



The E-Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

November 2019

The months of November and December at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church offer many opportunities for helping others. Please consider choosing one or more of the options listed in this newsletter to show others we care.

"PEAS" ON EARTH



Suffolk United is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Give-A-Way on Saturday, November 23. Help St. Andrew donate **300 cans of peas** to contribute to this program to help city residents in need.

Bring your cans of **peas only** to St. Andrew no later than **Wed., November 20.**

~Jeff Snyder, Mission & Service Committee

GIFT CARDS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Welcome and Care Committee will once again be sending our college students gift cards as a way of letting them know we are thinking about them and wishing them well on their final exams in December. Preparing for exams can be a stressful and overwhelming time for many. We would like to send each of them a \$10 gift card so they can unwind and enjoy some social time during the studying process. A little fun time can go a long way!



Next time you're out, pick up a gift card to Chick-fil-A, Starbucks, Subway or Panera ... and place it in the office mail box of **David McKercher** or **Angela Snyder** by November 17. (Or give them

directly to David or Angela) Monetary donations will also be accepted for the committee to purchase gift cards. (Make checks payable to St. Andrew with a note Care Package Donation.) As always, the Welcome and Care Committee appreciates all you do and for your donations.

Please contact **Angela Snyder** at aksnyder0930@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

Angel Tree, Silver Bells, Mitten Tree and other gift giving opportunities will be available on November 10. Details on page 5.

One Worship Service November & December

There will be a combined single worship service at 10:00 a.m. during the remainder of 2019.

Sunday School Classes for all ages will meet from 9:00 – 9:45 each Sunday.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Saturday, November 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Join the fun! Help decorate St. Andrew for the Christmas season.



Bring your family to St. Andrew on November 30 to help the Worship Committee decorate our church for Christmas. Stay after the decorations are hung to enjoy a hot meal and cookies for decorating (provided by

the Fellowship Committee).

Advent begins on December 1, 2019.

TIME CHANGE!

Daylight-Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 3, so **don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sat. evening, November 2.**



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

Upcoming DEADLINES

NEWSLETTER DUE DATE

Please Plan Ahead:

December 2019 & January 2020 will be a combined issue.

Info for both months will be due on November 17.

~Liza Tucker, Bagpiper Editor

IN THE BEGINNING



"In the Beginning", written by **Judy Bander**, is a continuing column, which tells the history of our church. Included are facts, stories, and "things remembered" by those who helped establish St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John (Jack) P. Ettershank's Legacy (December 1991)

Usually an interim minister's job is to hold the congregation together until a new pastor can be found.

Rev. John (Jack) Ettershank* not only kept our congregation attending, he also moved us forward in ways we still enjoy.

Jack started the prayer chain in March 1990 with about thirty-one people. At that time, email was not available. The congregation was linked through **Cora Coffman*** (mother of Turner Coffman), who called sub-captains, who called others on their list and they in turn called others on their list. The Prayer Chain, now managed by **Beth Lyon-Suhring**, has grown into a special connection for caring and praying. We are more aware of what happens in the church family and can share each other's burdens and concerns. Also, seeing a need to help members and others with financial problems, the Deacon's Fund was started on May 6, 1990.

Instead of just holding the congregation together during Rev. Ettershank's time with us, a record attendance was set in the Church School hour on February 17, 1991 with sixty-five in attendance. Jack finished his first leadership with us when **Dr. Roger Jackle*** was called. Jack would be with us again seven years later after Dr. Jackle retired.

**Deceased (We recently learned that Dr. Jackle passed away in Florida where he moved after serving as pastor at St. Andrew.)*



Abigail Ruth Hill & Christopher MacCorkle "Mac" Hill, children of **Lucy & Chris Hill** and younger siblings of **Esley Rebecca Hill**, were baptized on September 22, 2019. The Hill family are long time attendees of St. Andrew and are awaiting their letter of transfer from their North Carolina church.

Temple Tips

*"You are the God that performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples."*

~Psalms 77:14

One of the miracles of modern medicine is the influenza vaccine. It is developed by medical scientists annually to fight the most prevalent strain of flu virus going around. Getting the vaccine is the best way to help avoid getting the flu. It takes about two weeks to build up a proper immune response after having taken the shot, so precautions against catching the flu need to be taken for that period of time. Even if you feel that you could manage ok if you did get sick with the flu, consider others that will be at risk of catching it from you. You can be contagious before you even realize that you are sick. The elderly, very young, pregnant, those with chronic health problems and depressed immune system would suffer greatly if they contract the flu. Some may require hospitalization and even be at risk of dying. To prevent the spread of flu (other than vaccination) you should wash your hands often and avoid close contact with others who are sick. If you do get sick, it is recommended to stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. This is one time when visiting the sick is not recommended; cards and phone calls instead please. Perhaps greet with a "fist bump" instead of a handshake!

~Amy Gray, RN; Parish Nurse



Please remember in prayer those members and their families who have recently lost loved ones:

- **Roger Jackle**, pastor at St. Andrew from 1991 to 1997, passed away on September 20 at the age of 89. His wife Genevieve died just a year ago. They lived in St. Petersburg, FL since leaving Suffolk.
- **Lara Walker** and her extended family; Lara's aunt unexpectedly passed away on September 24.
- **Agnes Wan-Patterson**, St. Andrew's former organist, passed away on September 27 from breast cancer. Please keep her husband Gary, their two young sons and her extended family in Hong Kong in your prayers.
- **Suzanne & Kurt Lentini**; Suzanne's dad, Harry Skilton passed away on October 5
- **Gordie & Maggie Fears**; Gordie's mother, Gayle Fears, passed away October 9.
- **Mary Ann Donnell** passed away on October 21.



Dear Friends,

A class of geography students were studying the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of the class the students were asked to list

what *they* considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement,

the following got the most votes:

- 1 Egypt's Great Pyramid
- 2 Taj Mahal
- 3 Grand Canyon
- 4 Panama Canal
- 5 Empire State Building
- 6 St Peter's Basilica
- 7 China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher spotted one student who had not turned in a list. So, the teacher asked if the student was having trouble compiling a list.

The student, quietly replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind as there are so many wonders."

Gently and kindly, the teacher invited the student to tell the class what had been written and said that perhaps the others could help.

The student hesitated, then read,

"I think the Seven Wonders of the World are.....

- 1 to touch
- 2 to taste
- 3 to see
- 4 to hear

After hesitating a little more, the student added,

- 5 to run
- 6 to laugh
- 7 and to love.

It is too easy for us to look at the achievements of humans and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook, or take for granted, all that God has done and continues to do. Every day is a gift of God, and to God we ought to offer our thanks and praise.

The ability to touch, taste, see, hear, run, laugh and love.....and to be loved are truly wondrous gifts without which life would be the poorer.

As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving later this month, let us pause and ponder the sheer joy and the gift of being alive, of having loved ones with whom to share this life, and to have a faith in God whose Son, Jesus, said:

"I have come that you might have life, life in all its fulness."

Thanks be to God.

Blessings and peace to you this Thanksgiving,

Pastor Gillian

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Three St. Andrew members, **David McKercher**, **Sandy Poole**, and **Steve Suhring**, were commissioned as Stephen Ministers on September 22, 2019. They will continue to meet twice a month for continuing education and peer supervision along with our Stephen Leader, **Angie Hillis-Baurle**.

The Stephen Ministers are ready to work one-on-one with our care receivers. The first step is referral, then to meet with our Stephen Leader (Angie) to make sure that this ministry is the best fit for him/her.

If you would like more information, or to request to work one-on-one with one of our Stephen Ministers please contact **Angela Hillis-Baurle** at lovemusic68@hotmail.com or call/text (757)615-3873.

eXtra Years of Zest (XYZ) **Senior Adult Group**

On November 17 following the 10:00 worship service, **Lt. Col. Frank Womble** (US Army, Retired) will present an overview of the Veterans Administration Aid and Attendance (A&A) pension benefit. A & A is a tax-free monthly payment to eligible veterans and surviving spouses who need daily assistance at home, in assisted living, or in a nursing home. This short briefing will describe who is eligible and how to apply.

This presentation is open to anyone who is interested. Soup and dessert will be provided. Please sign up on the XYZ bulletin board (around the corner from the member mailboxes) so that there will be enough soup for all.

~Lisa Cross, Senior Adult Leader

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report**Through September 30, 2019**

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>2019 Budget</u>
Income	\$39,542	\$383,863	\$395,871	\$527,828
Expenses	\$39,197	\$372,436	\$395,067	\$527,054
NET	\$345	\$11,427		
<u>Assets/Liabilities</u>				
Bank Assets	\$230,216		<u>Mortgage</u>	
Liabilities	\$128,258		Balance	\$630,047
TOTAL	\$101,958		Monthly Payment	\$5,200

September was a good breakeven month, which is exactly what we need this time of year! Of course, it helped that September had five Sundays, which kind of gives us a "bonus" on the income side that is a bit misleading. Please also note income continues to be below what was budgeted. Whit Tucker has supplied the congregation with individualized pledging updates, an invaluable tool to make sure we're all meeting our obligations. Take a close look at this, if you haven't already, and make sure you're keeping up. Expenses tend to go up at the end of the year, so we all need to lend a hand to finish out the year strong!

~Tom Seymour, Finance & Stewardship Committee

Endowment Fund (As of September 30, 2019)

General Fund	\$317,653.47
Missions	<u>\$152,867.64</u>
Total	\$470,521.11

~Clyde Harper, Endowment Fund Committee

2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As of October 20, I have received 84 Estimates of Giving. These have provided 78 Operating pledges totaling \$308,291 and 58 Building/Capital pledges totaling \$73,379. The pledge total is currently \$381,670, and the pledge target was set at \$445,828. If you still intend to "pledge" for next year, please return your Estimate of Giving card to the Church or send me an email to my address in the Church Family Directory as soon as you can so that the 2020 budget can be created in a timely manner. Additional cards are available in the atrium. Confirmation of the recorded 2020 pledge(s) will appear as a note at the bottom of your end of November and end of year Reports of Contributions.

~Whit Tucker, Receiving Treasurer

DEDICATION SUNDAY

 Thanks to all who helped make dedication Sunday a wonderful event by cooking, setting up, cleaning up and attending. We couldn't have done it without all of you.

~Finance and Fellowship Committees

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED to the Peace and Global Witness Offering from October 6. The total amount collected was \$770. A portion of this will remain at St. Andrew and be donated to local missions.

ONE OF THE MISSIONS**YOUR PLEDGES HELP SUPPORT:****Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk (CAPS)**

CAPS is a group of churches and organizations working together for poverty alleviation and community development of Suffolk. One of the ways St. Andrew shows support for this group is by being one of the host churches for the CAPS Night Stay Program. This year St. Andrew will provide shelter and meals for those who would normally spend their nights sleeping on the streets, in cars, in empty buildings, or in the woods (this includes single adults and families with children). Our host week for the Night Stay is January 8 – 15, 2020.

CAPS also provides monetary assistance to those in need, and holds fundraisers to help support their programs. Their recent BBQ fundraiser was a tremendous success! The event was SOLD OUT! **David McKercher** (St. Andrew's Welcome & Congregational Care Committee) recently received a letter (October 15, 2019) from Don Leverone, President, CAPS. Here is a portion of the letter:

"Last year, CAPS provided over \$74,000 in bill assistance to almost 500 families, and served over 100 men, women, and children experiencing homelessness in our winter Night Stay Program. It is because of your dedicated service and steadfast support of CAPS that we have been able to help so many of our brothers and sisters in crisis. Thank you for your support of our recent BBQ Fundraiser. We look forward to seeing how God continues HIS good works in Suffolk!!!"

HOLIDAY GIFT-GIVING **TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST**

This year St. Andrew Church has agreed to provide gifts for 55 angels (that's 110 gifts for children on our Angel Tree board...a slight increase from last year), plus gifts for 10 seniors (Silver Bells) and 10 stockings for a needy child up to age 12, so you have lots of options for helping. All of the following projects will begin on Sunday, November 10 and will be **due back to church no later than Monday, December 9**.

THE ANGEL TREE: Our Mission and Service Committee will



receive the names of children (infants through teens) provided by Suffolk's Salvation Army. Our angel tree bulletin board will include two gifts for each child. Each paper angel will include a child's first name, age, clothing size (if applicable), and specific wish. Choose one or more angels and make this a family project to shop for someone who might receive very little else this Christmas. Return your **unwrapped gifts** to the marked bins in the Atrium.

SILVER BELLS: Perhaps you'd like to shop for seniors?

Mission and Service also will receive the names of ten senior citizens from the Salvation Army. Take a paper bell from the bulletin board and purchase a gift for the individual listed on the bell. Return your **unwrapped gifts** to the marked bins in the Atrium.



CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS: Gather your family or your small group or your office staff and fill a mesh stocking with small gifts for a needy child (up to 12 years). There will be specific guidelines included with the stocking you choose.



Hygiene Kits: St. Andrew's youth Sunday school classes will put together hygiene kits to give to teenagers through the Salvation Army. You can help by dropping off toothbrushes & travel-size toothpaste, combs/brushes, travel-sized deodorant, travel-size shampoo/conditioner, disposable razors, and tissue pocket packs to the marked bins near the Mitten Tree in the Atrium.



THE MITTEN TREE: Help keep children, youth, and adults warm this winter. Bring in hats, mittens, scarves, & socks to decorate our Mitten Tree. This project is sponsored by the Sunday School classes, and all donations will go to the Salvation Army.



Special Note: We would greatly appreciate help **delivering all donations to the Salvation Army on Friday, December 13**. Contact **Karen Topping** at ktopping@trinitynn.com.

NEW CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Sixteen percent of the American adult population helps care for an adult fifty years of age or older. That's a lot of caregivers doing a lot of difficult and stressful work.

St. Andrew will offer a bi-weekly caregivers support group beginning Monday, November 4. We'll meet on the first and third Mondays of each month from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in Room 202 on the second floor of the education building.

One of the most difficult parts of caregiving is the sense of isolation the care provider experiences. We hope that our caregivers support group will help to counteract that isolation by offering time to share with others experiencing the same challenges, providing information from elder care specialists, and learning together from resources on the topic.

Meetings will provide a safe and confidential space for learning and sharing.

Please contact **Beth Lyon-Suhring** at lyonsuhring@hotmail.com or by calling the church at 238-3550.

God makes us rich in every way
so we can be generous
on every occasion,
which will result in
thanksgiving to God...
God doesn't bless us
to provide for our own needs;
he blesses us so we can be generous.

~Rick Warren (based on 2 Corinthians 9:11)
From www.newsletternewsletter.com, November 2019

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Circle Meeting/Bible Study: Tuesday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m. – Please join us for the St. Andrew Presbyterian Women Circle in the library for Bible study and light refreshments. Lesson 3 of the Horizon Bible Study *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the 10 Commandments* by Eugenia

Anne Gamble will be led by our Bible study leader, **Lisa Cross**. **Martha Shephard & Liza Tucker** will provide refreshments.

Speaker at the November 12 meeting: **Lorna Slaughter**, co-founder of Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center, will give a brief overview of this organization. The fellowship center, located in downtown Suffolk, will be St. Andrew PW's sponsored local Christmas mission (details below). Join us as Lorna tells us about the goals of the organization.

SAVE THE DATES:

December 8: St. Andrew PW outing to Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Suffolk for their Christmas concert at 3:00 p.m.

December 10 at 12:30: **All Ladies of St. Andrew** - Lunch out at Smithfield Station on Church St. in Smithfield. Sponsored by Presbyterian Women (a brief Bible study lesson will be presented that day before the lunch).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

SPONSORED CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

Traditionally at Christmas, St. Andrew Presbyterian Women have sponsored monetary support for two groups, a local and an international mission/organization. The offering received will be divided between the two missions.

Local Mission: This year St. Andrew PW has chosen to support the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center located on East Washington St. in downtown Suffolk. This is an organization working to meet the hunger and personal needs of those in Suffolk. The organization has operated a food pantry for the past 16 years, providing canned goods, fresh produce and meat six days a week, serving over 300 families.

International Mission: Plans are still being finalized to select the recipient. Look for more details in the next edition of the Bagpiper and/or the Sunday bulletins.

The Congregation is invited to join us in supporting these missions. Checks should be made out to St. Andrew PW with "PW Christmas Missions" on the memo line and placed in the PW office mailbox. If you would like to designate a percentage of your donation for each mission,

please note that on your check. If your donation is made through St. Andrew's general offering (for tax purposes, through St. Andrew treasurer, Whit Tucker), please make your check to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church with "PW Christmas mission" on the memo line. Donations will be received through early January 2020.

If you have questions about either mission, contact **Martha Shephard**, St. Andrew PW Moderator.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

November Meeting: Presbyterian Men will provide food for the November 6 Kirk Night meal; this will substitute as our November 2019 meeting.

December Meeting: Presbyterian Men will not meet in December 2019, and instead will focus efforts on church decorating and other activities.

If you have any suggestions for goals and/or specific programs for our 2020 Presbyterian Men's meetings, please contact **Daniel Henkel, Harry Cross, Russell Richards** or **Ed Mitchell** to discuss.

PRAYERS & SQUARES

Prayer Pocket Squares Are Here!

Prayer Pocket Squares are small quilted squares with one tie that you can send in a card or letter to a friend, or give to someone at work to show you are thinking of them and praying for them. People do not have to make a request. Look for them in a basket in the atrium. Anyone can just look at the squares in the basket and choose one to give to someone. Say a prayer, tie a knot, place it in a thinking of you card and give it. Let someone know you care and are praying for them.

If you have a friend or family member that you would like to receive a prayer quilt, you may request a Prayers and Squares quilt by completing a request form found at the Welcome Kiosk. Place the form in the mailbox in the office or give it to **Frances Jornov**. There are many completed quilts in our cabinet. It is a great pleasure to share God's love by giving a quilt to someone.

Prayers and Squares will meet on **Saturday, November 16**, at 10:00 a.m. We will only meet once in November. We can use all helpers and you don't need to know how to sew. There are jobs that don't require sewing skills. Come join us to see what is involved in making the prayer quilts, help us with our prayer pocket squares and enjoy some fellowship time.

~Frances Jornov, Prayers & Squares Chairperson

WE SAY GOODBYE TO REV UGARTE

St. Andrew would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" to Rev. Ugarte for all of his years of serving as our Visitation Pastor.

"We are excited for you as you go ahead to the next chapter of your life which we know includes traveling more with your lovely wife. We are truly thankful for all you have done for our church family in the past. May God richly bless you as you move forward!"

LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP SERVICE

A new video camera has been donated to help improve the recording of the Sunday morning worship service. When the new website is operational, the worship service can be viewed there as well. A big thank you to the one whose generous donation enabled us to make this improvement.

CROSSWALK

Church School for pre-K and elementary students

CrossWalk is a workshop-based program which focuses on one Bible story each month. The classes are held in the Education Building and begin at 9:00 with a Gathering Time in room 104, followed by workshops in various classrooms until 9:45.

The 2019 – 2020 CrossWalk theme is "Listening to God's Word. November's focus will be on **David**."

Parents can join one of the 4 adult Sunday classes offered at the same time in the same building. Contact **Beth Lyon-Suhring**, Director of Christian Education, for more info at lyonsuhring@hotmail.com.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MIGRANT FARM WORKERS

In June 2019, St. Andrew's *Mission: Possible* worked with the Presbytery's Hunger Ministry Team, which supplies migrant camps on the Eastern Shore of Virginia with food and other supplies. The CrossWalk classes put together canvas grocery bags of food that our congregation donated.

Jessica Fitzgerald, Hunger Action Advocate with Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA), sent a note of thanks to the St. Andrew congregation:

"Thank you for your faithful support to the Migrant Farm Workers Ministry in 2019.

Please continue to pray for the farmers and their families."

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

December 1, 8, 15 & 22 – Advent Sundays

Friday, December 6 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.) Christmas Coffee Open House at St. Andrew sponsored by Welcome & Care Committee

Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 St. Andrew PW Outing to Ebenezer United Methodist Church for their Christmas concert.

Monday, December 9 – ALL Christmas service project items are due (Angel Tree, Silver Bells, Mitten Tree, etc. – see page 5 for details)

Tuesday, December 10 at 12:30 – Ladies' Lunch out: Smithfield Station

Sunday, December 22 at 10:00 – CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 – Family Friendly Service

7:00 – Candlelight Communion Service

Monday, January 6, 2020 – ALL ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

January 8 - 15, 2020 CAPS Night Stay

Sunday, January 26, 2020 – Annual Congregational Meeting

March 8 – 15, 2020 OBX Church Retreat in Corolla, NC



Soup Kitchen
Thursday, November 21
Salvation Army
Bank St., Suffolk
Cupcakes needed at
St. Andrew by 9:00 a.m.

WIDOW'S WALK

Widow's Walk will NOT meet in November. Instead they will enjoy a trip together to the Biltmore and family time at Thanksgiving.

~Candy Wolbrink



Kyle Gray	27
& Dawn Parrish	27
Jim Parker	28
Hunter Webb, Jr.	28
Ashlee Robb	29
Andrew Nagy	30

Ethan Caggiano	1
Cara Starkey	1
Sayge Taylor	1
Jim Perkinson	2
Alyce Golding	4
Jennifer Ryan	4
Grant Starkey	4
Lisa Cross	5
Betsy Beard	5
Julia Gresham	6
Kristen Baurle	7
Karen Smith	7
Kristina Zachary	8
Lauren Haverty	9
Kathy McKercher	9
Heather Coston	11
Thomas Goodwin	11
Barbara Saunders	12
Spencer Buehlman	14
Cordelia Seymour	14
Judy Ulrich	14
Zach Walker	14
Jill Byrd	16
Mike Coleman	16
Raleigh Estes	18
Bill George	19
Thomas Nixon	19
Jeff Church	20
Fran Kolipano	20
Travis Madden	21
Betty Woods	21
Lily Hendrickson	22
Evan Richardson	22
Nathan Foust	23
Faye Mayberry	23
David Saunders	23
Judy Caroline Colwell	24
Buddy Dye (Joseph Jr.)	26
Marie Dye	26
Tyler Lentini	26
Ryland Mayberry	26



4	Mike & Tricia Haverty
9	Jack & Peyton Ellenor
13	Jeff & Angela Snyder
18	Rhonda (& Dave) MacMelville
18	Bruce & Lara Walker
26	Jim & Carol Carnegie
26	Turner & Carolyn Coffman
26	Bill & Vivian Smith
29	John & Kay Smith

Bible Quiz



Complete the first of Jesus' "beatitudes" correctly: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for ..."

- A. they shall be comforted.
- B. theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. they shall inherit the earth.
- D. they shall see God.

Answer: See Matthew 5:3



Marc, Rob, Steve & Clyde enjoyed a game of golf recently. The event was put on by Suffolk Business Women. Rob's company, Freedom Street Partners, sponsored our team. More importantly, the proceeds support local causes. We had a great time!

~Rob Estes