



The Saltire

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Oregon Hill
August & September 2015

"The mission of St. Andrew's
is to welcome people
from far and near
to be together
as a family in Christ
to share the faithfulness
of God"

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Oregon Hill

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Sunday Worship

Summer Schedule

Holy Eucharist
at 8:30 & 10 a.m.

Nursery

Lemonade on the Lawn
follows 10 a.m. worship

Vestry

Jim Evans '15, *Senior Warden*
John Ambrose '16, *Junior Warden*
Katrina Comissiong-Williams '15,

Register

Anthony Creech '16

Renee Ferrucci '17

Vance Joyner '17

Kay McCall '17

Karen Salter '16

Howard Wells '15

Steve Salter, *Treasurer*

Parish to Welcome Abbott Home at Roslyn

by Kay McCall, Vestry
'17

She's coming back!
The Rev. Abbott
Bailey is close to
completing her Rest
and Renewal
Sabbatical, and we
wait with open arms
to welcome her home.

The return
celebration will be
Saturday, Aug. 8, from
4 – 7 p.m. at the
Picnic Pavilion
adjacent to Tucker
Hall within the Roslyn
Conference and
Retreat Center at 8727
River Road,
Richmond.

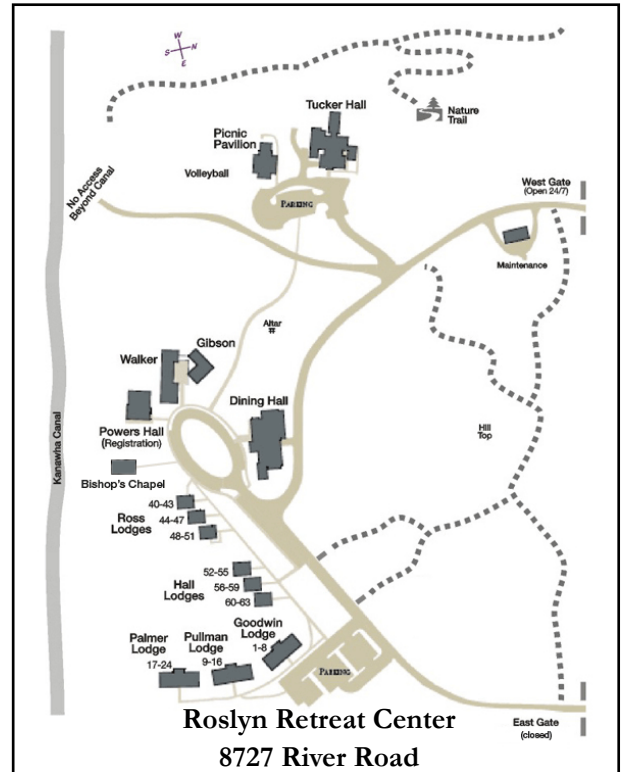
We'll have a picnic
supper with music,
storytelling, a
welcoming liturgy led
by Judy and Barbara
and lots of fun.

Patrick Getlein and
Hank Selby will serenade us with
their wonderful music. Several
people have volunteered to tell
their stories of summer rest time
and exploration of their passions
over the sabbatical time. Watch
also for the passion for flowers
and centerpieces that Sue Barrett
is organizing with many
volunteers.

Sunday, Aug. 9, will be
Abbott's first celebration of the

Eucharist back home. It will be a
grand time of returning to table
and community together.

*O God, our heavenly Father, whose
glory fills the whole creation, and whose
presence we find wherever we go: Preserve
those who travel, in particular Abbott,
who returns to us soon; surround them
with your loving care; protect them from
every danger; and bring them in safety to
their journey's end; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*



Graphic from <http://www.roslyncenter.org/roslynmap.shtml>

FESTIVITIES AT THE PAVILION Abbott's return
celebration will be held at the Picnic Pavilion within
Roslyn Retreat Center.

Commission Ministry: Meeting Needs, Building Bonds

by Jim Evans, Senior Warden

The full scope of ministry at St. Andrew's expresses our devotion to Christ and takes shape through the work of our various commissions, which are outlined below.

These commissions provide an organizing framework around which we worship and serve God, each other and the broader community.

If you are seeking an avenue for spiritual

growth, fellowship or service, I urge you to get involved in commission ministry and deepen your connection to St. Andrew's. The work in ongoing and the opportunities are many.

We will have sign-up sheets available after church on Rally Sunday, September 13, and commission representatives will be available to answer any questions.

If you happen to miss that occasion, please make your interests known to me or any other member of the Vestry or clergy. Remember, any time is a good time to share your gifts through ministry!



<p>BUILDINGS & GROUNDS <i>Maintaining church properties</i></p>	<p>CHRISTIAN FORMATION <i>Exploring the Christian faith</i></p>	<p>GOVERNANCE & ADMINISTRATION <i>Overseeing parish operations & diocesan relations</i></p>	<p>HOSPITALITY & PARISH LIFE <i>Supporting fellowship & community</i></p>	<p>FINANCE, AUDIT & STEWARDSHIP <i>Managing the church's assets</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Vestry liaison/ Junior Warden • Facilities supervisor(s) • Members-at-large • Sexton • Gardening Committee (NEW) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Vestry liaison • Members-at-large • Adult Forum • Nursery • Catechesis of the Good Shepherd • Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Vestry liaison/ Senior Warden • Office Assistant • Personnel Committee • Nominating Committee • Region X Representative • Annual Council Delegate & Alternate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Vestry liaison • Chairperson • Members-at-large • First Sunday Fellowship • Special receptions • Coffee Hour • Lemonade-on-the-Lawn • Agape meals • Softball team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Bookkeeper • Tellers • External Auditor <p>Stewardship Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson • Vestry liaison • Members-at-large 	<p>Finance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson • Vestry liaison/ Treasurer • Members-at-large • Planned Giving Committee (Memorial gifts, bequests, etc.)
<p>GRACE ON THE HILL (GoH) <i>An intentional community of young adults</i></p>	<p>PASTORAL CARE <i>Emotional and spiritual guidance & healing</i></p>	<p>OUTREACH & COMMUNITY <i>St. Andrew's in the world</i></p>	<p>WELCOME & NEW MEMBERS <i>Reaching out to welcome people to St. Andrew's</i></p>	<p>WORSHIP & MUSIC <i>Providing liturgical leadership</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Diocesan liaison • Vestry liaison • Parish mentors • Resident interns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Vestry liaison • Lay eucharistic visitors • Healing ministry • Intercessory prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Vestry liaison • Chairperson • Members-at-large • Laundry Ministry • Salvation Army • St. Andrew's School Board Member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Vestry liaison • Chairperson • Members-at-large 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clergy liaison • Vestry liaison <p>Music</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organist/ Choirmaster • Choir members 	<p>Worship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson • Altar Guild • Acolytes • Chalice bearers • Vergers • Lay readers

Our Parish Photos



**OUR
SOFTBALL
TEAM**



**CAROLYN FADO, CATHY O'NEIL
AND DENISE BENNETT AT THE
SOFTBALL COOKOUT**

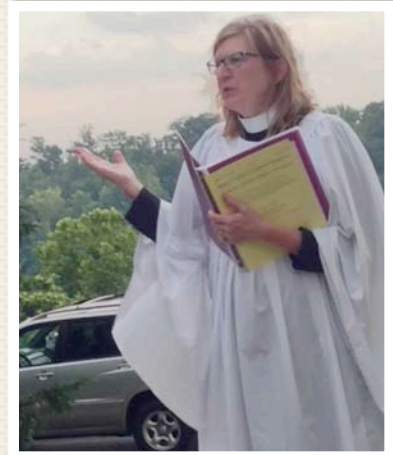


**FAREWELL PRAYERS
FOR THE
GOTH RESIDENTS**

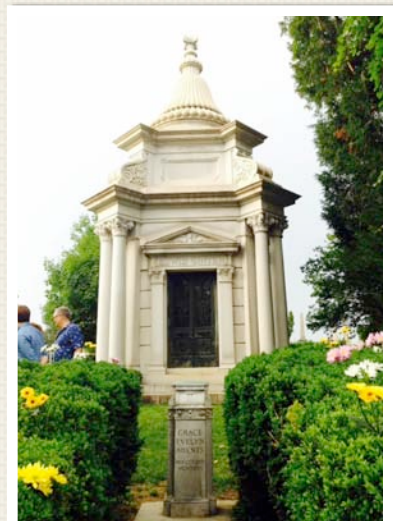
**GRACE ARENTS
COMMEMORATION**



**PICNIC AND PRAYERS AT
MISS GRACE'S GRAVE**



**THE REV. DEACON
BARBARA AMBROSE**



**PINK, WHITE & YELLOW
FLOWERS FOR MISS GRACE**

Grads from 120th Class Leave St. Andrew's School



LEAVING “THE PLACE WHERE THEY FOUND THEIR START” The graduates are (front row) Stephon Brockington, Jon Habahbeh, Lawrence Cary, Ashley Harris, Nasiem Brown, Joshua Bush, Chyna Ross, (back row) Amaya Hayward-Carter, Caitlyn Watson, Amiya Mason, Joel Starlings, Sanai Jackson and Jaedynn Ross.

by Kate McPherson, GotH Resident

Thirteen St. Andrew's School fifth graders graduated in May, drawing a crowd so large that it filled the church sanctuary.

The hardworking graduates represent a special milestone for the school: they are the 120th graduating class, which would surely make Miss Grace Arents proud.

The fifth graders led a

procession into the church while singing “Kosi R’vaya,” a round the Rev. Judy Davis, school chaplain, taught the

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student body during weekly chapel. Students and teachers took their seats to hear the fifth grade class read scripture, lead prayers and perform on violins the school song, “A Place to Learn and Grow.”

Head of School Dr. Cyndy Weldon-Lassiter gave a meaningful homily, speaking on 1 Samuel 16:7: “The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Dr. Weldon-Lassiter referenced *Wonder*, a favorite young adult novel, and spoke about how appearances can be deceiving, but one’s character endures.

“By looking at the heart, the adults in our children’s lives will recognize their potential and push them to live up to it. As role models, we can all show our graduates what it means to look at the heart,” she said.

The homily also referenced advice from the graduating fifth graders, who told Dr. Weldon-Lassiter they believed they should always respect their elders, be nice to their parents, stay calm, clean up after themselves, follow the law to keep their records clean and follow God.

Four students received awards in acknowledgment of

their strength of character and academic prowess:

Philip W. Higgins Award
for Character

**Jon Solomon Hisham
Habahbeh**

George T. Glenn Award
for Character and
Service

Amiya Nicole Mason

Mary T. Wickham Award
for Spirit

Lawrence Cary III

Grace E. Arents Award
for Highest

Academic Average
Jaedynn Monet Ross

The students then approached to receive their diplomas, a St. Andrew’s medal, special prayer card and inscribed Bible.

Handshakes, hugs, diplomas and gifts were presented by the Rev. Judy Davis, Dr. Cyndy Weldon-Lassiter, Board Vice-Chair Scott Cardozo, fifth grade teacher MaSheta Ellison and Assistant Head of School Jane-Page Watson.

The whole school joined together to sing the school song led by the graduates, some of whom teared up as they began to realize the bittersweet



ST. ANDREW’S MEDALS In addition to a St. Andrew’s medal, each graduate received a diploma, prayer card and inscribed Bible.

moment of leaving “the place they found their start,” as the song says.

We are so proud of each of our graduates, and we wish them the best of luck. We cannot wait to be impressed by where life takes them!



Photo from <http://www.redmoonrising.com/newexodus/stars.html>

Watch for God's Many Gifts

by Kay McCall, Vestry '17 &
Stewardship Chairperson

Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Creator, who created all the lights in the heavens. God never changes or casts a shifting shadow. James 1:17

I love stargazing. I don't know much about constellations or the distance of light-years, but I am awestruck and filled with joy by the vastness of a clear night sky. Those tiny sparkling lights awaken in me an appreciation of the amazing creativity and abundance of God's cosmos.

The stars remind me to open my eyes and recognize the vastness of God's gifts all around me. When I do, I see close at hand the beauty of the world, the love of friends and family, meaningful work that demands my best efforts and a remarkable church of people with whom I can respond in thanksgiving with

worship and service.

St. Andrew's is, indeed, a remarkable church of people. Patrick Hall and I met recently to talk about the Episcopal Network for Stewardship theme for the year, "God the giver," and we couldn't say enough about the many gifts God offers in this place and how the people of St. Andrew's respond in gratitude. Patrick, who sings in the choir, spoke of the gift of inclusion at St. Andrew's.

"In a new church people are friendly, but sometimes it's hard to feel included," Patrick said. "The people of St. Andrew's have included me and made me feel part of the experience of the community."

I am struck by the way our parishioners share their sense of what is foundational in this world—worshiping together, caring for people in need and raising children

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Calendar Highlights

Reminder: To schedule meetings at St. Andrew's House, please check with Patrick pkeyser@standrewsoregonhill.org

Parish Office Closed
Mondays

Vestry Meeting
Wednesday, August 19
& September 16
6:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's House

Soup Kitchen Ministry
2nd & 4th Saturdays
August 8 & 22;
September 12 & 26
from 8-10:30 a.m.
at St. Mark's
Contact Karen Wittich for
info kwittich@jtcc.edu
233-4215

Salvation Army Outreach
Wednesday, September 16
5:45-6:30 p.m.
Volunteers serve the evening meal at the Salvation Army
Contact Estela & Chris Smith
etsmith@mac.com

Choir Rehearsal
Starting in September
Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

Morning Prayer
Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.
in the Chapel

Calendar Highlights

Laundry Ministry
Wednesdays
at Wash Happenings

Rise and Shine Clean-up
Saturday, August 2
8:30 a.m. - Noon
in the Church

Celebrating Abbott's Return
Saturday, August 8
4 - 7 pm.
Picnic Pavilion
at Roslyn Retreat Center
Picnic supper provided

New GotH Residents Arrive
Tuesday, August 18

Services



Morning Prayer
Sunday, August 30, at 10 a.m.
Prayer ministers offer healing prayers

Rally Sunday
Sunday, September 13

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and young adults to work for the “dream of God.”

Our ministries reflect recognition of God’s gifts in our lives, and Abbott regularly reminds us that God calls us to life abundant. Our exploration of stewardship will continue this work of awakening to God’s many gifts.

The Rev. Eric Law said when

we recognize and trust in the abundance of God, we can have the courage to be open ourselves.

We will celebrate Stewardship Sunday in early October and the ingathering of pledges at our annual meeting on December 6.

Meanwhile, we invite you to watch for God’s many gifts, more than there are stars in a clear night sky.

For as Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote, “Earth’s crammed with heaven, and every common bush afire with God.”

Education for Ministry Enriches Understanding of Our Faith

by Kay McCall, Vestry '17

The time to sign up for Education for Ministry for the coming year is drawing to a close.

If you have a desire to dig deep into our faith with a trusted group of fellow inquirers, EfM may be the place for you.

EfM is a program of theological education by extension of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. Through individual and group study, worship and the process of theological reflection, EfM participants move toward greater understanding of the fullness of God’s kingdom and discover opportunities for responding to their own personal call to the life of faith and service.

EfM participants study scripture, church history and

theology over four years. The theological reflection process allows participants to bring our faith in conversation with our culture and our individual lives. Participants enroll for one year at a time. There are no tests or papers due.

St. Andrew’s EfM group is strong and vibrant. We meet Tuesday evenings for two and a half hours from mid-September to May. We would love to have you join us.

If you would like more information about EfM in general or the St. Andrew’s EfM group, please contact Cynthia Schmitz at cynssch@verizon.net or 379-9819, or Kay McCall at kay.mccall@comcast.net or 836-6191.

More information is available at <http://efm.sewanee.edu>.

FOR THE RECORD

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Our Best Kept Secret?

by Anthony Creech, Vestry '15

Christian Formation *thrives* at St. Andrew's. Don't believe it?

Just refer to the previous *Saltire*, which included excellent articles regarding Education for Ministry and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Neither offering existed here just a few years ago, and now both flourish.

Other *Saltire* articles discussed the impact of Grace on the Hill on our formation including outreach, the choir and even the softball team!

Let's add to this list by recognizing one of our best kept



secrets: St. Andrew's excellent Adult Forums.

What is Adult Forum? In order to answer this, we must identify what it most assuredly is *not*. It is *not* stiff, staid or formal (fresh insights and an exchange of ideas flow easily). It is *not* intimidating (there are no pop quizzes). It is *not* Bible study (although we do study the

Bible). Simply put, it is *not* "school."

Rather, our Adult Forum is a vibrant and passionate effort to honor our Christian heritage while remaining fresh and attentive to what and where God continues to be in our lives. Adult Forum offers informal explorations of topics related to current events, our faith, scripture and our church. We have a good time together simply *being* about God's mission.

Adult Forum occurs in St. Andrew's House at 10 a.m. most Sunday mornings September through May. We invite you!

God the Giver

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