



st. andrew's episcopal church

Shining the Light

Welcoming. Growing. Caring. All with Joyous Hearts.

June 15, 2022

Being a newly 'minted' (Confirmed) Episcopalian and a new member of the vestry, I'd like to share some of my faith journey with you.

I was raised a Roman Catholic. As a teenager, two things changed in my life. One was coming to the personal realization that I had problems with the dogma and the music. The second was being enrolled in an Episcopal high school, where our weekly service had really rockin' music, and I started to hear a message of love and forgiveness.

Eventually, I met my former wife, a cradle Episcopalian, got married in the Church, and found a really great 'church family' in Charlotte, NC. I found a deeper faith, through working with the junior highers there. I would tell parents that I had the privilege of seeing the spiritual side of their children that they might never see. After moving to Virginia, we were members of a huge parish in DC, where the community was SO BIG, that it was near impossible to make any connections with others.

So, after visiting a number of churches, we happened upon St. Andrew's. Nice Church, good preaching, and people who made it their mission to welcome us during coffee hour. I came to know St. Andrews as the Peace Passingest, Potluckiest church I'd ever been a member of! That kind of love is what makes a Church family accepting and strong.

So, where has that led me? Here, as a member of the Vestry, which enables me to see a completely different side to a church. I enjoy serving on the vestry because it takes care of the behind-the-scenes stuff, so that the congregation can be a family. One never knows what spiritual paths you'll go down, but it's often the wild ride that makes it worthwhile!

David Adcock

This Sunday at St. Andrew's

**Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 19, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Spoken Service

- **Crucifer:** Jean Lynn
- **Prayer Leader:** Jean Lynn
- **Lector:** Jean Lynn
- **Server:** Jean Lynn



10:00 a.m. Family Service

- Crucifer: Ana White
- Prayer Leader: Ana White
- Lector: Sophia Ghosh, Carol Kiranbay
- Server: Mary Lynn Rynkiewicz
- Usher: *To be filled*
- Counters: Mary Lynn Rynkiewicz, Doris Smith

Readings: [Kings 1-7, 8-15a](#), [Galatians 3:23-29](#), [Luke 8:26-39](#)

Duty officer June 19 - June 25: Jean Lynn

Worship

Summer worship schedule - mark your calendars!

For the months of July and August, St. Andrew's will have one worship service at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

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](#).

June 12 Sermon: Playful is Faithful

On Trinity Sunday, we hear from the Book of Proverbs that God is playful and wove delight and joy into the fabric of creation. Play is thus a primary intelligence for the Creator as well as for the created world. The Rev. Dorota Wright-Pruski argues that a faithful response to a playful God is to join God in delighting in the world around us through play, that is, through activities whose sole purpose is to facilitate fun.



Parish Life

Arlington Pride Festival: Saturday, June 25

Come support Arlington's inaugural Pride Festival with your fellow Episcopalians! The Episcopal Churches of Arlington will be at Pride on Saturday, June 25 to celebrate God's love for all people. To help at the table, [sign up here](#). The festival runs from 12:00p to 7:00p at Gateway Park in Rosslyn (1300 Langston Blvd), with activities and entertainment for all ages.

June Vestry Summary

The following are highlights from last night's Vestry meeting:

- Two task forces are being put together to provide needed data for potential physical plant upgrades: one to assess the lighting in the Nave and one to explore what a new HVAC system might look like and cost. The groups are due to report on their findings in September.
 - After an offer by a local contractor to restripe the parking lots, a third group will look at alternatives to the current scheme to see if new stripes and signage might help with traffic flow in and out of the church grounds.
 - St. Andrew's de-cluttering work continues, with a target date of July 10th to begin moving unneeded materials out of the spaces. More to follow, including contact with the ministry leads to coordinate.
 - A mid-year financial review provided by Rev. Dorota and Doris Smith (Treasurer) is tentatively scheduled for July 17th.
 - As a reminder, St. Andrew's is joining other Arlington Episcopal churches at Arlington's first Pride Festival June 25th -- all are invited to join in the celebration.
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Baseball Night July 2

St. Andrews Family Ministry invites you to a night at the Washington Nationals on July 2 at 4:05pm! Tickets are \$25 each. Order [here](#), or sign up on the bulletin board outside of Rev. Dorota's office. Payment can be made with the memo "Baseball Game" to Mallory's box or the offertory plate.

Family Ministry

Thank you to Leigh Rauseo for covering the family service. We learned about the hope God can give us and made hope kites to remind us of all the things that bring us hope!



Parish Administrator Away this Week

I am off to California to visit my family, and will be away starting June 14 and return Wednesday June 22. If you have an urgent matter, please contact Rev. Dorota. - *Emily*

During Your Summer Travels

If you attend church elsewhere while you're away this summer, bring back a bulletin! We'd love to display the bulletins of churches you visit during your travels. You can leave your vacation bulletins in the parish administrator's mailbox (top left box) in the outer office.

MIDSUMMER POETRY FEST - JULY 10 at 3:00 pm

This year the Midsummer Poetry Fest will be held on Sunday, July 10, at 3 p.m. in the lounge. All ages are invited to choose a poem that they would enjoy sharing with others. It does not have to be something you have written yourself. To honor the St. Andrew's Players in their 50th anniversary year, the theme will be theater: poetry about theater or poems taken from plays. As always, the theme is a suggestion, not a requirement. Spectators are welcome. Please RSVP via the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or just send an email to Helen Ely.

Scholarships - Application Due June 30

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) is offering scholarships for students who are members of an Episcopal church in the Diocese of VA. **Students have until June 30th to apply.** This includes high school seniors and undergraduates. The scholarship is also available to students who will attend trade schools and specialized post high school studies. The scholarships usually range from \$500 to \$1,500. If interested, application packets will be posted on the bulletin board outside Rev. Dorota's office.

Sign-Up For Coffee Hour

Are you willing to host Coffee Hour? [Please sign up here](#), or on the bulletin board outside of Rev. Dorota's office.

Glorious Companions

Glorious Companions will meet Wednesday June 22 at 10:30 a.m. in the lounge. Please read chapter 28 on Festo Kivengere (1921?-1988) in our book, *Glorious Companions*, by Richard H. Schmidt.

In Our Prayers

This week we pray for: Trudy Koczyk, Henry Schmidt, Jeannie Shaughnessy, Constance Blackman, Lucia Oxendale, Marcela Scott, Curtis Powers, the people of Ukraine, and for Rachel E. Simon and all who work for transgender inclusion.

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*.



St. Andrew's Garden of Hope Update

With Marymount students on summer break, volunteers from St. Andrew's are needed more than ever. All ages and abilities are welcome!

Knowledgeable gardeners are on-site to teach and guide all who wish to participate. To join us, please sign up through our [Sign-Up Genius](#). Our next work day is Saturday, June 18 at 9:00 a.m. (rain date is June 19 at 11:30am). See you in the garden!

AFAC Food Drive

If you are able to drive the donations to AFAC for a contactless delivery, [please sign-up here](#). Here is a list of [items AFAC accepts](#). Thank you to Jen Gowetski for taking our most recent haul to AFAC, which came to 203 lbs!

How you Can Help the People of Ukraine

[Click here for a list](#) of organizations supporting relief efforts in Ukraine.

Community News

Juneteenth Celebration

The Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy is sponsoring "[Juneteenth: A Celebration of Freedom](#)" on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 11 am - 2 pm at Wilson Boulevard Christian Church. The free event is open to the public and will include workshops, live music, kids activities and shopping. Please participate in this event! It is open to everyone in the community. [Click here](#) for free tickets and more information.

Volunteer for VOICE's Affordable Housing Story Collection June 18th

VOICE -- Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement -- is [collecting stories](#) from around Arlington as a means of bringing to light the challenges of affordable housing here in our community. Their next engagement is during the Columbia Pike Blues Festival June 18th, with a table hosted by Arlington Presbyterian Church. This is a great opportunity for those who might be new in asking people to share their experiences.

If you're interested, you can sign up [here](#), or simply show up at the Festival and offer your time. This is a great chance to use the power of stories to bring needed change to light. Any questions, please contact Mark Seip via the parish administrator.

