



The Saltire

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Oregon Hill
September & October 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."



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Rally Sunday!

September 17 at 8:30 and 11 a.m.
Our celebration of faith, family
and food when we renew our
baptismal vows and launch our
program year.

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Our GotHs (We Love Them!) Have Taken up Residence



James Alexander

JAMES ALEXANDER was born and raised in rural Eastern Kentucky. Growing up, he occasionally went to church with his grandmother, but he never became part of a church until his senior year in high school.

In May, he was the first person from his family to attend and graduate from college with a bachelor's of science in religious studies from the University of Pikeville in Kentucky.

While at college James broadened his worldview and faith to the point that he officially joined the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is using his year at Grace-on-the-Hill to discern his future in God's ministry. Due to James' many mission trips in college, he has enjoyed several ethnic cuisines from Northern Indian, Cambodian and Somalian. One of James' favorite foods is caldo verde, a Portuguese kale soup. James also enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons with his friends as well as crocheting scarves.



Sara Golden

SARA GOLDEN is from Kent Island, Maryland. She earned a degree in painting from Gordon College in Massachusetts and spent the past few summers leading hiking trips in the Adirondacks, New York.

Sara said that she has always seen and pursued connection between her faith and service in all her interests from the arts to outdoor education.

"I am here to gain further experience in education at my worksite, Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School, while I try to figure out when or if to pursue grad school for community arts or art therapy," Sara said. "I am also looking forward to the community aspect of the program and learning more about and from Richmond through the connections I make here."



Carly Reiner

CARLY REINER grew up in Tampa, Florida. In 2017, she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in religious studies.

"I decided to spend a gap year in a place where I could serve God and others and where I could spend time figuring out where God was calling me," Carly said. "The Episcopal Service Corps was the perfect program, and I decided to come to Richmond because I fell in love with it while working for Church Hill activities and tutoring last summer.

"I hope to be challenged and to learn more about myself and God's call in my life while living in intentional community and working for the wonderful Anna Julia Cooper School in the East End. I plan on getting a dual degree in divinity and social work in the future."

Note from Abbott: Mason Ramsey, one of the original four GotHs for 2017-18, has withdrawn from the program to pursue other commitments. We wish her well!



ON THEIR FRONT PORCH Mason Ramsey and GotH residents James Alexander, Carly Reiner and Sara Golden, who are getting to know the parishioners at St. Andrew's and their community in Oregon Hill.

OREGON HILL COMMUNITY ARTIST EXHIBIT ★

in the chapel at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Opening Reception

★ Friday, Oct. 20, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Childcare available.

Art will be available to view and to purchase
on the **weekends from Oct. 20 - Nov. 12.**

Exhibit features the **fine art and photography**
of ★ **St. Andrew's parishioners**
and our ★ **Oregon Hill neighbors.**

Stewardship

Finding the Key to Open the Door

by Christopher Catanzaro & Patrick Hall

At one time or another we have all lost our keys to our car or office. When it happens, it is easy to blame our partner, children or another family member. In our lives, keys are important: without them, we have problems.

Just as doors can be opened by keys, our hearts can be opened to God. The problem is that, just like finding our car keys, it can be difficult to find the keys that will open our heart. At such times, I've prayed the following collect from the *Book of Common Prayer*: "Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior, Jesus Christ."

I soon realized that the key was there all along. We hold the key to open our hearts to God, and once we do so, we can be inspired to do good deeds, give time to God and make the world a better place through God's kindness and unconditional love. To

open our hearts to God, we must give back in a loving and selfless way. God truly inspires me to give him as much as I can.

We are approaching the time of year when we are invited to think about giving back to God. Is God inspiring us to give of our time, labor and even our finances to help support our church and the community around us? At St. Andrews the pledge campaign, which will begin Oct. 8, is time to think

about what we can give so that our church can grow, and we can sustain the many wonderful ministries that St. Andrews provides to us and our community.

I am challenging us to look deep inside and find the key that opens our hearts to God. I hope we

will be inspired to help our church with our financial giving and to think about how our giving will give praise to God.

In my experience, keys are eventually found. They are usually in the last place that we put them. When we find our keys, there is such a sense of relief. My hope is that we can find the key to open our hearts to God and make a pledge to our annual giving campaign. Together we can do great things.



FOR THE RECORD

Married April 30

Victoria Laine Clark & Jeromy Lane Griffin

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

Honoring the birthday of

Abbott Bailey

by Kay & Calvin McCall



St. Andrew's Adult Forum Fall 2017

Join us on Sunday mornings in the Parish House from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. as we open our hearts and minds to explore the meaning of *Micah 6:8* – “What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” Each week’s discussion will focus on how to follow these precepts in today’s troubled world.

DATE	TOPIC
Sept. 24	Justice & Mercy: The Rev. Ben Campbell
Oct. 1	<i>Slow Kingdom Coming: Practice 1 – Attention</i>
Oct. 8	<i>Slow Kingdom Coming: Practice 2 – Confession</i>
Oct. 15	<i>Slow Kingdom Coming: Practice 3 – Respect</i>
Oct. 22	<i>Slow Kingdom Coming: Practice 4 – Partnering</i>
Oct. 29	<i>Slow Kingdom Coming: Practice 5 – Truthing</i>
Nov. 5	Meditation – Mercy & Compassion: Robin Selby
Nov. 12	Non-Violent Communication: Mimi Weaver
Nov. 19	Non-Violent Communication: Mimi Weaver
Nov. 26	<i>No Adult Forum</i>
Dec. 3	<i>No Adult Forum: Annual Meeting at 10 a.m.</i>
Dec. 10	International Human Rights Day: <i>Guest Speaker TBA</i>

During October, the Adult Forum will focus on the book *Slow Kingdom Coming: Practices for Doing Justice, Loving Mercy and Walking Humbly in the World* by Kent Annan, available from Amazon for \$10.96 (Kindle version \$9.99). This text will be the starting point for our discussions but is not required for participation.





Staff Information & Calendar Highlights

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Parish Office Closed

Mondays

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday

Sept. 20 & Oct. 18

at 6:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's House

Soup Kitchen Ministry

2nd & 4th Saturdays

Sept. 23; Oct. 14 & 28

from 8-10:30 a.m.

at St. Mark's

Episcopal Church

Contact Karen Wittich
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Morning Prayer

Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.

in the chapel

Laundry Ministry

Wednesdays

1:30 - 3 p.m.

at Wash Happening

1039 W. Grace St.

Crossroads Learning Community Meetings

Sundays

Sept. 10 & 24;

Oct. 8 & 22

in the chapel following
the worship service

St. Andrew's Fall Cleanup

Saturday, Oct. 7

Begins at 9 a.m. with
Morning Prayer in chapel

Rally Sunday

Sept. 17

Holy Eucharist

at 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Catechesis of the Good

Shepherd at 10:50

Nursery at 11 a.m.

Fellowship Meal follows

11 a.m. worship

Adult Forum Commences

Sunday

Sept. 24 at 10 a.m.

in the chapel

Featured speaker:

the Rev. Ben Campbell

for detailed information

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Sundays

Sept. 17; Oct. 1, 15 & 29

at 10:50 a.m. in the atrium

Children rejoin parents

at the Exchange of the Peace

Feast of St. Francis Blessing of the Animals Wednesday, Oct. 4

Oregon Hill Community Artist Exhibit Opening

Saturday, Oct. 20

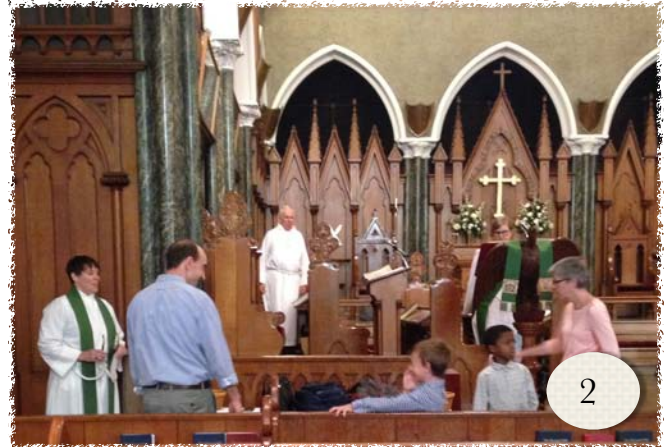
6:30-9 p.m. in the chapel

for details see Page 3

Labyrinth Walk

Thursday, Nov. 2

Parish Photos



“Going to EYE was a once in a lifetime experience. I enjoyed meeting people from all over the world. Representing the Diocese by carrying the flag for Bishop Curry’s opening Eucharist was a memorable moment. The worship services, the praxis sessions and the time spent at the memorial made for very fun, exciting, and memorable days!”
Preston Harper



1. Students at St. Andrew’s School Chapel
2. Blessing of the backpacks: Rev. Abbott Bailey, John Cyrus, Thomas Cyrus, Michael Williams Jr and Kay McCall
3. Rev. Abbott Bailey (second from left) and Bishop Shannon Johnston (third from left) at the Charlottesville rally on Aug. 12. Abbott details her experiences in her Aug. 13 sermon, which can be read at www.standrewsoregonhill.org
4. Preston Harper and Bishop Shannon Johnston at the Episcopal Youth Event
5. Belle Isle: Mason Ramsey and GotH residents James Alexander, Sara Golden and Carly Reiner



Planning Begins for Organ Restoration

The time has come! St. Andrew's organ, a 1926 three manual Hall pipe organ, is over 91 years old and in much need of restoration.

In August, St. Andrew's contracted with Darrell Rison, our former interim organist, to manage the organ restoration project. He is currently in contact with several organ companies to solicit proposals, as well as organists who are familiar with the instrument and know its current issues and limitations.

Darrell will present recommendations to the vestry this fall, after which we will move forward with a formal contract to complete the work.

The cost of this project will be covered using a fund designated for major organ repairs and restoration, currently around \$55,000. Details about this project will be shared as they become available. Stay tuned!



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