



The Sounder

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Morehead City, NC

December 2018



Save the Date

12/1-Faith In-Deed w/EYC (9:00 am)

12/2 - Annual Parish Meeting (11:15 am); Adult Choir Rehearsal (2:00 pm)

12/3, 12/10, 12/17 - Education for Ministry (6:00 pm)

12/4 - Thrift Shop Board Meeting (4:30 pm)

12/6 - Angel Tree Donations Due

12/9 - St. Nicholas Visit/Angel Tree Gifts Due; Festival of Lessons & Carols w/EYC (4:00 pm)

12/10-12/11 - Angel Tree Gifts Distributed to Families

12/11 - Parish Life Committee Meeting-5:00 pm)

12/13, 12/27 - Contemplative Prayer (5:15 pm)

12/14 - Thrift Shop Christmas Party (4:00 pm)

12/16 - EYC Caroling and Dinner @ the Sanborns

12/18 - Finance Committee Meeting (10:00 am); Stewardship of the Earth Committee Meeting (5:30 pm)

12/19 - Staff Meeting (2:30 pm); Parish Supper (6:00 pm)

12/20 - Vestry Meeting (6:00 pm)

12/23 - Hope Mission Meal (11:30 pm, Set-Up beginning at 9:00 am); Greening of the Church (11:30 am)

Rector's Notes

I'm not ready for Advent. The Advent Wreath that I was so looking forward to setting up for my daily lighting and devotions, has proven allusive. Surely this is because the wreath was the first item packed and put away after Christmas last year; and therefore it will be at the bottom of all the Christmas decorations, and will be the last box I open. Jesus surely had me in mind when He told the parable of the unwise bridesmaids who were unprepared, with empty oil jars when the bridegroom returned. Advent is here.

And yet, there is something comforting about Advent's coming. It is the season in which I see my need, my vulnerability and my brokenness. God does not wait for me to be ready for the coming of Jesus. God did not wait for the world to be ready for the coming of Jesus. Instead God saw our need, and came to us willingly and lovingly. Advent then is an invitation to let God know of our need to control; and to trust in God's good love for us. God yearns to be with us. Like the parable of the prodigal son, the father sees us and rushes to embrace us, showering us with Grace. I imagine that Mary and Joseph felt somewhat caught off guard too. But if God had waited for me to have it all together, God would still be waiting. That is why Advent is such a season of grace.

Advent is an invitation to grace in our lives. Christmas and the Birth of Jesus was the fulfillment of that invitation to grace.

12/24 - Holiday/Church Office Closed; **Children's Eucharist Service (4:00 pm); Festival Eucharist Candlelight Service (10:30 pm, Prelude Music begins at 10:00 pm)**

12/25 - **Christmas Day Casual Eucharist Service (10:00 am)**

12/25 - Holiday/ Church Office Closed; Christmas Day Casual Service (10:00 am)

12/26 - Holiday/Church Office Closed

Grace is the unmerited, and undeserved pouring out of God's love upon us. So here's the invitation to you and me: Let go of trying to do it all perfectly, and the need to get it right all the time. Let go, and rest in the knowledge that God loves you. God accepts you. God meets you right where you are. We are invited to be aware, to slow down and trust God's loving work in our lives.

Have a blessed Advent and a Joyful Christmas. What a gift it is to be loved by a God who meets us right where we are.

Peace and Joy!

John +

PS: After I wrote this... I found the wreath. No kidding. (Or it found me...)

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!



Support Groups:

AA - Thursdays @ 6:00 PM (Parish Hall)

NA - Fridays & Saturdays @ 8:00 PM (Upstairs)

NAMI - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM (Parlor)

Adult Education Opportunities:

Faith Matters Adult Sunday School - Sundays @ 9:00 am

Bible Study - Mondays @ 6:30 pm; Wednesdays @ 11:00 am

Welcome Committee

Pavarotti's Gift

I just finished watching one of my favorite Christmas videos: *Christmas with Luciano Pavarotti*. I happen to think Pavarotti was the greatest singer of our time and on this video he is at the top of his talent, truly a world-class gift. The video was made in the early 1970's with Pavarotti singing in Montreal's Notre Dame Cathedral accompanied by the cathedral's symphony orchestra, an adult choir and a boy's choir.

As I said, Pavarotti was at the top of his talent, number one in the world. I sat there thinking, what would I do if I had been given a world-class gift like Pavarotti? And I hate to admit it but I started thinking I would have handled it better than Pavarotti. I told myself that I would be very humble and would constantly thank God for my gift. Truthfully, I was bordering on the "Gee I'm so much better than he" frame of mind. Then I realized I do have a world-class gift. Here I'll give you some time to figure out what my gift is... no, not my good looks, not my wonderful sense of humor, not even my

legendary modesty. I'll give you two hints. It's above world class, something like Solar or Universe Class and you all have the same gift.

The gift we all share is the love of God and His gift of Jesus Christ. The results of that love are a freedom from sin and death. Jesus, God's only son, gave His life so that we may have joy and peace and eternal life. Then I started to think, how often do I say thank you for this unbelievable gift and how often do I express my humility to God for what he has given me, a sinner. Truthfully, I kind of embarrassed myself when I realized I don't handle my world-class gift too well. How are you doing? One of the best ways to say "Thank You" to God is to share our gift. Invite someone this Christmas season to meet Jesus here at St. Andrew's. Let them see a parish family that shares this gift of God and the joy Jesus brings to our lives.

Merry Christmas,

Phil Gerolstein



Children & Youth News

Advent is a busy time for our children and youth here at St. Andrew's! As we eagerly anticipate the birth of Jesus, we will remember those in need.

Children's Chapel will be led by Rebecca Haines for the month of December. The focus will be on helping others as Jesus would do.

EYC Activities

December 1st - Angel Tree Shopping and wrapping in conjunction with Faith In-Deed.

December 9th - Lessons and Carols

December 16th - Caroling followed by supper at Camp Sanborn.

December 23rd - Hope Mission Meal; Practice for the Family Service program.

December 24th - Christmas Eve Family Service.

Please check *The Net* weekly for specific times.

Debbie Butcher
Coordinator for Children and Youth Programs

“Harnessing God’s Love” Stewardship 2019

The official close of our 2019 “Harnessing God’s Love” stewardship drive was a couple weeks ago. However, if you haven’t had a chance to get your pledges in, you still have time. Those who participated in our Stewardship kick-off with the Time/Talent Fair, have picked up their stewardship packets. Additional packets are available in the narthex and on the bookshelf by the offices. Having the certificates early helps us with the budget process, but we understand that some people need to wait to determine their annual amounts. I believe that each of us individually and collectively are at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Morehead City at this point in our

lives because we see and feel God’s love in this place and witness it in action out in our community. If you were not able to be at the kick-off, but want to experience the new video, please ask Father John or me. Please prayerfully consider you pledge to St. Andrew’s as we work together to Harness God’s Love.

*Tricia Bowers-Young,
Stewardship Chair*

Parish Life

All ages are Welcome! to Join us for our **Parish Supper** on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Tad will be serving up heavy hors d’oeuvres and there will be a Christmas Sing-Along with Mark.

Please make sure you sign-up prior to the event by contacting the church office and letting us know how many will be attending!

Sally Worrell
919-920-6287

Paper Hugs

Wishing you a Peaceful Advent and a Joyous Christmas from Hugs by Sally!

Sally & Gale
galeswann@yahoo.com



Martha’s Mission Donation Item of the Month for December:

*“Any Non-Perishable Side Items”
(Appropriate for the Holidays)*

Merry Christmas!

Thank you for your generous donations! If you are able, please feel free to drop any donations in the basket (which is located in the Narthex, on the left as you walk into the church). Feel free to contact Jennifer Mann with any questions at 252-622-4745, or email her at jenncox@juno.com. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those in need in Carteret County.

Worship Participation Schedule

| | 12/2 | 12/9 | 12/16 | 12/23 |
|---------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Vestry | Jo Anne Kilday | Dorothy Raney | Joan Sabiston | Tommy Sutton |
| Lector (8 AM) | Kit Williamson | Don Layno | Jack Simpson | Iris Odell |
| Lay Reader (10 AM) | Sarah Mullikin | Alex Russell | Karen Westbrook | Jackie Davis |
| Chalicer (10 AM) | Jo Anne Kilday | Sherry Barnes | Jon Covert | Rob Darden |
| Lectors (10 AM) | Charles Pringle Hannah Grace Ruiz | Bob Kenward Katie Brown | Diane Warrender Bennett Sanborn | Christy Willis Ariana Dominguez |
| LEV | N/A | Judy Rochelle Phil Gerolstein | Kim Livingston Kit Williamson | N/A |
| Acolytes | Frances Boone Ariana Dominguez Corky Dominguez | Mary Neal Rowland Jack Woodard | Payton Covert Noah Sanborn | Bennett Sanborn Caroline Beaver |
| Ushers | Team I | Team II | Team III | Team IV |
| Altar Guild | Mial Woodard Sarah Mullikin Jay Kubik | Joyce Livengood Willa Dickens Patty Owen | Karen Westbrook Luellen Hardee | Joan Sabiston Melodie Darden Karen Westbrook |
| Altar Flowers | Margaret Poindexter | Cheri Collins | Christy Willis | Ann Walker |
| Flower Ministry | Andrea O'Connell Mial Woodard | Joyce Livengood | Luellen Hardee | Patty Walls |
| Refreshments | N/A-Annual Meeting | Andrea O'Connell | ?? | ?? |
| Children's Chapel | N/A—Children's Sermon | Rebecca Haines | Rebecca Haines | Rebecca Haines |

December Birthdays

1 - Tommy Sutton
1 - Margaret Poindexter
4 - Marlene Blake
5 - Neal Rowland
8 - Barbara Garey
8 - Rollin Lind
11 - Jon Covert

11 - Rebecca Fleming
14 - Jane Newbern
16 - Christy Willis
17 - Tami Russell
18 - Shannon Ehlers
18 - Claudia Sulloway
21 - Willa Dickens

22 - Mial Woodard
23 - Payton Covert
24 - Candace Roney
25 - Dakota Theuner
29 - Connolly Walker



Worship Participation Schedule

| | Christmas Eve 4:00 PM | Christmas Eve 10:30 PM | Christmas Day 10:00 AM | 12/30 |
|--------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Vestry | Don Westbrook | Rob Darden | Dorothy Raney | Sally Worrell |
| Lector (8 AM) | N/A | N/A | N/A | Patty Walls |
| Lay Reader | Margarita & Ella Bowers-Young | Alex Russell | Karen Westbrook | Melodie Darden |
| Chalicer | Hannah Grace Ruiz Pauline Lind | Rob Darden | N/A | Jackie Davis |
| Lectors | Pauline Lind Ariana Dominguez Hannah Grace Ruiz | Vandy Cannon Melodie Darden | Kathy Moorehead Dorothy Raney | Jackie Davis Bob Kenward |
| LEV | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Acolytes | Mary Neal Rowland Noah Sanborn Kaleigh Heden Corky Dominguez Frances Boone | Bennett Sanborn | N/A | Ariana Dominguez Corky Dominguez |
| Ushers | Kai & Lukas Taylor Karen & Don Westbrook Neal Rowland | Rob Sanborn Bill Dickens Jon Covert | N/A | Team V |
| Altar Guild | Karen Westbrook | Melodie Darden Vandy Cannon Willa Dickens | Karen Westbrook | Kit Williamson Kathy Davis Jane Conneely |
| Altar Flowers | Poinsettias | Poinsettias | Poinsettias | Poinsettias |
| Flower Ministry | N//A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Refreshments | N/A | N/A | N/A | ?? |
| Children's Chapel | N/A | N/A | N/A | Rebecca Haines |



Worship by the Numbers for November

Sunday Average Attendance

8:00 AM — 26 * 10:00 AM— 101 * Total — 127

Wednesday Average Attendance

12:15 PM — 7 * 5:30 PM — 4 * Total — 11



***St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
All Are Welcome!***

Our Mission

*To follow Christ without delay;
to bring others into Christ's gracious presence.*

* * * * *

Our Vision

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is a community for all people on their journey of faith who seek a deeper relationship with Christ, and who strive to serve Him. We offer multiple opportunities to seek and serve Christ through:

- 1. Generous Welcome and Hospitality*
- 2. Lifelong Christian Formation*
- 3. Personal Growth in a Community of Faith*
- 4. Sacred Music and Liturgy*
- 5. Service to Christ through Giving and Outreach*

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

A Parish of the Diocese of East Carolina
The Rt. Rev. Robert Skirving, Bishop
2005 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC 28557
Telephone—252-727-9093; Fax—252-726-2807
Email—standrewsadmin@bizec.rr.com
Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9AM—3PM, Friday - Office Closed
Check Out Our Web Page @ StAndrewsMHC.org

Like *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Morehead City, NC* on FACEBOOK!
Follow Father John on Twitter @ JohnBPollock

St. Andrew's Thrift Shop

Susan Langdon, Director
1107 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC 28557
252-726-4747
Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday 10AM-4PM

Like *St. Andrew's Thrift Shop* on FACEBOOK!
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Andrews-Thrift-Shop-551865261630603>

Join Us for Worship ...

Sunday Schedule:

8:00 AM - Rite I Eucharist Service + 10:00 AM - Rite II Eucharist Service/Children's Chapel
9:00 AM- Adult Sunday School + 10:00 AM - Children's Sermon the 1st Sunday of Each Month
Nursery Available—9:30-11:30 AM

Wednesday Schedule:

11:00 AM — Bible Study
12:15 PM — Rite I Eucharist Service + 5:30 PM—Healing Eucharist
+ *All Are Welcome* +

The Vestry 2018

Staff & Clergy

Rector—Rev. Dr. John B. Pollock
Deacon—Rev. Deacon John J. Gaskill, Jr.
Organist & Choir Director - Matt Hill
Children & Youth Ministry - Debbie Butcher
Treasurer—Donna Gaskill
Sexton—Jim Koebbe
Parish Secretary—Cheri Collins

Jo Anne Kilday - Sr. Warden/Communications
Ron Hardee - Jr. Warden/Buildings & Grounds
Debbie Butcher - Christian Formation
Rob Darden - Evangelism
Joan Sabiston - Worship
Tommy Sutton - Finance & Administration
Don Westbrook - Stewardship
Sally Worrell - Pastoral Care & Parish Life
Dorothy Raney - Outreach
Donna Gaskill - Treasurer
Christy Willis - Clerk