





**2011 FLOWER FESTIVAL**  
November 4-6

**Friday, November 4**  
**Gala Grand Opening**  
**Silent Auction**

*If you are interested in making a donation, contact*  
*Allyson Poutasse at 489-0530 or*  
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**Saturday, November 5**  
**Festival Bazaar**  
**Luncheon**

**Sunday, November 6**  
**All Saints' Day Eucharist**  
**Concert**  
**Evensong**  
**Reception**

**THE OCTOBER SALTIRE WILL HAVE**  
**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON**  
**CHURCH BOOTHS, FLOWER**  
**DEDICATIONS, TICKETS AND**  
**VOLUNTEERS.**

**If you are interested in serving on the**  
**Committee,**  
**contact Amber Pickrell at 627-9258 or**  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Flower Festival is an opportunity for the St. Andrew's parish family to work and grow together as a community. The Festival also gives members of this church an opportunity to reach out to the surrounding community. The Flower Festival is, above all, a means of giving glory to God.

want you to contribute to the capital campaign! I am totally serious about this. We all know that you can't renovate your house unless you pay the light bill!

At this point, there is enough interest in the idea of a capital campaign among the congregation for the Vestry to undertake the next step, which is to conduct a feasibility study this fall, with the assistance of the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF). As part of the feasibility study, all members of the church will be surveyed (confidentially) to find out if they support the idea of a capital campaign, what projects they consider to be high priority, and to what extent (if any) they think they'll be able to contribute financially to a capital campaign. The feasibility study will tell us how much we would be likely to raise in a capital campaign, and based on that, the Vestry can decide whether or not to have a capital campaign.

When you receive your pledge card for the annual campaign this year, and then later receive the case statement and survey for the feasibility study, we ask that you first prayerfully consider what you can contribute towards the ordinary operating expenses of our church. Maintain or increase your stewardship pledge, if possible, and if we do launch a capital campaign next year, we will gratefully welcome your contributions if you have the resources to give in addition to your stewardship pledge.

Ann Dodson  
Senior Warden

**St. Andrew's Senior Choir**

The Adult Choir of St. Andrew's is looking for a few volunteer choir members who would like to be part of our dynamic and spiritual music ministry. The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9 pm from September through April. We sing at the 10:15 am Liturgy with a 9:45 am pre-Liturgy rehearsal. If interested, please contact Dr. Kosnik at 683-4068 or at e-mail address: [jkosnik@odu.edu](mailto:jkosnik@odu.edu).

**Rehearsal will begin Thursday, September 8.**

**Church Mouse Gift Shop**  
**Church Mouse**  
**Resumes Fall Schedule**

Beginning Tuesday, September, 6 the Church Mouse Gift Shop will be open weekdays from 10:30 - 1:30, and after each service on Sundays.

The Church Mouse "Garden Corner" needs to make room for Fall. Your help is needed to select any item for a 30% discount. This means everything in the

"Garden Mouse" area. Thanks in advance for your help in getting the "Garden Mouse" ready for Fall.

## Adult Forum

Please join us on Sunday, September 18 as we kick off Adult Forum for the year. Our first topic will be "Capital Campaign, Centennial Events and more" led by the Vestry in the Auditorium/White Hall (to be determined).

## Join the Fun in Children's Sunday School!

This fall, we will debut an exciting new model for children's Sunday School. The K-2 and 3-5 classes will use a rotational model, featuring three to five week units on different topics. Teams of teachers will sign up for just three to five weeks at a time - how easy is that?! So grab a friend and sign up to help nurture our children in faith. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin outside of White Hall. Contact KK West at 489-5363 with questions.

Sunday School registration is Sunday, September 11 after the 10:15 service.

## Greening of St. Andrew's

We are always having green events around the church...The Flower Festival...decorating for Advent...work days on our beautiful grounds...but I am writing about a different kind of greening. Did you know that we spend an average of \$32,000 a year on our utility bills at St. Andrew's? As a congregation, we should look for ways to conserve natural resources and be better stewards of our environment. Several members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee attended a workshop by Virginia Interfaith Power and Light (VIPL) last fall. The VIPL is a program of the Virginia Interfaith Center. VIPL helps congregations become more energy efficient and works for policies that reduce the impact of global climate change. Although I was unable to attend that workshop, as an architect and member of our B&G Committee, I do have a personal interest in making St. Andrew's a more energy efficient and "green" place.

Sustainability and energy efficiency are no longer buzz words but standard practices in our day to day lives. I am a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accredited professional by the US Green Building Council. LEED is our most utilized measurement of sustainability. There are LEED rating systems for a wide variety of projects

including new construction, housing, community planning, schools, and even operations and maintenance of existing buildings such as our aging church facility. Although I am not advocating that we seek to become a LEED rated facility, there are many LEED principles which can guide us in our efforts to be more green. LEED for Existing Buildings addresses whole building cleaning and maintenance issues, recycling programs, exterior maintenance and systems upgrades.

Many of you heard about our antiquated heating system and non-efficient, window air conditioners as well as our very poor, original steel, single-glazed windows during the recent informational discussions related to a possible capital campaign. The B&G Committee was recently enlightened by K.K. West's father, Southgate Leigh, on strengths and weaknesses of various types of windows. One take-away from that meeting was that we have one of the worst performing windows systems in use today, or more simply stated..St. Andrew's is heating and cooling West Ghent. The two possible improvement projects for HVAC and new windows are connected in terms of design and execution. We certainly would not design a new mechanical system without taking care of our leaky windows. Likewise, we would not want to install new windows and then proceed to take out casement sections to accommodate window air conditioners. We have spent a lot of money over the years replacing these vertically mounted casement a/c units because of their unique installation requirements.

Beyond windows and our mechanical system, St. Andrew's can do much to reduce our energy consumption and decrease our environmental burden through additional recycling, use of energy efficient lighting, water reduction, use of local products and less toxic materials. We should also consider more renewable energy sources such as solar hot water and geothermal. There are many resources available to the church through organizations such as Virginia Interfaith Power and Light, Energy Star Congregations, and the US Green Building Council. Our own priest walks to work and drives a hybrid vehicle when he has to travel out of the neighborhood. Many of our members are also able to walk to church, thereby reducing their carbon footprint on the environment. Let's follow their examples and consider new ways that we can help our environment as we strive to do God's work in this community and protect it at the same time.

Jim Affeldt

## Special Expanded Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 25

Equality Virginia continues its annual tradition of paying tribute with its Legends Awards to outstanding contributors to the fight for equal rights for all Virginians. On November 19, 2011, Equality Virginia will host its 6<sup>th</sup> annual gala with a "Soiree a Paris", which will honor Bill Griggs of Norfolk, Va as the recipient of the Individual Award, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with the Community Award.

Honorees were nominated by members of the community and are selected based on criteria developed by the Legends Nomination Committee. The Honorees have demonstrated outstanding leadership, courage, and commitment to promoting social justice issues such as diversity, equality, and human rights. They have also made significant contributions to the LGBT community & the community at large through their professional activities and volunteer efforts, and who exemplify the values and mission of Equality Virginia. Now in it's 6<sup>th</sup> year, the Legends Gala is a fund raising event for Equality Virginia in their continued efforts to bring equality to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Virginians.

St Andrews is proud to accept this award. Education regarding HIV/Aids started here back in the late 80s with "Operation Amen", which became Full Circle Aids Hospice, now known as ACCESS Aids. On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, we will have an Expanded Coffee Hour where local members of this organization will be present to give you more information and answer your questions. James Parrish, Executive Director for Equality Virginia in Richmond will also be in attendance. We feel that the members at large need to know more about this award, this organization, and how you can attend this black tie event in November.

Please plan to be at this special Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>!

### St. Andrew's Cook-in

Please see signup sheet on M & M bulletin board and at the information desk in White Hall for items needed for our next Cook-in on Sunday, September 25!

## Outreach Ministries

Ghent Area Ministry thanks you!

Many thanks to all the parishioners who so generously supported the Ghent Area Ministry Undies Sundays drive. Through your generous donations the Coat Closet now boasts having:

83 pairs of white socks  
40 pairs of men's briefs  
54 pairs of women's briefs  
30 white t-shirts

And that's just from ST. Andrew's Episcopal parishioners! Two other congregations also collected undies! The clients will be well-outfitted for some time now and that's what we are striving to do.

Robin Kruger  
GAM Representative for St. Andrew's

### Blood Drive on September 14<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for the blood drive on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 until 7:30. Our goal is to collect 50 units of blood. For that we need to recruit at least 60 donors. The wild weather that has affected all parts of the country this summer created blood shortages across the nation. Your donation is needed. The simple task of giving blood will put you in the category of being someone's hero. How many chances do each of us have to truly save a life? Beginning August 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a sign-up sheet in White Hall for you to make an appointment to donate blood. You can also go on line at <http://www.redcrossblood.org/> and make an appointment. Volunteers to make snacks and help with the blood drive are also needed. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will also be in White Hall.

### Book Sale in September

The books are beginning to come in! Just a reminder that we will be accepting all types of books as long as they are in good shape – covers intact, no ripped or loose pages, no writing in the book. In addition, we will accept commercial CDs and DVDs that are free of scratches. P.S. We could use some more. Deadline for bringing in your books will be **September 10<sup>th</sup>**. Many thanks to all who have donated, the annual book drives would not be a success without you.

The book sale will be Saturday, September 17 in White Hall from 9 am – 2 pm and on Sunday, September 18 after each service.

## New Website

After months of work, we have a new website! [www.standrewsnorfolk.org](http://www.standrewsnorfolk.org) has gone live. The new site (please note the new address) feature lots of photos, an interactive calendar and "News Flash" items, sermons and schedules and documents available for easy download, online registration for events, and much more. Please send Dennis any questions or feedback as you begin to explore this exciting new window into our life together. A special shout out to George Garris for all his work on the new site.

## Angel's Corner

The Angel's Corner exists to highlight projects that are not currently in the budget, but which are needed nonetheless. Not everything can make its way into the budget, and this is another way we can celebrate stewardship throughout the year. Please stop by the Angel's Corner outside White Hall to check out new projects we would like to fund: reupholstering the chairs and sofa in the Guild Room, new sound system for White Hall, an icemaker for the kitchen, and a new commercial grade coffee maker with portable "airpots." If you are in the giving mood please feel free to let us all know by signing up on the sheet there. Anonymous gifts are obviously welcome as well – please see Dennis

## Welcome Back Breakfast!!!

Come join us on Sunday, Sept. 11 for

Continental Breakfast Starting at 8:45

Menu: cheese grits, fruit salad, sausage & ham biscuits

and ~ always doughnuts!

This is a great opportunity to see each other after the

summer

and sign up to participate in all the great things

happening

at St. Andrew's!

Sign-up sheet in White Hall

**Women of St. Andrew's**

The Women of St. Andrew's parish consists of women from all age groups that gather together for fun and fellowship. We normally meet the 4th Sunday of every month immediately following the 10:15 service in White Hall and would love to have you join our group.

For those that are interested we collect a \$ 5.00 dues to fund upcoming outreach ministries, past include: Aids Cook-in, Jackson-Field House, CHKD Child Abuse program, YWCA Women in Crisis program, Mission of the Holy Spirit and Camp Wakonda. We have an annual retreat at Camp Chanco, traditionally in February, a gathering at Christmas and plan various social functions intermittently throughout the year.

## The Parish Register

**Rest of the souls:** Catherine "Kacky" Duvall Macgregor, June 13, Lucile Bell, June 15, and Dudley C. Smith, August 9.

**Baptism:** Madeline Alice Murphy , June 26.

**Letter of Transfer:** Anyone wishing to have their letter (membership) transferred to St. Andrew's please contact Dennis in the Parish office at 622-5530 or by email at: [dsipes.stacc@verizon.net](mailto:dsipes.stacc@verizon.net)

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

**Vestry 2011**

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KK West



*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.*

***Saint Andrew's SALTIRE***

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**St. Andrew's Centennial  
Steering Committee**

The start of a "new year" at St. Andrew's is always exciting, but that's especially true this year as we look forward to celebrating our 100th anniversary. The Centennial Steering Committee members, along with our Rector and our Music Director, have planned a variety of events that will engage, entertain and enrich our parish family. The celebrations will begin in November, continue through April, and include a birthday party, visits from clergy who have served St. Andrew's in the past, and a "time travel" service using the 1892 Book of Common Prayer. You can look forward to beautiful music, a book highlighting our history and exciting outreach opportunities. A brochure outlining all events will be available on Sunday, September 11, and the schedule will be published in the next edition of the Saltire and included on our web site. So get ready to celebrate and share our "blessings from heaven since 1911!"