a discernment committee at Christ Church, New Haven, but he cannot be ordained in that diocese. Our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Holly Hollerith, met Tyler and recognized his potential for ordained ministry. He asked the Commission on Ministry of this Diocese to consider adopting Tyler under special circumstances. After interviewing him in November, the Commission approved Tyler as a Postulant.

According to the Canons of the Episcopal Church, though, Tyler still needed the recommendation of a parish vestry for ordination. Therefore, Bishop Hollerith asked St. Andrew's to "adopt" Tyler to meet this requirement. Because I am on the Commission on Ministry and John is on the Standing Committee, both of which approve Candidates for ordination, our parish seemed like a natural fit. We also have a common connection to Yale Divinity School, where John and I attended.

On March 11, we hosted a cocktail party so that the Vestry could meet Tyler. Subsequently, at our



meeting in March, the Vestry voted unanimously to serve as Tyler's sponsoring parish. While we hope that Tyler will visit periodically and that he will return to this Diocese when he is ordained, it is unlikely that he will serve at St. Andrew's. However, it is a privilege for our church to be able to

support this young man in his ordination process. Perhaps our paths will cross at some point in the future.

Tyler brings exceptional experience and gifts for ordained ministry. He graduated with a degree in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania in 2009, where he was a member of the Junior National Rowing Team. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica and as Spanish teacher, coach and dorm faculty member at the Asheville School in Asheville, N.C. prior to matriculating at Yale in 2012. In addition to studying for a Masters in Divinity, he also is working to complete a Certificate of Educational Leadership and Ministry, to prepare himself for a possible career in school chaplaincy. He is scheduled to graduate in May 2015, and his ordination to the Transitional Diaconate will likely be soon afterward.

Please keep Tyler in your prayers as he continues on his journey.

Upcoming Youth Group Events

May 4 Youth Sunday Rehearsal - 9:00 am in the sanctuary

May 11 Youth Sunday, 10:15 a.m. service

May 17 **JUMP! JUMP! JUMP!** - Our final event of the school year will be to Cloud9, the Trampoline Park in Chesapeake. We will meet in White Hall at 3:15 p.m., and we'll jump from 4-5 p.m.

Please note that the park is closed on Sundays, so this is scheduled for a Saturday!

Watch your email for announcements about local mission opportunities and fun events this summer!

2014 Vestry Nominees

Kristan B. Burch

Kristan grew up in Newport News as a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, where she attended day school and later was married. She joined St. Andrew's after moving to Norfolk. Kristan has served on the Parish Life and Pastoral Care Committees and regularly volunteers in the kitchen. She reviewed the construction contracts in connection with the Capital Campaign and co-chaired the Stewardship Committee in 2013.

Sheryl Davis Searing

"Sheri," her husband, John, and their daughters have been attending St. Andrew's since 2010. The Searings live in West Ghent, a quick walk from St. Andrews' door. They have three daughters. Emma enjoys acolyting, Noelle enjoys Sunday School and Katie attends Children's Chapel. Sheri has taught Sunday School and served on the St. Andrews Centennial Celebration Committee.

Doug Mitchell

Doug and his wife, Karen, have been part of the St. Andrew's family for seven years. They have particularly enjoyed getting to know other folks through the Foyer groups. Doug has become a regular overnigher in our NEST program. For those that don't know him, he is the tall, bald, bearded guy in the tenor section of the choir. He and Karen have five children, currently living all over the world.

Amber Pickrell

Amber, her husband Jim, and their two sons Jimmy and Bobby have been active members for many years. Amber has served as the chair-woman of the annual Flower Festival several times over the past decade, and she has also directed the Christmas pageant several years running. She graduated from Maury and Old Dominion and currently serves as the president of the Blair PTA and the Maury Boosters Association.

Mike Whitehurst

Mike Whitehurst began attending St. Andrews in 1991, at the request of his friends Jerry Butler and Jerry Hines. He quickly became involved with the "Aids and Shut-ins Cooking Group," and he was confirmed at St Andrews in 1995. Mike served a short term on the Vestry several years ago, completing the term of a member who relocated for work. He currently serves on the Buildings and Grounds Committee, and has enjoyed getting to know members of St. Andrew's through the Foyer group program for several years.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Parish Meeting
May 4 at 9:00 a.m.

Convocation III Confirmation,
Christ and St. Luke's
May 10 at 11:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday
May 11 at 10:15 a.m.

Annual Organ Swell Concert with
Dr. Kosnik
May 12 at 12:15 p.m.

Annual Blood Drive
May 14, 1:00-7:00 p.m.

Women of St. Andrew's
Cookbook Sampling
May 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Laramie College Choir Concert
May 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Family Tea
May 31, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Annual Church Picnic
June 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Women of St. Andrew's
Evening Meeting
June 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Adult Forum

Sundays, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
in the Auditorium

April 27: Reflections of Spirituality
in Literature, with Bill Reid

May 11: Reflections of Spirituality
in Literature, Speaker TBD

Welcome to our Newcomers!

Susan Mitchell Burt

Cindy Crede

Julie Dunlap

Sue Gates

Genevieve and Reggie Nelson;
Olivia and Natalie

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!

Vestry Updates

March

The Rector shared a report on behalf of the Vestry Nominating Committee, introducing the names of five congregational nominees for Vestry: Kristan Burch, Sheri Searing, Doug Mitchell, Amber Pickrell and Mike Whitehurst. Brief biographical sketches can be seen on the adjacent page.

The Vestry approved the "adoption" of Tyler Montgomery as a member of St. Andrew's and candidate for ordination in this diocese.

The Vestry decided to delay the introduction of a new spring arts event due to an already full spring schedule, and in order to focus on the Flower Festival survey and feedback.

The Rector noted that St. Andrew's will again participate in a convocation-wide service of Confirmation and Reception at Christ and St. Luke's on Saturday, May 10. We will have seven candidates for reception from St. Andrew's. Please keep them in your prayers as this special day approaches.

The Junior Warden is soliciting quotes for the possible re-pointing of the exterior bricks that surround the stained glass window above our main altar. This would prevent leaking and possible water damage.

Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Births: Elizabeth Yar Mayom , February 28

Deaths: Nancy Diggs, March 7
Dr. John Furr, March 15
The Rev. Roger Snyder, Fourth Rector of St. Andrew's, March 24
The Rev. Patricia Bane, mother of Cathy Pearman, March 31
Linda Kruger, mother of Jim Kruger, April 8
Glenny White, April 10
Dr. William Fulgham, father of Kacky Bryant, April 10

Reception into the Episcopal Church (May 10 city-wide service at Christ and St. Luke's):

Susan Byrom and Robert Thomas
Dr. Sarah Deaver
Cathy and David Pearman
Sheri Searing
Fran Viney

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Education for Ministry

For 11 years, St. Andrew's has offered Education for Ministry (EfM), an accredited course out of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn. The following is taken from the Reading and Reflection Guide: *EfM is a four year study and group reflection process for the formation of Christian ministry through the development of knowledge, attitude, skill and identity as Christians. Published texts and essays provide the primary*

knowledge content in the study of Christian tradition. The first year studies the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). The second year offers a study of the New Testament. Year Three provides study of Christian (Church) history. Theology, ethics, and interfaith encounter constitutes study in the fourth year.

The EfM group at St. Andrew's is comprised of students from both St. Andrew's and Christ and St. Luke's churches. They meet every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Although this is a

four-year course, students only commit to one year at a time. There are reading assignments for each week that facilitate discussion. The course teaches group members to reflect upon issues within their lives in a theological manner. The cost of the course is \$350, but scholarships are offered to those who need them. The St. Andrew's EfM students will host a coffee on June 1 and will take applications from new students at that time.

St. Andrew's Red Cross Blood Drive

*Give Unto Others as You Would
Have Them Give Unto You*

Blood Transfusion is not something we think about or worry about until we need it. In the United States, someone needs it about every two seconds. Over 41,000 units are transfused every day. Where does all that blood come from? It's not packaged. All of the scientists in the world are

unable to duplicate the life-giving qualities of a blood transfusion. There is only one source and that is a human donor – you, me, our neighbors, friends, family. Get a group of people together and about 38% of them are eligible donors but, in fact, only about 10% of them donate.

So let's see if St. Andrew's can reverse the statistics. We need 54 donors on May 14 to make our



donation goal. Help supply the blood that you or a loved one may one day need. The blood drive is from 1:00-7:00 p.m. on May 14. Sign up for an appointment in White Hall.

Ghent Area Ministry - Summer collections

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 and Pasta Sauce
Tuna
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Cereal
Canned Meats
Crackers
Peanut Butter and Jelly

Vocal Visitors from the Wild West

Last October, our organist, Dr. Jim Kosnik, traveled to Cheyenne, Wy. to conduct an organ concert alongside the Laramie County Community College Choir. The concert was directed by Dr. Kosnik's former student and friend, Dr. Judy Ransom.

Dr. Kosnik had a grand time and come back telling stories of tumbleweeds, sunsets and beautiful music. It was such a fruitful experience that he and Dr. Ransom arranged an exchange: in May of this year she would bring her choir east to visit her old stomping grounds in



Norfolk.

Thus, on Sunday, May 18, we at St. Andrew's will have the wonderful opportunity to host Dr. Judy Ransom and the Laramie County Community College

Choir for a special day of music. The Choir will sing during the 10:15 a.m. service, which also happens to be the last day of our church choir's program year before they break for the summer.

A coffee hour reception will follow as we welcome our guests. Then, at 3:00 p.m., the Choir will present a full choral concert at St. Andrew's, open to the community.

It promises to be a beautiful day of sacred music and the perfect way to wrap up our choral season. Please plan to join us!

It's Picnic Time!

Sunday, June 8

Come and join us for the year-end picnic here at St. Andrew's in White Hall/Patio [Rain or Shine]

Lunch will be served at 12:00 p.m.

The church will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, sheet cake dessert, water and soft drinks. If you are able, please consider bringing a side dish. We always appreciate vegetables, deviled 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

The Taste of St. Andrew's

The Women of St. Andrew's will hold The Taste of St. Andrew's on May 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The event will feature recipes from our cookbook, *Blessings from Heaven*, along with a menu that includes vegetarian dishes as well as kid-friendly food. Tickets are on sale in White Hall. Adults are \$15; children between the ages of 7 and 12 are \$5, children 6 and under are free. This will be the last chance you will have to pre-order a cookbook at a reduced price.

Family Tea

As you know, the Women of St. Andrew's moved the Family Tea to May 31. The time of the tea will be from 12:00-2:00 p.m. The tea is open to the whole church. Tickets will be on sale in White Hall beginning April 27. They are \$10.00 for adults; children under the age of 12 are free. There will be an activity for the children and a raffle for donated gifts. Come join us for a couple of relaxing hours with friends and family.



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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.

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