



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

February 2022

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

Food collection: through Feb. 13



The Service Committee is collecting canned food and other non-perishable items for the annual "Souper" Bowl competition (AFC team v. NFC team). Show your support for the team you

think has the best chance of winning the Super Bowl by depositing your canned items in either the NFC or AFC box located in the Atrium. Donations will be accepted through February 13, 2022.

All items will be donated to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center food pantry.

Which team do *you* think will win? Wear your team colors on February 13, "Souper" Bowl Sunday.

EASTER BASKET COLLECTION TO BENEFIT ForKids IN SUFFOLK

St. Andrew Service Committee will be collecting Easter baskets, candy, and other small basket filler items for boys and girls ages 2 – 17 from Sunday, February 27 through Sunday, March 27. The baskets will be assembled and delivered to ForKids in downtown Suffolk so that they may be distributed to local families in need.

Look for the plastic tub in the Atrium during the collection dates for your donations (suggested items include: wrapped candy, small toys, baskets, small crafts, Easter grass, books, individually packaged toothbrushes, and toothpaste).

If you want to support this mission but are unable to shop, please write a check to St. Andrew and note **Easter Baskets** on the memo line.

Baskets will be assembled in the church atrium on Saturday, April 2 (9:00-11:00) and help is



needed! Please contact **Karen Topping** (ktopping@trinitynn.com or text at 757-647-3344) or **Becky Nagy** (bnagy31@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

Thank you in advance for your donations and for sharing God's love this Easter! (Easter Sunday is April 17, 2022.)

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

All-you-can-eat!

Eat in or take out!



The Presbyterian Men will host an Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper at St. Andrew

on March 2 from 5:30 – 6:30 in the Atrium. Net proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the St. Andrew youth. **Tickets** will be on sale at the church the day of the event. Prices will be \$6/adults, \$3/children, with a maximum of \$20/family.

Join us for this all-you-can-eat meal of pancakes and sausage and attend Pastor Gillian's Ash Wednesday service (details below) following the supper. Please plan to come out to the event for some good food, good fellowship, and a good cause. Bring your whole family; invite your neighbors and friends. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact **Russell Richards**.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The first day of Lent in the Christian calendar falls 46 days before Easter. It is a time of reflection and preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection on Easter. **This year Ash Wednesday is on March 2, 2022.**

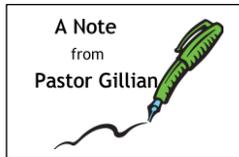
Join us that day for a Pancake Supper at 5:30 – 6:30 (details above) and stay for Pastor Gillian's Ash Wednesday service for all ages from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. that will include the imposition of ashes.



Dear Friends,

*“Thrush song, stream song, holy love
That flows through earthly forms and folds
The song of heaven’s Sabbath fleshed in throat and ear
In stream and stone.
A grace living here as we live
Move my mind now to that which holds all things
as they change”*

~ Wendell Berry



These words express something about the human experience of divine grace, the grace which holds us and all things as they change. As humans, we tend to resist and avoid change at all costs. We hold tenaciously onto what is known, safe and familiar. Yet change is part and parcel of

life, so it is reassuring to know that God’s grace holds us through it all. In our growing and in our dying, in our moments of joy and of tragedy, in times of abundance in our need, God’s grace upholds us.

For all things in God’s creation, change never ends, but neither does the love and grace of God ever end. This phenomenon of grace is not simply some abstract theological concept, but a lived experience. Grace is how we describe God’s free gifts to us of love and forgiveness, of beauty and truth, of life and eternity. Grace is that sense we get from time to time that being alive is truly an amazing and unearned gift from a gracious God.

One of the best loved hymns of all time, “Amazing Grace”, was written by John Newton. Its words tell of the amazing grace of God for everyone, a grace that gives us love, hope, forgiveness and acceptance, gifts which are in short supply in the world. Imagine if every day we woke up not to the sound of the alarm clock, nor the endless stream of bad news, but to the sweet sound of God’s grace ringing in our ears and in our hearts. It would not eliminate all the suffering in the world, or in our own lives, for there would still be viruses, cancers, floods, earthquakes, wars, and hard decisions to be made. But imagine what suffering it would eliminate if every person knew and accepted that they were loved and trusted that there is enough of God’s grace for everyone.

Our task, as people of faith, is to ensure that those with whom we come into contact know that they are the recipients of God’s wonderful love and amazing grace.

By the grace of God, we have been given the gift of life and every minute is a gift not to be wasted nor hoarded but used to point people to God so that they, too, may know God’s grace and mercy, compassion, and acceptance.

Blessings and peace,

*Pastor Gillian***EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM**

Please join **Pastor Gillian** for Evening Prayers each Tuesday night at 6:30 via Zoom. These thirty minutes of scripture, music, and prayer will help refocus our hearts and minds on the God who calls us beloved. **Beth Lyon-Suhring** sends out the Zoom invitation by email. If you are not receiving this email each week and would like to be included, please contact Beth at lyonsuhring@hotmail.com.

**Are you interested in joining the St. Andrew family?
If you would you like to become a member of
St. Andrew, please contact Pastor Gillian at pastorgillian1885@gmail.com.**

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**January 20, 2022 Stated Meeting**

- Received the resignation of **Elder John Gillis** with regrets.
- Elected **David McKercher** as Clerk of Session to replace **Elder Curtis Corl** who is relocating to Rhode Island.
- Approved the Pastor’s Terms of Call for 2022.
- Approved the 2022 Budget.
- Approved the 2021 Annual Statistical Report. A copy is posted on the bulletin board in the office mailroom for anyone who wishes to review it.
- Charged the Nominating Committee to provide nominees to replace Elders Corl and Gillis prior to the February Stated Session Meeting.
- Appointed **Elder Russell Richards** as St. Andrew’s Commissioner to the 128th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on January 22, 2022.

~David McKercher, Clerk of Session

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Many thanks to the generosity of St. Andrew in the support given to the Presbyterian Women’s Christmas Mission. The Restoration Farm Ministry Afghan sewing project and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) supporting Haitian aid will receive approximately \$800 each. Our congregation is a giving community so again, thank you!



Our next PW circle meeting is scheduled **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** **Loyce Bryan** will facilitate Lesson 6 on “*Bathseba*” from the Horizon Bible study book, “*What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in*

Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus” by Meryll Blair. The location will be determined soon. January’s meeting was via Zoom, but hopefully, we will be back in the church Atrium for the February meeting. If COVID concerns continue, we will meet via Zoom again. Notification will be emailed to our members when the decision is made.

Our Coordinating Team plans on meeting in the next few weeks to discuss future mission activities for the Presbyterian Women.

If you have questions, contact **Martha Shephard**, PW Moderator.

FEBRUARY SOUP KITCHEN

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, February 17, 2022**. A limited number of St. Andrew volunteers are needed at noon to prepare and package the meals.



Cupcakes are needed at St. Andrew by 11:00 on the day of the soup kitchen. The distribution of the meals continues to be through a drive-by system distributed by the Salvation Army staff.

For updates, please check the weekly announcements attachment sent each week with the Sunday bulletin, as well as other emails, about changes to this schedule.

Many thanks to all who donate cupcakes for the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. They are needed and very much appreciated.

~Gary Meyers

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**March 2022  
Bagpiper Articles Due On  
February 20, 2022.**

**PRAYERS & SQUARES**

Come join the Prayers and Squares group to create quilts and to enjoy time with friends. Our February meetings will be **Friday, February 11 and Saturday, February 19** at 10:00 am in St Andrew Hall. Choose what works for you--Friday and/or Saturday meetings. Please bring whatever project you have and are working on. There are quilts that need quilting and ties to be added. There are also quilt kits that need to be machine sewn.

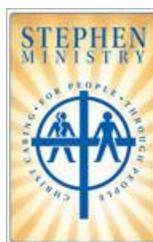
Would you like to learn to sew and make quilts?? If you are 12 years old or older, come to a meeting and Frances will get you started. Give Frances a call if you want more details or have questions.

If you would like to request a prayer quilt for a friend or family member, please complete a request form and put in **Frances Jornov's** box or contact her ([francesjrnv@charter.net](mailto:francesjrnv@charter.net) or 757-646-8955). There are many completed quilts in our closet ready to be dedicated and given. Also there are Pocket Prayer Squares in the atrium that you may take to include in a card or give to someone. Say a prayer, tie a knot and pass it to your friend or relative.

Come join us-you don't have to sew--we need help putting the ties into the quilts, pressing fabric and straightening the fabric shelves. And don't forget we do enjoy the visiting! Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!

~Frances Jornov, P&S Coordinator

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**



Stephen Ministers are lay congregation members trained to provide one-to-one care to those experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation. Our church has **3 Stephen Ministers** who are trained and ready to share their passion for bringing Christ’s love and care during your time of need.

For more information, please contact **Helen Chapman** (757)412-7847 or **Angie Hillis-Baurle** (757)615-3873.

**St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report**  
**for Year-to-Date 12/31/21**

|                                                             | <u>Dec Amt</u>   | <u>YTD Actuals</u> | <u>2021 Budget</u> |                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                               | \$51,153         | \$473,321          | \$491,314          |                               |
| <b><u>Expenses</u></b>                                      | <u>\$49,096</u>  | <u>\$453,810</u>   | \$491,205          |                               |
| <b>Net</b>                                                  | <b>\$2056</b>    | <b>\$19,511</b>    |                    |                               |
| <br>                                                        |                  |                    |                    |                               |
| <b><u>Current Assets</u></b>                                |                  |                    |                    | <b><u>Endowment Funds</u></b> |
| <b>Bank Assets</b>                                          | \$237,867        |                    |                    | <b>General</b>                |
| <b>Ed Jones Inv.</b>                                        | <u>\$76,661</u>  |                    |                    | <b>Mission</b>                |
| <b>Tot Current Assets</b>                                   | <b>\$314,527</b> |                    |                    | <b>Tot Endowmt</b>            |
|                                                             |                  |                    |                    | <b>\$604,220</b>              |
| <br>                                                        |                  |                    |                    |                               |
| <b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>                           |                  |                    |                    |                               |
| <b>Other Liabilities</b>                                    | - \$6            |                    |                    |                               |
| <br>                                                        |                  |                    |                    |                               |
| <b>Earmarks</b>                                             | <u>\$214,065</u> |                    |                    | <b><u>Mortgage</u></b>        |
| <b>Tot Current Liabilities</b>                              | <b>\$214,059</b> |                    |                    | <b>Balance</b>                |
|                                                             |                  |                    |                    | <b>Monthly Pmt</b>            |
|                                                             |                  |                    |                    | <b>\$537,400</b>              |
|                                                             |                  |                    |                    | <b>\$5,200</b>                |
| <br>                                                        |                  |                    |                    |                               |
| <b>NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) \$100,468</b> |                  |                    |                    |                               |

Our income for December was the largest monthly income that we received in 2021. It resulted in December showing a net income of more than \$2,000 and a net income for the year of \$19,511. Our end-of-year financial situation is very healthy and we achieved these results without eating into our Rainy Day fund. Our endowment funds were a bit lower because of withdrawals to fund our purchase of new HVAC units and donations to provide food for the needy.

We are now focused on the budget for 2022. The dark cloud for 2022 is the fact that our pledge income is significantly below what we believe we will need. We will likely have to tap into our Rainy Day fund to balance our 2022 budget.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee

**ROOF-TOP SOLAR POWER**



St. Andrew will be exploring adding more roof-top solar panels to reduce our electrical costs and climate impact. If you would like to participate in this committee or have questions regarding the topic, please contact **Tom Endrusick** at 757 701-4881.



**Youth Sponsored Chili Lunch**

Thank you to all our wonderful cooks for the delicious chili and to everyone who generously donated to help support our youth and young adult ministries!

~Angie Hillis Baurle, Youth Director

**ST. ANDREW CHURCH SCHOOL**

**Classes for all ages meet on Sundays at 11:00, just after worship:** CrossWalk for 4-year-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Youth Class for Middle School and High School students, and Adult Classes

There are two classes for adults:

**Unshakeable Hope: Building Our Lives on the Promises of God.** These last couple of years have been tough and have tested us all. Some days (weeks? months?), hope can seem to be in short supply. In this study, author Max Lucado leads us back to the promises from scripture that are the basis for renewed hope, no matter how difficult our circumstances are. The Jack Holladay Class meets in Room 206 on the second floor of the education building.

**Reading the Old Testament through Jewish Eyes.** The Bible that Jesus knew was the Hebrew scriptures, and particularly the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament. Author Rabbi Evan Moffic has a passion for sharing his Jewish faith with Christians, and in this book he helps modern-day Christians understand these scriptures in the way Jewish leaders in the time of Jesus would have done. Steve Suhring leads the Challenge of Faith Class, which meets in Room 204 on the second floor of the education building.

*~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education*



**Please remember the family and friends of those who have recently lost loved ones:**

- Angela Martin's father-in-law (Jonathan's father) passed away on December 25, 2021.
- St. Andrew's former Minister of

Visitation, **Rev. Dick Lovingood**, passed away on January 1, 2022.



From Clyde Harper:

"I would like thank everyone for all the prayers , concerns and cards following the death of my sister in November. It is very much appreciated."

From Jennifer Stone:

"I would like to thank the congregation for their cards and prayers after the loss of my grandfather."



**February 14**



**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP**

The flower committee invites you to choose a date to bring flowers to church or donate \$20 for us to prepare them for you. Sign up online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0A4DA9A72FA20-sunday> or contact **Helen Chapman** (757-412-7847 [hcchapman10@gmail.com](mailto:hcchapman10@gmail.com)) to reserve your date today!

You choose what you want printed in the bulletin to honor someone special, a date significant to you, to bless someone. The sky's the limit. We appreciate your support of this ministry. You are welcome to take the flowers home after the service. We also can arrange to bless someone with them.

|                       |    |                 |    |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Abigail Hill          | 3  | Candy Wolbrink  | 18 |
| Katie West            | 3  | Steve Corum     | 19 |
| Helen Chapman         | 4  | Charlie Cutler  | 19 |
| Will Hendrickson      | 5  | Deborah Banks   | 22 |
| John Gillis           | 7  | Mike Romanczyk  | 23 |
| Ed Eichelberger       | 8  | Glen Fachin     | 24 |
| Mike Haverty          | 9  | Jenna Robb      | 24 |
| Meggan Schoenberg     | 10 | Betsy Wonpat    | 25 |
| Anthony Walker        | 10 | Caitlin Fears   | 26 |
| Lara Walker           | 10 | Robert Holt     | 26 |
| Tiffany Davidson      | 12 | Frances Robb    | 27 |
| Wyatt Ellenor         | 12 | Jackson Ellenor | 28 |
| Tina Zachary          | 16 |                 |    |
| Herbert Bondurant III | 17 |                 |    |
| Michelle Endrusick    | 17 |                 |    |

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Patti Archer**



**Tom & Loyce Bryan**



**David & Denise McAlpine**

### KIRK NIGHT WINTER SESSION

#### Wednesdays; February 2 – April 6, 2022

Starting with a meal at 5:45 p.m., Kirk Night will provide a time for intergenerational fellowship, children's programming, an adult class with Pastor Gillian, and chancel choir practice.

Meals are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children, with a maximum of \$20 per family.

All Classes begin at 6:30:

Pastor Gillian's Class: "Spirituality and Conflict"

Conflict seems to be so much part of life and in class we will look at conflicts in the Bible and learn what they might teach us today.

Please join **Pastor Gillian** in person on Wednesday evenings following the Kirk Night dinner. If you are unable to attend in person, this class will be repeated on Zoom the following Monday at 2.00 p.m.

For a Zoom link to class, please contact **Beth Lyon-Suhring**.

**March 2 Kirk Night:** Instead of the Kirk Night meal and classes, please join us for the Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper at 5:30 and Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 (details on page 1). No Kirk Night classes. Chancel Choir will meet at 7:15 p.m.



### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

|    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 9  | Sue & Lee Harrison     |
| 11 | Mike & Kathy Romanczyk |
| 29 | Danny & Brenda Lovell  |

### Soles 4 Souls

**December 17, 2021 Collection Report  
from the Soles 4 Souls Box in the St.**

**Andrew parking lot:**

**Gently worn pair of shoes: 612**

**Used clothing: 369**

