

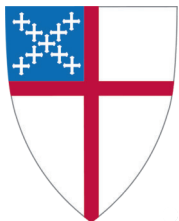
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St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church



YOUTH SUNDAY

We had so much fun celebrating Youth Sunday and Mother's Day. Everyone did a fantastic job!



Our Youth did an amazing job with all the readings, Prayers of the People, the homily, offering, Lord's Prayer in sign language, and passing out roses at the end of service to all our mothers.



REV. LES' RANDOM THOUGHTS

Sent Out

It seemed like a normal Sunday. I didn't even realize it was my last for a long while. I had graduated college not a month or two before, and I was back at St. Margaret's, the church that had raised me through so much. Later that week, I would be headed out for my first real-life post-collegiate adult adventure. I scored a position with this group called the Episcopal Urban Intern program. I would be living in a Christian community but in a brand new city, with brand new people, and a kind of work I had never imagined for myself.

Before the service began, the priest, Father Steve, a man who had known me since I was too young to hold the weight of the processional cross, said quickly but kindly, "Hey, you are leaving this week, right?" I had to think about it for a second. The following Thursday seemed like a millennium away and my packing procrastination was in full force. "I guess so...", I muttered self-consciously not knowing how he would know, much less remember. "Well, would it be alright if we prayed for you in the service?" I really had no idea what he meant by that. Was he asking my permission for the reader to say my name in the Prayers of the People? Or something else? In any case, I didn't know how to say no or even how to ask for more detail, so I gave a pathetic "...sure...?"

At the announcements, Father Steve called my name and asked me to come forward. I attended that church for most of my life, and I didn't remember anything like this ever happening before. I walked forward at a pace designed to exactly split the difference between brisk and reverent.

I don't remember much of the prayer but I do remember Father Steve's long, strong fingers weaving about my head like a Roman crown of laurel. What

little I do recall of his words was him naming me as a missionary of the congregation. I had never thought of the work I was going to do as mission work. I just thought about it as helping, and I certainly never thought of myself as elected or chosen from this congregation. It is funny we often think about choosing a church, but we rarely think of the church as choosing us even though that is what they always do.

In any case, I walked away bewildered. Moved for sure, touched literally and figuratively, but spiritually disoriented in the best kind of way.

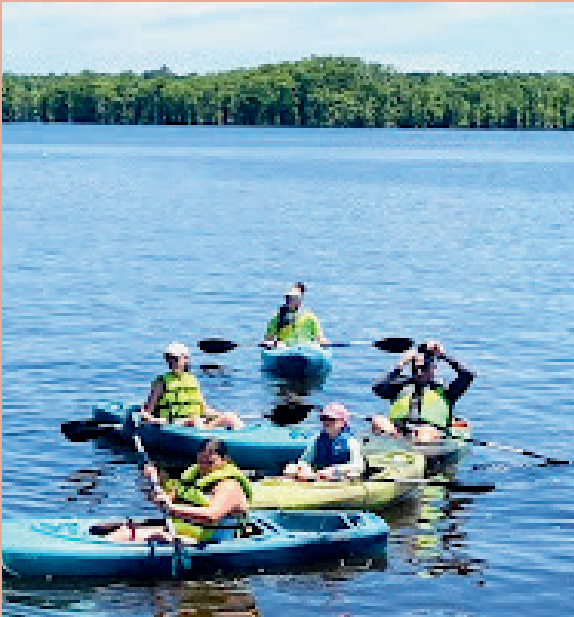
I think of this often during graduation season. So often we think of it as leaving, but something

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***Every person who comes through
a church...is a missionary***
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about that prayer and commissioning made me realize how opposite that is of the truth. In that moment, I was being reminded of all that I was taking with me from that place. All of the learning, relationships, and love wrapped in a bow of hope for me and faith that God will keep us tied together.

I love how often graduation season coincides with the story of Pentecost. Pentecost is a bewildering graduation. It is where the disciples aren't just given tools or experiences, but the very presence of God to lead, guide and care for them in this next chapter. These disciples were not primarily leaving behind their experiences of Jesus but instead being anointed to take those experiences with them.

In the same way, we depart every Sunday, bewildered and equipped for the ministry ahead. What I didn't understand either on that graduation Sunday nor until I studied in seminary is that each and every person who comes through a church like Margaret's or Andrew's is a missionary. We all come broken and leave with a laurel wreath of blessing. I pray that each of us will know and feel that. Not just on graduation Sundays or on Pentecost but every Sunday as we go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Because, as it turns out, that one Sunday was a normal Sunday after all.



CHURCH FAMILY RIVAH DAY!

**Kayaking/swimming/
canoeing/and cookout lunch!!**

**Saturday, July 12th
Arrive at 9am
Leave at 3pm**

Bring:

- bathing suit
- towel
- change of clothes
- snack and side dish to share
- chair
- sunscreen

Sign up in the office. Call at 252-443-2070 or email at office@standrewsrmt.org



PEOPLE AT PRAY



2025

June



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am A.C.E 10:30am HE Rite II	2	3 Food Pantry 9-11am	4 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am Mahjong 6pm	5 Food Pantry 9-11am	6	7 Men's Club 8am Library Relocation 9am
8 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am A.C.E 10:30am HE Rite II	9	10 Food Pantry 9-11am ADK 4pm Finance 6pm	11 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am	12 Food Pantry 9-11am	13	14
15 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am A.C.E 10:30am HE Rite II	16	17 Food Pantry 9-11am Vestry 6pm	18 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am	19 Food Pantry 9-11am Meals on Wheels 10am	20	21
22 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am A.C.E 10:30am HE Rite II	23	24 Food Pantry 9-11am	25 Food Pantry 9-10:30am Healing Service 10:30am	26 Food Pantry 9-11am	27	28
29 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am A.C.E 10:30am HE Rite II	30					



LAY/LEM Readers

June 1

8:00 Lynn Arnow
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Brandon Rollings
Matt Smith
Sarah Dial

June 8

8:00 Sheryl Love-Johnson
Tim Knapp

10:30 Pete Roy
Brad Earle
Sandy Suggs

June 15

8:00 Albert Corinth
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Terry Shackleford
Leslie Hall
Forrest Mericle

June 22

8:00 George Earp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Sarah Dial
Michele Richwalski
Jeanie Armstrong

June 29

8:00 Tim Knapp
Ramona Orzell

10:30 Paul Stone
Lisa Stone
Elizabeth Pope

Ministry Schedule June 2025

Acolytes

June 1

10:30 Walker Wells
Jack Lea

June 8

10:30 Lauren Renck
Megan Renck

June 15

10:30 TBD

June 22

10:30 Landon Newcomb
Liam Jenkins

June 29

10:30 Walker Wells
Jack Lea

Ushers

June 1

Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci

June 8

Brad Earle
Linda Hutcheson

June 15

Jan Arnold
John Lea

June 22

Angela Reid
Tom Jenkins

June 29

Billy Suggs
Steve Thurkill

Greeters

Nancy Knapp
Sarah Dial

Kitchen Clean Up:

Lynn Arnow
Sarah Dial

Pantry Distributers

Tuesday- Patty Kennedy
Wednesday-Tommy Parker
Thursday- Elizabeth Hunter

Pantry Volunteers

Elizabeth Mosley
Tim and Kaye Dowd

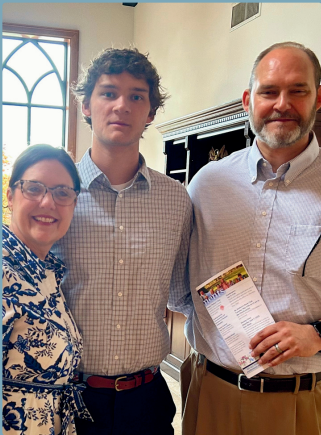
ST. A'S PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN GRADUATIONS

May 14, 2025



St. Andrew's Preschool and Kindergarten celebrated their graduations on Wednesday, May 14th. We are all so proud of everyone and wish them all the best next year! Our preschoolers wore blue robes and the Kindergarteners wore white.





Youth Practicing for Youth Sunday

Christopher and Jack Pons along with Jones and Jack Lea practice at the pulpits for Youth Sunday. Reese Lea and Lora Pons helped keep things moving and orderly. Wyatt and Walker Well practice being Chalice bearers with Rev. Les.



Plot for EYC Garden

We are creating a garden in our back lot.
Get ready for some fresh produce!



Healing Service Luncheon

Rev. Les cooked a delicious lunch to celebrate all who come to celebrate Healing Service



Summer Mission Trip

A crew of youth and adults will be doing a mission trip to Western NC in the West Jefferson area July 23-28th. The ministry includes making meals for the workers, construction work, yard work, and cleanup for residents still in need from Hurricane Helene. If you are interested in going, let Deacon Susan know.

Many residents have not received financial help to rebuild their homes and are living in unhealthy conditions. If you are able to donate, to help with cost of materials, please donate to the Mission Trip Fund in the church office.







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Our Parish Family



Moving Time!
Saturday, June 7, 2025
9am-Noon

Our School is overflowing! In order to accommodate all the students we are moving stuff around to make a new classroom. In order to accommodate that we need

to relocate our library. We are looking for all the able bodies we can to help for the move. Join us to work at 9am, but if you get there at 8:30am you can also score some eggs and sausage from the Men's breakfast.

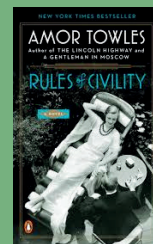
Join us on Wednesday mornings this summer at 10:30am for Healing Service.

We will pack food pantry bags on Sunday, June 15th

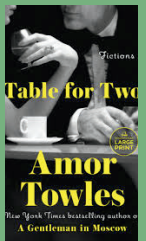


Men's Club meets Saturday, June 6th at 8am in the Parish Hall.

Book Club is reading two books this summer by Amor Towles: Rules of Civility and



A Table for Two. It is best to read them in order. We look forward to seeing everyone in September to discuss!



Children's Chapel is done for the summer. We will resume in September. We do still have Ms. Linda in the nursery on Sunday's for our littles.