



st. andrew's episcopal church

Shining the Light

Welcoming. Growing. Caring. All with Joyous Hearts.



June 23, 2021

Dear ones,

We have been worshipping under one roof for three weeks now, and each Sunday my heart almost bursts at the sight of you. Your presence each week is a testament to God's faithfulness throughout this pandemic - in the creative ways we remained knit together online, in neighbors and friends who looked after one another, in the skill and wisdom of scientists who developed effective vaccines, in the commitment and care of medical professionals who cared for those who were sick... God has been at work in all of it, and God's love shines through our community as we gather to sing, pray, and share Eucharist.

If you have yet to rejoin us on a Sunday and are able to, I invite you to come. There is plenty of room in the nave to spread out as you wish, and [our protocols](#) strive to honor the advice of health experts and the comfort levels of our community as we adjust.

If you are unable to join us in person, I hope you'll consider the concurrent virtual worship offerings Mallory Nonnemaker will lead several times this summer. More details are included below. These three online services will take place a few Sunday mornings this summer at the same time as worship will be taking place in the building. They are not live-streamed services but rather fully virtual offerings on Zoom, intended for those who for any reason are unable to come worship in person, including those who are traveling, those who live out of

town, and those for whom health concerns prevent in-person participation. Even when we worship in multiple spaces via multiple platforms, we are the Church, assembled for the glory of God.

By whatever means you join your church community in worship this summer, please do join us. You are signs of God's love in our midst, and we are grateful for you!

Love,
Rev. Dorota+

This Sunday at St. Andrew's

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday June 27, 2021**

10:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

Lector: Jen Madsen

Prayer Leader: Katarina Hone

Crucifer: Katarina Hone

Altar server: Marc Hone

Ushers: Thjis Bakker, Dana Madsen and Shelly Volkwein

Counters: Warren Marton and Ted Edwards



Readings: [2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27](#) and [Mark 5:21-43](#)

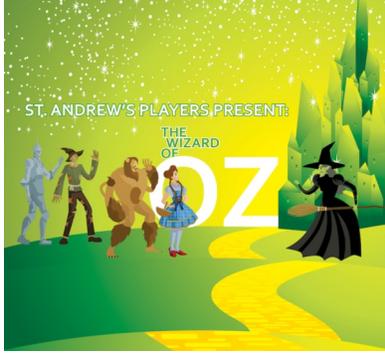
June 20 Sermon: "God's Miraculous Work In Us and Among Us"

Our guest preacher, the Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker, expands on Sunday's Gospel story, in which Jesus rebuked the wind and storm: "Peace. Be Still." Jesus performed miracles out of his divine mercy, love and compassion. God gives us peace that the world cannot give. We, in turn, can build each other up, and give each other peace as we await the day we see God's kingdom fully present.



The Wizard of Oz

The Saint Andrew's Players put their brains, their heart and their courage into the making of a video performance of *The Wizard of Oz* full of surprises that will be streamed on **SHOWTIX4U** over the **Fourth of July weekend**. You can join the Players on their magical musical journey to Munchkinland and down the yellow brick road to Oz. Make a plan and buy your tickets today on [the St. Andrew's website](#) where you



will find more details about the program, ticket sales, and how to watch the show.

Anyone making a purchase will be able to easily stream our video onto your computer. While there are additional viewing options, some of you are more familiar with them than others.

With the hope of having our audiences as prepared as possible, we are seeking tech-savvy individuals who are willing to share their expertise with parishioners who may still be “learning.” If you fall into either of these categories, contact John Williams or Jane Massant and we’ll see about

pairing you up.

Summer Online Worship Opportunities

Morning Prayer Zoom worship will be offered several times this summer for those who are not able to worship with us in the building. Sunday in-person Eucharist will continue each week. These online opportunities will take place **Sunday July 11, Sunday July 25 and Sunday August 8 at 10:00am**. Worship will be led by Mallory Nonnemaker and will take place at this [zoom link](#).



Tonight at 6pm: An Evening in Support of Episcopal Migration Ministries with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Iconographer Mr. Kelly Latimore

Join EMM and The Episcopal Church Office of Development on Wednesday, June 23 at 6:00pm EDT, as they host a panel discussion highlighting the invitation of religious iconography and its call to galvanize us in EMM’s ministry to refugees and asylum seekers, as well as become a vehicle for the work of social justice and racial reconciliation. Mr. Kelly Latimore, whose stunning works have helped redefine the Imago Dei beyond the usual white depictions of Jesus and saints, has featured prominently in the last few years within Episcopal and Roman Catholic communities alike,

and has even gone beyond the walls of faith communities as a rallying point in civil discourse. [Register here](#).

2021 Midsummer Poetry Fest - Sunday July 11

Midsummer is nigh and so is our Midsummer Poetry Fest, which will take place on July 11 at 3pm in person in the sanctuary. All ages are invited to choose a poem or poems that they would enjoy sharing with others. It does not have to be something you have written yourself. This year’s theme is “New Beginnings,” but if another subject inspires you more, that’s fine. No auditions, no rehearsals, but we would like to know if you are coming and what you will be reading so we can make a program. Just send [Helen an email](#). Spectators are welcome.

We will follow the most recent CDC guidance: masks and distancing are optional for the fully vaccinated. Those who are not fully protected should continue to take precautions. More detailed guidelines are available on St. Andrew’s website. We will adjourn to the lounge afterwards for individually portioned refreshments.

Garden of Hope - Volunteers Always Needed!

The garden was watered by Jane on Tuesday and Bettina and Noah on Thursday. On

Saturday, June 19, fourteen volunteers (Jen, Nate, Susan, Sophia, Sid, Leah, Katie, Grace, Angeline, Bas, Thijs, Susanna, Anne, and Ted) harvested 100lbs of kale, collards, lettuce, and cabbage. All of this fresh produce was delivered to Rock Springs Rock Spring Congregational Church for distribution to local food banks. To date the garden's donation total is 494.5 lbs. In addition, the volunteers weeded and constructed more tomato and squash trellis and rescued an entangled bird from the deer netting near the grape vine. The garden also supports a robin's nest that has added another light blue egg since last week (?). Total bird eggs in the nest are now four. Girl Scout Troop 60001 continues to impress us with their enthusiasm and teamwork.



The Garden of Hope is doing well but we can always use **more volunteers**. We have room for 20 during our Saturday morning workday.

Tomato and pepper picking season will be here soon. We look forward to seeing our regular volunteers and hope to see a few new volunteers in the garden soon. Volunteers are also needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays to water and on Saturday mornings for our regular work day. If you have questions, please contact Emily Blecksmith, our Parish Administrator.

Our next work day is **Saturday, June 26th** starting at 9:00am (Sunday June 27th at 11:30am if it is too wet on Saturday). If you have an interest in volunteering in the St. Andrew's Garden for Hope, please sign-up through [Sign Up Genius](#).

Donation Opportunities

A-SPAN Virtual Donation Opportunity

A-SPAN has updated their [Amazon Wish List](#) to reflect their current needs and we wanted to pass along the link in. A-SPAN is in active need of **foot powder and incontinence pads and underwear, as well as household cleaning supplies**. An address should pre-populate for you with the Wish List, however, if it does not, please use this address: A-SPAN 2020A 14th St. N., Arlington VA 22201. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

AFAC FOOD DRIVE

If you'd like to make an in-kind food donation, we invite you to drop off the following items inside the **plastic bin near the main church office entrance, by the red mailbox**: canned tuna or chicken, canned tomatoes or vegetables, canned soup, and peanut butter in plastic jars. Low sodium items are preferred, and **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** will be accepted.

We are always looking for volunteers to drop off the in-kind donations. If you are able to drive the donations to AFAC for a contactless delivery, please contact the [Parish Administrator](#).

In Our Prayers

This week we pray for:

Henry Schmidt
The Rauseo/Craighill family
John Ingles
Mary Lynn Rynkiewicz
Finnegan Hopkins

Would you like to add a name to the prayer list? If so, please [email the church office](#) with your request. Names will be kept on the prayer list for about a month unless otherwise specified, and will be published weekly in *Shining the Light*.

Two Scholarships Available

The **Committee for Outreach and Human Needs** will again be accepting scholarship applications electronically this year. Applicants can [download the form here](#), then fill out the form and attach a letter of recommendation from an adult in the parish. Please email your application, including the letter of recommendation, to the [church office](#) by **July 4**. Previous awardees should fill out the form and include a copy of your latest grades. For questions, please [contact the church office](#).

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is offering scholarships for students who are members of an Episcopal church in the Diocese of VA. The applicant must be applying as a full-time undergraduate, community college, trade school or apprenticeship program student. The scholarships usually range from \$500 to \$1,500. **The deadline is June 30**. If you are interested in applying, please contact Joyce Fall for necessary application forms.

Parish Administrator Away June 28-July 2

For urgent matters while I'm away next week, please email Rev. Dorota. Otherwise, emails and calls will be returned when I'm back, the week of July 5. - Emily

Updated Church Office Hours

If you have something to pick up or drop off, or if you just want to stop in and say hello, please know that the church office will be open (door will likely be locked, just knock!) on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9:30am-12:30pm**.

Starting in July, office hours will be Monday- Friday, 9:30am-12:30pm. Regular office hours (Monday- Friday, 9:00am - 2:00pm) will resume in September. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Blecksmith.

Glorious Companions - On Zoom June 30

Our meeting on **Wednesday June 30** at 10:30am will be on Zoom due to some scheduled work on the floors in the main hallway at church. Please read chapters 25-31 in our book, *Waking up White* by Debby Irving. All are welcome!

[Click here for the Zoom link.](#)

Compline on Wednesday Evenings

Each Wednesday at 8:30pm members of St. Andrew's meet via this Zoom [Compline link](#) for a brief service of contemplative nighttime prayers. All are welcome to join. For those who do not have a copy of the *BCP* at home, you may download [this Compline booklet](#).

