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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Oregon Hill
JUNE & JULY 2017

"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."



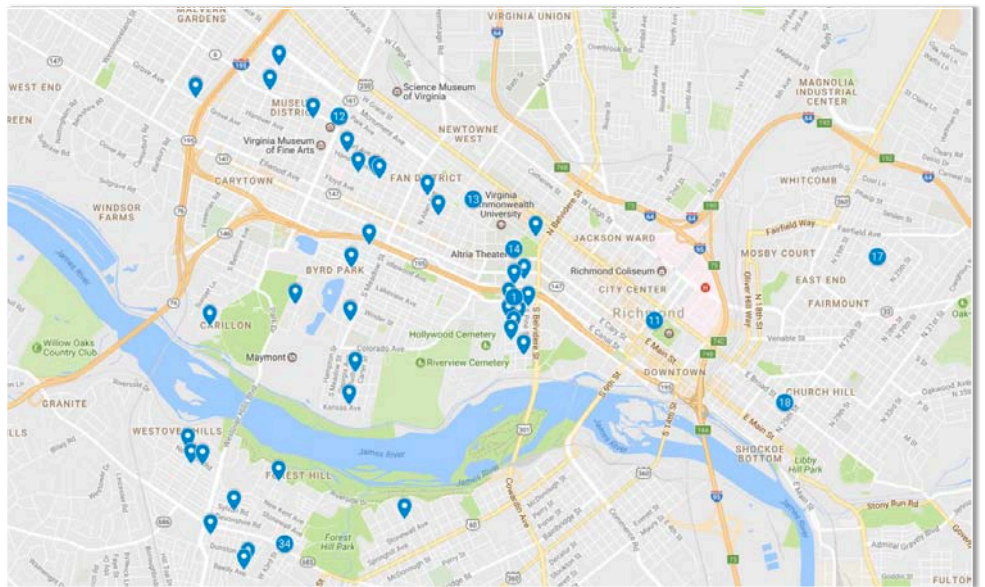
Crossroads Learning Community Begins to Assemble 'Asset Map'

by the Rev. Abbott Bailey

Seventeen folks from St. Andrew's gathered on Apr. 29 for our first Crossroads Learning Community, which met jointly with the vestry.

themes and wisdom that emerged from them.

Then, using various maps of Richmond, we were invited to let ourselves be creatively led by the Spirit to draw boundaries, symbols,



WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR? *Our Crossroads Learning Community and vestry used maps of Richmond to consider the connections that St. Andrew's has within the larger community.*

We began by telling stories about a period in our life when we felt we were at a crossroads of some sort and felt called, drawn, led, compelled even, to move beyond it. After hearing each other's stories using the practice of deep listening, we identified

images, words or whatever emerged, as we considered the questions, "Who is our neighbor?" and "Who is neighbor to St. Andrew's?"

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Parish Office Closed
Mondays

Vestry Meeting
Wednesday

July 19 at 6:30 p.m.
St. Andrew's House

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

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

Softball
Regular Season Games
June 26 & July 3
at Henderson Middle School

Laundry Ministry
Wednesdays
1:30 - 3 p.m.
at Wash Happening
1039 W. Grace St.

**Crossroads Learning
Community Meetings**
Sundays
July 9 & 23; Aug. 13
11:30 a.m. in the chapel

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One of the many “nuggets” that surfaced was that we are about connection not boundaries. Our homework was to take our maps home

...we are about connections not boundaries and to use them as a tool for prayer by opening our awareness to “God-sightings” over the next weeks. We were

also to code locations where we personally know residents, business owners, organizations and ministries as we start to build an “asset map” around St. Andrew's, our homes and places of professional and volunteer work. It was a vibrant, energetic and meaningful time together.

The Crossroads group emerged when 14 people responded to the invitation Abbott extended following her sermon on March 12.

“I'm extending an invitation to anyone who feels called to join me in helping St. Andrew's journey beyond the crossroads,” Abbott said in her sermon. “We will gather regularly as a learning community to study and pray

together, to engage practices of storytelling and story listening, to delve into community demographics and analytics and to invite our neighbors to discern with us what new life God is bringing forth among us.

“We will engage and collaborate with other ministry teams at St. Andrew's, cross pollinating, equipping and energizing for the sake of God's promise realized in and through this place. We will set out not entirely clear about where we are headed, knowing that there will be many twists and turns, and yet confident that God's promises are true and that by our faithfulness others may be blessed.

“So, if you feel a stirring during this sermon – of fear and terror or excitement and energy or some combination of it all – you might feel called to such a commitment at this time, so please let me know.”

Our Crossroads group will meet approximately twice monthly through May 2018. Upcoming meetings are at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel on these Sundays: July 9, July 23 and Aug. 13.

Please hold St. Andrew's in prayer during this time, and contact Abbott if you are interested in joining the work!

Transformational Walking

by Kay McCall '17, Senior Warden

Recently, my husband and I went to walk in Robious Landing Park, a riverside park near our home. We knew it had rained in the days before, so we wore stout hiking boots. Good thing. The water was still way over the banks and made our usual trail a boggy mess with mud inches deep in many places. Sure, we could have turned around and gone back to the dry parking lot, but the truth is...it was all fascinating! The water transformed our trails into something new and wondrous. Sunlight glinted on the surface of new swamps beside the trail. Birdsong sounded different reverberating off the quiet water. Mud sucked at our boots with every step, but that just served to heighten our awareness of the extraordinary nature of our walk.

(For those of you who think this is pure craziness, you are undoubtedly right. But do try to humor me a moment and lean into the thought that this was an adventure and the gift of a memorable walk!)

Normally, I don't give walking much thought. I'm fortunate that my legs are strong enough, my balance is good enough and I can just go. This year the Diocese has invited us to explore stewardship as "Walking in Love," and I have given the act of walking a lot of thought. I hope you have joined in that exploration.

"Walk in Love" reminds us that we can walk (or wheel) without a lot of thought, or we can choose to walk *in love*. We can be deliberate in walking in



Ephesians 5:2

God's path of love. We can say "yes" to a path of care and attention to the people around us and to tasks that demand our best efforts, to quote the BCP.

Walking in love transforms the landscape around us. Suddenly, tasks which might otherwise be mundane become extraordinary. Doing laundry becomes a chance for relationship. A bit of gardening becomes a conversation with an Oregon Hill neighbor. Washing dishes after First Sunday Fellowship feels like helping both the church and the school. Reading aloud is a gift to the worshipping community of lifting scripture off the page.

Providing goodies for the Fellowship Hour suddenly feels like feeding the 5000, as there is always enough and everyone is fed. Putting a pledge in the offering plate is an act of both trust and gratitude that makes this whole adventure that is St. Andrew's possible.

This kind of walking in love gives us practice for walking in God's path of love in our daily lives, and when this practice enters our daily lives everything looks different. It is care, it is stewardship of all that we see and hear and touch. It is allowing God's love to flow through us and perhaps...perhaps in so doing we show the path to someone else. And watch out folks: that's evangelism! That's some new landscape!

Want to step out on a new path? Whenever there is a chance to click on the Sign-Up Genius, give it a try. The system leads you easily through the steps, and it takes less than a minute. All the opportunities for ministry listed there constitute stewardship of our beloved community and the gifts God gives us.

Two from Laity Earn EfM Diplomas

by Kay McCall '17, Senior Warden

St. Andrew's Education for Ministry program is pleased to announce the graduation of Cindi Hanayik and Howard Wells.

EfM is a program of theological education for laypeople from the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. EfM facilitates faithful encounter between Christian tradition, contemporary culture and life experiences through individual and group study, worship and theological reflection. In the process, participants move toward greater appreciation of the fullness of God's kingdom and discover opportunities for responding with faith and service.

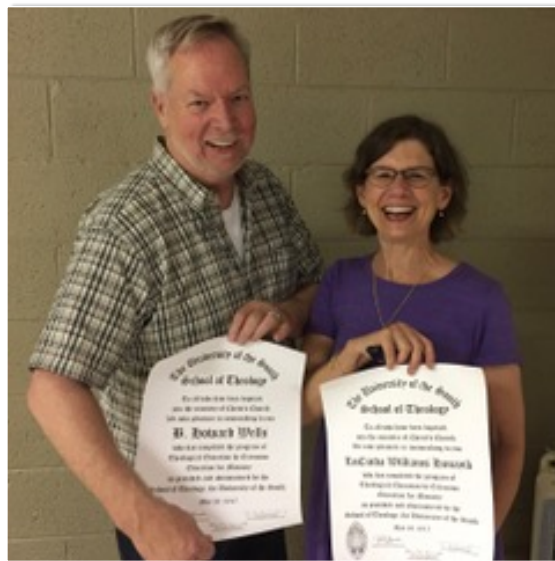
Cindi and Howard are the first to finish all four years of EfM at St. Andrew's. Cindi, who is a parishioner at Holy Comforter, has experienced God's love throughout her faith journey.

"What a wonderful four years it was," Cindi said. "Learning, digesting, questioning and finally the confidence that my journey is my journey and that God still loves me anyway."

Howard's experience in EfM has been transformative.

"In a time when the world challenges us in so many ways, it

gave voice to a new way of being a person of faith," Howard said. "While I have always felt the need for a



FIRST TO FINISH *Howard Wells and Cindi Hanayik are the first to finish all four years of Education for Ministry at St. Andrew's.*

eucharistic community, EfM has enabled me to see God in all creation. My life is so much richer for having all my senses open to the Holy in both the expected and unexpected places. EfM is a journey I would encourage anyone seeking a deeper spiritual life to embrace. As a result of this incredible four years, I feel called to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God."

Our EfM group will miss Cindi and Howard enormously, as both have been dedicated,

faithfully curious and ever generous in conversation.

Cynthia Schmitz, who mentors the group with me (EfM does not have "teachers," as participants and mentors learn together) said that four years of the program have passed quickly.

"It seems like yesterday that Kay and I began searching for brave souls to join us in the first EfM group in St/ Andrew's history," Cynthia said. "Cindi and Howard have blessed us in countless ways. It has been an honor to walk beside them as they have engaged with their individual faith journeys, questioning and exploring where God manifests in their lives. Their presence will be truly missed next year."

St. Andrew's EfM group is a vibrant small community. We meet once per week 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 at St. Andrew's, 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>.

Registration for fall EfM will be open until Sunday, July 2.

Good Stewardship Reduces Monthly Mortgage

by Steve Salter, Treasurer

St. Andrew's longterm financial picture is improving in several important ways.

At the end of 2016 the Finance Committee hatched a bold plan to pay off the 17 years remaining on the parish house loan in a little over three years, by making large payments towards the principal each of the next three years. Mission accomplished in 2016; two more

years to go. Thus the balance due on the mortgage has been reduced from over \$200,000 just six months ago to about \$150,000 today. That's good stewardship.

In addition, last year's pledge campaign brought a marked increase in dollars pledged over recent years. That increase, of about \$10,000, allows us to budget and expect a lower operating deficit in 2017 than we've budgeted in the last few

years. As the financial table shows, we show a net loss for the first quarter of 2017, but it is better than we thought it would be. By staying on this course over the next two years and eliminating the monthly mortgage payment, we may be breaking even by 2020. Let us continue to walk in love and faith.

Contact Steve Salter if you ever have questions about the financial picture at St. Andrew's.

Statement of Activities January to April 2017

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	Year to Date	Year to Date	Annual
Income	Actual	Budget	Budget
Pledge and Plate	\$58,502.41	\$60,416.67	\$181,250.00
Trust Income	\$2,050.82	\$2,060.00	\$32,370.00
Special Offerings	\$1,894.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Facilities Use	\$4,720.00	\$4,571.67	\$13,715.00
Other Income	\$434.04	\$366.67	\$1,100.00
Total Income	\$67,601.27	\$68,915.01	\$231,435.00
Expenses			
Payroll and Operating	\$81,268.23	\$75,133.09	\$227,380.90
Parish Outreach	\$4,252.63	\$6,400.01	\$22,150.00
Program Expenses	\$4,045.98	\$4,116.67	\$12,502.00
Total Expenses	\$89,566.84	\$85,649.77	\$262,032.90
Net Income (Loss)	-\$21,965.57	-\$16,734.76	-\$30,597.90
Balance Sheet - As of April 2017			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings	\$322,212.02		
Fixed Assets	\$221,620.04		
Total Assets	\$543,832.06		
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities	\$7,473.02		
Mortgage	\$153,431.63		
Total Liabilities	\$160,904.65		
Total Equity	\$382,927.41		
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$543,832.06		

Bishop's Visit



Bishop Susan Goff and Rev. Abbott Bailey baptize Fynleigh Baur-Millard.

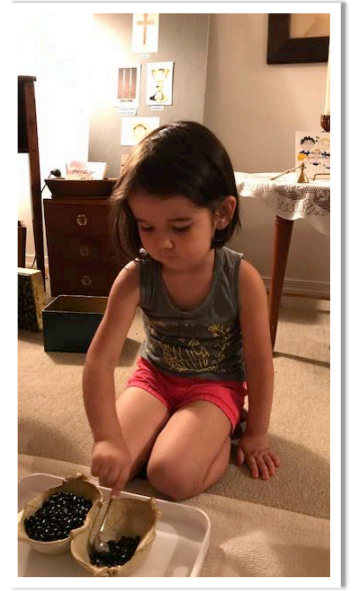


Erin Monaghan
& Bishop Susan Goff



Dale Holcomb
& Bishop Susan Goff

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd





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Baptized April 30

Fynleigh Baur-Millward & Elliot Daniel Cyrus

Confirmed April 30

Preston Harper & Susie McKay

Received April 30

Dale Holcomb & Erin Monaghan

Reaffirmed April 30

Andrew McQuillen

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

In memory of

Emily Armistead Peyton Higgins

by Elaine & Chuck Baur

Honoring the birthday of

Kay McCall

by Kathleen & Gerald Albanese

In memory of

Ruth Anne Wilkins

by Patricia & Kenneth Krause, Frank Overby, H. Hoge & Beth Smith

WALK IN LOVE