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a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the
Lord.*

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Newport News, Virginia

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St. Andrew's 2009 Vestry

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Elizabeth Hollingsworth
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Curt Lowery
Mary Poole
Lucy Wright

Class of 2010

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Joel Duregger
Tonia Graves
Cristy Mahloy
Nancy Orrison

Class of 2011

Sean Bradberry
Joe DuRant
Mike Marcolini
Sabrina Miles
Anne Sweetman

Youth Representatives

Emily Wheeler
Kathryn Graves

Rector's Report

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church continues to be one of the largest and most active parishes in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. The past couple of years we have been blessed with an influx of newcomers who rapidly become incorporated into the life of the parish.

In order to enable our strong and growing Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) to flourish, we are committing our resources to the hiring of a full-time Youth Director. By this time next year, that person should be preparing a report for this booklet.

We hope that his booklet will enable you to become more aware of the many ministries that issue forth from St. Andrew's and that it will inspire you to become actively involved in one or more of them. Underlying each of the ministries outlined in this booklet is our shared commitment to "drawing people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord."

The Collect for St. Andrew

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your Apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Rob Marston +

Assistant Rector's Report

Now into our third year together, I am humbled by the opportunity to serve God with you, to one another and to those in our community and world. I am in awe of the supportive, loving, and generous spirit which IS St. Andrew's Church.

In addition to pastoral responsibilities (i.e. liturgical leadership, preaching, celebrating Holy Eucharist, marriages and funerals, and pastoral counseling), as your Assistant Rector for Christian Formation, one of my main focuses is to provide leadership in the development and implementation of our Christian Education Ministries. I work closely with our committees and provide Teacher Training and Resources. I continue to be inspired by your commitment, creativity, and willingness to serve and grow spiritually.

As in the past two years, I develop the Day School Chapel schedule, providing thematic and Scriptural themes, and preside at Day School Chapel twice a week in rotation with the other clergy, Rob, Betty and Dick, and our Head of School, Margaret Moore. It is an incredible joy to have Morning Prayer with our wonderful students and staff of St. Andrew's School.

Working with our *Under the Hill* Young Adult Group has been fun and enriching as we continue to look at ways to meet the varied needs of people ages 18-50ish! One of our parish's priorities is to minister to young adults and families. *Under the Hill* provides four or five events during the year. This year, we have implemented a Sunday School class specifically for young adults.

I served as Chairperson of the Hilton Area Churches Vacation Bible School Steering Committee this year. Another ecumenical endeavor in which I find myself this year is serving on the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission and the Christian Education Network. I have enjoyed these involvements.

You have been and continue to be the 'face of God' to me.

Rhonda Wheeler+

Treasurer's Report

I would like to thank the Finance Committee for 2009: Norman Palmer, Jim Shamblen, St. George Lee, Michael Daniels, John Wood, Mary Poole and John Hudson. The Finance Committee each year consists of the three Treasurers, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, members of the Vestry and church members.

For 2009 we budgeted income of \$727,000 with \$604,000 coming from operating pledges and \$40,000 from non-pledge contributions. We received 273 annual pledge cards for 2009.

We budgeted expenses of \$738,517. This amount was allotted as follows:

Clergy 29%	Christian Education 6%
Music 9%	Administration 8%
Youth 2%	Finance 6%
Evangelism 1%	Facilities 22%
Outreach 2%	Diocese 8%
General Expenses 2%	Debt 5%

All bills are paid as of October 31, 2009.

The Capital Loan: This is a consolidated loan for various building improvements since 2000. The terms of the original loan were \$310,000 at a fixed rate of 5% for seven years due in April 2011. The 2008 Plus Campaign generated \$57,764 in payments toward the principal payments of the Capital Loan. The beginning balance in January 2009 was \$115,912 and the balance as of September 30, 2009, is \$94,417. We are making progress.

The St. Andrew's Perpetual Trust was established in 2004. The amount in the Trust as of September 30, 2009, is \$74,745.79. In 2009, St. Andrew's has been the beneficiary of a \$200,000 bequest from an estate that was placed in Certificates of Deposit for the Perpetual Trust. A loan of \$32,000 was authorized by the Perpetual Trust Committee and the Vestry to pay for the repairs to the 300 River Road property to make it suitable for rental. At the October Vestry meeting, the decision was made to pay off the Perpetual Trust Loan. The Perpetual Trust Committee will

meet in October to discuss the investments of the 2009 bequest.

Through the years money has been left to St. Andrew's through decedent's wills. Unless specified, these have been considered undesignated bequests and invested in American Funds' Balanced Fund. As of September 30, 2009, the balance in the Fund is \$189,980.70. The Vestry has voted to use \$66,281.24 to pay off the 300 River Road loan and to put the remainder of the total towards the principal payments for the loan that becomes due in April 2011.

There is \$34,439.85 in restricted funds held in a money market account at Davenport & Company. These funds are money given for specific programs such as Altar Guild, ECW, EYC, New Music, Contemporary Worship, Stephen Ministry and Warm Fuzzies. They may be used at any time when designated by the controlling organization.

For the calendar year 2009 we have received \$7,730.00 in memorial gifts. These funds are given in memory of a parishioner at the time of death. As of September 30, the balance in the Memorial Fund was \$36,166.16. The Memorial Committee determines the uses for the funds and disburses them accordingly.

The 2009 adopted budget is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. The budget for 2010 will be posted when it is approved by the Vestry. A complete financial report for 2009 will be available in January 2010.

Thank you for your continued support for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church especially during these difficult and unusual economic conditions. Because of your contributions we can continue to be a dynamic Christian influence in our community and to fulfill our mission: drawing people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord.

Virginia Darden

Christian Education Committee

The Christian Education Committee (CEC) exists to prayerfully discern program offerings which will support our mission at St. Andrew's:

“To draw people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord.” The Committee plans and coordinates weekly Sunday and Wednesday studies, as well as special programs for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter.

The CEC is open to anyone who wishes to contribute to planning the teaching ministry of the Church. Interested individuals may contact Lucy Wright, Chairperson (wright54@cox.net) or The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler, Assistant Rector (595-0371 or saec.rhonda11@verizon.net). In the Fall 2009, Sabrina Miles and Nancy Orrison joined Lucy Wright as Co-Chairpersons of the CEC.

The entire CEC meets four times per year in Meeting Room under Lucy and Rhonda’s leadership. Sub-committees for Adults, Youth and Children meet, as needed, to plan for specific spiritual needs of each age group.

Our Christian Education offerings have included, but not been limited to the following:

ADULTS:

- Sunday offerings:
 - Confirmation
 - The Gospel According to Mark
 - The Tabernacle: God’s Dwelling Place
 - Caring for God’s Earth - Speaker Series
 - Spirituality in the Arts: Literature, Poetry, Spiritual Writers, Art and Music
 - The Young and The Restless - a new Young Adult class using the “Nooma” DVD series
- Weekday offerings:
 - Women of the Word (WOW) meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Library. Their studies have included: “The Tabernacle of God” and “Esther: It’s Tough Being a Woman”.
 - The Thursday Morning Bible Study meets weekly at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library. Their studies have

included: Luke, Heaven and “That We May Believe: The Gospel According to John”.

- During the five Wednesdays in Lent, our 2009 Lenten program was “Grace and Redemption: The Works of Flannery O’Connor” led by Allison Morvant. We began with a soup and salad supper at 5:30 p.m. and concluded with Holy Eucharist.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN:

- Sunday offerings for Youth (6th - 12th grades)
 - Confirmation (9th - 12th grades)
 - The Gospel According to the Simpsons
 - The Gospel According to Andy Griffith
 - Episcopal Youth Community - a Sunday evening program led by Laura Downing and Amanda Heaton, with support from a fabulous Parent Advisory Team
 - “Why Faith Matters to Teenagers and Their Parents” was a special event led by The Rev. Dr. Joyce Mercer, Professor of Practical Theology at Virginia Theological Seminary
 - WingClips: Finding Faith in Our Culture at the Movies
- Sunday offerings for Children
 - Nursery (infants - 3 years): Under the supervision of Carol Santos and Kara Hall, our professional team of nursery attendants provide loving care for our youngest members.
 - Godly Play (2 ½ years - Kindergarten)
 - First Communion Class for Children was offered this fall
 - Children’s Chapel: our children participate in the Gospel Procession at the 10:30 a.m. service, then process to their own Chapel service where Brad

Norris, organist, and one of our clergy lead a short worship service with the assistance and support of our capable and committed Children's Chapel Team Volunteers, coordinated by Anne Crocco

- "The Chalice Year: A Focus on Eucharist (1st - 5th graders)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Vacation Bible School: Celebrating 20 Years of Ministry with the five Hilton Area Churches was a huge success this year with 206 children participating and 116 volunteers. St. Andrew's was represented on the Steering Committee by: Jennifer Batcha, Anne Crocco, Lauri Nosil and Rhonda Wheeler, Chairperson.
- Teacher Training and luncheon
- Diocesan Godly Play Training
- 2009 intergenerational programs, when we gather, all ages together, for times of education, celebration and presentation, have included:
 - Epiphany Celebration
 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show
 - Celebration of Christian Education - May 2009
 - Christian Education Ministries Fair
 - Blessing of the Backpacks
 - St. Francis Day: Blessing of the Animals
 - "A Day of Reflection: Christian Thought and Daily Life" was a special event for St. Andrew's and the diocese featuring The Rev. Dr. Timothy Sedgwick, Associate Dean and Professor of Christian Ethics at Virginia Theological Seminary
 - Advent Wreath Making
 - Children/Youth Sabbath
 - Christmas Pageant on December 24 at 4:30 p.m.

We value our committed leaders, teachers and volunteers who provide diverse Christian offerings. Thank you for your participation in the Christian Education Program at St. Andrew's.

Rhonda Wheeler+

To make this booklet easily accessible for newcomers, as well as our longtime members, each committee chair was asked to submit their report this year in the following format, when feasible. The following reports will endeavor to follow this format.

- **NAME:** Name of your group
- **CONTACT:** Who should people contact with questions about your group? (Name, phone, email)
- **WHEN:** When, where, and how often do you meet?
- **ELIGIBILITY:** Who is eligible to be a part of your group?
How does one join?
- **RESPONSIBILITIES:** What are the responsibilities of your group?
What is your main emphasis?
- **PROJECTS:** What special projects did you participate in this year?
- **PLANNED:** What special projects do you plan for the upcoming year?
- **NEW MEMBERS:** What is the main thing that you would want a new member of St. Andrew's to know about your group?



Acolytes

Name: _____ St. Andrew's Acolytes

Contact: Tonia Graves, 369-557, toniagraves@cox.net

When: Acolytes gather weekly during worship services to perform their duties in teams, usually two acolytes for the 8:00 a.m. service and eight acolytes for the 10:30 a.m. service. The entire group of acolytes meets once a year in the sanctuary for a mandatory Annual Acolyte Training to include those presently serving, those of age to begin serving, and new youth members of the church who wish to serve. Training sessions are also scheduled throughout the year, as needed, on an individual basis. Acolytes and their families gather in the Parish Hall immediately following the training to share lunch and spend time together as a group.

Eligibility: Acolytes are youth members of St. Andrew's trained to assist in the worship services performing duties according to their school grade level:

Grade 2 start acolyting

Grades 2, 3 Torch

Grade 4, 5 Torch and Alms

Grade 6 Choir (small) Cross

Grades 7, 8 Clergy (large) Cross

Grade 9 Server 2

Grades 10-12 Server 1 (if confirmed)

Responsibilities: Our acolytes are altar servers who perform many ceremonial duties. They assist in worship by carrying processional/recessional crosses, lighting candles, carrying torches, assisting the priests set up and remove items at the altar, handling the offering plates, and many other tasks as deemed necessary by the priests or acolyte warden. The functions of acolytes

are performed wearing vestments and with significant training.

Projects: St. Andrew's acolytes participated in the Annual National Acolyte Festival at the Washington National Cathedral.

Planned: Annual Acolyte Training and luncheon and increased participation at the National Acolyte Festival.

New Members: Children of new members are always welcome to join our acolytes. St. Andrew's is proud to have the youth of our parish visible in service with such high profile responsibilities. Our acolytes are an integral part of every service and take pride in their commitment to assist St. Andrew's clergy in serving the congregation.

Altar Guild

Name: St. Andrew's Altar Guild
Contact: BoBo Smith, 930-2964, scotchy51@verizon.net
When: There are no scheduled meetings. The guild operates year round in five teams.
Eligibility: Anyone may be part of the Altar Guild who is ready to learn and who is reliable.
Responsibility: Our responsibility is to assist the priests with services that take place at the church.
New Members: The Altar Guild functions year round with 50-60 members serving the priests and the parish.

Circle 1

Name: _____ St. Andrew's Circle #1
Contact: Elsie Duval, 595-5350, elsieduval@verizon.net
When: From October through June, we meet routinely on the

first Monday of each month at 10:15 a.m. Usually a field trip is made to a non-Christian place of worship, where a 45 minute program extends our understanding and knowledge of differing beliefs.

Eligibility: All interested women are welcome to contact the Coordinator.

Emphasis: We make voluntary annual pledges and contribute monthly to “Love Offerings”. Since our primary focus is Outreach, this money is subsequently donated to several charities. Also, \$25 is allocated as “thank you gifts” to each guest speaker. Challenging and inspirational speakers are chosen because of affiliations with interesting local programs.

Projects: We sell “Grapefruit cakes” to benefit St. Paul’s Episcopal Church’s mission of Peace & Justice. Financial contributions have also been made to Menchville House; Sister Mary June Morin of a Catholic monastery; Pat Morrell, Coordinator of meals for the hungry; Dr. Dottie Graham, Healer of bodies and souls; Lackey Free Clinic; and other selected non-profit organizations. Every year this Circle’s activities, programs and projects remain similar.

New Members: We are a small group of women primarily over 65, in varying degrees of health. As a whole we are broad minded Christians, with appreciation of life, gratitude for our blessings and deeply concerned about unmet needs of others.

Circle 2

Name: St. Andrew’s Circle 2

Contact: Barbara Daniels, 885-6452, danielsva@cox.net

Circle 2 is a ministry. It is made up of women of all ages and is open to all women who would like to participate. Our focus has been outreach to our local community.

Circle 2 means fellowship. As we work together on outreach projects, we are blessed with the opportunity to build relationships and friendships with the women of St. Andrew's. Circle 2 provides a way to be involved in the church and to be part of the greater Episcopal Church. Our Circle is a contributing member of the Episcopal Church Women. Member dues are \$3.00 per year paid from Circle 2 funds.

Circle 2 is friendly, flexible and fun! As individuals we are involved in many aspects of our church community but there are no expectations. Women of Circle 2 are encouraged to participate to the degree to which they feel called. We plan to have four gatherings: October, December, March and May. Our outreach fundraisers will be a Brunswick Stew sale in November and a Pasta Dinner in the spring. The latter benefits mission trips and the local community. This St. Andrew's tradition began with Circle 2 and is now eagerly anticipated by all!

Some beneficiaries of Circle 2 outreach funds include:

- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport News, Homeless Ministry
- EYC Mission Trip to Pittsburgh
- Girls of Excellence at South Morrison Elementary School, Newport News
- Sponsorship of a local "Learning for Life" student to attend Camp Chanco
- Food Bank of the Virginia Peninsula
- LINK Personal Hygiene Project, Newport News
- PORT Meal Program
- A special friend of St. Andrew's

Circle 5

Name: _____ St. Andrew's Circle 5
Contact: Anne Korff, 596-6063
When: Monthly, October through June, in members homes.
Eligibility: Any woman who wishes to meet with us and share our quest for closer ties to our community and our church
Emphasis: We try to expand our knowledge and understanding of others in order to act as Christians and spread the message of the Gospel.
New Members: We welcome new women and ideas and are interested in making new members feel a true sense of belonging to St. Andrew's.

Creation Care Committee

Name: Creation Care Committee
Contact: Patty Von Ohlen 595-8269, wvonohlen@cox.net
H. Grace Fuller, 596-7258, hgfuller@cox.net
When: Monthly online meetings. Additionally, there are two meetings at which members gather, once in the fall and once in the spring.
Eligibility: Anyone who has ideas, comments and concerns for God's creation
Emphasis: At St. Andrew's, we join the religious community in the common concern for the environment and a common belief in the presence of God in all creation. Originally established in the Fall of 2007 as the Green Committee, we work to make these common beliefs known through growing ever intentional about our stewardship of God's creation, through "green" sustainable actions. The mission for the committee is

to support this growth through increased parish awareness, education and worship.

Cursillo

Name: Cursillo
Contact: Bunny Neff, 637-7166

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity which begins with a three day experience of talks, discussions, worship, music and fellowship. The retreat, which draws people from all over the Diocese of Southern Virginia, is led by a team of about 30 Cursillistas. The heart of the movement is what happens after the weekend, what we call the fourth day. To keep your spirits up and encourage you in your Christian journey, we form small groups of Cursillistas who gather briefly once a week to share how we have practiced our faith that week. Once a month we get together at an Ultreya with other churches in the area to enjoy music and a talk. These meetings are not compulsory, but they really do keep us practicing our prayer life, our study and our Christian action.

Cursillo helps us to grow into our St. Andrew's mission statement: to draw people into a deeper knowledge of, love of, and service to the Lord. Cursillo provides leadership for the local church and the diocese. You do not have to be at some advanced level of Christian knowledge and practice. In fact, that's why we offer this Short Course in Christianity.

Please seriously consider making your Cursillo weekend. You will need a sponsor, someone who has already made their weekend. Brochures are available in the church office. If you want to explore Cursillo more, see Rob Marston, Rhonda Wheeler, Rachel Roby, Jim Neff, Bunny Neff or Patty Von Ohlen.

Cursillo weekends are usually held three or four times a year. At least two weekends will be single sex. They are held at Camp Chanco, our diocesan camp in Surry.

Dance Choir

Name: _____ The Moving Spirit Liturgical Dancers
The St. Andrew's Dance Choir
Contact: Patricia Woodbury, 930-2755

The Sacred Dance Guild defines Sacred/Liturgical Dance as: a language of praise and celebration. Sacred/Liturgical dance is considered a ministry by the members of our groups. It is biblically based and historically relevant to the Church as a way to enhance worship.

This past year *The Moving Spirit Liturgical Dancers* and *The St. Andrew's Dance Choir* have provided programs for retirement/nursing homes. Both groups have danced for various fundraisers: Menchville House, the Food Bank, United Campus Ministries. Here at St. Andrew's, we have danced at least once every two months.

We are grateful for the support St. Andrew's has afforded us in the past. As you can see, we are quite busy sharing the joy we receive by serving the Lord in this unique way.

We meet on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. in the church. All children and adults are welcome to join our groups. We are intergenerational and interdenominational.

Daughters of the King

Name: _____ JoAnna Chapter Daughters of the King
Contact: Marian Simpson, 930-3264, marian1@cox.net
When: The Daughters meet in the Parish Library on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. In the months of April, August and December, we have Eucharist in the choir loft, and in August and December we go out to eat following the Eucharist.
Eligibility: Women who are members of the Episcopal Church must complete a period of ten to thirteen weeks

training. Anyone interested in becoming a Daughter may contact Marian or any woman proudly wearing their special cross. Anyone may fill out one of the prayer request cards, found on pew backs, for those who have special prayer needs.

Emphasis: The Daughters is an order of women of the Episcopal Church who make a vow to serve God through prayer, service and evangelism. We are required to wear our cross as a symbol of our order and our love of the Lord. We try to assist the priests when and where needed. Each month we have a program.

New Members: We are very serious about our Prayer Request List and it is highly confidential. We would also like members to contact us personally for any prayer concerns they may have.

Divine Dollars

Name: _____ St. Andrew's Divine Dollars
Contact: Joan Verhoef, 591-0301, verhoef@cox.net
When: There are no meetings!
Eligibility: Anyone can order.
Emphasis: To advertise, collect and process gift card purchases to support St. Andy's Café
Projects: This year the generated income has also benefited the General Operating Fund of the church. At present, the weekly orders generate from \$6.00 to \$75.00 depending on the number of people who participate.
Planned: To increase participation in the program
New Members: This is a great program to help families with gift cards for restaurants, travel, gas, home repairs, entertainment, groceries, clothing and numerous other retailers. You can visit www.glscrip.com to see a full

list of retailers. Order forms are available in the church office or on the church's website:

www.standrews-episcopal.org

Orders placed by 9:00 a.m. Monday morning are normally returned to the church by Thursday.

Facilities Committee

- Name: St. Andrew's Facilities Committee
- Contact: The Junior Warden, who through December 2009 is Michael Daniels, mdaniels@wmjordan.com, 885-6452
- When: The first Wednesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Library
- Eligibility: St. Andrew's members with time, energy and the desire to help maintain our facilities. Membership is not limited to the "experts" in the construction field. We also welcome members who cannot make the monthly meetings to join in by e-mail and provide assistance on tasks that suit their specific talents and time constraints.
- Responsibilities: Facilities Committee members provide advice and hands-on project support to the Junior Warden in maintaining and improving the church property. The committee is involved with all aspects of facility maintenance and improvement, ranging from major renovation projects to day-to-day maintenance needs. The scope of maintenance work includes oversight of plumbing, electrical, HVAC and mechanical systems; roofing; carpentry; painting; lawn care; pest and termite control; fire safety; and custodial services.
- Projects: Maintenance of our facilities continues to be a tremendous task, made less burdensome by the efforts

and support of many. The church staff, especially Rachel and Cary, continues to lead the day-to-day efforts with strong support from the committee. One of the major accomplishments of the year was the maintenance of the 300 River Road house. The exterior and portions of the interior had fallen into substantial disrepair. We were able to update the exterior of the facility and perform minor interior renovations which enhanced the aesthetics of the house and allowed us to bring in a new renter. Through the awesome efforts of the Facilities Committee and past Junior Wardens, St. Andrew's is blessed to have a facility that is in overall sound condition and which allows us to focus on proper maintenance of the systems rather than using band aid approaches to survive another year.

Fifty-Niners

- Name: _____ 59'ers Luncheon
- Contact: Mary Gibson Waddill, 595-6557,
samwaddill@cox.net
- When: The 59'ers Luncheons are usually held on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. Occasionally the date changes and there are no luncheons during Lent.
- Eligibility: Originally planned for those 59 and older, now all are welcome. Just make your reservation by 4:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the luncheon.
- New Members: Everyone is invited to join the "lunch bunch." The cost is just \$5.00 a month. Volunteers are welcomed by the kitchen crew!

The Fishermen

Name: _____ St. Andrew's Fishermen
Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, saec.bill19@verizon.net
When: We are now meeting on a bimonthly basis with our next breakfast being on Saturday, December 19, at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.
Eligibility: All men of the parish
Emphasis: To share a time of fellowship and food together and to assist with special projects during the year
Projects: *Warm Fuzzies*, host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, assist with the church picnic
New Members: We encourage all men to attend, to offer to present a program and to just enjoy getting to know each other.

The GAP

Name: _____ The GAP
Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, saec.bill19@verizon.net
When: As parishioners open their homes for a gathering
Eligibility: Originally designed for those between *Under the Hill* and 59'ers, any adult of any age is welcome.
Emphasis: To have a good time together and to enjoy good food. We had our annual Christmas gathering with Bill and Margaret Moore and also enjoyed the hospitality of Carter and Carol Ficklen.
Planned: We look forward to volunteers who will open their homes to a fun group of people!
New Members: Watch the bulletin and newsletter for scheduled activities and plan to join us.

Greeters

Name: St. Andrew's Greeters
Contact: Bob Kelly, 595-2278

A survey showed that visitors often make up their minds about a new church in the first seven-and-a-half minutes. That is precious little time, so Greeters at the front door perform an invaluable service when they welcome visitors to St. Andrew's on Sunday mornings. Greeters also ask visitors to enter their family information in the Guest Book on their way out and present them with a St. Andrew's coffee mug. Our service times are listed on the mug for easy visitor access on subsequent Sunday mornings.

Greeters have no responsibilities beyond being at the door before and after one month of Sunday morning services.

Guitar Choir

Name: St. Andrew's Guitar Choir
Contact: Patty Von Ohlen, 595-8269, wvonohlen@cox.net
Brad Norris, 595-0371, saec.brad16@verizon.net
When: The Guitar Choir practices on the last Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Eligibility: Anyone who plays the guitar
Emphasis: To enjoy God's love through music
Projects: Wednesday Lenten services, Easter Sunrise Service, June Outdoor Service, monthly 5:30 p.m. Saturday services, or as needed
New Members: Anyone who plays an instrument of any kind is invited to join, for "he who sings prays twice!"

Kairos

Name: Kairos Prison Ministry, Inc.
Contact: Jim Neff, 637-7166

Kairos is an interdenominational Christian ministry which presents a three day course in Christianity in state and federal men's and women's correctional centers. The mission of Kairos is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen.

Jim Neff, Joe DuRant and Dr. Rob Marston served on team last spring. Contact them for additional information or visit www.kairosva.org on the web. Speakers are available for any organization.

You can help this ministry by:

- sponsoring a candidate (\$125)
- becoming a team member (call Jim)
- attending a graduation ceremony (anyone can attend)
- baking cookies (5,000 are needed each weekend)
- praying for the team (on an hourly basis during the weekend)

Knitters

Name: _____ St. Andrew's Knitters
Contact: Patty Von Ohlen, 595-8269, wvonohlen@cox.net
Fran Ross, 898-1573, tfr46@earthlink.net
When: There are no formal meetings and participants get knitting directions from either Patty or Fran. Knitters work independently and bring their finished hats to the church office.
Eligibility: Anyone who likes to knit
Emphasis: The goal of the St. Andrew's Knitters is to provide

hand knitted hats for newborns at Riverside Hospital. The group consists of approximately a dozen ladies who have completed 117 dozen hats. A satellite group from the Chesapeake Retirement Center has joined the St. Andrew's Knitters.

New Members: Instructions and lessons are available for anyone who would like to be a part of this project.

Lay Readers

Name: _____ St. Andrew's Lay Readers
Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, saec.bill19@verizon.net
When: Each Sunday morning at the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services parishioners fulfill a vital ministry to St. Andrew's by reading lessons and prayers of the people and by administering the chalice. There are additional times when lay readers may be needed: Wednesday services, Lenten services, Maundy Thursday, Easter sunrise service and occasionally funerals.
Eligibility: Any confirmed St. Andrew's parishioner, sixteen years of age or older approved by the Rector, willing to serve a three-year term
New Members: New lay readers are always welcome, although new terms only begin once a year.

Membership Committee

Name: St. Andrew's Membership Committee
Contact: Cristy Mahloy, 596-3147, cristy@mahloy.com

The Membership Committee's mission is to welcome people into our parish and into a deeper relationship with Christ by worshiping here at St.

Andrew's Church. Our main focus is to ensure that newcomers feel welcomed and to encourage their involvement in the many activities here at St. Andrew's. The Membership Committee provides a framework for additional ways of welcoming and communicating with newcomers through: Greeters, St. Andrew's mugs, Parish Partners, Newcomers' Booklet, Pictorial Directory, and St. Andy's Café. We recognize all new members and potential members twice a year at our Newcomers' Reception held during St. Andy's Café in April and October. All parish members at St. Andrew's are on the Membership Committee by simply welcoming visitors and new members with a smile and by introducing themselves. If you would like to be more involved with our committee or simply want more information, please call or email Cristy.

Memorials Committee

- Name: St. Andrew's Memorials Committee
- Contact: Mary Gibson Waddill, 599-6557
samwaddill@cox.net
- When: The committee meets as needed at 5:30 p.m. in the Rector's office.
- Eligibility: The committee members are appointed by the Rector. There is one Vestry representative.
- Responsibilities: There are times when we want to remember a special someone by giving a donation to St. Andrew's in that person's name. Such gifts do not have to be great in size. When money is given in memory without a specific gift designation, it is placed in the Memorial Account. As sufficient funds accumulate, the committee oversees the funds carefully and thoughtfully and allocates these funds for practical uses for the betterment of the church.

Memorial Flowers

- Name: _____ St. Andrew's Memorial Flower Calendar Committee
- Contact: Debbie Tanner, 595-8067, debbtan@aol.com
- When: Flowers are given in memory of loved ones or to mark special events in the lives of our parishioners every Sunday of the year. On those Sundays when there are no memorial flowers, the Altar Guild still provides the arrangements. The designated names are printed in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin for the week and announced during each church service. Certain times of the year are reserved for Lent (no flowers), Easter lilies and Christmas poinsettias.
- Eligibility: Families may designate a Sunday to honor the memory of loved ones or to express thanksgiving for a special occasion. One may reserve a specific Sunday each year or just once. Different families may also share a Sunday. The cost for the week is \$65.00. Many families choose to remember a loved one at Easter and/or Christmas. There is no specific charge for this; contributions are decided upon by each family. To reserve a spot on the flower calendar, call or email Debbie. *Please do not just fill in your name on flower calendar in the hall outside the office without also contacting Debbie.*
- Responsibilities: An annual flower calendar is prepared in January of each year listing the memorials for each Sunday. The calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the Parish Library. This committee is also part of the Altar Guild and a member of the flower committee arranges the flowers for each Sunday on a rotating basis.
- New Members: Everyone is encouraged to consider remembering

their loved ones with memorial flowers on a given Sunday and at Easter and Christmas.

Memorial Garden Committee

Name: _____ St. Andrew's Memorial Garden Committee
Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, saec.bill19@verizon.net
Eligibility: Any parishioner or his or her immediate family members may be interred in the Memorial Garden.
Responsibility: To maintain the Memorial Garden, to order leaves for the Tree of Remembrance, and to provide a Funeral Customary for parishioners and immediate family members for pre-arrangements.
New Members: To learn more about the Memorial Garden or to make pre-arrangements, please contact Bill Wilds.

Music

Name: Music
Contact: Brad Norris, saec.brad16@verizon.net, 595-0371, ext. 16
When: Adult Choir: alternate Thursday evenings and Sunday morning rehearsals
Children's Choir (K-5): Wednesday from 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Guitar Choir: first Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. for 5:30 service
Eligibility: Adult Choir: teenagers and adults
Children's Choir: boys and girls (K-5)
Responsibilities: To provide musical leadership for Sunday 10:30 a.m. services and monthly Saturday night services
Projects: The Adult Choir sang Evensong for All Saints' with the choirs of St. John's and St. Stephen's. They did

a performance at The Hidenwood with the Junior Dance Choir in February. Brad Norris did an organ and viola concert in May.

Planned: A Bach Birthday Concert on March 21 at 4:00 p.m.
New Members: We love to do what we do; we want to make other singers feel welcome.

PORT

Name: People Offering Resources Together
Contact: Diana Skelton, 249-9194 or 897-7395
When: PORT provides shelter to the city's homeless population from November through March. St. Andrew's PORT Team assembles twice a year: December and February. The team works at two site churches: Hilton Presbyterian in December and Trinity Lutheran in February.

Eligibility: Adults and teens. Some young children may help as long as they are supervised by their parents.

Responsibilities: PORT team members provide support to the site churches responsible for caring for the city's homeless population. At each of the site churches our team members: prepare and serve food for two dinners and two breakfasts, register homeless personnel, check-in their personal belongings and supervise overnight personnel.

Emphasis: To help provide a hot meal and a warm place for homeless persons to get off the city streets and out of the elements.

Projects: We collected sweat shirts and sweat pants for the homeless.

Planned: Collection of plastic bags and socks. Homeless persons use the plastic bags to carry their belongings.

New/clean socks will be issued nights during the 2009/2010 season.

New Members: St. Andrew's has been involved with PORT since its beginning fifteen years ago. It's a great opportunity to give back to the community and a few hours of your time allows a homeless person to have a warm meal and a roof over their head.

Prayer Chain

Name: Prayer Chain
Contact: Gloria Brooks, gloriasbrooks@hotmail.com,
595-4067 (H), 641-7871 (C),
When: The Prayer Chain members do not meet together as a group but we are in contact through email and phone as prayer needs are identified. Our prayer list is updated monthly and a new paper list is mailed to each member at that time. Two members of the Prayer Chain (the founding member plus the chairperson) and two of the clergy (the Rector plus one Assistant Priest) meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Rector's office. All prayer chain members are welcome at this meeting but it is not necessary to attend to be part of this committee.
Eligibility: Any St. Andrew's parishioner can be part of this group. To become a Prayer Chain member, call either Gloria Brooks or the church office (595-0371).
Responsibilities: To pray daily for those persons who have urgent prayer needs and to pray weekly for those persons with long term prayer needs; to pray for those persons on our list who need healing in body, mind or spirit; to pray for the families of those who have died, to pray for those deployed and their families, to pray for

those who are homebound and for those who have dementia, as well as those in nursing/convalescent homes/assisted living/retirement homes.

New Members: The members of the Prayer Chain are a group who consistently pray for the needs of St. Andrew's parishioners, their families and their friends. Those wanting to be part of this group only need to have a desire and willingness to pray for others. If any parishioner has a prayer need, call Gloria Brooks or the church office (595-0371).

ST. A's

Name: St. Andrew's and St. Augustine's
Contact: Bob Kelly, 596-2278

ST. A's is a fun-loving group of St. Andrew's and St. Augustine's parishioners. Members of both churches subscribe to the Peninsula Community Theater, located on Warwick Boulevard at Main Street, for the season. They attend the third Sunday matinee. After the theater, the members go to an inexpensive restaurant for dinner together.

If you would like to join the group to see any of the remaining plays this season, call PCT at 596-7436:

December 20	<i>The Worst(Best) Christmas Pageant Ever</i>
March 14	<i>Smokey Joe's Café</i>
May 23	<i>No Time for Sergeants</i>

The purpose of ST. A's, begun in 1986, is to enjoy one another's company. It has no special requirements, nor does it do anything but go to the theater, dine after, and have a good time.

St. Andy's Café

- Name: St. Andy's Café
- Contact: Cristy Mahloy, 596-3147, cristy@mahloy.com
- When: each Sunday morning, when we have Christian Education classes, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- Eligibility: All St. Andrew's parishioners
- Emphasis: St. Andy's Café is a weekly fellowship time for parishioners of St. Andrew's after Christian Education. The café allows us a chance to connect with one another while enjoying a variety of food items. The café is usually hosted by two families per Sunday. They are given all the support and guidance needed.
- New Members: Please consider volunteering for one Sunday for a wonderful ministry that feeds our spirits as well as our bodies.

St. Andrew's Episcopal School

- Name: St. Andrew's Episcopal School
- Contact: Margaret Moore, 596-6261

For over 60 years, our parish day school has provided a rigorous academic program in a nurturing, caring Christian environment for children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. Students come from not only our parish family but from across the Peninsula, Isle of Wight County and Suffolk. Chapel services begin each school day and set the tone for all activities and relationships.

St. Andrew's offers a challenging curriculum in the core academic subjects with enrichment classes in music, art, computer, French, science, physical education and library. Our students, who represent a diverse population, learn to not only be strong learners but strong leaders in their

classrooms, in the school and in the community.

This year we will continue our ongoing outreach projects that include Thankful Thursday food collection each week for St. Paul's Episcopal Church; Furry Friends Friday, each month contributing pet food to the SPCA; sponsoring eleven families at Christmas through Newport News Social Services; and a sock drive to support the guests of PORT.

We have begun accepting applications for the 2010-2011 academic year and are happy to give personal tours of our school Monday through Friday. There was an Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, October 21, and there will be another on Sunday, January 31, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

To be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, a child must be four years old by September 1 of the entering year. For Kindergarten eligibility, a child must be five years old by September 30 of the Kindergarten year. For more information, please call the day school office, 596-6261, or visit our website at www.standrewsschool.com.

Stephen Ministry

- Name: Stephen Ministry
- Contact: Gloria Brooks, 595-4067
Jeanne Blount, 926-5931
- When: Every 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Library
- Eligibility: Stephen Ministry is a national organization that requires each "minister" to have 50 hours of training.
- Responsibilities: We are a one-on-one, same-sex ministry that will walk with someone having a short-term life changing crisis. We are confidential listeners and we "show up."
- Projects: Some participate in the monthly Sunday morning healing services with the laying on of hands. We have offered "Journeying Through Grief" booklets to

those church members experiencing the loss of a loved one.

Planned: We are planning a retreat for our Stephen Ministers in March.

New Members: We are an active ministry currently serving several care receivers. We are available and we care.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Name: Thursday Morning Bible Study

Contact: Ann Lee, 595-0367

When: Thursday mornings September to May at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library

Eligibility: Our group is open to all and because each lesson stands on its own, we encourage members to come when they are able.

Emphasis: Over the summer, the facilitators and Rhonda meet to determine which books of the Bible or “themes” will be explored in the coming year. We learn much from reading and discussing the Scriptures together. Along with growing spiritually, a strong bond of fellowship is developed.

Turkey Sandwich Day

Name: _____ Turkey Sandwich Day

Contact: Bill Wilds, 595-0371, saec.bill19@verizon.net

When: This year we will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 18, in the Parish Hall.

Eligibility: Anyone who wishes to come and help make bag lunches which are distributed at a party for the homeless on Saturday in downtown Newport News

Project: This year, the goal is to make 600 bag lunches with:

two turkey sandwiches, condiments, canned drink, juice drink, applesauce, crackers and snack items, cookies or other dessert items, candy

New Members: Please read the newsletter and Sunday bulletins regarding the needs and delivery dates. You do not need to sign up in advance to come help on December 18; however, it is helpful to know what items you are donating so that we know what we have to buy to insure we have enough of each item.

Under the Hill

Name: Under the Hill
Contact: Julie Duregger, 596-3821, jjd93@yahoo.com
When: The Under the Hill Committee meets once a month at the church at 7:00 p.m.
Eligibility: Those in their 20's, 30's or 40's who through a social grouping wish to build relationships between members in the same peer group
Projects: Usually there are four events a year which include: a chili cook-off, a cook-out at the Marstons, a wine tasting
New Members: Under the Hill is a great way to have fun and meet fellow parishioners in a relaxed atmosphere. All are invited for good food, great times, and lasting friendships!

Ushers

Name: St. Andrew's Ushers
Contact: Dick Barnwell, 595-7948

The Ushers' schedule for this year, which is posted on the church website, has been published for a full year so that it can be coordinated with the schedules for the Acolytes and Lay Readers in order to facilitate family participation. There are eight teams of Ushers serving at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and a group which serves at 8:00 a.m. The Ushers also participate in additional worship services at Christmas, Easter and on special occasions.

Ushers' Roll, November 2009

Dick Barnwell	Drew Forrest	Rob Saunders
Court Bostic	Bruce Fowler	Conway Sheild
Bill Bradley	C. B. Harrell	Mark Short
Corky Brooks	Surry Harrison	John Stewart
Randy Bryant	Ron Hockett	Leroy Thompson
Bob Burch	John Hudson	Jeff Verhoef
Hal Carney	Arthur Korff	Bill Von Ohlen
Carey Curtis	Joe LaBell	Bo Waddill
Michael Daniels	Norman Palmer	Tom Wash
Walter Deal	Bill Poole	Terry Wolak
Rick Donaldson	Chris Robinson	Francis Wong
Graham Ferguson	Al Roby	John Wood
Carter Ficklen	Tom Ross	Butch Woodall
	Cabell Sale	

Vestry

Name: St. Andrew's Vestry
 Contact: Senior Warden, St. George Lee, 595-0367
 When: Monthly on the second Monday of each month, except July, at 7:00 p.m. in 301 Ferguson
 Eligibility: Any parishioner elected at an Annual Congregational Meeting in November: but anyone is welcome to attend the meetings

Responsibilities: To oversee the running of the church: policy, programs and fiscal emphasis
Projects: To establish a Youth Coordinator position
New Members: Any church member may attend any Vestry meeting. The Vestry is here to serve you!

Women of the Word

Name: Women of the Word (WOW)
Contact: Carol Capo, 880-8245, clccapo@gmail.com
When: Wednesdays, as scheduled, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Library
Eligibility: Any and all women are welcome. New studies are announced in the bulletin and newsletter.
Emphasis: WOW is a group of women who come together to study God's word and explore how it can guide and strengthen us in our daily lives.
Projects: studies of Esther and the Tabernacle
Planned: Two or three new studies beginning in the new year
New Members: Women of the Word is a wonderful way to explore in depth the Scripture and all it has to say to us, working with other women who enlighten, challenge and enrich each other and their own growth in God's word.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 25
12:00 p.m. *Thanksgiving Service with Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew's*

Sunday, November 29 *Advent I*

Sunday, December 6	<i>Advent II</i>
Saturday, December 12 10:00 a.m.	<i>Laying Wreaths at Hampton National Cemetery</i>
Sunday, December 13	<i>Advent III</i>
Friday, December 18 9:00 a.m.	<i>Turkey Sandwich Day</i>
Saturday, December 19 10:00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Pageant Rehearsal</i>
Sunday, December 20	<i>Advent IV</i>
Thursday, December 24 4:00 p.m.	<i>Pageant cast costumed</i>
4:10 p.m.	<i>Acolytes vested for instruction</i>
4:30 p.m.	<i>Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist - Rite II</i>
10:00 p.m.	<i>Musicians robed for rehearsal</i>
10:10 p.m.	<i>Acolytes vested for instruction</i>
10:40 p.m.	<i>Concert of Christmas Music</i>
11:00 p.m.	<i>Festival Eucharist - Rite II</i>
Friday, December 25 10:30 a.m.	Christmas Day <i>Holy Eucharist - Rite II</i>
Sunday, December 27 8:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist - Rite I</i>
10:30 a.m.	<i>Lesson and Carols and Holy Eucharist - Rite II</i>

Lord of All Hopefulness, Lord of All Joy

- 1. Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.*
- 2. Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.*
- 3. Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.*