



## *Organ Bench, from page 1*

And, as one of the national classical music radio programs focusing on new music, heard on public radio, states at the end: “reminding listeners that all music was new once.” My hope is that you will be engaged through these “new” offerings.

I am also very excited about working with the Senior Choir. One of the things I heard very clearly from choir members who were on the search committee was a desire for new music. We have a good selection of anthem titles in our choir library, some of which have not been heard in some time, but new titles will be ordered which reflect the diversity in our tradition. My own musical

interests embrace the choir repertoire from the Tudor era up to today, and there is a lot of exciting music to choose from which have appeal to all ages.

I would also like to take the opportunity of this space to remind the parish that there is always room for more choir members, and anyone from teens on up is welcome. There is no audition, and all that is required is a commitment to Thursday evening rehearsal and Sunday morning. Please contact me or see me at church if you are interested. Mark your calendars for the service of Evensong, which will be held on Sunday, May 17, at 5:00 p.m. This service is truly one of

the unique gems of our Anglican tradition, and yes, there will be new and exciting music.

Another charge to me as we begin moving into a new life together is to grow music opportunities for our young people. This is a discussion which will at least involve myself, the rector, and Richard Rigg, to chart a strategic program in this area. My vision and my hope for music at St. Andrew’s, is a program which engages multiple generations, inspires the congregation in worship, and reaches out to the community around us.

## *Vacation Bible School, from page 1*

At Everest VBS, kids learn one important Bible Point each day. The Bible Point is reinforced daily through Bible adventures, key Bible verses, songs, snacks, and hands-on activities. Each day the children will experience Base Camp Sing and Play, Bible Expeditions, Glacier Games, Mountaintop Treats, KidVid Cinema, Imagination Station, and a Summit Celebration. They will also “meet” a cool Bible Buddy to take home as a special reminder of their time spent at VBS.

Part of what makes VBS so special is the teamwork involved in planning and executing the week. From preparations to decorating to leading the different stations, there are many ways to help. We have jobs for people of all ages and abilities. You may sign up outside of White Hall or contact me (Jessica) to volunteer.

This VBS promises to be mountains of fun! Plus, kids walk away with a rock-solid faith that they can rely on God when life gets tough. Join our climbing team—register to be a part of Everest VBS!



## Education for Ministry

For 21 years, St. Andrew's has offered Education for Ministry (EfM), an accredited course out of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. 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 3 provides study of Christian (Church) history. Theology, ethics, and interfaith encounter constitutes study in the fourth year.*

The EfM group in St. Andrew's is comprised of students from both St. Andrew's and Christ and St. Luke's churches. They meet, as a discussion group, every Tuesday from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Although this is a four year course which awards a certificate upon graduation, students only commit to one year at a time. There are reading assignments for each week and group members bring up focal points on information that they wish to share. Although the Bible is studied during the first 2 years, this course goes far

beyond being a Bible study course. The course goal 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 May 31 and will answer any questions and take applications from new students at that time. Those who need additional information may go to the St. Andrew's web site or get brochures from the sign-up table outside of White Hall. If you wish to talk to someone about the course, please contact Deane Sobol at 623-0796.



## Upcoming Youth Group Events

**Sunday, May 3 Go Ape Zipline and Ropes Course** – Get ready for a great (though a bit terrifying) adventure! We'll meet in White Hall at 12:00 to drive to the course in Williamsburg. The cost is \$30, and scholarship money is available. We need extra adult volunteers to meet the required ratios, so please consider joining us!

**Sunday, May 17 – Youth Sunday** – We will celebrate children of all ages at our 10:15 service with a children's choir, special music our teenagers, and homilies by two graduating high school seniors.

**2015 Mission Trip** – We are headed to Grace House on the Mountain in western Virginia from July 12-18 where we will assist local families with much-needed home improvement projects. The cost is \$400, and scholarship money is available. The deadline for committing is June 1. Please contact Andie for more details.

## 2015 Vestry Nominees

### Judie Belka

Judie, and her husband Michael, transferred their membership last year from Old Donation where Judie had been employed as the Parish Administrator. Judie can be found in the choir and also enjoys lecturing, serving the chalice and maintaining the St. Andrew's FACEBOOK page. Judie recently collaborated with Rev. Andie Rohrs to start the "Transitions in Life" group, has passions for liturgy and music, and is delighted her youngest of four children will graduate from UVA in May.

### Judith C. Blevins

"Judy" joined St. Andrew's with husband, Steve, and was confirmed in 1978. She has served in various capacities as a Sunday school teacher, OEP committee member for Kakie Swann and Amory LeCour, recent organist search committee member, and a Vestry member fulfilling a term for another who moved away from the area. She is an active member of the WSA having been a co-chair from 2011-2013. She currently enjoys participating in the bell choir. Judy completed EFM in 2003 under the guidance of mentor, Olive Pridgen. Judy and Steve have 3 married children and four grands who live outside this area.

### Jim Kruger

Jim grew up in Norfolk and was confirmed as a teen at Good Shepherd. While living in away he attended St. John's in Chuckatuck and St. John's in Chester, VA. The Krugers returned to Norfolk in 2006 and joined St. Andrew's. Jim has been involved with the Building and Grounds Committee and the Outreach Committee, particularly the Sandwich Ministry and NEST.

### Page G. Lea, Jr.

Page grew up in Virginia Beach and was a member of Galilee Episcopal Church where he served as an acolyte and participated in EYC. He was a camper at Camp Chanco and later worked there for several summers as a camp counselor. Page, with his wife Harper and their sons Preston (5) and Christopher (2), lives in Larchmont and began attending St. Andrews in December of 2012. He has helped with the youth group and Sunday School, volunteered for NEST sessions, and currently serves as a Reader & Chalice.

### Andy P. Stephenson

Andy and his wife, Lindsay, have been a part of the St. Andrew's congregation since 2008. They enjoy volunteering with the St. Andrews Youth Group, teaching Sunday school and participating in church events and functions. Andy has grown up in the Episcopal Church, and was the former Camp Director of Chanco on the James. Andy currently works as the Senior Community and Government Advocate for Sentara Healthcare. He and his wife live in Virginia Beach, and are expecting their first child in August of this year.

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Parish Meeting, May 3  
at 9:00 a.m.

Convocation III Confirmation,  
Christ and St. Luke's, May 9 at  
10:00 a.m.

Annual Blood Drive, May 13  
1:00-7:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday, May 17

Choral Evensong, May 17 at  
5:00 p.m.

Sandwich Ministry, sandwiches  
are due by Noon, May 22

Annual Church Picnic, June 7 at  
11:30 a.m.

Summer Office hours begin  
(9:00—2:00), June 22

Vacation Bible School,  
June 22-25

Sandwich Ministry, sandwiches  
are due by Noon, June 26

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### Adult Forum

Tipping Points of Faith — Bill  
Reid, May 10

Tipping Points of Faith — Pat  
Hodge, May 17

## Congratulations!

The following St. Andrew's adults are scheduled to be confirmed, received, or reaffirmed at a regional service on Saturday, May 9 at Christ and St. Luke's. Our youth confirmands and any other interested persons may be confirmed or received when the bishop next visits St. Andrew's in November or December of this year. Please speak with the clergy or parish administrator if you are interested in information about parish membership or confirmation, reception or reaffirmation.

Drew Anderson  
 Jennifer Cady  
 Jessica Chesson  
 Bill Davis  
 Janice Davis  
 Robin Kruger  
 Phil Modisett  
 Rhonda Scheckel  
 Mary Ellen Tomlin  
 Jewels Wolf

## Vestry Updates

At the March meeting, the Vestry continued its discussion of the Rectory. More information regarding repairs and renovations will have to wait until the end of April when the tenants move out. In the meantime, we are organizing a committee of parishioners to begin to research and discuss various possibilities for future use of the house. Carter Furr and Sally Kellam will chair the group. Members will explore options ranging from church offices, community outreach, nonprofit partnerships, rental property, and more. They will engage the congregation in the discussion over the course of the summer, so stay tuned.

In accordance with the parish by laws, the Vestry approved Wendy Nuzzo to fulfill the one remaining year on Hunter Benson's expired Vestry term.

The Rector updated the Vestry on the latest developments regarding the Talbot Hall property. A compromise was reached between the proposed buyers and the Talbot Hall Foundation preservation group, so the sale will now go through. The diocesan offices are still scheduled to move to Town Center at Oyster Point in Newport News sometime this summer.

The Junior Warden shared a plan by which we may host a pumpkin sale in the fall, similar to the one hosted by Larchmont United Methodist. It will require a significant amount of volunteer support during the day, so stay tuned for opportunities to get involved.

The April meeting was still a few days away when this newsletter went to print, but the scheduled focus time for the meeting includes an update on children's and youth ministry activities from Jessica Chesson and The Rev. Andie Wigodsky Rohrs

## Parish Prayers and Thanksgivings

- Deaths:** William W. Dey, III (Billy), March 16  
 Edythe Mathews, April 6
- Baptisms:** Madison Jane Cady and Alex James Cady, April 12  
 Beatrice Virginia Littlefield, April 26
- Wedding:** Jake Clark and Jennifer Warren, April 18

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

### Food Handlers Certification

**When was the last time you were certified as a food handler?** If it is over 2 years ago, you need to be recertified. The good news is that you can finally easily access an on-line course through the city of Norfolk (<http://www.statefoodsafety.com/food-handler/virginia/city-of-norfolk>). The cost of the course is \$15. The course will take about 90 minutes to com-

plete. The passing grade is 70 and you have 2 chances to pass. When you have successfully passed the course, you may print out your own food handlers card. If you work with food in our kitchen, you must have a food handlers card. If you do not want to use a computer, then you may attend a class offered by the city of Norfolk. You can find a listing of requirements and locations at <http://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?NID=166>.



### St. Andrew's Red Cross Blood Drive

It is time to plan for our annual blood drive, (May 13 from 1:00—7:00 p.m.). Our goal is 43 units of blood. For that we will need 53-56 donors. So please mark your calendar and plan on donating blood for your church and your community. Come celebrate life with us and save or improve a life in the process. It may be the most important activity you will do all year. **How should you prepare to give blood?** You must be **healthy and feel well** on the day

of donation. You must be **at least 17 years old** but, if you are 16, you may give with your parent's permission. So come with a parent and you can donate together! There is no upper age limit as long as you meet health requirements. You must **weigh at least 110 lbs.** There are additional weight requirements for donors 18 years old and younger and all high school donors. **Hydrate** - drink plenty of fluids the day of your donation. **Eat a Good Meal**

**Before You Come.** Avoid eating fatty foods, such as hamburgers, fries, or ice cream before donating. **Wear Something Comfortable** and make sure your sleeves can be easily rolled up above the elbow. **Bring a List of Medications You Are Taking** and include both prescription and OTC medications. **Bring an ID,** a driver's license or two other forms of identification. If you do not have an ID, you will not be taken as a donor.

### Summer Collections for Ghent Area Ministry

Please remember the poor and homeless people in Norfolk during the summer. The Food Pantry at Ghent Area Ministry (GAM) 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 Ave-

nue 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 & Pasta Sauce, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup, Ce-

real, Crackers, Peanut Butter & Jelly

**GAM News:** Forrest Kruger has been elected to serve on the board of Ghent Area Ministry (GAM), Forrest is the son of Robin and Jim Kruger. Please see the Outreach bulletin board and check out the many volunteer opportunities.

## Building and Grounds Updates

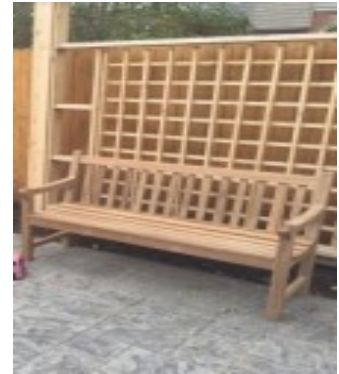
Greetings once again from buildings and grounds. As we emerge from what could be considered an epic winter we have a full plate of projects that were recently completed and others that will begin in the next several weeks and months. Between leaks at the roofing from ice dams and snow removal contracts I am happy to be finished with the cold weather and its pursuits.

In March we had the entire Sanctuary painted, this was to follow up the plastering that had been completed earlier in the year. Once again we had to enlist

the help of a Scaffold company which allowed the painters to access some of the higher areas of the church.



As you spend time at the playground and patio you may have noticed some new benches, planters and landscaping. This is part of the landscaping project discussed in the last B and G update.



### St. Andrew's Day and Picnic Sunday June 7, 2015

Join us at the 10:15 a.m. service for our inaugural celebration of St. Andrew's Day. We will honor our patron saint with special music (bagpipes, anyone?!) and prayers, and we will continue the festivities afterward with our annual parish picnic.

#### Lunch will be served at 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

The church will furnish hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, sheet cake dessert, water, and soft drinks. Side dishes appreciated; vegetables, devil eggs, your special casserole, cold vegetables/salad, fruit etc. For more information on helping or what to bring, please contact Steve Blevins.



### Funds for Food Drive Surpasses Goal

A huge, heartfelt thank you to all who supported the Funds for Food Drive during the Lenten season. We collected \$2500 from the parishioners and received a matching grant for \$2000 for a truly grand total of \$4500! This will give the Food Bank an equivalent buying power of \$27,000. Well done.

### Knitting for NEST

At the end of 2012, our deacon at that time, Sam Williams, asked if our knitters could knit some scarves for NEST and the Sam's Scarves Ministry was born. Since that time, we have knitted and distributed close to 200 scarves. It is now time to think about knitting some for next fall. Whether you are an expert or a beginning knitter, knitting a scarf is as simple as doing a knit stitch from beginning to end. The scarves should be at least 4 feet long and made of dark yarn that is washable. Scarves may be deposited outside of the Church Office. Several patterns will be placed on our web site along with at least one pattern for a crocheted scarf. So get out your needles and hooks and pass the word to your friends.



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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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