



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Shining the Light

Welcoming. Growing. Caring. All with Joyous Hearts.

Announcements

THIS SUNDAY AT ST. ANDREW'S

8:00 AM
Contemplative Worship
9:00 AM
Adult Choir
10:00 AM
Choral and Family Worship
11:00 AM
Christmas Tree Sales
11:15 AM
Christmas Jammin' with
Brandon
1:30 PM
St. Andrew's Players Read-
through
3:00 PM
Girl Scout Troop 65008

READINGS FOR SUNDAY: Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading:
Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13

Second Reading:
2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel:
Mark 1:1-8

**Scheduled to serve
this Sunday as Lay
Ministers and
Counters**

FATHER STEVE IS DOING WELL AFTER SURGERY

Good news! Father Steve's back surgery on Monday went well and he is now at home recovering. He is walking and, although experiencing some pain, he is working through it like a champ. We appreciate all of your good thoughts and prayers for him during this time. If you would like to provide a meal to Steve as he recovers, please contact Priscilla Carey (pris.carey@gmail.com) and she will add you to the schedule. Also, please contact Priscilla if you have any congregational care needs while Father Steve is out. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS JAMMIN' WITH BRANDON

All I want for Christmas is a good old fashioned sing-a-long! Join Brandon after the service this Sunday, December 10 for a special Christmas jam session. All ages are welcome as we sing carols and other favorite Christmas tunes around the piano in the lounge following coffee hour. Let Brandon know if you have special requests, and we'll make sure to have music ready.

SUPPLY PRIEST: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

On Sunday, The Rev. Ann Martens will preach and celebrate at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services.

WINTER CONCERT BY SENZA NOME

Senza Nome, the women's vocal ensemble that has performed at St. Andrew's, presents a Winter Concert on Saturday, December 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Community on the Hill Church, 3655 Calvert St. NW, Washington, DC (at Wisconsin Ave. NW). All are welcome! All proceeds will go to House of Ruth, a non-profit organization that helps women, children, and families heal from lifetimes of traumatic abuse. Please spread the word with the [flyer](#). Thank you.

8:00 am

Crucifer:
not filled

Prayer Leader:
Susan Thomas

Server:
not filled

Torch Bearer:
Cullen Thomas
not filled

10:00 am

Crucifer:
not filled

Server:
Jean Lynn

Lector:
Ruth Duvall

Ushers:
Corttney Roan
David Roan

Torch Bearer:
Janey Volkwein
not filled

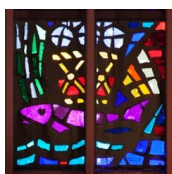
Counters:
Janey Cartmell
Joan Fern

Save the Date:

Bishop's visitation on February
4, 2018.

Quick Links:

[St. Andrew's Website](#)



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HAITI OUTREACH

Thanks to all who contributed their time and talents and finances for the Bake Sale for Haiti on December 3. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$3,417 for our lunch program and teachers' salaries at St. Peter's School in Berault. Congrats to Jane Massant, who won the bottle of Haitian rum!

THE CHRISTMAS TREES ARE HERE!

We will sell trees this Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10. The hours of operation are 9 to 5 on Saturday and 11 to 5 on Sunday. Please spread the word to your friends so that they come and support this joyous ministry. As always, we also will need lots of help selling trees. Please contact Bob Len at blen@thewolfgroup.com to express your interest in helping out.

ADVENT IS ...



a time to do things *differently*: slow down, be quiet, enjoy the waiting, and prepare our hearts to be a home for the Christ child.

In the lounge you will find two resources to use at home:

- [Booklet](#) of weekly prayers for lighting your advent wreath
- [Advent Devotional](#) from the Diocese of Virginia and Formosa'

And here are links to some materials that may inspire you to try something different this advent season as you await and prepare:

- "Advent in 2 minutes" -- a short [video](#) reminding us about the meaning of Advent

- Daily [#AdventWord](#) and meditation via email (collaboration between the Society of St. John the Evangelist and Virginia Theological Seminary)
- [Booklet of daily meditations](#) -- "Living Well Through Advent 2017" from Living Compass (\$1 fee to download book)



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PROJECT CHRISTMAS ANGEL IS ALMOST HERE!

This is OAR's annual event to provide holiday gifts to children of parents who are incarcerated. The Wrapping Party will be held on Wednesday, December 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's in the Undercroft. You must RSVP to attend. Please go to <http://www.oaronline.org/news-events/pca>. Thank you on behalf of the children!

BAGGED MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS: December 23

We will gather in the St. Andrew's kitchen at 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 23 to assemble 50 meals in support of ASPAN (Arlington Street Peoples' Assistance Network). Many hands make quick work and we'd like to invite you to share our blessings and join us for about an hour as we spread the peanut butter and give thanks for all of the blessings afforded to us. All ages are welcome -- it's a great teaching moment for our young people. Meals are funded by the St. Andrew's Endowment for Outreach and Human Needs and we are grateful for that ongoing support. If you would like to volunteer to deliver the meals at 6:00 PM to the park on N. Oakland street behind St. George's, please contact Marcela Scott at Marcela.scott@yahoo.com. We would love to expand our volunteer base for this important ministry! This is our last opportunity to make bagged lunches for those in need for this year so please join us to share our bounty this Christmas season. We hope to see you in the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC

To enhance the beauty of the sanctuary for Christmas Eve and enrich our worship with special music please consider giving something extra to the church for this purpose. A gift of poinsettias is \$20 or you may contribute to special music for the 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. services. The deadline to be included in the service bulletins for Christmas Eve is on Monday, December 18. Forms are available in the lounge and also [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING



The St. Andrew's parish family is invited to come together for caroling in the neighborhood around St. Andrew's on Sunday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. We will be gathering in the Lounge and have refreshments afterwards.

FAMILY MINISTRY SCOOP



Last Sunday: Happy New Year! We talked about Advent, a season of preparation and waiting. But waiting for what? And how can we be prepared? Through prayer, serving others, and loving one another we can prepare ourselves for the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus.

Discussion Starter: How are you preparing for Christmas? How are you making room in your heart for the arrival of Jesus?

Prayer Starter: Gracious God, we are watching and waiting for Christmas when we celebrate the day that you sent your Son, Jesus, to earth. We are also waiting for him to come again. Help us to be ready. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

This Sunday: We'll continue to explore what is it that we are preparing for and waiting for during this Advent season and we'll hear about St. Nicholas whose feast day is December 6.

Coming Up:

December 17 -- 10 am Family Service of the Word

December 24 -- 5 pm Family Christmas Eve Service (no 10 am Family Service)

December 31 -- 10 am Christmas Lessons and Carols Service (No Family Service)

S.A.Y. CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING: Invite a Friend!



All S.A.Y. and friends (grades 6 to 12) are invited for cookie decorating before caroling on Sunday, December 17 at 5:30 pm (caroling begins at 6:30pm). We'll meet in the undercroft for Christmas Cheer!

GLORIOUS COMPANIONS

For our next meeting on Wednesday, December 13, at 10:30 am in the Lounge we'll be discussing chapter 12 of *Radical Spirit* by Joan Chittister.

CELEBRATE OUR WONDERFUL STAFF WITH A CHRISTMAS PURSE GIFT

As we come to the end of the year and give thanks for our many blessings, we are especially grateful to the hard-working staff at St. Andrew's. Especially during this year of transition, they have gone above and beyond to make sure everything runs smoothly, to give a friendly smile to newcomers who stop by the church, to warmly welcome new families, and to bless us with beautiful music on Sundays. Please consider showing your appreciation with a generous contribution this holiday season. You can designate your gift by putting "Staff Purse" in the memo line of your check to St. Andrew's. Thank you, and thanks to our wonderful staff!

MURDER MYSTERY BOOK CLUB RETURNS FOR A WINTER TREAT

Our Summer Murder Mystery Book Club was so popular, we decided to bring it back for the winter! We'll next piece together the clues in "A Morbid Taste for Bones" by Ellis Peters, the first book in the Brother Cadfael series. Plan to read the book over the holidays; we'll meet to discuss it on February 24 at Sarah Petcher's home at 2 p.m. We hope you can join us then!

THE REV. STEVE RORKE'S OFFICE HOURS

The Rev. Steve Rorke's regular office hours are Tuesday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to Noon. Please contact him at

rector@standrewsnet.org and by calling the church office 703-522-1600 or 703-550-3655 (home).

FARM FRESH PRODUCE PLUS...

David and Christina Jernigan, along with their 8-year-old daughter Riley, are distributing farm-fresh produce Thursday afternoons from 3:00-6:30 p.m. in the upper parking lot. Anyone from the parish who would like to purchase produce and products (at the same price the CSA members pay for the fresh local items such as tomatoes, lettuce, English cucumbers, apples, local raw honey, pastured eggs, and fresh beef) is invited to come by. They accept payment by check or cash. For more information about membership contact the Jernigans at csa@sinclairfarm.com or 540-477-9268. Read all about the CSA at www.SinclairFarm.com/CSA.

To our readers: Have a social activity or event you want published in Shining the Light? The deadline is Tuesday evening. As always, we welcome your comments, ideas or suggestions. Email the church office at church.office@standrewsnet.org or call (703) 522-1600. Your input is very much appreciated.