

SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

*At the 9:30 hour unless
otherwise noted.*

Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew
Adults – Main Level Conference Room.

Bible Study: Advent Reflections
Adults – Lower Level Creative Arts Room.

Kingdom Kids, for Age 3-Grade 6,
Register in Main Level Room 118.

Confirmation, ongoing program for
Grades 7-8, Lower Level 117/118.

High School Youth for Grades 9-12,
Lower Level SALTeens Lounge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF DEC 10, 2017



New Member Welcoming TODAY!

Sunday, December 10

*Meet and greet our newest
members at a reception in the
Family Room from 10:30 to
11:00 am this morning.*

- Pastor Million Belete
- Steve & Natasha Bremmerman, and Bo & Willow
- Jonathan & Danielle Harris
- Jesse & Savannah Kaiss, and Audrey & Wesley
- Bruce & Dee Klingner
- Janet Kearns
- Karen Kong
- Shawna Rafalko, Heberto Galicia Rodriguez, and Joshua
- Renee Reda
- Connie Rehman
- Jack and Patti Zimmerman



Another chance to go...

ABOVE & BEYOND!

Today, as we launch the fourth edition of our Above & Beyond Gift Catalog, we gratefully acknowledge the generous gifts given over the past three years. The Above & Beyond Gift Program is designed to offer members and friends the opportunity to provide special gifts for the ministry and mission of Christ that require funds beyond the church's general operational budget. Please pick up your copy of the 2018 catalog in your church mailbox, if you have one - or at the table in the Commons following worship. Browse the new offerings and prayerfully consider how you can help! Thanks!



**Good food &
fellowship!**

Lunch served after
the 11 am service.
\$9 per person

Newsletter
DEADLINE

TODAY!
December 10

Your articles for our January edition are due by end of day TODAY. Please remember that all submissions are subject to editing. Thank you!



Advent Jazz Vespers

"Peace Talks"

WEDNESDAY
December 13

6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Worship

Take a brief respite from the holiday rush for evening prayer and worship with a touch of jazz

A modern twist on an age-old holiday tradition!

Childcare will be available. Advanced notice is appreciated.
Contact Lai Mai at 301-384-2660 or lcsapreschool@yahoo.com

Central Maryland Chorale

Winter Concert



TODAY at
4:00 pm

John Rutter's "Gloria!" and
Holiday Songs
from Around the World,
plus Messiah Sing-Along Part I

featuring
The Montgomery Philharmonic

Admission: \$20
Seniors & Students: \$15

Children's Christmas Play "PRACTICE MAKES PAGEANT"

Sunday, December 17
11:00 am



An original telling of
the Christmas story
as seen through the
eyes of children

Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 17
3:30 pm



Feeling blue this season?

Scripture, Prayer & Song
in a peaceful, contemplative setting
for those who struggle to find joy
at the holidays

New Sunday Bible Study

"Advent Reflections"

Starts TODAY, December 10 at 9:30 am



During the Advent season we will focus on scriptures and meditations about waiting for, preparing for and enjoying the coming of Jesus. For more information, contact Anne or Bill Harpster at harpster77@hotmail.com.

Global Mission

Fair Trade Sale
TODAY

Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate, and olive oil will be available for sale in the Commons on Sundays and Mondays, December 10 & 11 and 17 & 18. Your purchase of these high-quality items will help small-scale farmers earn fair returns, improve their communities, access affordable credit, and protect their environment. A portion of the purchase price goes directly to this effort, which is sponsored by Lutheran World Relief. Our profit from the sales will go to Bethania Kids, which serves more than 1,000 vulnerable children and families in India. Stop by our table in the Commons and buy some items for yourself and friends. They make great Christmas gifts!



Christmas Photos

Andy's Photo Gallery Update

Photo selection is underway for Andy's Christmas Gallery. Email your favorite holiday shot for consideration to angelikalcsa@gmail.com.



Hurry! Space is limited. Thanks to all who participated in the "God's Glory" photo contest. Prints of your entries are now in your mailbox.

Christmas Card Tree

Is Your Name on The Christmas Tree?

Please consider donating to the LWML's Christmas Card Tree in the Commons to support this year's recipient, **Faith & Works Enterprises**. Faith & Works is a new and innovative Christ-centered job readiness program for men ages 18-31 who are living in an area of



Baltimore with our state's highest rate of incarceration and a robust drug trade. We pray that this ministry will make a good difference in that community! **Donations of any amount are welcome!** Donor names will appear on the tree as a "Christmas greeting." Make checks payable to LWML. For more information, contact Karen Matthiesen at 301-774-5899. Thank you!

Bridge & Potluck

Friday, December 15

6:30 pm

We're starting our gathering this month with a potluck dinner in the Commons at 6:30. All levels of play are welcome! Lessons are available for those interested. RSVP to hosts Dana & Kathy Foat at 301-478-8493 or you can email theboatings@verizon.net.

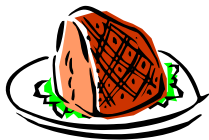


Drivers Needed:

Are you able to offer a fellow member a ride to a special service or event? Contact Marilee at marileetollefson@gmail.com to volunteer. This simple gesture can make someone's holiday season brighter in the name of Jesus!



Honeybaked Fundraiser For Christmas



Pick up your ham or other special holiday treats right here at church, and St. Andrew will receive a donation of 10% of your total purchase! **For the best product selection, order and pay securely online by clicking the link at mystandrew.org.** Or, pick up an order form available at the Welcome Center and submit it with your check payable to HBH in the offering plate or in the office. **Order deadline is December 19.** Items will be available for pick up on Christmas Eve from 4-11 pm in the church kitchen.

Bethania Kids Collection

Focus: "Give the Gift of Bethania!"



Looking for a Christmas gift for that friend or relative who has everything? Make a donation to Bethania

in their honor! You will receive a beautiful handmade greeting card to give your gift recipient. To make arrangements for a Bethania Gift, contact Kay Caviness 301 622-0898 or Janet Burton 301-680-7943.

Advent Devotional Booklets

Be inspired on your Advent walk by daily devotions written for the season! This year, we offer ***Moving Toward the Manger***, reflections on the writings of Frederick Buechner by Martin E. Marty. Pick up your copy at the Welcome Center today.



Poinsettias for Christmas



Do your part to make our church festive this Holy Season! We are now accepting orders for poinsettias, which will be displayed in the altar area through Christmas morning. After that, those who bought them may take them home. Poinsettias are available in red and white, in three sizes:

- ♦ Pixie Tabletop, with 1 bloom: \$8
- ♦ 7-inch Pot, with 8-12 blooms: \$15
- ♦ 10-inch Pot, with 20-24 blooms: \$33

Order forms and payment envelopes are available at the Welcome Center in the Commons. **Orders must be received by Monday, December 15.**



Health Warriors Support Group

Tuesday, November 12

The Health Warriors support group will meet from 10:30 am until noon in the Prayer Room on the Lower Level. For more information, contact Sheila Langston at slangstos@gmail.com

Christmas Eve Parking: Special Request

As a gift to our Christmas Eve guests, we ask members to considering carpooling and, if able, to park at the Muslim Community Center, which is two doors south on New Hampshire Avenue. Thank you!

Board of Directors Election & 2018 Mission and Ministry Budget Vote

TODAY

*Each year, St. Andrew elects three members to our Board of Directors from a slate of candidates proposed after prayer and discernment by the Board's Nominating Committee. The candidates for 2018 are **Diane Brode**, who will be new to the board, and **Gary Fields and Betsy Varghese**, who are incumbents eligible for re-election.*

***Candidates will be in the Commons on December 10 & 11
to meet and greet members and friends after services.***

Please stop by to say hello!

Diane Brode began her journey with St. Andrew at our former location on Georgia Avenue back in 2003. Since then, she has served in outreach/marketing ministry to support various communications and fundraising initiatives, and as co-chair of our "Continue the Journey" Capital Campaign in 2008. Diane has worked as a marketing professional for over 24 years. She holds a BS in Marketing from Penn State and an MBA from Loyola College in Baltimore. She currently resides in Ashton with her three children: Tyler (13), Carter (11) and Natalie (8). She spends her free time keeping up with her kids' sports and activities, as well as cooking, traveling and entertaining when possible. Diane hopes her term on the BOD will offer the opportunity to support St. Andrew's ministry while bringing her closer to Christ and fellow members.

Gary Fields and his wife, Helen, have been members of St. Andrew since 1998. Gary currently serves on St. Andrew's Board of Directors and has also been a member of the Confirmation team as a first-year teacher since 2007. Gary served as co-chair of St. Andrew's Firm Foundations Capital Campaign in 2011. Gary is currently employed as senior manager of content at Lutheran World Relief, a humanitarian organization offering support to many of the world's neediest populations. He also teaches journalism as part of a fellowship program for urban high-schoolers in Washington and Baltimore. Previously, Gary spent 36 years as a journalist working at media outlets including The Wall Street Journal, USA TODAY, and The Washington Times. He holds a BA and MA in English Literature from Northwestern State in Louisiana. He and Helen are blessed with three grown daughters.

Betsy Varghese is a lifelong member of St. Andrew, and a Maryland native. She is blessed to have been baptized and confirmed at St. Andrew and she currently serves on the Board of Directors. In the past, Betsy has also served on and chaired the Global Mission Team. Betsy graduated from Salisbury University in 2007. After college, she served for two years in the Peace Corps, where she taught high school science and participated in diversity outreach in Namibia. She has worked for the White House Office of Records Management for the past seven years. Currently, Betsy lives in Crofton with her husband Roshn, their daughter Anna, and their dog Tor. In her free time, Betsy enjoys hiking and reading.



IN MEMORY
OF

Laura
WALLEN

TO BENEFIT THE
BETTY ANN KRAHNKE CENTER

HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 17, 2017

To honor the life and legacy of Laura, please consider supporting victims of domestic violence by donating the items listed.

Drop-Off Items at the Donation Truck
Sunday, December 17, 8am to 4pm
The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Parking Lot
15300 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

Drop-Off Anytime - 5 Orleans Terrace, Kensington, MD
or We'll Come Pick It Up! Just call 301-642-9572 (Julie),
240-372-7424 (Rich), or 570-780-2624 (Alyssa)

SHELTER NEEDS:

- Pajamas (Children's' sizes 2 - 10)
- Winter Pajamas (Women, New)
- Socks (Women & Children, New)
- Underwear (Women All Sizes, New)
- Sheets (Fitted & Flat, New)
- Blow Up Mattresses (Twin)
- Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Deodorant (Mens)
- Bath Towels (New)
- Coats (Women)
- Blankets (New)
- Toothpaste
- Suitcases

TOYS & HOLIDAY ITEMS FOR FAMILIES:

- Baby Dolls (African American)
- Galaxy Cell Phone Accessories
- Transformer Action Figure Toys
- Body Wash & Lotion Sets
- Baby Toys (3 to 9 months)
- Ninja Turtle Toys
- iPhone Accessories
- WWE Wrestlers
- Monster High Doll
- Learning Games
- Head Phones
- Batman Toys
- Nerf Toys
- Toy Cars
- Baby Dolls
- Jewelry Sets
- Teddy Bear
- Mini Kindle
- Art Set



The Betty Ann Krahnke Center is the only emergency domestic violence shelter for women and children in Montgomery County, MD. The shelter is operated by Family Services, Inc., with funding and facilities provided by Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

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