



# st. andrew's episcopal church

## Shining the Light

*Welcoming. Growing. Caring. All with Joyous Hearts.*



July 7, 2021

Dear ones,

As I begin parental leave, I want to thank you all for the tremendous love and support you have extended to Colin and me. You have made us feel incredibly well cared for, loved, and celebrated as we prepare to meet our baby. We could not be more grateful for the ways you have encouraged and supported us, including through your prayers, cards, words of affirmation, smiles, generous gifts, and the overwhelming sense of joy you've shared with us in this season. As Colin and I shift our focus in this next phase of life, we are grateful for the comfort of your prayers and love. Thank you.

When Baby Wright-Pruski makes their grand appearance, you can expect to receive an email from St. Andrew's introducing you to our newest family member. After that, my primary contact with you will be through the Holy Spirit as we pray for one another. I'll be praying that your time together over these next four months calls forth from you joy, collaboration, new gifts and skills, and opportunities to stretch and grow. I thank you for your ongoing prayers for me as well.

Upon my return at the end of October, I look forward to introducing you in person to our baby, but I also look forward to continuing with you the good and holy work you will be doing while I am away. I will be eager to hear what discoveries you make, experiments you try, and

ways you grow throughout this season. There will be much to celebrate!

Until then, I remain,

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Dorota+

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### ***This Sunday at St. Andrew's***

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday July 11, 2021**

10:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

**Lector:** Susan Thomas

**Prayer Leader:** Carol Kiranbay

**Crucifer:** Cullen Thomas

**Altar server:** Dave Smith

**Ushers:** Jason Cullen, Susan Thomas,  
Shelly Volkwein

**Counters:** Joyce Fall and Warren Duvall



**Readings:** [2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19](#) and [Mark 6: 14-29](#)

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### **Who to call at St. Andrew's**

While Rev. Dorota is on parental leave, please reach out to the following individuals for support:

- The [Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker, Supply Priest](#), for concerns related to pastoral care or worship
  - [Susan Thomas, Senior Warden](#) and [Christine Ensley, Junior Warden](#) for all other matters
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### **July 4 Sermon: "It's Ok and it's Christian to Depend on Each Other"**

Political independence, which we celebrate today, is a good thing for a nation. But it's okay – even encouraged – for Christians to depend on others. In today's Gospel, Jesus sent his disciples to travel with nothing more than a walking stick, giving and receiving in relationship with the communities they visited.



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**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](#).

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## 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.

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### Sign Up for Coffee Hour!

Did you ever wonder how all that wonderful food shows up after services on Sunday? The Welcome and Fellowship Ministry would love to see more volunteers get involved with this activity by hosting the weekly Coffee Hour following the 10:00am Worship Service in the Lounge. Duties include setting up the coffee urn before the service, providing light snacks (fruit, light pastries, cookies and ice tea and/or lemonade) and clean-up.

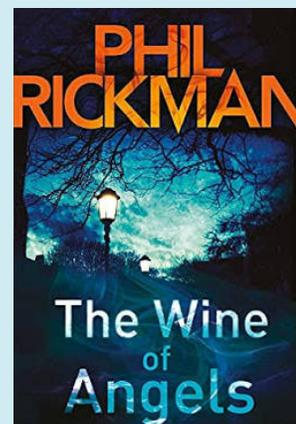
If you would like to volunteer [please sign up here](#).

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## DRINK UP SUMMER WITH *THE WINE OF ANGELS*, THE NEXT MURDER MYSTERY BOOK CLUB SELECTION

Heading to the pool or the beach this summer and looking for a great read? Then check out *The Wine of Angels*, the latest pick of St. Andrew's Murder Mystery Book Club, which will meet on Saturday, August 28 at 2:30 pm at Laura Schultz's home.

In Phil Rickman's novel, the new vicar, Merrily Watkins, and her teenage daughter Jane find themselves in Ledwardine, "a paradise of cobbled streets and timber-framed houses." But it's also a village "where horrific murder is a tradition that spans centuries." [Please RSVP to Laura](#) if you're able to attend. We hope you can make it!



## Garden of Hope: Doing Great, but Volunteers are Needed! What are you doing Saturday Morning July 10?

The garden was watered by Girl Scout Troop 60001 on Tuesday and Thursday. On Saturday, July 3rd, 17 volunteers (Bas, Thijs, Susanna, Bettina, Noah, Susan, Leah, Katie, Elissa, Sid, Sophia, Oliver, John, Jen, Nate, Anne, and Ted) worked 93 minutes to harvest 115lbs of kale, collards, cabbage, cauliflower, peppers,



and one onion. The produce was delivered to Rock Springs Rock Spring Congregational Church. To date, the garden has donated 795.5 lbs of fresh organic vegetables to local food banks. In addition, the volunteers weeded, staked pepper plants, and constructed more tomato and squash trellis. A "BIG-HAND" for Troop 60001, Bas, Thijs, and Susanna who are becoming experienced gardeners. There is no gardening task they will not enthusiastically accomplish.

Next week, we will pick kale, collards, cabbage, cauliflower, onions, peppers, and our first tomatoes. Since all of our cabbage and cauliflower are all picked, we will plant a new crop (more than likely beans) in the empty rows. Dave will bring his torch to address the weeds growing around the garden's perimeter. And, we will need to weed.

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 10** starting at 9:00am (Sunday July 11 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](#).

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## New! Cherrydale Farmer's Market at Dorothy Hamm Middle School

The Cherrydale Farmers Market is now open, Saturday mornings, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Market location is in the courtyard on the southeast face of the Dorothy Hamm Middle School. This year's market will conclude in November, the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

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## In Our Prayers

This week we pray for:

Henry Schmidt  
The Rauseo/Craighill family  
John Ingles  
Finnegan Hopkins  
Ann Yarborough  
Eisele Family

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*.

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## 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 may be locked, if so just knock!) **Monday - Friday from 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.

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## Glorious Companions

Our meeting on **Wednesday July 14** at 10:30am will be held in the lounge. Please read pages 210-253 in our book, *Waking up White* by Debby Irving. All are welcome!

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## 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](#).

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