



st. andrew's episcopal church

Shining the Light

Welcoming. Growing. Caring. All with Joyous Hearts.



September 6, 2021

Dear St. Andrew's Community,

Last Saturday, a small but dedicated crew returned to the newly remodeled St. Andrew's kitchen to restart our monthly bagged lunches program in support of PathForward (formerly known as A-SPAN). PathForward is dedicated to supporting the homeless and hungry in our area, and St. Andrew's has a rich tradition of supporting this organization through meals assembled by parishioners.

Many in our congregation have supported these types of programs. I found myself at the Capital Area Food Bank last week with colleagues from my office where we were assembling food boxes for those in need in the greater D.C. metro area. What struck me from that experience and from returning to our own St. Andrew's bagged lunch program is the sheer volume of those in our own community who need help.

I am thankful that we have a culture at St. Andrew's that prioritizes helping others. We have much to be grateful for and much opportunity to use our blessings to lift up those in need.

This week, I would share with you the closing prayer that we use at the end of the bagged lunch program:

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are grateful for all that you do as members of the St. Andrew's community to support those around us.

Best,

JC Scott
Vestry Member

This Sunday at St. Andrew's

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday October 10, 2021**

8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist in the Sanctuary

- Crucifer: *Yet to be filled*
- Prayer Leader: Dave Smith
- Lector: Dave Smith
- Altar server: Dave Smith



10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist in the Sanctuary, plus Family Service

- Crucifer: Tom Cassidy
- Prayer Leader: Tom Cassidy
- Lector: Carol Kiranbay, Susan Thomas
- Altar server: Claire Jones
- Usher: Karen White

Counters for Sunday: Warren Duvall, Bob Len

Readings: [Job 23: 1-9, 16-17](#), [Hebrews 4: 12-16](#) and [Mark 10: 17-31](#)

SCENES FROM THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



OCTOBER 3, 2021

Rev. Rachel's Sermon from October 3: "What God Has Joined Together, Let No One Separate"

The Pharisees in last Sunday's Gospel reading try to trap Jesus with a question about divorce laws. But he responds by reminding them of the original purpose of marriage. Rev. Rachel Rickenbaker acknowledges that marriage is hard work, but it's a worldly reflection of God's love. We can be encouraged that God cares about our earthly relationships and is present in them, in good times and bad.



Glorious Companions

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, October 13, at 10:30 am** in the Lounge – masked and socially-distanced.

Please read the chapter on Pope John Paul II in our book, *7 Men and 7 Women* by George Metaxas.



Book Study with Rev. Rachel Tonight at 7:30pm

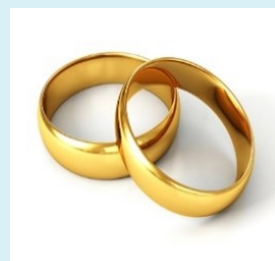
Whenever we gather for worship, there is a certain pattern and flow to what we do. You may not think about it as worship goes on, but it is all intentional, and through it, God forms us for our everyday lives. In her book *Liturgy of the Ordinary*, The Rev. Tish Harrison Warren writes about how our daily habits, like brushing teeth and making the bed, can actually be sacred moments.

[Join us tonight on Zoom at 7:30pm](#) as we talk about how what we do everyday, even the mundane, is intricately linked to how we worship God.

Tonight we will discuss chapters 6 and 7. For next Wednesday Oct 13, please read chapters 8 and 9.

Save the Date: Wedding Shower for Brandon and Josh October 24

Join us on **Sunday October 24 at 11:30am** at St. Andrew's to celebrate Brandon and Josh's upcoming nuptials. A save-the-date flyer with more details was mailed this week, please contact the [parish administrator](#) if you haven't received one by next week.



Questions about this event? [Contact Karen White.](#)

St. Andrew's Players Turns 50

In 1972, the St. Andrew's Players staged their first production. With God's grace and the support of parishioners over these five decades, they have managed to average a performance a year, adhering to their mission to "provide top quality family entertainment to the community, promote self-expression, appreciation of the theatrical arts, and Christian fellowship within our parish; and to demonstrate God's love and spread His joy through the medium of the theater."

As one of our oldest ministries, it is only fitting that we find a way to celebrate and hopefully carry on our tradition with a theatrical offering of some sort during the 2022 calendar year. Toward that end, we would like to set up an Anniversary Committee to guide us through all of the possibilities and challenges as we look to mark this special occasion. We anticipate that initial meetings will take place via zoom beginning this fall. If you would like to serve on this committee, please contact [Jane Massant by email](#) or call 703 975-6615.

Memorial Service for Betty Beach

Saturday October 16 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2609 N. Glebe Rd., Arlington

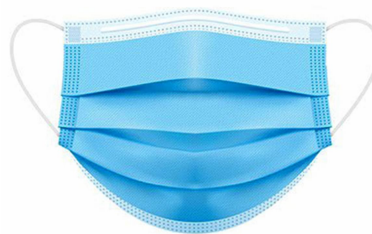
Betty Beach and her husband Ted were long-time active members at St. Andrew's beginning in 1967. Both were involved in many ministries during their time at St. Andrew's.

Light refreshments will be served after the memorial service. **Masks are required.**

Mask and Physical Distancing Guidelines

Masks and physical distancing are required for everyone over the age of 2, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, when gathering indoors.

These measures, however long they remain a requirement, are things we can do to show our love and care for one another. Thank you for your patience and grace as we navigate worshipping together safely during changing COVID circumstances.



Just a few workdays left. Come help us out on the home stretch.

On Saturday, October 2, Ella, Elizabeth, Jen, Danella, Merial, Anne, and Ted (3 of the volunteers were from Marymount University and 1 volunteer from Yorktown High School), picked and packed 90lbs of squash, peppers, and tomatoes. The work was completed in 90 minutes. The produce was delivered to Rock

Spring Congregational Church on Monday (10/4) for distribution to the food banks.

So far, the 2021 Garden of Hope has produced and donated 3,226lbs to our local food banks. A new donation record.

Because the daily sunlight is less and the temperatures are cooler, the garden is in decline, but there is still much to do. It is not too late to join us on our next work day, Saturday, October 9 starting at 9:00am (Sunday October 10 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](#). Volunteers are also needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays to

In Our Prayers

This week we pray for:

Trudy Koczyk
Laura Ingles
John Ingles
Chuck Shelton

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*.

Home Improvement Freebies

Buildings and Grounds has an old 4'x8' plywood sheet and what appear to be two brand-new 4'x8' wallboard sheets to give away. Please address inquiries to Jim Williams, cell 703-340-6018.

Donation Opportunity

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 9:00pm: 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 most recent donation to AFAC!

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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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](#).
