



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

March 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.



EASTER BASKET COLLECTION

TO BENEFIT ForKids IN SUFFOLK

St. Andrew Service Committee is collecting Easter baskets, candy, and other small basket filler items for boys and girls ages 2 – 17 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).



Easter Baskets

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.)



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 13. SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY, MARCH 12.

Dear Friends,

*"A rainbow is not just a symphony of colors
Sent to calm a storm in our souls;
It is a talk with God,*

*A mysterious, miraculous conversation with God, heart to heart,
The very heart of God saying to our hearts:*

"I remember I am your God.

Be my walking rainbows,

So that the whole world

Will know to whom you belong,

For I am God who keeps promises,

And I have not forgotten our covenant."

This is the hope of the church:

That God keeps promises.

The mission of the church is to

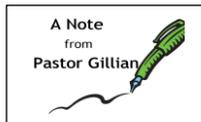
Walk among the suffering and give,

For we are covenant keepers,

Walking rainbows,

Bringing the hope of the good news to the poor."

~ Ann Weems.



Being a "walking rainbow" is surely a high and holy calling. This calls us to live in such a way that we display the hope of our faith to others through word and action. This is the hope that arises from our belief that God is with us even when we face difficult times.

Hope is in short supply these days as we tremble at the prospect of war which we add to the list of woes that the world endures in this season through which we are living. It is in times such as these that it is good to remember the symbol of the rainbow. The panoply of colors stretching across the sky after the storm reminding us that God has promised never to destroy the earth again.

But how do we live through the storms, both the inner and the outer storms? While the storms rage, we can draw comfort in remembering the One to whom we belong, God. Our belonging to God has never implied that somehow, we will be spared the storms. Jesus, himself, was not immune to facing great challenges that undoubtedly left him struggling to know what to do. Repeatedly, Jesus takes himself off to quiet places to pray and to find strength from God to endure the storms which came his way.

During the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, we follow Jesus through his final earthly days and remember again the storms of these days, the temptations, the betrayal, the denial, the pain and the suffering. Through it all, Jesus trusted in God and through his death and resurrection gave us an eternal hope that there is nothing that can ever separate us from God's love. This is good news for

everyone, and may God give us the courage, wisdom and strength to be "walking rainbows" who bring hope to others along the way.

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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

February 17, 2022 Stated Meeting

- Discussed the use of the \$5,000 initial installment of the bequest from the estate of Jim Seibel and decided to table the issue until the final settlement amount is known after which the Session will decide how to use the funds.
- Approved the request from the Christian Education Committee for Amanda Greco, Preschool Director, to teach a parenting class for the Homebuilders Church School Class.
- Recorded in the minutes the unanimous approval by e-vote on February 8th of Danny Lovell and Rob Estes as nominees for elder in the Classes of 2022 and 2023 respectively.
- Scheduled ordination and installation of new officers for March 6th at the 10 AM Worship Service.
- Approved the request from Congregational Care to sponsor a Preschool Sunday and a New Member Dinner, dates TBD.

~David McKercher, Clerk of Session

KIRK NIGHT WINTER SESSION

Wednesdays: Through April 6, 2022

Please join us on Wednesday evenings starting with a meal at 5:45 p.m., followed by 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.

- 6:30-7:30 p.m. – Pastor Gillian's class, "Spirituality and Conflict," looks at conflicts in the Bible and learn what they might teach us today. This class will repeat on Monday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact **Beth Lyon-Suhring** if you would like a Zoom invitation.
- 6:30-7:00 p.m. – Music Makers, led by **Music Director Al Reese**, is our children's choir and offers kids, first grade and up, the opportunity to learn new songs, musical prayers, and instruments, all of which are combined in worship to praise God.
- 7:00-7:30 p.m. – "Grateful for Green! Exploring Plants in Art" is our children's art class this session for ages five through fifth grade. We'll be celebrating plants with paint, fabric, mud, tissue paper, and all sorts of other media. Led by **Beth Lyon-Suhring** and **Steve Suhring**.
- 7:15-8:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir practice, led by **Music Director Al Reese**, meets in the choir room behind the sanctuary.

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.**

Homebuilders' Class **Begins Parenting Focus for Spring**

St. Andrew's Sunday morning class for parents will begin a new parenting focus this spring. We welcome a new class leader, **Amanda Greco**, beginning March 6. Amanda is Director of St. Andrew's weekday preschool and is a certified parenting coach.

Whether we're adults or children, we are all looking for authentic connections in our lives, and Amanda has a passion for helping parents and their children create the sorts of connections that build faith, trust, and love.

Homebuilders welcomes moms, dads, couples, and even grandparents. If you're looking for a safe venue to explore the joys and the challenges of raising children in the world today, this is your place!

Join the Homebuilders' Class each Sunday morning from 11:00 a.m. until noon (immediately

following the morning worship service) in Room 101 on the first floor of the education building. Our Sunday education hour offers classes for all ages, so bring your children along for nursery (ages infant through 3 years), CrossWalk (ages 4 through 5th grade), or youth (middle and high school).

Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Please join us for our next PW circle meeting on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Atrium. We continue recommendations from PEVA and the CDC to wear a mask and social distance during covid times. Lesson 7 on "Mary" from the Horizon Bible study book, "What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" by Merryll Blair, will be presented by **Helen Chapman**.

Starting on Ash Wednesday, March 2, we will be sharing the daily scripture of the SAPC Women's Circle Facebook page from the devotional recommended by Pastor Gillian: Jesus, Friend of My Soul: Reflections for the Lenten Journey by Joyce Rupp. The devotional can be ordered as a paperback or Kindle version on Amazon. It can be a wonderful way to prepare for the time of Easter.

The Presbyterian Women will organize a fundraiser through West Sportswear to sell polo shirts, denim shirts, totes, and hats with our St. Andrew Presbyterian logo on the item. Money raised will be used to support PW mission work. Prior fundraisers seemed well received, so look for more information in the late spring for the event.

June 10 & 11, 2022 The PW Summer Gathering (usually held at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg) will be a virtual event this summer. Details to follow.

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

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**Please remember in prayer  
Deborah Banks and her family.  
Deborah's mother, Jeanne,  
passed away on  
February 13, 2022.**



## Music Notes from Al

Good seats, stands and positions are still available! Are you interested in sharing your musical gifts? We have a place and opportunities for you here at St. Andrew.

**Chancel Choir** – for High School ages and up – no audition necessary, just a willingness to share your vocal talents.

We practice every Wednesday from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. One of the benefits is reserved seating for every service!

**Combo** – not sure you're ready to sing outside of the shower, but play an instrument? Our Combo is very flexible in its instrumentation, so there is a place for everyone!

**Celebration Ringers** – the bell choir – do you read music, but don't feel ready to sing? Maybe it's been too long since you've had that trumpet or clarinet out of storage.

You might consider joining the bell choir – we practice Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Looking ahead to the summer** – during the summer months, both the Chancel Choir and Celebration Ringers will be on 'break' and I'd love to have anyone that is not able to sing, ring or play with us regularly to have the opportunity to provide musical offerings during the summer months. Please reach out to me if you or any of your family members would be interested – thanks so much – you can talk to me before or after the Sunday service, or email me:

[music.standrewpres@gmail.com](mailto:music.standrewpres@gmail.com).

~Al Reese, Director of Music

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](mailto:pastorgillian1885@gmail.com).



March 20, 2022

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Terry Phelps** and his wife, Wendy, have been members of St. Andrew since 2010. They reside in Suffolk and have two sons and a daughter. With over 30 years of service, Terry retired in 2010 from Norfolk Naval Shipyard as an Engineer Technician in the Submarine Test Group.

Terry has served on the Diaconate from 2011 to 2013 and in 2020, working on the Property Committee. He has also assisted in the delivery of food and clothing to the Eastern Shore for the migrant workers and provided meals for the CAPS Program. Serving as a member of the SAM's program, Terry has helped in the construction of handicap ramps and other projects when the need arises. Presently, Terry is spearheading the painting of St. Andrew Hall and other needed areas of the church.

In his spare time, Terry enjoys playing golf and working in the garden.

~Lynne Wood & Sonja Morrell, Congregational Care

## DEFIBRILLATORS

### AVAILABLE AT ST. ANDREW

We have two AED (automated external defibrillators) devices for use in the event there is a medical heart emergency at church. The devices have voice instructions and are intended for medical and non-medical personnel to be able to use. Take a few minutes to re-familiarize yourself with the locations of the AEDs at church and how to use the device by watching a short video at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDf1LGiTykY>

If you are interested in learning more about CPR, AEDs, or First Aid, follow the link below and join a class. These classes are very informative and help you feel more prepared in the event of a medical emergency.

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>

~Angie Ebel, Christian Education



Thank you to my church family for the cards, letters, prayers, and quilt. Without your loving care, I don't think I could have made a recovery. It's wonderful having you in my corner.

~Clara Spanos

## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



**Neil & Carol Wilson**



**Charles & Gwen Elmore**



### 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.

### MARCH SOUP KITCHEN

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, March 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*

### "SOUPER" BOWL Food Collection A BIG Success



The NFC Los Angeles Rams may have won the Super Bowl, but the AFC won the food donation contest at St. Andrew. The final score was 245 for the AFC and 145 for the NFC for a total of 390 cans and various other food items collected. Thanks to all who donated to this event to provide for our food insecure brothers and sisters in Suffolk. Your food donations were delivered to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center food pantry.

*~Service Committee*



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



### PAINTING OF THE ATRIUM CEILING

**THANK YOU** to **Danny Lovell, Roger Estes, Doug Gordon, Cliff Barr, David McKercher, and Terry Phelps** for painting the ceiling in the Atrium. The project was started on Friday, February 11 and completed on Saturday, February 12. Next time you are in the Atrium, look up and notice how bright and clean the ceiling now looks



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|-----------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Daphne Franklin | 2  | Bob Woods       | 11 | Elizabeth Fachin  | 24 |
| Lucy Hill       | 2  | Nelson Campbell | 12 | Billy Roberts     | 24 |
| Ashley LeGrand  | 2  | Scott Endrusick | 12 | Charlotte Griffin | 25 |
| Michael Henson  | 3  | Marilou Estes   | 12 | Danny Lovell      | 25 |
| Jeff Medrano    | 3  | Marion Hale     | 13 | Peter Stephenson  | 25 |
| Ray Henson      | 5  | Brandon Parrish | 14 | Emily Babyak      | 26 |
| Joe Justice     | 5  | Hope Bradshaw   | 16 | Sara Collins      | 27 |
| Debra Perry     | 5  | David Jornov    | 16 | Barbara Jenkins   | 27 |
| Sylvia Ryder    | 5  | Leif King       | 16 | Robert Ausman     | 28 |
| Matthew Lemon   | 6  | Brian Tucker    | 16 | John Newhard      | 28 |
| Lynne Wood      | 7  | Andrew Johansen | 17 | Lindsey Walker    | 28 |
| Gordie Fears    | 8  | Jessica Gray    | 18 | Sandra Burkhart   | 29 |
| Kira Livingston | 8  | Muriel Ricker   | 19 | Penelope Franklin | 29 |
| Matthew Newman  | 8  | Morgan Colonna  | 20 | Mike Topping      | 30 |
| David McKercher | 9  | Joey Parrish    | 20 | Kevin Hamilton    | 31 |
| Ian Senter      | 10 | Colleen Ausman  | 21 |                   |    |
| Emerson Roberts | 11 | Roger Estes     | 22 |                   |    |
|                 |    | Mary Meyers     | 23 |                   |    |



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| 9  | Tom & Adair Nixon          |
| 13 | Tom Seymour & Sara Collins |
| 15 | George & Debra Perry       |
| 16 | Clay & Carol Ames          |
| 21 | Steven & Barbara Jenkins   |
| 21 | Corrie & Charlie Walker    |
| 29 | Tom & Loyce Bryan          |