

Saints Alive!

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The Rev. Virginia "Gini" DiStanislao, Priest in Charge

I can hardly believe that it has been fifteen years since the 9/11 attacks.

I remember the morning very vividly and how the events of the day unfolded. One of my greatest memories was when I picked up the children from school and told them about what was happening in our Country. The first thing Drew said was that he wanted to go to church and pray. During the most difficult times in our lives we find refuge, peace and comfort being in the house of God. We find strength through the body Christ, the church.

This year, September 11th falls on a Sunday. We will use this opportunity to gather in memory of those who lost their lives on that day and in recognition of the first responders.

We have invited the first responders in our community to join us so that we can thank them for their service and present them with a gift from our congregation. We will have special patriotic music and reception following the service. Please plan to join us for this service on 9/11 at 9:30 am in the Gibson Pavilion and Chapel.

Rally Sunday! September 11th

Please bring your family, friends and neighbors to join us as we rally back to church.

9:30 am – 9/11 Service

10:00 am – Reception for our Community First Responders

10:30 am – HE Rite II

Godly Play and Doc's class will resume for the school year

11:30 am – Rally Sunday luncheon

Blessings, Gini+

September - Worship Assistants Schedule

Lay Readers

9/4 Margie & Luke

9/11 Steve & Jim

9/18 Vyta & Peter

9/25 Larry & Nikki

Acolytes

Ann Turner & Jackson

Jeb & Tucker

Jakob & Wiyot

Emily & Emma

*If you cannot serve on the day assigned, please secure a substitute to cover.

Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Second Sunday
Forum

10:30 AM Godly Play &
Church School

10:30 AM Worship – Holy
Eucharist

Refreshments and fellowship
following the service



Rev. Gini DiStanislao

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Vestry and Staff

Chris Buchanan, *Sr. Warden*

Jim Duffy, *Jr. Warden*

Nikki Amos, *Registrar*

Mary Lou Daniel

Sallie Ann Buchanan

Mike Prather

John Stugart

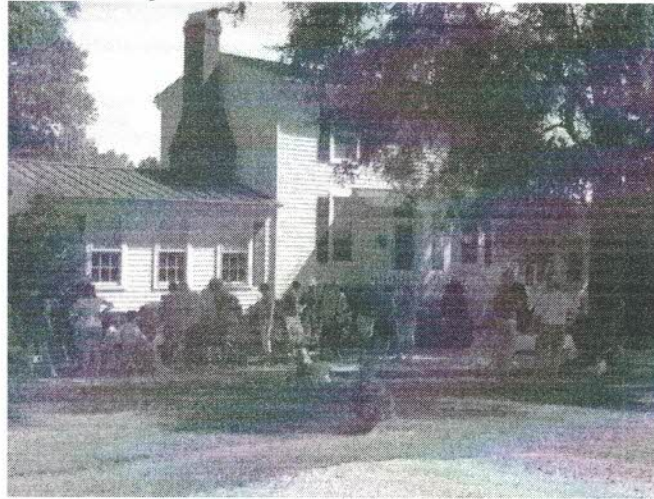
Treasurer: Margie Nevins

Music Director: Eileen Duffy

Pianist: Cristyl Word

Thank you!

Thank you to Mary Ann, Tracy and Tucker Estes for a wonderful parish picnic. The location was perfect for a cool breeze in the shade for our worship.



Mutual Ministry Review Dinner – Sept. 12th

Cindy Barnes will join the vestry and ministry leaders of our church on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. for dinner and a review of our ministries. If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can improve on any of our ministries, please see a vestry member or Gini+ to discuss.

A Pilgrimage Prayer

Gini+ will be joining other pilgrims from our diocese to walk the Camino de Santiago (The English Way of St. James) October 5 – 16. If you missed the Second Sunday Forum and would like more information about where she is going, please see Gini+. This will be sabbatical time for Gini and your prayers for her during this time while she is preparing and away are appreciated.

Godly Play

We are seeking six teachers to teach Godly Play this year. We will rotate these teachers through a six week cycle giving them an opportunity to be with the youth as well as to participate in worship. This is a new model and we hope that it will be well received and supported. Please see Nikki or Gini if you are willing to help. We will have a brief overview meeting on September 4th. You do not need to be present at this meeting to participate.

EYC

JEB Buchanan and Tucker Estes will be our EYC President for 2016/17. We look forward to the activities that they will plan for our group for outreach and growth. Thank you JEB and Tucker!



ECW

9/11 Service and Rally Sunday

See Vicky for sign ups for food/beverages for the brunch and the lunch!!!

Annual Stew Fund Raiser

Mark your calendars for November 5! More info to follow.

Save the date! ECW Christmas Party

The ECW Christmas Party will be December 3 at Eileen's house. More info to follow.

Choir

Choir is back in full swing and we are really excited to have JoAnne Stugart as a new member! We would love to have some more people join us, too! We practice at 5 p.m. on Sundays and basically sing an anthem every other Sunday. With Cristyl at the piano we have a lot of fun learning new pieces with her being very patient as we stumble through the learning process. You don't need to be able to read music. The only requirement is the love of singing and praising God thru music!

Also I am looking for a used keyboard that we can use when we have outside services. If you have one that you would like to donate or sell, please contact me at 434-480-1690. *Eileen*

Best Wishes to Betty!

We're going to miss our friend Elisabeth (Betty) Nelson Graber!

Betty has moved to Florida for the long term.

Her new address and phone:

1830 Kara Place

Palm Bay, Florida 32908

321-952-2198 (*home phone for Betty and her sister Hannah*)

She will live in sunshine all year, sharing her sister's home. Drop her a note sometime!

Betty, her mother Elisabeth Rae Graber, and her sister Hannah Rae were all members of St. Andrew's "Protestant Episcopal" church in Victoria. Betty is a true cradle Episcopalian, having been baptized September 20, 1934 when she was just shy of 2 months old.

Betty's mother grew up in Victoria, but she had married a railroad man, so the family soon moved to Petersburg and then South Boston; but ultimately returned to Victoria and St. Andrew's parish. Betty was confirmed there in 1946.

Elisabeth Rae Graber and her daughter were devoted to their church home for years and years. In 1996, when St. Andrew's was merged with St. Paul's – Kenbridge, Betty wrote a note and inserted it in the parish register before it was turned over to the Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew. In her note, Betty went on record as having been a member of St. Andrew's for 40 years. My math makes that 50 years, but for Betty there have been even more years in her preferred pew, forward on the right, at the combined parish. But even St. Andrew's transitioned to shrine status, Betty cleaned and tended the Victoria building; and when Fr. Paul Phillips celebrated mid-week communion there, Betty was the one-woman altar guild.

Betty loved golf, and morning walks are now her favorite pastime. With a twinkle in her eyes, she tries to convince you that she is a Wild Thing; but probably she is not. Her devotion to her mother into old age, her cheerful Sunday smile, the way she warmed up to her new church family, make it clear that Betty is - a Sweet Thing!

We're going to miss her!

Communication

Facebook Link:



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Prayer List

- Please keep the following parishioners and friends in your daily prayers for healing in mind, body or spirit:

Alice	Paul	Tom
Teresa	Anthony	Harry Lee
Amandalynn	Margaret	Merrill
Grace	Joan	Larry
Janice	Beneatha	Jerry
Livie	Hunter	David
Joe	Hailey	Gary
Alicia	Betty	Jimmy
Buck	Anna	Isaiah
Margie	Paul	Jim
Bobby	Don	
Tyler	Billy	

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like for someone to be on the list, please fill out a prayer request card found in the pews. All names currently on the list will be removed and only those with a prayer request card will remain on for the time designated on the card. Thank you for your help and input with this new process.

We commit to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad, especially *Aaron, Rodger, and Jody*. We pray that their courage and sacrifice may bring lasting peace wherever they serve

MISSION STATEMENT of The Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew

It is the mission of the Parish to be present in our community as living examples of Christ's love; to be good stewards of God's creation, to seek out the needy, and to bring others to know Christ.

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