

# The Saltire



ST. ANDREW'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## November 2011

### Rector's Reflections

In a few short days we will host our nineteenth annual Flower Festival at St. Andrew's. No doubt it will be a glorious weekend of food and fellowship, flowers and art and music. Many thanks to Steve Batten, Amber Pickrell and everyone else who has worked so hard to bring these events to life.

The theme this year is "To Dwell in the House of the Lord All Our Days," a reference to Psalm 27 and the basis of a special composition by Dr. Jim Kosnik to mark the occasion of our centennial anniversary. This theme speaks to the power and importance of place. It is here, in this corner of West Ghent, that generations of people have sought and found the presence of the Lord. You can feel their spirits and God's Spirit in the light from the stained glass windows, in the dark wooden beams overhead and in the well-worn pews below.

Ours is a beautiful house of the Lord, but it is the people, not the building, that have made this the wonderful community it is. Many saints of St. Andrew's have gone before us, and we will hold all of them in our hearts when we gather for the Feast of All Saints on Sunday, Nov. 6. Bishop Hollerith will be here as guest preacher and celebrant for the 10:15 a.m. service, and a reception will follow. Two weeks later, on Sunday, Nov. 20, we will gather in White Hall at 9:00 a.m. for a parish breakfast and a special video presentation of long-time parishioners sharing memories from their years at St. Andrew's. We will then move into the church for a commemorative service using the liturgy from the 1892 *Book of Common Prayer*.

These are but the opening events in a season of celebration that will help us remember and honor what is past while also looking forward to the future with hope and joy. Please join us and be a part of this special moment in our life together.

Faithfully,  
John Rohrs

### Jr. Warden's Letter

Just recently the Vestry bid adieu to five individuals who finished their three year term: Carol Branch, Larry Brett, Ann Dodson, Joyce Swindell, and Jim Valone. Honestly, it's hard to imagine a more committed, talented group of people, serving in whatever capacity wherever. Likewise, we welcomed our incoming freshmen: Jim Affeldt, Elizabeth Evans, Dean Rogis, Deane Sobol, and Charlotte Zito. But commitment is not new to them; each has long been vital to our parish's mission. We should all be comforted and inspired by the leadership of John and this Vestry as we move into our second century. One needn't serve on Vestry to prove a high level of commitment though. Each day brings fresh evidence of deep spiritual commitment from so many to our parish's mission. As we enter this season of stewardship remember that time and talent are as important as what you pledge to our operating expenses. But isn't it easy giving to a community as gracious and caring as St. Andrews?

We on B&G have had a very productive year. Major issues have been addressed: drainage in various areas and most importantly, brick pointing and window lintel replacement. These two projects will be completed with funds dedicated in the 2012 budget. White Hall has been given a new beverage station and upgraded cabinetry. Boilers, wisp air units, and AC units have continued to demand their typical maintenance costs. By now work should have begun on the rectory's long-neglected windows and eaves (painting, caulking, glazing); the porch will be scraped and painted as well. There's new landscaping in front of the sanctuary, the office and White Hall. In October our sanctuary received a much-needed cleaning – FOR FREE! Bill Shaw with Conley Brothers, Inc. (the masonry specialists doing our brickwork and lintel replacement) graciously offered to clean the east and south sides of the sanctuary as a special centennial gift to our parish. What an unbelievably kind gesture!

In addition to completing the drainage and brick projects in 2012 we hope to paint, caulk and re-glaze the sanctuary's windows and beams, re-seal the sanctuary's copper gutter seams, replace missing slate tiles on the roof,

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## FLOWER FESTIVAL 2011

*“To Dwell in the House of the Lord All  
our Days”*

### November 5-7

The 2011 festival marks the 19<sup>th</sup> year that our church has produced this magnificent event in celebration of All Saints' weekend. This year's Flower Festival will be the official kick off of our Centennial celebration “Blessing from Heaven since 1911.”

**Flower Festival Tickets:** Are available for purchase in the Parish Office Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday after each service.

#### FEATURING:

\* **Gala Grand Opening (Centennial Kickoff) and Auctions** (*Music by Jim Newsom Quartet*) – November 4, 6:15-9:00 p.m.

**The Festival Bazaar** – November 5, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Organ Demonstrations** (*Lee Hendricks*)  
November 5, 10:00 a.m.-12:00p.m.

\* **Luncheon** (*Music by The Golliber Family*) –  
November 5, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Performance** (*Virginia Beach Middle School Band and Orchestra, Grade 8*) – November 5, 12:00 p.m.

**Performance** (*Norfolk A Cappella Ensemble*)  
November 5, 1:30 p.m.

**All Saints' Day Eucharist** – November 6  
8:00 a.m. (*The Reverend John Davis Rohrs*) and 10:15 a.m.  
(*The Right Reverend Herman “Holly” Hollerith*)

**Concert** (*Dr. James W. Kosnik, Organist*) and  
**Evensong** – November 6, 4:30 p.m.

\*Ticket required

### 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. 4; PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TOYS NEED TO BE IN BY DEC. 9

purchase an icemaker for the kitchen, and clean up Sexton's Alley (moving trashcans to the west side of White Hall). 2012 will also be one of the busiest years on record if we do proceed with a Capital Campaign and possibly with approved projects. Talk about commitment! Are we ready to take the big steps necessary to ensure a safe and greener parish for future generations? This is indeed our time, and with Father John's and the Vestry's leadership, and a high level of commitment from our congregation, we will pass along a welcoming, safe, and efficient house of worship for generations to come.

Respectfully,  
Ted Dey

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The 2012 Stewardship Campaign got off to a great start with a Pollard's fried chicken and barbecue luncheon on October 16. In his remarks, the Rev. John Rohrs listed some of the things that have happened this year as a result of our contributions: new beverage station and cabinets in White Hall, new drainage outside, repairs to brick and mortar, mission trip for the youth group, new Sunday School curriculum, new website, new logo, big events planned for the Centennial, as well as our wonderful music and outreach programs. John reminded us that, while our annual pledges are vital to our day-to-day operations, we give for a bigger reason – we give out of gratitude for what God has given us.

At the conclusion of the stewardship luncheon, 26 pledges had been received, for a total of \$103,560. Our pledge goal for 2012 is \$325,000, representing a 5% increase from last year. A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY TURNED IN A PLEDGE CARD! However, we still have a long way to go!

If you have not already done so, please return your pledge card as soon as possible. Your pledge is important as a symbol of your commitment to St. Andrew's, but on a more mundane level, the Finance Committee and Vestry are working hard to prepare a balanced budget for 2012, which depends on projected pledge income.

A brief word about the proposed capital campaign and how it relates to the annual stewardship campaign: **The annual Stewardship Campaign is most important and should come first in your thinking!** Pledges fund our regular operating budget and thus our day-to-day programs and ministries. A capital campaign is extra-ordinary – designed to raise extra funds beyond our ordinary giving to cover projects beyond the scope of our operating budget. Thus, contributions to a capital campaign are extra contributions; if you can contribute to a capital campaign, terrific! But we can't afford to have people limiting their annual pledge in order to make a contribution to a capital campaign. Our programs and regular operations would suffer as a result, and we certainly don't want that. So please don't be

worrying about a capital campaign when deciding on your pledge for the 2012 operating budget.

THANK YOU!!

### **Outreach Ministry**

Ghent Area Ministry(GAM) , a non-profit outreach ministry is dedicated to helping those in need in the Norfolk community by addressing economic, social and spiritual needs. The goal of GAM is to offer a hand up, not a hand-out.

### **Crisis Utility Assistance Program**

GAM is dedicated to assisting low-income families and individuals in Norfolk who are in need of major utility assistance (electric, natural gas, water) to prevent disconnection of services or to restore services. Proof of residency, the bill in the name of the person requesting assistance, and secured funds for the balance of the bill are required for GAM assistance. Currently GAM assists at a level generally not to exceed \$75.00.

In 2010 GAM assisted 320 households with crisis utility assistance, 88 singles and 232 families, for a total expense of \$22,800.00. This was possible in part through the \$7500.00 grant received from Ronald McDonald House Charities.

GAM has been awarded a grant for 2011 from Ronald McDonald House Charities for \$10,000.00. The GAM budget for utility assistance for 2011 is \$24,775.00 and through May 31 the expenses total \$12, 347.00.

GAM's crisis utility assistance program can attribute the 12% increase in requests in part to the current 8.7% unemployment rate in Norfolk, the second highest in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This rate is higher than the overall unemployment rate across the Commonwealth. GAM strives to meet the needs of families and individuals in their current life situations, offering expanded resources as they face difficulties in today's economy. To this end we work in partnership with other local agencies who provide financial assistance to help clients obtain the needed funds to cover overwhelming utility bills on limited and reduced incomes.

Other GAM financial programs are: rental assistance, healthcare/prescriptions, identification, and food. We also provide, at no cost to clients, clothing for men and women, limited non-perishable food items for households, and referrals and access to multiple services in Norfolk.

If you would like more information about Ghent Area Ministry, or any other outreach programs supported by St. Andrew's, please call Robin Kruger at 470-9882, or any member of the Outreach Committee.

## **Adult Forum**

### **Celebrating Our Centennial**

Nov 13– History of St. Andrew's: Vignettes from the Authors of the Parish History Book, Auditorium  
Nov 20– Video Presentation: Oral History of St. Andrew's with Parish Breakfast, White Hall  
Nov 27 – All Parish Advent Celebration, White Hall

### **Youth Program**

#### **(EYC – Episcopal Youth Community)**

5<sup>th</sup> – Youth Serve: Flower Festival Lunch · Middle and high schoolers needed from 10:30 to 1:30 to serve during luncheon

11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> – Diocese Event: Happening #57 - Grades 10-12.

19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> – Diocese Event: November Weekend at St. Martin's Williamsburg - Grades 6-8. Register by November 7th.

20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group: Rock Climbing at Virginia Beach Rock Gym - Grades 6-12 head to the climbing wall for some sweet-action rock climbing/repelling 1:00-4:45pm, meet at church. RSVP by November 20th.

### **Sunday School**

November 6th - Flower Festival, no Sunday School

November 13th - Sunday School

November 20th - Parish Life Activity: No Sunday School due to History Panel and Breakfast for all ages

November 27th - Family Activity: Advent Wreath Making during Sunday School hour

### **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, Nov. 27.

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!

#### **Daylight Saving Time:**

**Sunday, Nov. 6.**

**Be sure to set your clocks  
back one hour before going  
to bed.**

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*"Blessings from Heaven since 1911 – celebrating 100 years"*

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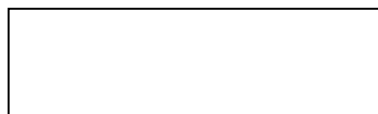
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*St. Andrew's is a parish of worship, spiritual growth, acceptance and healing centered in the Eucharist. We reach beyond ourselves, striving to allow God to work through our hands as Christ's own. In our role as stewards of God's gifts we embrace 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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## St. Andrew's Centennial Steering Committee

### Celebrating 100 years of St. Andrew's Church

We've been talking about it for over a year, and now it's finally here! The Flower Festival marks the official kick-off of our centennial celebration. Look for our table with St. Andrew's ornaments, tee shirts and coffee mugs featuring our new logo. At the Flower Festival Gala on Friday night we'll unveil and offer for auction an original painting commemorating St. Andrew's, which has been created for us by noted Yorktown artist Nancy Thomas. On Sunday morning, the Rt. Rev. Herman "Holly" Hollerith will preside at our All Saints Service. The Adult Forum on November 13 will feature some of the authors of the soon-to-be-published history of St. Andrew's at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium, and on November 20 you can hear some of our long-time parishioners recall their cherished memories at 9:00 a.m. along with the Parish Breakfast in White Hall. Following the Adult Forum on the 20<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the anniversary of the first service at this church by using the 1892 *Book of Common Prayer*. It's an exciting time as we continue to celebrate and share our "*blessings from heaven since 1911*".