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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"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"

Are You Called to Serve on the Vestry?

Nominations for vestry will officially open on Sunday, Oct. 6 (see details about the nomination process, including criteria).

At its September meeting, vestry members spent some time reflecting what vestry service entails and what qualities and gifts facilitate vestry leadership. In addition to details provided in the canons, what they came up with is listed in the sidebars (left). We hope this information will be helpful in discerning if God might be calling you to serve in this way.

The Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States states that the vestry "shall be agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its clergy" (Canon 14).

The duties of a vestry, as outlined I Canon 12 "Duties of Vestries, Wardens, and Parish Officers" are: **To elect a Rector**, with the advice of the Bishop; **To cooperate with the Rector** in promoting the spiritual welfare of the congregation and assist the Rector in discharge of his/her duties; **To support the programs of the church** and encourage

others to do so, and to give generously to those programs. Each vestry member shall give a hearty welcome to the newly baptized, confirmed, received or transferred member; **See that the Rector or Vicar is paid** in full and regularly, and review annually the compensation in keeping with the published guidelines of the Diocese. **Make provision for church music** with the advice and consent of the Rector, and subject to his or her control. **Advise the Diocese** by Nov. 30 of the percent of annual disposable income that will be given to the Diocese, and assure that sum is remitted in regular monthly installments. Jointly with the Rector, **submit an annual parochial report** by the date required. As constituted agents of the church, **transact its temporal business**, (i.e. appoint Trustees as required by the laws of the Commonwealth; make and execute contracts for erecting, furnishing, and preserving church property; (establish a Finance Committee; observe Canon 13, "Business Methods in Church Affairs")

In sum, vestries are full partners with Rectors in leadership of the church.

GIFTS OF AN IDEAL CANDIDATE

Love of our church and its people

Appreciation of our history and tradition

Passion about church life

Time to commit to serving our parish

Interest in learning about the church and how it works

Vision

Open-mindedness

Ability to work collaboratively

Willingness to share the experience of God's presence in daily life

Desire for a deepening spiritual life



Vestry Nominations Open Oct. 6

St. Andrew's will elect four new vestry members on Dec. 8 to fill the expiring terms of Peter Hubbel, Carole Justice and Steve Salter, who rotate off the vestry at the conclusion of the annual meeting, as well as the remaining two years for Richie Glass, who is stepping off the vestry due to work scheduling conflicts.

The nominating process for election opens Sunday, Oct. 6 and closes at 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 3. A list of qualified nominees will be presented at all church services on Nov. 10.

Qualifications for Election

To be eligible for election, nominees must be "confirmed adult communicants in good standing."

This means nominees must be 16 or older; must have made an adult proclamation of faith and be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church; and must have received communion at least three times in the past year and

been faithful in corporate worship (unless prevented by good cause) and in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom.

In addition, Virginia Canons further stipulate that "each Vestry member shall support the programs of the Church through a commitment to service and biblically-based standard of proportional giving."

In 2010 St. Andrew's Vestry adopted a policy to clarify the meaning of "faithful in... giving" as a member who had "pledged, provided monetary support to the church or is otherwise known to the treasurer." This policy was reaffirmed in Feb. 2012.

An individual can meet this requirement several ways: by making and upholding a pledge of any amount to the church; by writing a check to the church of any amount at any time during the previous year; by making a cash donation to

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Vestry Duties

Discern God's vision for St. Andrew's and articulate the mission and ministry to which St. Andrew's has been called.

Keep a finger on the pulse of our mission and ministry and help make sure they happen.

Take up the larger questions about those we are called to serve and how we carry out that service.

Oversee the mechanics of our ministry and take up issues that need to be addressed, for example, financial oversight and outreach grants.

See also duties as set forth in the canons

Vestry Nomination Form

Nominations Close Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m.

To the Nominating Committee:

Please accept _____ as a nominee for the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Vestry for 2014. I have notified the candidate of this nomination, and the candidate has accepted.

Nominee's Signature

Nominee's Printed Name

Nominator's Name

Date



Vestry Members Reflect on Service

It was an amazing honor to be nominated to serve on the vestry. But I will admit that when I was asked, I wondered, "What in the world do those people actually do?"

I didn't grow up in the Episcopal church, so the role of the vestry was unfamiliar to me. My first step was to look at the canons on vestries, and after reading them, I found myself completely intimidated. There is a whole lot of fancy language there. What could I contribute to a group that sounded very serious and very, very important?

If I had just asked around, I would have found out that the vestry is made up of people who love God and love St. Andrews. They make decisions about how best to use God's blessings to do His work in the world. Their choices are sometimes difficult, but they are always undertaken prayerfully and with love. They laugh heartily and fellowship genuinely.

Really all it takes to serve on the vestry is a willingness to serve St. Andrews and to be used by God.

My first year on the vestry was been fulfilling in ways that I never imagined. I have gotten a close-up look at the people, work and love that makes St. Andrews what it is, and it is truly special to be a part of it. *Katrina Comissong-Williams '15*



Katrina Comissong-Williams

The first time I was asked to be a nominee for vestry, I wasn't sure exactly what the vestry did, and I said that I would not do it.

The next year I was asked again, and after some consideration and prayers, I decided that it would be an opportunity to learn something about my church and to show my support.



Carole Justice

St. Andrew's is remarkable not only for its physical presence but for the spirit of its people, and it has been a rewarding experience to be a part of that - even for someone who is an introvert, like me. *Carole Justice '13*

While I was not clear about the gifts I could bring to vestry, I was clear of my love for the people of St. Andrew's. To be involved with the care of the congregation and the physical building has been a tremendous experience for me.



Mary Lou Ivey

What I have found is much like any other part of my life at St. Andrew's: I receive so much more than I give.

It continues to be a joy and privilege to serve the church this way. I hope you will consider joining us. *Mary Lou Ivey '14*

Calendar Highlights

Reminder: To schedule meetings at St. Andrew's House, please check with Matt mpesson@standresoregonhill.org

Parish Office Closed

Mondays

Yoga Classes

Mondays at 2 p.m. in St. Andrew's House (Donation-based)

Soup Kitchen Ministry

2nd & 4th Saturdays from 8-10:30 a.m. at St. Mark's

Youth Sunday School

2nd Sundays at 10 a.m. in Undercroft starting Oct. 13

Youth Group

Sun. Oct. 27: Picnic lunch & Service Project for St. Andrew's School - meet in Baldwin Hall, 12:30pm
Sat. Nov. 23: Fall Retreat & High Ropes Course at Camp Hanover

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Undercroft

First Sunday Fellowship

Oct. 6 & Dec. 8 in Baldwin Hall following 11 a.m. worship

Vestry Meetings

Wednesdays, Oct. 16 & Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's House

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, Nov. 3

Don't forget to reset your clock on Saturday!

Baptism Sundays

Nov. 3 & Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. worship

Election Day Communion

Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m.

Salvation Army Outreach

(formerly Freedom House)
Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m.
Volunteers serve the evening meal



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the church of any amount and placing it in an envelope with the giver's name on it.

If you wish to nominate someone, that nominee must agree to the nomination before you submit the name to the Nominating Committee. Self-nominees must be endorsed by a confirmed adult communicant in good standing.

After nominations officially open Oct. 6, calls for nominations will be issued in the *eNews* and *Sunday Saltire* as well as during the general announcements at all Sunday services. Forms can be found on page 2 of this publication and will be made available online and in the Narthex. Nominations close at 2 p.m., Nov. 3.

The members of the Nominating Committee are Pete Hubbel '13, Carole Justice '13, Steve Salter '13, and Elaine Baur (at-large).

*For more information about the process, please visit our website:
standrewsoregonhill.org/vestrynominations*

Gifts & Memorials

In memory of **Charles Baur** by James & Donna Allen

In memory of **Charles, Elizabeth & David Baur**
by Joe & Louisa Fawley

In memory of **Willie & Dot Cook** by Roy V. Cook

In thanksgiving for **Mom & Dad's anniversary & Ray's wedding**
by Vernon & Carol Fridley, Sr.

In memory of **Hunter Pettus** by Willie Anne Wright

In memory of **Carl Schmitz** by Cynthia Schmitz

In memory of **Norma Tinsley**
by Randy B. Inge, Sam & Marilyn Wynn

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Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10 a.m. Christian Formation
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

