

THE VOICE

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH *in the Heights since 1911* December 2014



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**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AT
ST. ANDREW'S**

Wednesday, December 24

5:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Service & Play

10:30 pm Christmas Eve Choral Service

Thursday, December 25

10 am Christmas Day Service

*Note: The Church office will be closed
December 24 - January 2.*

*If you have a need or emergency during this
time, please call 713-861-5596 for assistance.*

CELEBRATE CONFIRMATIONS DECEMBER 3

Bishop Andy Doyle makes his annual visitation to St. Andrew's to confirm, preach, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, December 3 at 7

pm. Please join us as we welcome the Bishop and those who will be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Immediately following the service, the

Daughters of the King will host a reception in the Parish Hall.

FIND HOLIDAY COMFORT DECEMBER 10

Many feel pain, sorrow, anger and depression instead of joy and gladness at Christmastime. During His life on earth, Jesus suffered from all the sorts of physical and emotional pain and more than any of us can know, and He is very much with and within us, knowingly, when

we suffer.

On Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm, our "Comfort When Christmas Hurts" service will provide a time for acknowledging the reality of pain and emotional suffering, and offer comfort, healing and reconciliation. Along with the liturgy, lay

pastoral caregivers and clergy will be available for those desiring individual prayers. Please join us if Christmas joy eludes you, and let others know about this opportunity to find a bit of the Peace that Christmas is intended to bring.



*We are a caring community of Christ that, by God's grace,
nurtures faithful relationships & spiritual growth.*

FROM THE RECTOR *God With Us*

by Rector Jimmy Grace

As I write this, it is not quite yet the middle of November. Earlier today I found myself in a store in which all the Christmas decorations were already up in time for the buying season (we still have yet to take down the Halloween decorations at our home). As each year passes, it seems to me that the secular celebration of Christmas grows stronger and stronger, while the theological reason for the celebration seems to recede more and more.

What is Christmas about? At its heart, the message of Christmas is that we are not alone. We are not alone because of the child named "Emannu – El" which means "God with us." I recall a story I heard once in a sermon years ago in which a young boy awoke from sleep in his room alone. Because it was the middle of the night, it was dark, and he was scared. He cried out, and his parents woke up, jumped out of their bed, and went to comfort the little boy.

When they asked him what was wrong, he replied, "I woke up in here alone and was scared." His mother replied, saying, "Sweetheart, you know that you are never alone, because God is always with you." "I know that," said the boy, "but right now I really need someone with skin."

The celebration of Christmas a celebra-

tion that God came to us – with skin on – in the form of an infant child. In the church, the proper name for Christmas is the "Feast of the Incarnation." Incarnation is a word that simply means to take on human flesh; or in the young boy's words from the story, for God to put skin on. The Incarnation of Jesus is God's overwhelming identification with everything about being human.

In Jesus we meet a God who is not distant or aloof, but really with us. While Jesus died many years ago, our faith teaches us that through his resurrection he continues to be present with us every moment of our life. When we gather for Holy Eucharist at St. Andrew's, Christ is present. When we pray in our homes, Christ is present with us.

This is the real gift of Incarnation: that Jesus clothes his divinity in humanity, in order to teach all of humanity true divinity. Christ is with us, in us, before us, and all around us. This is the holy mystery of Incarnation, and it is God's greatest gift to us. But we bear a responsibility with this gift – it is one we must share with the world.

My prayer for this Christmas season is that we will reach out into the world, making it a better and blessed place because

that is what Incarnation is all about.

Several days ago a father who attended St. Andrew's one Sunday morning with his family shared with me a wonderful story. It was a Baptism Sunday, and the service was running long, and one of his children began to make noise in the pew. He got up with his child, to take him into the narthex, so as not to disrupt the service. But a member of our parish sitting next to the father said "It's okay, no one here cares about the noise." What a gift this member of our parish was able to share with this father! What a heaven-filled moment. When I heard that story, I immediately saw Jesus in that kind member who offered words of comfort to a nervous father. That is the Incarnation, and St. Andrew's is a church where Jesus is alive and well.

The point of this story is that 1) noisy children are ALWAYS welcome in our church, but more importantly; 2) Jesus is present in our congregation – a congregation of love, compassion, and humility. And for that gift this Christmas, I give deep and profound thanks, that we are not alone, for God is always with us.

I wish you all a holy season of Christmas!

God's peace,

DEACON'S DIALOGUE

By Deacon Portia Sweet

Advent presents many possibilities for us. With the beginning of a new liturgical year, there is a sense of starting fresh with our rule of life or spiritual discipline. And yet, there is also the often frantic sense of having to complete plans, reports, projects, etc. by the end of the calendar year. There is the joyful anticipation of a festive holiday season, and perhaps the anxiety-ridden dread of a season of painful remembering. Advent is intended to be a time for us to consciously wait with hope and expectation for Jesus, the Christ Child to come into our lives in some new way. To bring that about, we are called by John the

Baptist to Repent and Prepare the Way. How are we to slow down and focus on these things with the way our lives are today?

Well, there are many possibilities and many of them can be found right on your smart phone, iPad, etc. Did you know that the Book of Common Prayer can be found on the internet? Within its text are brief (about 10-minute) services of prayer and scripture for Noonday and Evening (Compline). So, as you break for lunch or prepare for bed, you can take these few moments to be quiet and communicate with God. Also online are several sites that

provide daily devotions, brief theological thoughts or paragraphs based on the day's scripture reading. Among these are Forward Movement, Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE), and Luther Seminary sites. Of course, you can use the hard copy of the prayer book and Forward Day by Day. You might bring the family together during the evening for Compline and take turns reading it.

Whatever way you find to prepare this Advent Season, may that way lead you straight to a closer relationship with the Holy One who is coming into our midst at Christmas.

OBSERVE ADVENT WITH TAIZE DECEMBER 5

Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the miracle to come. Our monthly Taize service on Friday, December 5 offers a wonderful way to qui-

etly anticipate the glory of the season. The service offers each person their own unique experience of reflection through the prayers, meditation, and music in this wor-

ship of God. This is a quiet, yet joyous way to prepare for His birth.

CHOIR PLANS HOLIDAY FUN—AND YOU'RE INVITED!

The St. Andrew's Choir has planned two great events this holiday season—and all are welcome at both!

Lights in the Heights December 13 – The choir will be singing during this annual event in Woodland Heights from 6 – 9 pm. You'll find them at performing on the

porch at 616 Highland. This is a wonderful, free and family-friendly event and a great way to start your holiday celebration. Please plan to stop by and support the St. Andrew's singers!

Choir & Handbell Party January 3

Ed and Sue Amash will host a party for the choir and parish at their home at 404 W. 33rd from 6:30 to 10 pm. All are invited (even those not in the choir!) so please mark your calendars for this fun evening.

GIVE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Share the joy of this Christmas season by contributing toward flowers to decorate the church. Poinsettias are \$15 each, altar arrangements are \$40 per vase, and gifts in all amounts are gratefully accepted and acknowledged. If you would like

adorn the church for His birth, please complete the enclosed Christmas flower form and place it in the collection plate along with your contribution (please specify Christmas flowers on your check). **Deadline December 17, 2014**

PLEASE HELP US....

Stay In Touch!

To receive the latest news and information about happenings at St. Andrew's:

- Let us know if your contact information (address, email, phone number) has changed.
- Share your email address with us to receive event reminders and schedule changes. If you're not getting St. Andrew's weekly email messages, we do not have your email address.

Contact Trish Mehrkam at trish.mehrkam@saecheights.org or 713-861-5596 with changes to your information.

Tag, You're It!

We've all had those frustrating and

embarrassing times when we can't recall someone's name. To avoid this uncomfortable situation, wear your name tag when attending a service or event at St. Andrew's. It's that simple! Wearing a name tag helps newcomers and long-time members alike! To request a new or replacement tag, contact Trish Mehrkam at trish.mehrkam@saecheights.org or 713-861-5596.

Share Your News!

Let us know if you have news related to St. Andrew's and our parishioners. Contact Laurie Hardwick at lauriewh@earthlink.net or Trish Mehrkam at 713-861-5596 if you have information you think may be appropriate for a future issue of *The Voice*.

RETURN A PLEDGE CARD AND RETURN THE BLESSINGS

By Jerry Gallagher, Stewardship Chair

November marked the official close of our Annual Giving Campaign. The Stewardship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone for their support, response, enthusiasm and prayers for this year's pledge drive. As of Commitment Sunday on November 10, we had received 94 pledges, which is wonderful. However, to reach our goal this year, we need 21 additional pledges.

If you have not yet made your pledge for 2015, please consider your gifts and submit your card by mail or drop it in the weekly offering plate. If you have misplaced your pledge card, you can pick one up at the

church office, in the church pews, or on our website at <http://www.saecheights.org/parish-pledge-form/>

December will be full of many joyous times for all of us as we await the birth of Christ and we are excited to celebrate together. This is the time of year to mark perhaps the greatest of our blessings. Let's close out 2014 with a wonderful stewardship accomplishment and the great gift of our pledge to Christ.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jcg0151@gmail.com

BREAKFAST IS SERVED DECEMBER 14

The Second Sunday Breakfast crew will be serving a hot, delicious meal on Sunday, December 14 at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall. Grab a bite before you head to

Christian Education!

All are invited—the meal is free, but donations are always welcome.

JOIN THE QUILTERS!

The St. Andrew's Quilting Guild meets every Tuesday and Friday and the third Saturday of the month at 9:30 am in the quilting room behind the Parish Hall. If anyone would like to join us, we would like to have you. You don't have to know how to quilt. We have people who crochet and do other types of crafting, so all are welcome to come and join us.

money we make is contributed to the church. So if you would like quilted throws, baby gifts or small items like aprons, potholders or gifts for special occasions and quilts, we'll be happy to help. Just talk to us if you have something special.

We also enjoy having friends come by if you are in the area. Join us for coffee, snacks and wonderful conversation.

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Service & Ministry at St. Andrew's

SHARE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS

There are many great ways to give to others by sharing your time and talents with the St. Andrew's community. Volunteers are always needed and welcome! Training and direction is provided

for all jobs, and in most cases, you will work with a partner or team - so serving is a wonderful way to build and enhance connections.

There is no prior experience or special

skills required - just a willingness to work with others in the service of God. Please take a look at the opportunities listed below and find one that speaks to you.

Service Opportunity	Duties/Requirements	Contact
Alms Counter Work with partner 1 Sunday per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count weekly donations Use calculator & copier Complete simple report Make bank deposit 	Mary Rennie maryrennie@sbcglobal.net 281-371-8124
Altar Guild Member Work with team 1 week per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain vestments and altar ware Prepare altar for Sundays and any special services 	Rebecca Robertson beccazicka@mac.com 281-782-6229
Choir Member Work with group at Sunday and Special Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead congregation in music Participate in weekly rehearsals 	Henry Washington sing2livefree@yahoo.com 713-861-5596
Christian Education Leader Lead lessons & activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with parish youth Use prepared/planned materials Be at least 18 years of age Complete free training 	Rev. Jimmy Grace jgrace@SAEChights.org 713-861-5596
Holy Folder Work with group 2 hours per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fold church newsletter Apply mailing labels 	Chris Barker chris.barker@saecheights.org 713-868-3952
Liturgical Server Work with team 1 Sunday per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve as a reader or intercessor (not required to robe) Assist at altar as acolyte or Lay Eucharist Minister (LEM) Serve at 8:30 or 10:30 am 	Kevin Robertson kevin.robertson@me.com 281-960-9358
Nursery Assistant Work with partner 1 Sunday per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for infants and toddlers Assist Nursery Attendant Be at least 18 years of age Complete free training 	Chris Barker chris.barker@saecheights.org 713-868-3952
Usher/Greeter Work with team 1 Sunday per month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serve at 8:30 or 10:30 am Distribute Service Bulletins Greet and direct visitors and parishioners Assist in service 	Diana Burton garydiana@att.net 713-466-0205

TREASURER'S SNAPSHOT

Through September 2014

Category	August Collected	% of Budget	YTD Collected	% of Budget
Pledge Payments	\$20,336.00	99.6%	\$209,716.00	87.4%
Non-Pledge Payments	\$11,685.00	561.0%	\$56,635.00	226.5%
Loose Currency	\$832.00	142.7%	\$10,178.00	145.4%
Total Plate	\$32,853.00	142.0%	\$276,530.00	101.7%

2015 Pledge Drive - As of November 9, we have received 94 pledges. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, there is still time to do so. For information, or if you have questions, please contact Jerry Gallagher (jcg0151@gmail.com) or Chris Barker (chris.barker@saecheights.org)

Education News at St. Andrew's

BE A STAR ON CHRISTMAS EVE

WANTED! Angels, shepherds, lambs and sheep for the "Just Show Up -No Rehearsal" Christmas Pageant on December 24. Youth are invited to experience the wonder of Christ's birth by participating in our annual

Christmas Eve play. Those who plan to participate should arrive at the Parish Hall by 4:45 pm for costumes, which are provided. All you need to bring is your enthusiasm and Christmas joy! We will do a quick run-through for each section before

the service starts. When the pageant concludes, participants will go to the Parish Hall to remove their costumes, and then join their families in the church for the remainder of the 5:30 pm service.

ELEMENTARY YOUTH INVITED TO CLASS

Classes for children from kindergarten to fifth grade are held in our classrooms behind the Parish Hall. Divided into two separate groups, the kindergarten

- 3rd grade class meets in the Godly Play room, and the 4th-5th grade class meets in the youth room. All classes meet during the education hour on Sunday mornings, from

9:30 - 10:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Grace at jgrace@saecheights.org or 713-861-5596.

JR & SR HIGH YOUTH: WE GOT YOUR DONUTS!

Calling all Junior and Senior High students to St. Andrew's House on Sunday mornings for donuts, conversation, and good company. This isn't any ordinary Sunday school experience. A team of four mentors will walk with you as you explore your spiritual and religious beliefs. If you

and your parents agree, our time together will also prepare you for confirmation, following the *Confirm, not Conform* curriculum. These classes will be fun and engaging classes, even if you have already been confirmed. Got questions? Contact Biz Loeschman at ecloeschman@gmail.com or

phone/text 713.305.4053 or Kevin Robertson at kevbohead@mac.com. We'll see you on Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM at St. Andrew's House, next door to the church.

SAES COLLECTING COATS & SHARING HOLIDAY JOY

By Nancy Simpson, Head of School

Christmas is always a special time and especially so in a school where there are young children. St. Andrew's Episcopal School children are not only singing traditional Christmas carols and making art projects that resemble Christmas trees, but also we are taking time to remember the story of Jesus' birth and the meaning of Christmas. Please join us for chapel on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 am to hear a special message from Father Jimmy about how God works in our lives. The children's perspectives and insights are amazingly insightful.

drive and asking families to contribute children's new or gently used coats for others who are struggling to stay warm. Look for the collection box in the Oak Table room.

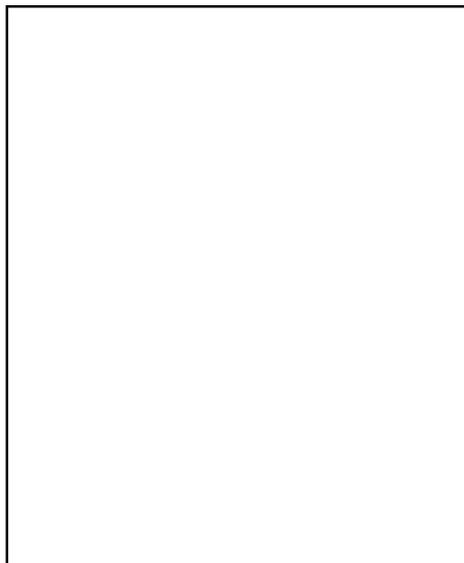
St. Andrew's Episcopal School was founded in 2001 as an outreach of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. We use a child-directed Montessori approach to nurture the emotional, spiritual and academic development of the whole child: fostering respect for self, others and, the environment. Parents interested in admission to the school may contact the main office at stansdrewsschool@saeintheheights.org or 713-861-2954. We hold small group tours each month and accept applications and enroll year-around. More information about the school can be found at www.SAESintheHeights.org.

Our annual Advent Tea is scheduled for Friday, December 19 at 10 am in the church. We will have a short program and then enjoy refreshments in the Parish Hall. Please join us!

The school begins its holiday break on December 19 and students will return on for a new year of learning on January 6.

The school is also having a winter coat

COMMITMENT SUNDAY



A great event for all ages, Commitment Sunday was a wonderful parish-wide celebration. A great lunch, wonderful fellowship and one touah vinata.

Outreach at St. Andrew's

VOLUNTEER TIME & GIVE TOYS TO THE FOOD PANTRY

Volunteers are needed at the Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry on Saturday, December 20 to assist with the distribution of Christmas boxes to Pantry clients. Distribution will run from noon to 2 pm at 3523 Beauchamp, and all hands are welcome! In addition, the Pantry

is collecting toys that will be made available to Pantry parents. If you would like to add to the selection, please contact Director Alice Bongers at ajbongers@att.net.

Thanks

Thank You, St. Andrew's Episcopal

School for your donations of food for the HIM Food Pantry. You have made many other children and families very happy to have good nutritious food on their tables.

Note; The Pantry will be closed December 27, so St. Andrew's will not serve on our normal volunteer day.

RING THE BELL

If you have ever wanted to ring those bells by the big red Kettles for the Salvation Army, now is your chance. The Salvation Army is seeking volunteers for their Red Kettle Holiday Drive. If interested, please call 713-224-2875 or 713-692-0522 to register.

PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED

We are again collecting personal hygiene items (travel size) for packets prepared by a team at Heights Christian Church. Thanks to all who have generously provided these in the past from your travels and your caring hearts. Items may be placed in the Oak Table Lobby and will be taken to Heights Christian Church for packaging and distribution.

ALL ABOARD FOR NEW MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY!

Births, deaths, surgeries, illnesses ...these are times in our lives when a little help with meals can make a big difference. Could you prepare an occasional meal or provide takeout and deliver it to a fellow parishioner? This is not a regular commitment, but on an as needed basis.

Contact Martha Gallagher at 281-501-2294 or mgg0413@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in this ministry. For more information on how the Meal Train is organized, go to www.MealTrain.com.

THANKS FOR SAVING LIVES!

During our blood drive in October, 19 people made donations, including some from outside the parish. Your gift means that 57 lives can be saved. Thanks to all who participated!

HATS ARE BACK!

Cold weather has arrived and our sack lunch recipients have been so thankful to receive the knitted hats generously and anonymously made by many of you. If you would like to knit or crochet a hat (or a scarf), please pick up yarn and instructions in the Oak Table Lobby. Completed items may be returned to the same place. Thanks in advance to the knitting elves!

KEEP FILLING OUR LUNCHES

We need items to fill more than 300 sack lunches each month—look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the rear entry hall. Once your items are placed in the Parish Hall kitchen, please put a check mark by your name to let us know your items have been delivered. Items for sack lunches are due by the first Sunday each month. Monetary donations are also welcome—simply write sack lunches in the memo line of your check and place in the collection plate on Sunday. Thanks for your continued support!

New Arrival!

Charlotte Grace Stafford

Born October 29, 2014

Daughter of Will & Tiffany

Baptized

November 2, 2014

Georgia Mae Runner

Daughter of Steven & Catherine

Benjamin Chase Gebauer

Son of Chase & Mary

Ronald Alexander Dovitch

Son of Ronald & Elizabeth

Lane Ransom

ACOLYTE TRAINING OFFERED DECEMBER 6

An Acolyte Training Workshop will be offered in the church Saturday, December 6, from 1-5 pm. The training will cover all aspects of the acolyte ministry, including altar service, administering

the chalice, baptisms, weddings, funerals, where to face and when, what to do with your hands, as well as many other topics. If you already acolyte and wish to learn some of the additional roles, or if you are inter-

ested in becoming an acolyte, this is the workshop for you. No pre-registration is required. Contact Kevin Robertson at kevbhead@me.com or 281-960-9358 if you have questions.

ETERNAL LIFE? LIFE AFTER DEATH AS A MEDICAL, THEOLOGICAL, & PHILOSOPHICAL QUESTION

“Our soul doesn’t stop at our skin,” once noted theologian Karl Rahner. While many believe this to be true, others struggle to hold onto the Christian idea of eternal life while living in a modern world in which many different beliefs about life after death exist. What does a Christian believe about death, resurrection, heaven and hell in the 21st century? This Sunday morning class, taught by Rev. Grace, explores these questions from medical, theological, and philosophical viewpoints. The class meets in

the Parish Hall at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings, and is open to all who are interested!

- December 7 - Class #10 - The End of the World and the Kingdom of God
- December 14 - 2nd Sunday Breakfast
- December 21 - Coffee Hour
- December 28 - Coffee Hour

SPIRITUAL READING GROUP MEETS DECEMBER 8

A new St. Andrew’s Spiritual Reading Group will meet the second Monday of every month beginning at 6:30 pm in St. Andrew’s House on December 8. The first book the group will discuss is *The Practice of Prayer* by Margaret Guenther. Copies may be purchased at amazon.com.

Led by John Ibanez, the group will

offer an opportunity to explore and discuss theology from an Episcopalian perspective. The first book is part of The New Church’s Teaching Series which is written for adults who are not cradle Anglicans, but who come from other religious traditions or from no tradition at all, and want to know what Anglicanism has to offer. The series explores the themes of the Christian

life through Holy Scripture, historical and contemporary theology, worship, spirituality, and social witness.

By reading these and other books, together we can more deeply explore the meaning and the message. All are invited to participate—for more information join the SAEC Spiritual Reading Group on Facebook or email johngibanez@gmail.com.

DECORATE ST. ANDREW’S FOR THE SEASON!

Our traditional Greening of the Church will begin immediately following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, December 21. We will decorate the church

in preparation for the coming of Christ—and all are invited to assist with this joyous process. A light lunch will be served to our volunteers (bring soup and bread to share if

you’d like!), and the decorating will be complete by 2 pm. We hope you can join us for this wonderful activity!

THANKS FOR ANOTHER FABULOUS BAZAAR!

Our Autumn Bazaar on November 1 was a wonderful success—thanks to great fall weather and your tremendous

efforts. At the end of the day, the event raised more than \$4,000 for parish ministries and activities. Thanks to everyone

who volunteered, baked, donated, shopped or assisted in any way!

UPDATE YOUR INFO

Our effort to update our parish records continues—and we want to hear from you. If you have not yet returned the Family Information Form that was included in last month’s issue, please pick

one up at church or access our online form at www.saecheights.org/parish-information-form/ You can also contact our membership secretary Deidre Grawl at deidre.grawl@saecheights.org to receive

an electronic version. Your cooperation in completing and returning your Family Information Form will be greatly appreciated.

SHARE YOUR PRAYERS WITH OTHERS

Sitting quietly at home or in a place that permits working with the Holy Spirit, using the gifts of prayer and words, this small team prepares the intercessions we offer each Sunday at the 10:30 AM service. The writers take turns so no one

has an unmanageable burden, and the task offers each the opportunity to truly focus on the needs of both the parish and the world. If you think you have these gifts and would like to be a part of this beautiful ministry, please contact Deacon Portia at

Portia.sweet@saecheights.org. You will be trained and coached. This is one way to enrich your spiritual journey through focused communication with the Divine.

SUPPORT ST. ANDREW’S WHILE YOU SHOP

You can give a little to St. Andrew’s when you buy groceries with the Kroger Community Rewards program. This program donates a percentage of purchases made by Kroger shoppers to the charitable organization of their choice—and many of you chose St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church! This program requires re-enrollment each year and it’s time to

confirm your program participation for 2014-2015. This year, enrollment will be handled online, so it’s simple and easy!

You can enroll at www.krogercommunityrewards.com using 83715, which is our organization number. You must have a registered Kroger Plus card account to link to St. Andrew’s. Once you’ve logged on, simply follow the instructions to link your

account to St. Andrew’s. If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can sign up at your local store or online. And if you do not have computer access, but would like to participate, please contact Chris Barker at 713-868-3952 for assistance. Help us earn more by signing up!