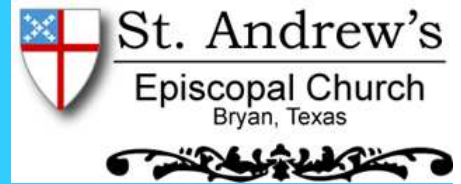


# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



## *Ministry and Small Group Opportunities*

### **WORSHIP**

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*Holy Eucharist* – Sundays, 7:30 (Rite I), 9:00 (Rite II), 11:15 a.m. (Rite II)

*Morning Prayer* – 7:30 a.m. in the church Monday through Friday

*Downtown Worship* (in the church) meets during the school year, Sundays, 5:00 p.m. (please check the church website for updates.)

#### *Acolytes*

The normal age for Acolytes is fifth grade through twelfth grade, but adults are also welcome, especially college-age persons. We also welcome parents and their children serving together. If you or members of your family are interested in serving as an Acolyte, **Contact Lewis Ford**, ford@physics.tamu.edu, or 846-2759 (home), 845-3337 (work).

#### *Lectors & Eucharistic Minister (formerly known as Chalice Bearers)*

Lectors read the Old Testament Lesson, the Psalm and the Prayer of the People during Sunday Services. A schedule is sent out at the beginning of each month on a rotation basis (most lectors serve one Sunday a month, unless there are five Sundays in a month or special services). Eucharistic Ministers read the Second lesson during the Sunday services and serve the Chalice during Holy Communion. **Contact Joe Jaros**, jjaros@medlib.tamu.edu or 696-8857.

#### *Ushers and Oblationers*

Ushers are an important way to contribute to the Sunday services, by assisting at one of the services, helping parishioners be seated, distributing service bulletins, passing the offertory plate and providing assistance for persons going to and from communion. Ushers are assigned to a team of 4 who serve once a month. **Contact Robert Davis** rcd56@suddenlink.net, or 693-1336. **Oblationers** serve the bread and wine offered at consecration at the Eucharist. **Contact Robert Davis**, rcd56@suddenlink.net, or Robin Rackley, rackleyfamily@verizon.net.

#### *Altar Guild*

The Altar Guild of St. Andrew's serves the Lord's table with dedication and purpose. The Guild is made up of men and women who want to set and prepare the sacraments. Guild members are needed for each of the three Sunday services, they are scheduled one time per month at the service they usually attend. There is a training period, so you never work alone, and there are two clean-up days per year for general silver polishing, etc. This is a wonderful way to serve St. Andrew's and show your love for The Lord.

**Contact Frances Ware**: 774-3958, fware@corps.tamu.edu, **Joyce Perkins**, 779-8922, jwprcp@earthlink.net.

### **OUR CORE VALUES:**

We value our **CONNECTION** to the **traditional, sacramental life** of the worldwide Anglican Communion as expressed through teaching, liturgy and music.

We value **OUTREACH** to our community and our diocese by **sharing our time, our knowledge and our resources** to care for those in need.

We value the **RELATIONSHIPS** we have as a family of faith, where we strengthen, learn from and support one another, and offer to all a spiritual home.

For current program dates and events, please visit the church calendar on our web site, [www.standrewsbcs.org](http://www.standrewsbcs.org), and link to "church calendar". Please call 979-822-5176 for more information about our church.

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY & SMALL GROUPS

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## MEN & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

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### *Episcopal Church Women*

ECW meets periodically during the school year and programs include guest speakers and outreach events. Within ECW, there are several ways to be involved, including **Cradle Roll** – welcomes new babies; **Food for Families** – delivers meals in times of need; **Church Receptions** – hosts receptions for baptisms, confirmations and funerals; **Cabbies for Christ** – provides transportation to ECW events; **Friends on the Phone** – makes regular contact with parish members. Come join us this year! **Contact Adrienne Frieda**, [afrieda@suddenlink.net](mailto:afrieda@suddenlink.net), or 823-0313.

### *Daughters of the King*

The Daughters of the King is an Order for women communicants of the Episcopal Church whose members take life-long vows to follow a Rule of Life. DOK members are part of a spiritual sisterhood of women dedicated to a life of Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. At St. Andrew's, the DOK provides spiritual service in support of our parish's needs and work. Meetings held monthly Sept. to May for community and spiritual growth.

**Contact Cathy Godfrey**, [cecakes@suddenlink.net](mailto:cecakes@suddenlink.net), 776-9271.

### *Men's Breakfast*

Join the men of the church on Thursday mornings for Bible reading & fellowship 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Contact Clifford Hunter**, 779-4759.

## MUSIC

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For those looking for ways to be a part of the teamwork of the Christian mission, please consider being a part of one of our musical teams! We have several choirs who gather together each week, working together and creating beautiful sounds, including:

### *Crusader Choir*

(children 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school), practices Wednesdays, during the school year, 4-5:00 p.m. upstairs in the Choir Room

### *Bell Choir*

Practices Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Church, during the school year

### *Parish Choir*

practices Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m. upstairs in the Choir Room, during the school year

**Contact Dr. Alan Strong**, Director of Music, 713- 574-6498 or [music@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:music@standrewsbcs.org).

## HOSPITALITY

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### *Welcome Team*

Join the welcome team and help greet new families to St. Andrew's! The team plans welcome lunches and socials, delivers bread to newcomers and helps stay in touch with new members & families who may have questions about the church, and hopefully help them call St. Andrew's their home church.

**Contact Alison Sawyer**, [communications@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:communications@standrewsbcs.org), 822-5176.

### *Greeters*

Parishioners who welcome newcomers as they enter our worship services.

**Contact Adrienne Frieda**, [afrieda@suddenlink.net](mailto:afrieda@suddenlink.net) or 823-0313.

### *Bakers*

Each Sunday we offer delicious treats that are lovingly provided by members of our St. Andrew's baking team. It's an easy, fun ministry and bakers are assigned only once every few months. Bakers can pair up with other parishioners as well. **Contact Linda Ford**, [linford@suddenlink.net](mailto:linford@suddenlink.net), 846-2759.

## SMALL GROUPS

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### ***Knitting***

The group is for any level and experience of knitters. Last year the knitters completed six charity blankets from the squares parishioners knitted. The group meets on Sundays, 4:00 p.m.—the meeting dates change throughout the year, so please check the church web calendar for upcoming dates.

**Contact Diana North**, dianafnorth@hotmail.com, 690-0058.

### ***Scrapbooking***

Meets once a month, usually on a Friday night in the Parish Hall. The fall schedule is to be announced as we will work around football games—Friday night lights & Texas A&M. Bring your projects and join us for fellowship and scrapping! **Contact Adrienne Frieda**, afrieda@suddenlink.net, 823-0313.

### ***eMission***

Join our informal discussion group to learn about your PC and the Internet. We examine your operating system, Windows, in depth; we look into Microsoft applications like Word, Excel, Powerpoint and Outlook email; we learn about the Internet works and how to make it a useful tool for research, shopping, entertainment and free software. We are open to any technical discussion, so bring your laptop, your PC problems, and your security issues for resolution. eMission meets on Wednesdays at 3:00 PM in the Library, unless otherwise notified. The class is open to the community as well as to parishioners, so bring a friend. **Contact Jim Miller**, hj\_miller\_cisa@suddenlink.net, 281-657-7945 to be included on the e-mail list and to be notified of the schedule.

### ***On Target***

*On Target* meets once a month for one hour of target practice followed by one hour of Bible Study (we'll start by looking at lectionary texts for the following Sunday). All are welcome! Location: Gunsmoke Shooting Range, Snook.

Please check the church web calendar for directions and other details. **Contact Fr. Sean**, rector@standrewsbcs.org or 822-5176.

### ***Brazos Church Pantry***

The Pantry distributes food to those who are in need and volunteers interview clients, sack groceries, and carry items out to the clients' cars. No experience is needed, you can quickly learn through on-the-job-training. Working at the Pantry is a lot of fun and by doing so you are reaching out to other people! Volunteers are needed during any of the hours the pantry is open. Folks from St. Andrew's are the team leaders each Saturday EXCEPT for the first Saturday of each month, so you might feel most comfortable starting on one of those days. For further information about volunteering, about making donations to the Pantry (food or money) or about the ministry of the Pantry, **Contact Lewis Ford** ford@physics.tamu.edu, or 846-2759 (home), 845-3337 (work).

### ***Employment Seekers Support Group***

If you, or someone you know, is currently searching for employment and could use some moral support here it is! Meeting weekly on Tuesdays this group will meet from 10:30 am – 11:30 am. Upstairs in the Sunday school rooms. Robin Roberts, a certified consulting hypnotist, will lead the group in guided visualizations designed to reduce the stress and enhance the self-confidence of the employment-seeker. **Contact Robin Roberts**, 979-739-7143.

### ***Pastoral Care Ministry***

Caring for and about each other is an integral part of community life. This group has a training process and visits those who are sick or need prayer. **Contact Clifford Hunter**, cliffhunter@suddenlink.net, 779-4759; or **Cathy Godfrey**, cakes@suddenlink.net, 776-9271.

### ***Archives***

Volunteers regularly take care of the “nuts and bolts” of the St. Andrew's filing system, including consolidating and filing records and reports from St. Andrew's groups and ministries such as the Vestry, and coordinating architectural documentation by working with the Texas A&M Architecture group. **Contact Sylvia Grider**, grider@tamu.edu, 821-6273.

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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### *Children's Education & Ministries*

We are committed to helping the youth of our congregation grow spiritually, and our dedicated teachers lead hands-on activities, such as crafts, music, skits, teaching the children about God's word! We have classes for pre-school, K-5 children, 6-12 grades... join us!

- **Sunday School** for children and youth takes place in the upstairs classrooms at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays during the school year.
- **Children's Chapel**—A Worship service for children ages 3 through age eight (approximately); it takes place during the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, beginning in "big" church, with an acolyte leading the kids upstairs before the Sermon.
- **Sunday School & Chapel**—We always welcome new faces for teaching our Sunday School or leading Chapel.
- **Nursery**- We have a wonderful church nursery for the Sunday 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services and most other activities. The nursery is for infants through age three. Parents are provided with a pager system for quick communication. Please contact Alicia Mohundro, Director of Christian Formation, [education@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:education@standrewsbcs.org) to inquire about availability.
- **Contacts for all children's Christian education programs:** **Alicia Mohundro**, Director of Christian Formation, or **Julie Vilas**, Assistant Director of Christian Formation, at [education@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:education@standrewsbcs.org), or 822-5176.

### *Adult Education*

Adults have many opportunities for spiritual growth through education and activate discussion!

- **Adult Forum** (Sunday School for adults of all ages) - 10:15 a.m. on Sundays in the parish hall. Meets during the school year, and a summer series is also offered. We always welcome presenters and suggestions for topics each semester. **Contact Lewis Ford**, [ford@physics.tamu.edu](mailto:ford@physics.tamu.edu), or 846-2759 (home), 845-3337 (work).
- **Prayer in Community Sunday Morning Prayer Group** meets at 10:15 a.m. in Fr. Sean's office. A variety of prayer techniques are used. Each Sunday is different so you may choose to attend the prayer group regularly or occasionally. **Contact: Kathleen Phillips**, [grammykate55@yahoo.com](mailto:grammykate55@yahoo.com), 324-4302, or **Jo Ann Grandjean**, [jgrandepete@aol.com](mailto:jgrandepete@aol.com), 690-1847.
- **Lectionary Bible Study**, looking at selected readings for each Sunday, meets year-round unless otherwise noted, 7:00 p.m., church Library. **Contact: Clifford Hunter**, 779-4759, **Wayne Etter**, [etterwayne@yahoo.com](mailto:etterwayne@yahoo.com), 696-8972, or **Jim Miller**, [hj\\_miller\\_cisa@suddenlink.net](mailto:hj_miller_cisa@suddenlink.net), 281-657-7945.
- **Rector's Bible Study**, Wednesday evenings during the school year, led by Fr. Sean, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **Contact Fr. Sean**, [rector@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:rector@standrewsbcs.org), 822-5176.
- **Inquirers' Class**, Sunday mornings, 10:15 a.m. led by Fr. Sean (also a confirmation track), please see the church calendar for the class schedule. **Contact Fr. Sean**, [rector@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:rector@standrewsbcs.org), 822-5176.
- **Parents' Class**, Sunday mornings, 10:15 a.m., interactive discussion led by ; the class open to anyone, but geared toward parents. **Contact Mike Mullen**, Director of Young Adult & Youth Ministries, [youth@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:youth@standrewsbcs.org), 822-5176.
- **St. Andrew's Book Group**: We meet monthly (1st Sunday of month) to discuss books of our choice. We read both fiction and non-fiction, generally deciding as a group what we will read. Please check the church calendar for updates and the current book selection. **Contact Tracy Collins**, [collintr@verizon.net](mailto:collintr@verizon.net).

## **Youth & Young Adults**

- **The Youth Group Wednesday Night Bible Study** – (a.k.a. PB&J) in the Youth Hall from 6-8:30 p.m. is open to all students grades 6-12. Activities during the year include finishing homework, relaxed music time, games, bible study, worship, lock-ins, camping trips, progressive fast-food dinners, and community outreach and more!
- **Gateway**—For young adults, meets Thursdays at one of the young adults' homes, and meets during the year for various outings including camping trips, retreats, and local community events. This group also plans and supports the Sunday evening Downtown Worship service, and joins together for dinner afterwards. **Contact: Mike Mullen**, [youth@standrewsbcs.org](mailto:youth@standrewsbcs.org), or 822-5176.