

# 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!

## Search Process Begins for Organist/Choir Director

by the Rev. John Rohrs

It has been a summer of transition in the music ministry of our parish. In May, Dr. Jim Kosnik resigned his position as Organist/Choir Director and concluded his remarkable thirty year tenure at St. Andrew's. We honored him on Sunday, May 18 during our 10:15 a.m. service, which featured the type of special music that Dr. Kosnik has often brought to our worship. That morning, we hosted the Laramie County Community College Chorale (Cheyenne, Wyo.), directed by Dr. Judy Ransom, a former student of Dr. Kosnik's. It was a bittersweet and beautiful send-off, and a reminder of the central role that music has long played in the life of our church.

That tradition will continue. While Dr. Kosnik leaves big shoes to fill, we are excited about the future of our music ministry.

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## Update from Josh and Rosanna

by Josh Stephens

Greetings from the School of Theology at the University of the South! I have just finished my first year of seminary and Rosanna is nearly finished with the first year of her emergency medicine residency. We had a really good year all around. I was able to take classes in Old and New Testament, Greek, Church History, Spirituality, and even Environmental Theology. Rosanna is now quite comfortable in the ER, including dealing with the region's most serious traumas.

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## ***Organist Search, from page 1***

Our parish is growing, and opportunities to make a joyful noise abound. We plan to sustain the excellence and primary role of our traditional adult choir, while also continuing to grow and emphasize our supplemental choirs: the handbell choir, the junior choir, and the Gospel Lights string group.

A search committee, chaired by parishioner and choir member Jerry Butler, has begun receiving resumes for a part-time organist/choir director. We hope to visit with select candidates in the late summer/early fall, and we will keep you posted as the process unfolds. In addition to Mr. Butler and the Rev. John Rohrs, other members of the search committee include: Jeff Barnum, Stephen Batten, Judy Blevins, Molly Dey, Jon Glass, Ellen Gollither, Leslie Hennessey, Doug Mitchell, and Anna Smith. Please feel free to contact one of them. You may view the job description by click-

ing on a link on the homepage of our church website.

Meanwhile, we are very ably led during this interim time by Dr. Joe Khoury and Richard Rigg. Dr.



Khoury, a new parishioner at St. Andrew's, is serving as our Interim Organist. Over the past twenty years Dr. Khoury served as the

substitute organist at The Chapel of the Cross Episcopal Church in Chapel Hill, N.C., where he regularly accompanied the Cantus, Senior, Junior and Parish Choirs. Prior to that, Dr. Khoury studied piano, organ and music theory for nine years with Roseanne Elmlinger in Akron, Ohio. When he's not on the organ bench, Dr. Khoury is a full-time Medical Director at LifeNet Health in Virginia Beach.

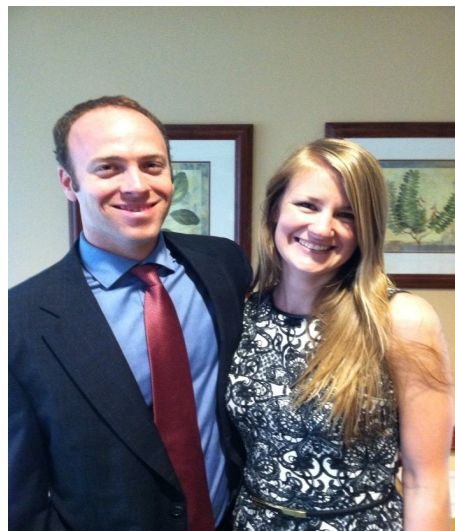
Richard Rigg is a more familiar face, having sung in our choir for nearly thirty years. When he is not directing the band and orchestra at Virginia Beach Middle School, he also serves as our Assistant Choir Director, with responsibility for coordinating the handbell choir, junior choir and Gospel Lights. During this transition time, Mr. Rigg will serve as our Interim Choir Director, taking charge of the adult choir as well. He will provide important stability and leadership in the months ahead and will work with Dr. Khoury to engage the congregation during this time of transition. Be on the lookout for a possible "Bach's Lunch" concert series in the late summer/early fall as we build excitement about the musical life of our parish.



## ***Josh and Rosanna, from page 1***

We are loving our time exploring the trails, caves, waterfalls, and lakes of the University and its surroundings. Starting June 2, I began my summer internship as a hospital chaplain at Rosanna's hospital (UT-Erlanger Medical Center). My responsibilities will include patients and families in the ICU, stroke and brain injury rehabilitation, and hospice. It's going to be a very challenging summer, but I'm truly excited about offering comfort to those suffering and becoming a better pastor in the process. We miss you all, pray for you often, and think of you daily. We could not be pursuing our vocations without your support, so thank you.

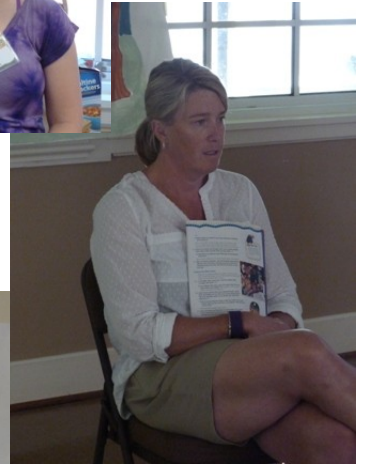
Sincerely,  
Josh Stephens and Rosanna Couture





## Vacation Bible School Was A Huge Success!

For the first time in ten years, St. Andrew's hosted Vacation Bible School this summer from June 23-26. Thirty children participated, alongside a large cadre of wonderful volunteers. Under the terrific leadership of Sunday School Coordinator Jessica Chesson and the Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs, children learned about the expansiveness of God's love for us using a curriculum titled "Weird Animals: Where Jesus' Love Is One of a Kind!" They had a blast!



## Flower Festival Planning Underway

The results are in! More than half the parishioners who responded to the 2014 St. Andrew's Flower Festival Survey would like for the event to be re-organized in the future, with a focus on the arts, music, and/or the bazaar. For a social event to accompany the festival, respondents were almost evenly divided regarding their preference to keep it as is - a semi-formal event with entertainment and heavy hors d'oeuvres - or have a more casual multi-generational gathering. With Halloween falling on Friday, Oct. 31 this year, most would rather have the signature social event celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 1.

This year's Flower Festival Committee has taken the findings to heart, and the group has begun planning for a fall event during the Feast of All Saints, Nov. 1-2, to suit a variety of interests and ages.

"Based on the survey feedback, the committee has decided that this year's festival will span a Saturday-Sunday time period, and we're planning a fun social event for Saturday evening," said Chairwoman Amber Pickrell. "With Halloween falling on Friday, we felt that more people of all ages would enjoy this approach."

The original concept of the festival was to be a gift to the community. The committee is brainstorming ways to re-emphasize that mission by thoughtfully including more neighboring friends and local businesses. While the group is still ironing out the details, the general event agenda is shaping up as follows, with times to be confirmed:

- **Saturday, Nov. 1**

Festival Bazaar (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) - featuring the Church Mouse, local vendors, bake sale, Christmas tree and wreath orders, flower sales, music performances, and a ticketed lunch.

Social Event (5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.) - family-friendly event will appeal to all ages and include food, beverages, live music, a silent auction, and children's activities, with an emphasis on Ghent-area purveyors.

- **Sunday, Nov. 2**

Evensong Service (5:00 p.m.) - service of choral evensong with guest musician(s), followed by a festive wine and cheese reception in White Hall.

As to the floral decorations that have been a festival focal point, the group is still thinking about how best to incorporate flowers to complement the event's changes. "We may not have as many decorations as in years past, but that's to be decided," said Pickrell. "This event is evolving, so this will be a year to try some new things and see how we like them. We'll go back to the parish afterward to see what they think."

If you are interested in volunteering and helping to shape this year's festival please come to the next meeting on Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. in White Hall or contact the church office.

## Flower Festival Survey Highlights

A total of 80 individuals responded to the 2014 Flower Festival Survey, which was distributed in April via the church email list, website, and hard copies.

Highlights include:

- **Attendance:** Of the respondents who said they attended the 2013 Festival (68%), the Friday evening gala and the Saturday bazaar were the most attended.
- **Future Direction:** A combined 52% said the festival should be re-organized with a focus on the arts, music, the bazaar, or "other." Forty-seven percent preferred it stay the same, with a focus on the flowers.
- **Social Event:** When asked for their preference for a social event accompanying the festival, 41% said they would like to keep it as is, featuring a semi-formal event; 39% preferred a more casual family/multi-generational event; 14% wanted a less formal reception; and 6% marked other.
- **Social Event Date:** Halloween lands on Friday, Oct. 31 this year, and thus a combined 59% of respondents said they would like to move the social event to Saturday, Nov. 1.

To view the complete 2014 Flower Festival Overview, please visit [www.standrewsnorfolk.org](http://www.standrewsnorfolk.org).

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Children's Chapel planning meeting for the Fall, August 22, 10:00 a.m. in White Hall

Deadline for Sept./Oct. *Saltire* articles, August 19

Kickoff Sunday, with Activities Fair and Sunday School Registration, September 14

Bella's Books, Bargains, and Bake Sale, September 20

First Day of Sunday School, September 21, 9:00 a.m.

## Vestry Updates

At our June Vestry meeting, members welcomed guest Jerry Butler, the chair of the Organist/Choir Director Search Committee. Mr. Butler and the Rev. John Rohrs updated the group on the committee's formation and early discussion, and Vestry members shared some of their insight and suggestions about the music ministry at St. Andrew's.

Also at the June meeting, we discussed the possibility of St. Andrew's serving as a host church for a diaconal intern at some point in the future. The ordination process for deacons in the Diocese of Southern Virginia has been revised recently, and candidates are now required to serve an intern year at a church outside of their home parish. St. Andrew's is a potential site. More information on this will be forthcoming in the late summer/early fall.

Vestry members also elected our congregational delegates to the Annual Diocesan Council, scheduled for February 6-7 in Williamsburg. St. Andrew's will be represented by the Rev. John Rohrs, the Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs, Mavis Benz, Tim Coyle, Lois Gail Davis, and Jay Lassiter. Deane Sobol will serve as an alternate. Thank you to all who are willing to participate in the important councils of the broader church!

## Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

Births: Olivia Lauren LeReche, granddaughter of Bev Bullock, May 18  
Charles Bennett Dahl, July 3

Baptism: Taylor John O'Keefe, June 29

Weddings: Francesca Fariel and Tucker Jankosky, June 14  
Jessica Dodson and Scott Ackerman, June 14  
Shannon Mitchell and Michael Stoneburg, July 5

Deaths: Alvis H. Stephens, grandfather of Josh Stephens, April 30  
Mary Harriet Lott Travilla, May 5  
Lillian Pribish, grandmother of Sarah McBride, May 13  
William Henry Morrison, uncle of Jon Hanbury, May 29



# PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

## BELLA'S BOOKS, BARGAINS AND BAKE (B3) SALE RETURNS

Bella's is coming back the weekend of Sept. 20-21. Here is how you can help.

**Book Sale:** Books must be in good shape (no missing covers, torn spines, loose pages). Children's books are welcome but please do not include text books. Do NOT bring encyclopedias; old travel and financial books; dictionaries or thesauruses; or magazines. We DO want CDs and DVDs in satisfactory condition (no scratches that interfere with playing) and in their original jewel cases. Please, do NOT bring VHS tapes, audiotapes, or home-recorded CDs/DVDs.



**Bella's Bargains:** The list of items we need include the following items. This is not an all-inclusive list but an example of what is needed. Please do not bring furniture to the church.

**Accessories** such as jewelry, scarves, purses, ties, belts, etc. (NO clothing or shoes, please).

**Household decorative items** such as paintings, bric-a-brac, decanters, wreathes, pillows, baskets, vases, etc.

**Dishes and flatware** such as place settings, casserole dishes, serving plates, cake dishes, soup tureens, dinnerware (complete sets), wine glasses, serving trays, etc.

**Christmas items** such as tree ornaments, village houses, wreaths and other holiday items.

**Beauty items**, lotions, etc. that are unused and unopened.

**Food gifts** that are in-date and unopened.

**Paper items** such as wrapping paper, ribbons, gift bags, gift boxes, decorated paper plates and napkins, office supplies; and greeting and note cards; all items should be unused and in their original packaging.

**Bed, bath and beyond:** towels, sheets, bedspreads, curtains, tablecloths, napkins, etc. that are in excellent condition with **no** stains or tears.

**Small furniture** such as rocking chairs, end tables, or bookcases (**NO couches, buffets, bureaus or the like**)

**Games and Jigsaw Puzzles** – boxes must be intact and contain all game pieces .

**Bake Sale and Volunteers:** Volunteers will be needed to bake items for the bake sale. Volunteers will also be needed during August and early September to price and sort items for the sale as well as to set up and tear down the event. Volunteers are needed to help at the sales tables on Saturday, September 20 and to a lesser extent on Sunday, September 21. Sign-up Sheets will be on the table outside of White Hall.

**We also need:** boxes with tops (particularly the ones that photocopy paper comes in). Please bring them in – they are great for packing the books and small sale items. We can also use paper grocery bags with handles (no plastic bags, please).



## Partnerships and Pastimes

Parishioners Lizzy Allen and the Rev. Robert Davenport recently returned from their fifth trip to Malawi, where, for several years, they have developed meaningful relationships through the Anglican Church and the Em-bangweni School for the Deaf.

Robert began making connections through the church as early as 1995, and, in recent years, Lizzy has gotten involved as well. She is a teacher and interpreter for the deaf, and she and Robert have been working with the Em-bangweni School on plans to expand and open the first secondary school for the deaf in the coun-



try. The effort is supported by a grant from the Lilly Endowment.

Lizzy and Robert made time for fun as well, as they taught the students and teachers how to play softball. Lizzy reports that they caught on pretty quickly, and they wrapped up by teaching them “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” in sign language. St.

Andrew’s parishioners generously donated a number of the gloves and bats that you can see in this team photo, and Lizzy and Robert send their gratitude.

Throughout their visits, they have also developed a close connection with Bishop F. E. Magangani of the Anglican Diocese of Northern Malawi. He makes frequent trips to the U.S., and we hope that he may be able to visit us when he next travels this way. Meanwhile, if anyone wants to learn more about this partnership and how you might be involved, Lizzy and Robert would love to talk with you!

### Congratulations to our Graduates!

#### College Graduates

Emma Archer Brett, University of Georgia; Claiborne Young Brown, Hampden-Sydney College; Brian Michael Hazen Landrum, Virginia Commonwealth University; Daniel Edward Miller, University of Mary Washington

#### High School Graduates (with college destination)

Mitchell Addison (James Madison University); Cory Arnold (U. S. Navy); Megan Gollhofer (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); William Howell (George Mason University); Taylor Lloyd (George Mason University); Parisa Samareh (Virginia Tech University)

Congratulations to all our graduates! Parents of high school graduates, please send us your student’s college mailing address, for the care packages that the Women of St. Andrew’s send at exam time.

### Yoga at St. Andrew’s – Embodied Spirituality

“So glorify God in your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:20

Using breathing exercises, movement and stillness, we’ll cultivate a felt sense of God within ourselves. A slow and steady pace will emphasize alignment and coordinating breath with movement. Practice themes may be inspired by the week’s lectionary readings, or explore concepts such as grounding in order to open, using the body as prayer, and connecting to your deepest Self. The class is suitable for beginners and students of all levels. Modifications will be offered for any physical limitations.

**Time:** Fridays beginning July 18, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in White Hall

**Instructor:** Eleanor R. Kootsey, certified vinyasa flow yoga teacher, mother of a curly-headed toddler, wife of a CHKD resident, nonprofit fundraiser, and grateful St. Andrew’s parishioner.



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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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