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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!

## Columbarium Project Moves Forward

By The Rev. John Rohrs and Co-chair Deane Sobol



Close up of installed niches.



At the July meeting of the St. Andrew's Vestry, the Columbarium Committee presented its plans and recommendations to the Vestry. It was the culmination of two years of thorough research and discussion, and the Vestry was delighted with the vision of the Committee. At a subsequent meeting in September, the Vestry formally approved the project to go forward, and the Committee members shared their plans with parish members at the Adult Forum on Sunday, October 11. This was the first of many opportunities parishioners will have to learn more about the project and take part in bringing this dream to reality.

A columbarium is a structure designed to hold urns bearing cremated remains. The urns are housed in compartments called niches; each niche can hold up to two urns and is covered with a face stone comprised of polished granite, upon which names and dates can be etched. The niches, in turn, are housed in a built structure – in our case wide columns of brick that will match the architecture of the church. The adjacent photographs show sample niches and a faceplate from another church.

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## St. Andrew's Welcomes New Deacon

By The Rev. John Rohrs



On Sunday, October 11, we welcomed a new vocational deacon to St. Andrew's. The Rev. Dr. Marguerite Alley joined us in a festive service, during which her ministry here was blessed by the The Rev. Becki Dean, the Archdeacon of the Diocese of Southern Virginia.

Rev. Alley was ordained a deacon in 1998. Following ten years of HIV/AIDS ministry (which she continues today), she took a position as the coordinator of Christian Formation at

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## ***Columbarium, continued from page 1***

In building a columbarium, we will be able to offer our church members a final resting place on the grounds of their spiritual home. We will fulfill a centuries old tradition of serving and embracing our members from baptism to death and resurrection. Our columbarium will be located within a new and beautiful memorial garden that will be built on the west side of the church, opposite the playground. The drawing is too detailed to reprint here, but you may find it displayed on an easel in White Hall. The columbaria will actually form part of the columned fencing around the garden, enabling the enclosed space to feature a large gathering area, benches for quiet prayer and reflection, and landscaped bushes and foliage to create a sacred setting.

Under the stained glass windows on the exterior of the church, opposite and mirroring the columbaria, we will have a memorial wall plaque, upon which names can be etched to honor and remember loved ones who are buried elsewhere. In this way, even if you do not plan to purchase a niche in the columbarium, you may still include your family and friends in the memorial garden. The Committee is still working out some of the details, but the price of a niche is likely to be in the range of \$2,000-\$2,500, a significant savings over earthly burial. The price of a faceplate on the memorial wall is estimated at \$200-\$250. The Committee plans to offer a discount for those who choose to pre-purchase a niche to help fund the initial construction costs.

The Committee hopes to break ground in the early spring, with a hoped-for completion and special service of dedication coming in early to mid-summer. Please visit the display in White Hall to learn more, and take one of the Frequently Asked Questions brochures to begin thinking about how you might like to participate in this meaningful and sacred project.

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## ***New Deacon, continued from page 1***

Emmanuel Episcopal Church (Virginia Beach), where she also served as a deacon until February of this year. Before going into ministry, Rev. Alley taught elementary and high school orchestra for 32 years, in addition to playing as a professional cellist. She now teaches fifth grade orchestra part time at two elementary schools in the area.

She has an undergraduate degree from James Madison, along with a master's degree in education and another in pastoral studies. In 2013, she earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation with a concentration in liturgy. She makes her home with her partner, Jan, three dogs (Toby, Pascal and Clancy), and a cat named Frank.

In the traditional role of a deacon, Rev. Alley will help our congregation reach out to the world around us. Historically, deacons have been bridge builders, helping us live out the gospel in our lives by serving others in the community. Rev. Alley will also have a regular and vital role in our weekly worship; she will preach and read the gospel, set the altar, lead the Creed and Confession, and proclaim the dismissal. More generally, she will become part of our clergy team, sharing in planning, pastoral care and more. We are so fortunate as a congregation to continue as a partner in ministry with one of our diocesan deacons. Please join me in warmly welcoming Marguerite and Jan to our community.

Beginning this fall allows Rev. Alley a few months to overlap with Genevieve Nelson, who will conclude her diaconal internship at St. Andrew's through December. It has been such a gift to have Ms. Nelson with us this year, and Rev. Alley will continue some of her good work – most notably the formation of a new Laundry Love program to rent out a local Laundromat and help launder the clothes of area homeless persons while joining them for a meal and fellowship. Ms. Nelson, meanwhile, has been assigned by the bishop to serve up the road at Church of the Good Shepherd in Norfolk. She will begin her ministry there sometime early in the new year, and her diaconal ordination is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 in Glen Allen, Va. On Sunday, December 20, we will have a coffee hour reception to honor Ms. Nelson and thank her for her ministry with us this year.

## Children's and Youth Ministry Updates

### Upcoming Youth Group Events

**Bon Appétit... EYC Cooking Extravaganza - November 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

We're going gourmet and getting crazy in the Church kitchen together. This will be a great chance to enjoy time with one another and perhaps learn a few new cooking skillz from some of St. Andrew's best chefs.

**LASER QUEST – Sunday, November 22 – 4:00-7:15 p.m.**

Forget Christian peacemaking. Meet in White Hall to head out to Laser Quest, where we'll spend the afternoon firing away at each other. After our two games, we'll stay for pizza and trash talking before returning home.

**Annual Christmas Stocking Delivery - Sunday, Dec.13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Meet in White Hall to divide into teams for distributing stockings to our homebound St. Andrew's parishioners and to spread some holiday cheer. Hot chocolate, cookies, and other festivities for us afterwards, of course!



Sunday School is off to a wonderful start. The final class of the first rotation was October 18<sup>th</sup>. Rick Hood, Lily Beachy, and Sue Gates taught the unit "101 Ways to Pray" to our kindergarten and first grade class. Dianna Wassell, Lois Gail Davis and Amber Pickrell taught our second-fifth graders all about King David. A huge thank you to these wonderful teachers for starting out our year.

Currently we are underway in our second rotation. Bug Gallagher and Harper Lea are the kindergarten-first grade teachers while Beth Yusi and Lily Beachy are teaching the second-fifth grade class. We hope to see you at 9:00 a.m. soon!

## Transitions in Life Group Update and Plans

In October, the Transitions in Life group hosted The Rev. Jim Sell, a retired Episcopal priest, to share his experience of retirement and offer suggestions about how to make that change in a healthy way. A thoughtful discussion ensued, and it was a wonderful evening.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, Dec. 2, 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Judie and Michael Belka (1108 Bote-tourt Gardens, 23507) . We will welcome Steve Heretick, the newly elected Democratic Delegate from the 79th District to the Virginia House of Delegates. Steve is a former president of the Virginia Board of Medicine and has experience in the field of medical ethics. He will lead a discussion of the issues raised in *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. All are welcome.

## The 2015 Fall Festival Is Here!

Faith • Family • Fellowship • Festive • Friendship  
October 30, 31 & November 1

Friday, October 30  
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Community Party (& Childcare)

- Featuring bluegrass band, *Hard Knox*
- Food from local vendors, *Bakehouse, Pendulum & Rowena's*
- Fish Fry and Oyster Roast
- Hot Apple Cider and Soft Drinks
- Silent Auction with Themed Baskets
- Children:  
Ages 3 & Under; Childcare and Dinner  
Ages 4-12, Activities, Movie and Pizza
- Pre-Bazaar shopping at Christmas Mouse, Church Mouse and Village Bakery
- Tickets \$20 (*Children 12 & Under Free*)  
*Tickets may be purchase before and after services through Oct. 25, in the Parish Office M-Th 9-3 and Fridays 9-1 and from Vestry members.*

Saturday, October 31  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Bazaar & Family Festival

- Children's Activities: Bounce House, Petting Zoo & Pony Rides, Face Painting & Magician, Costume Parade, Games and MORE
- Bazaar with Local Vendors
- Shopping at Christmas Mouse, Church Mouse and Village Bakery
- For Sale: Christmas Trees and Wreaths, Hand Held Bouquets and Pansies
- Outdoor Pansy Grill with Breakfast & Lunch Specials
- Sanctuary Music: Organ Demonstrations, 12:00 p.m., Virginia Beach Middle School Band & Orchestra, *Conducted by Richard Rigg*

Sunday, November 1

All Saints Day

10:15 a.m., Festive Celebration of the Feast of All Saints

5:00 p.m. CHORAL EVENSONG

*Followed by Reception*

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Ellie Ankerson, 623-0597

### SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

It's time for our Themed Basket Auction in conjunction with the Community Party on October 30. Please consider donating a basket - we will provide a list of themes with suggested items, if needed. Contact Amber Pickrell, 235-5264 or pickrell3@cox.net

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Thanksgiving Food Baskets due at GAM office by November 10th

Andrew's HIV/AIDS Cook-in White Hall, Nov. 22, 8:00 a.m.

Advent Wreath Making with Parish Breakfast, White Hall, Nov. 29, 9:00 a.m.

St. Nicholas Day Children's Activities, White Hall, Dec. 6, following the 10:15 a.m. service

Hampton Roads Men's Chorus, Guest Choir, Dec. 6 at 10:15 a.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols Service, Dec. 13 at 10:15 a.m.

Christmas Pageant, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.

## Adult Forum

Oct. 25 - Matthew 25: "I was sick and you cared for me" - ACCESS AIDS Care Representative

Nov. 8 - Matthew 25: "I was hungry and you fed me" - FORKids Representative

Nov. 15 - Matthew 25: "I was in prison and you visited me" - Michael Stone, Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Nov. 22 - Matthew 25: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" - Eli Arusi on the Syrian refugee crisis

Dec. 6 - Awe and Wonder: The Incarnation in Art - Drs. Leslie and Bill Hennessey

Dec. 13 - Awe and Wonder: The Incarnation in Story - The Rev. John Rohrs

Dec. 20 - Awe and Wonder: The Incarnation in Song - Stephen Leist, Director of Music Ministry

## Welcome to our Newcomers!

Please welcome our newcomers and help them feel at home. Come to coffee hour and put on your name tag, and then remember this rule of thumb: spend the first three minutes introducing yourself to someone you don't know!

Kristin Adams

Ann and Andy Larkin; Matt and Abby

Kiersten and Ray Wright; Anderson and Eleanor

Kirsten Lausier; Patricia and Charlie

Erin and Jeff Phillips; Ben and Connor

Tara and James Bota

Courtney Russell; Addison, Brylie and Sophie

Sarah Black; Jeffrey Booth

George McPhee

## Vestry Updates

- At the September meeting of the St. Andrew's Vestry, we welcomed the new class of Vestry members and elected officers. Kristan Burch was elected by affirmation as the Senior Warden, and Greg Murphy was elected by affirmation to continue for a second year in his role as the Junior Warden. Dennis Pendleton was again appointed Register, and Larry Brett agreed to continue another year as our Parish Treasurer, which is not a Vestry position. All other Vestry members signed up for committee assignments.
- The Vestry received an update from the Junior Warden about repair projects at the Rectory. We have begun Phase One repairs, which include improvements to the foundation, flooring repairs, HVAC replacement, electrical work, and other projects. Phase Two projects will feature roofing repairs and interior painting, which will likely happen early next year.
- The Vestry also reviewed the proposed plans and cost estimates for a columbarium at St. Andrew's, and we voted to move forward with the project in the months ahead. The Columbarium Committee will work with the Rector to finalize policies and procedures, and we will then begin publicizing the opportunity to the parish. A beautiful design by Jim Affeldt was shared at the October 11 Adult Forum, along with frequently asked questions. We will continue to share this information in various ways in the months ahead. We anticipate breaking ground on the columbarium and memorial garden sometime in the early spring, with a hoped-for completion and special service of dedication in early to mid summer.

## Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

**Births:** Camden David Genesevich, the son of Scott and Genevieve Genesevich and grandson of Vicki and Jack Genesevich, August 27

Genevieve Quinn Curtis, the daughter of Molly (Duckett) and John Curtis, and granddaughter of Carole and John Duckett, September 7.

Lillian "Lily" Grace, the daughter of Susan O'Brian Knight and granddaughter of Gail Austin, Sept. 21.

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

### Annual Angel Tree Will Benefit FORKids

In the coming month, we once again will collect new, unwrapped toys under an Angel Tree. See the list at the information table in White Hall or under the Christmas tree on top of the piano. The gifts will go to children affiliated with FORKids, a local service organization that works with homeless and at-risk children and their families.

To donate food items, please place canned goods and other

non-perishable food items in the wicker basket outside the parish office door, or look for the little red wagon in the Narthex of the church beginning Monday, Nov. 30. Each Sunday the collected presents we be brought in front of the pulpit as a symbol of offering during the 10:15 service. Please note that all presents and food need to be in by December 12.



### Outreach Ministry



Listening to Genevieve's sermon a few weeks back reminded me of the generous souls we have in our church community who help people much less fortunate than they are. We have many blessings and loving hearts and are willing to help. A pair of socks, food for the cook-in, Thanksgiving Food Bags, a gift for the Angel Tree, knitting a

scarf or serving a meal at NEST are all generous acts of kindness.

Genevieve read from James' epistle, "Every generous gift of giving, every perfect gift, is from above..." Simple gifts are meaningful to those who receive them. Please stop by the Mission and Ministry bulletin board, where you will find opportunities to share your generous spirit. — Robin Kruger

### 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 are greatly appreciated. (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, Nov. 29.

**PARENTS: Please call or email the church office with your student's mailing address, or call or email Ann Dodson, 635-0488 or [ann.dodson@cox.net](mailto:ann.dodson@cox.net)!**

If the address hasn't changed, let us know that as well. **We don't want to leave anyone out!**



## Kicking Off the 2016 Stewardship Campaign



At two festive events on October 15 and 18, we kicked off our annual stewardship campaign at St. Andrew's. These gatherings reflected our theme this year: "Growing God's Family."

With a growing congregation and growing opportunities to serve the world around us, we need your support to sustain and enhance our shared mission. Every gift helps, no matter the size, because it allows us to plan a budget and shape our programs and ministries. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge. Unless you are a new visitor, you should receive a pledge card and brochure in the mail. They are also available for anyone to pick up at church - in the entryway (narthex) of the

church and on the information table in White Hall.

This year, you may even submit a pledge online by clicking on the button that says "Make Your Pledge Online," located in the right-hand column of our homepage ([www.standrewsnorfolk.org](http://www.standrewsnorfolk.org)). A direct link to the pledge submission form, if you wish to paste it into your web browser, is [www.standrewsnorfolk.org/forms/view/27482](http://www.standrewsnorfolk.org/forms/view/27482). Thank you for your support of our shared ministry together!

### Christmas Flowers/Greenery Orders are due by Dec 14.

To donate flowers or greenery in memory or in honor of loved ones, please make your check payable to St. Andrew's Church for \$10.00 per name.

Flowers/Greenery given to the Glory of God and  
 In loving memory or  in honor:

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Given by:

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### Christmas Pageant - Dec. 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Come for a brief meeting and costume distribution on November 29 following the 10:15 a.m. service

**ROLES:**

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

**REHEARSALS:**

December 6, 13 and 20 following the 10:15 a.m. service

**QUESTIONS:**

Amber Pickrell—627-9258 or [pickrell3@cox.net](mailto:pickrell3@cox.net)



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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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