



# st. andrew's episcopal church

## Shining the Light

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



July 14, 2021

Dear Saint Andrew's,

This past Sunday I was again reminded of the many ways our church family supports each other, through in-person and virtual worship, engaging in community outreach, welcoming newcomers, and attending organizational meetings and parish events. On a very personal note, I am so grateful for all of the support you have shown your Wardens and Vestry, and the way you have welcomed Rev. Rachel as she begins her time with us during Rev. Dorota's parental leave.

Navigating this pandemic and reflecting on how it has altered so many things, we find ourselves on a new journey together as we continue home by a different way. During this time, I encourage all of you, no matter how long you have worshipped here, to explore Saint Andrew's in ways that are new to you: volunteer in the garden, join the choir in the loft for a Sunday this summer, take on a role in lay ministry. Praying the Prayers of the People, sharing the readings with the congregation, and serving on the altar or as an usher are some of the most important practices we can engage in to serve each other during worship. And taking an active role in lay ministry is a wonderful way for families to serve together, and for every generation to share their talents and time. So, let's all take a pause, take a long look around with fresh eyes, and see all the wonder that flourishes within our church because of our people. What a gift it is to share this journey with all of you--  
With gratitude,

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

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday July 18, 2021**

10:00 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

**Lector:** Mary Lynn Rynkiewicz

**Prayer Leader:** Emelina Scott

**Crucifer:** Katarina Hone

**Altar server:** Marc Hone

**Ushers:** Shelly Volkwein, Ana White, Karen White

**Counters:** Jane Bartlett and Warren Marton



**Readings:** [2 Samuel 7:1-14a](#), [Ephesians 2:11-22](#) and [Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56](#)

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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 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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## **Summer Bible Study with Rev. Rachel**

Ever wanted to study the Bible a little deeper, but found it hard to do on your own? Let's study together! **Starting Wednesday, July 28th**, Rev. Rachel will be leading a nightly Zoom Bible study on the Gospel of Mark prior to Compline. Stay tuned for more details!

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## **Who to Contact at St. Andrew's While Rev. Dorota is on Leave**

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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## **Meal Train for Rev. Dorota and Family**

Congregational Care and Dorota's family are organizing a meal train to help after Baby Wright-Pruski arrives. Attached is the link for signing up to provide a meal. Please feel free to open [this link and sign up for a delivery day](#).

If you cannot access the Meal Train link please email or call Karen White (323-573-2603 or 703-356-4816) and she will help you sign up. **Important:** We ask that you DO NOT knock or ring the doorbell! Instead, please just drop your meal or have it delivered to the cooler located on the front steps of Dorota and Colin's home, then notify Colin via text (615-509-4272). The Rectory address is 2326 Military Rd. Arlington 22207, if you are having food

delivered.

The Wright-Pruski very much look forward to seeing you, catching up, and eventually introducing you to Baby Wright-Pruski; however, **this meal train is intended to be a drop and go.** Thank you so much for understanding!

To help with food preferences they have provided the following:

Likes: Thai, Indian, vegetable-forward dishes, whole grains, beans, tofu, seasonal produce.  
Strong dislikes: mayonnaise, sour cream, mushrooms.

Dorota is vegetarian (no meat or fish; dairy and eggs are okay). Colin still enjoys all the meat that makes its way into the house. Please separate meaty and non-meaty items and plan arrival between 5pm-6pm if possible.



### Is God calling you to sing?

Do you enjoy singing? Ever wonder why we sing the hymns we do? Want to get to know our hymnal better? Maybe you just want to sit in the choir loft to see what it's like. While the choir is on summer break, you're invited to join us. No commitment required, no robes and no procession. We only ask that you are fully vaccinated and wear a mask while we sing.

We meet at 9:30 each Sunday morning to review the hymns before the service starts. So have your morning cup o' joe a few minutes earlier and climb the stairs in the Narthex. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Call for Stewardship Committee Members

The 2021 stewardship campaign will soon be upon us, and we are excited to build on the last couple of years to help St. Andrew's as it continues in welcoming, growing, and caring. We are looking for 3 to 4 members to form this year's committee and shepherd this important effort. The commitment runs from beginning of August to end of November, making it reasonable for those with limited time. And the Diocese also provides guidance on successful campaigns, making it easy for anyone – including first-timers – to join. Join the committee and help St. Andrew's continue to meet its calling. Contact Mark Seip to learn more or to offer your talent and time.



### 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.

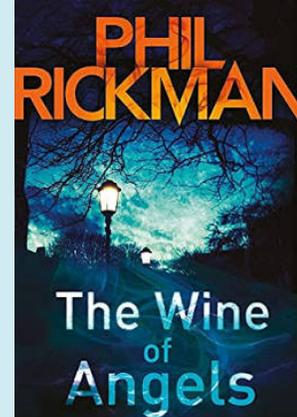
Duties include setting up the coffee urn before the service, providing light snacks (fruit, light pastries, cookies and ice tea and/or lemonade) and clean-up.

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

### 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!



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## Vestry Meeting Summary

The St. Andrews vestry held its July meeting this past Tuesday. Highlights of the many activities achieved by church ministries were shared and acknowledged. The feedback on the Wizard of Oz - a streaming production of the St Andrew's Players - has been very positive from many quarters.

This was the first Vestry meeting chaired by Senior Warden Susan Thomas as Rev. Dorota is on maternal leave. Key points of discussion centered on the possibility of starting 8:00 AM services again in September with concomitant needs for lay ministry, as well as hosting a Ministry fair also in September. Plans to repair the organ, enhance communications infrastructure and continue physical plant improvements are under way. As we reach the midpoint of the annual budget the numbers are healthy, thanks to the continuing generosity of the St. Andrews community. More volunteers are needed in key ministries such as Music, Worship, Altar Guild and Communications.



**Garden of Hope: It is still early, but the garden is on its way to a new record. Volunteers are still Needed! What are you doing Saturday Morning July 17?**

The garden was watered by Noah and Bettina on Tuesday and Mother Nature on Thursday. On Saturday July 10, 13 volunteers (Bas, Susanna, Noah, Rahyab, John, Jen, Nate, Dianne, Vaughan, Dave, Doris, Anne, and Ted) worked almost 2 hours to harvest 145lbs of kale, collards, cabbage, squash, peppers, tomatoes, and onions. The produce was delivered to Rock Springs Rock Spring Congregational Church. In addition, the volunteers weeded, staked pepper plants, trimmed the grapevine, constructed more tomato trellis, and clipped tomato vines. Dave brought his torch and dispatched the weeds growing around the garden's perimeter.

To date, **the garden has donated 941lbs of fresh organic vegetables to local food banks.** Last year at this time, the garden had produced 408.5lbs. We should top the half-ton mark next week.

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. 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. If you have questions, please contact [Emily Blecksmith](#), our Parish Administrator.

Our next work day is **Saturday, July 17** starting at 9:00am (Sunday July 18 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 the main entrance to the church, during church office hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am - 12:30pm:** 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](#).

Thank you to **Carol Kiranbay** for taking our donations to AFAC this week!

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### In Our Prayers

This week we pray for:

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

Starting next week, Glorious Companions will be on summer break. See you in mid-September!

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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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