



st. andrew's episcopal church

Shining the Light

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June 30, 2021

Dear ones,

Earlier this month we held an All-Parish Meeting after worship to provide a financial update, explain our current worship guidelines and protocols, and inform the parish of what to expect while I am on leave. [Detailed meeting notes](#) are now available, courtesy of Marie Hone, our Vestry Register, as well as the summary of [midyear financials](#), courtesy of Doris Smith, our Treasurer. I urge all of you to review these documents to better understand where we stand and where we are heading in the short term while I am on parental leave (which begins next week!).

I hope you'll be as encouraged as I am by our financial outlook. This community continues to be extraordinarily generous in your support of our parish's operations and core ministries, and for that I am profoundly grateful.

I also hope you'll support Susan Thomas and Christine Ensley by your prayers and your participation throughout the summer and fall. While Rev. Rachel will be leading worship, teaching, and providing pastoral care, your Wardens will be overseeing virtually all other aspects of parish life, including leading vestry meetings, guiding and supporting our parish staff, overseeing the church calendar, and serving as the primary points of contact for any and all issues that would typically come to me as the Rector. If you would, please help Susan

and Christine serve you as well as they can by holding them in prayer, reading parish communications so you can stay informed, and participating in parish events whenever possible.

Thank you for continuing to celebrate and participate in what God is doing among us as we move into this next season of life as a community of faith!

Love,
Rev. Dorota+

This Sunday at St. Andrew's

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday July 4, 2021**

10:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

Lector: John Seggerman

Prayer Leader: Tom Cassidy

Crucifer: Bob McCabe

Altar server: John Bartlett

Ushers: John Williams, *to be filled*

Counters: *To be filled*



Readings: [2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10](#) and [Mark 6: 1-13](#)

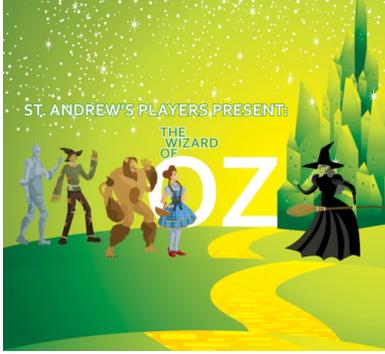
June 27 Sermon: "When the Answer is Not, 'I'm Fine, thanks'"

Jesus is on his way to an urgent healing visit to the dying daughter of Jairus when he is interrupted by a long-ailing woman who touches his cloak. Rather than hurrying onward to the life-or-death matter, Jesus stops to hear the “whole truth” from the woman. As Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski notes, both the girl and the woman needed the love and grace of God, and Jesus’s response shows us that there’s more than enough to go around.



The Wizard of Oz

The Saint Andrew’s Players’ magical musical video performance of *The Wizard of Oz* was streamed on June 19 and 20, and the feedback has been excellent. But if you missed it, don’t worry. **You can watch it on-demand over the Fourth of July weekend (July 3, 4 and 5).** 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. Your on-demand video rental ticket will



enable you to watch it during a 48-hour period beginning when you first start the streaming. You can even pause the video and return to it later.

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](#).

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: Doing Great, but Volunteers are Needed! What are you doing Saturday Morning, 3 July?

The garden was watered by Elissa on Tuesday and Ted on Thursday. On Saturday, June 26, eight volunteers (Bas, Thijs, Rahyab, Noah, Anne, Doris, Dave, and Ted) harvested 186lbs of kale, collards, cauliflower, 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 has donated 680.5 lbs of fresh organic vegetables to local food banks. In addition, the volunteers weeded and constructed more tomato and squash trellis. Several of the robin's eggs hatched. We avoided the nest as best as we could. Mom and Dad Robin were always nearby.



The Garden of Hope at St. Andrew's is doing well but **volunteers are needed**. We have room for 20 volunteers during our Saturday morning workday. Please join us for two hours on Saturday. Tomato and pepper picking season will be here soon. We look forward to seeing our regular volunteers and hope to see 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, July 3rd** starting at 9:00am (Sunday July 4th 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
Ann Yarborough

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 TODAY, 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 this 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

Our meeting on **Wednesday July 7** at 10:30am will be held in the lounge. Please read chapters 32-39 in our book, ***Waking up White*** by Debby Irving. All are welcome!

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](#).

