



# The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

April 2022



## MAUNDY THURSDAY

**April 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join your church family, and invite your friends and neighbors, for a short reflective Maundy Thursday service, which includes Communion and music.

## EASTER SUNDAY IS APRIL 17



Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Please join us on Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m. for our Easter worship service, with music from the Chancel Choir and Celebration Bells. Church School classes will not meet. Please stay for breakfast following the service (eat in, or take out).

## BREAKFAST ON EASTER SUNDAY

**April 17; following the worship service**

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting an Easter Sunday breakfast after the 10:00 church service on April 17. There will be no Sunday School classes or Crosswalk that day. The congregation is invited to share a time of fellowship in the Atrium while enjoying a light breakfast buffet of finger sandwiches, deviled eggs, vegetable and fruit platters, and desserts. Take-out containers will be available for anyone who won't be able to stay.



We are asking church members to help us by providing one of the various menu items. **A sign-up sheet will be in the Atrium starting April 1.** Please consider donating one of the items on the sign-up sheet; this will help us make this fellowship event possible. If you have any questions, please contact **Kay Smith** (717-614-7585). Thank you for your continued support to the Fellowship Committee.

~Angel Henkel, Marion Hale, Kay Smith;  
Fellowship Committee

**The St. Andrew Session has determined that the wearing of masks at St. Andrew will be personal preference. Pastor Gillian asks that you please be mindful of others.**

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO UKRAINE WAR



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**  
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

With more than 2.5 million Ukrainians now refugees in Poland and other border countries, the cry for help for these mostly women and children is loud. St. Andrew Session has approved sending financial support to the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** in getting help to these war-torn individuals.

Many of our members are asking how we can contribute to this cause. We will be accepting donations from now until Easter (April 17) for anyone who can help support this cause. Just note on your check or envelope "Ukrainian Support". May we reach deeply, give generously and welcome extravagantly. Please read Isaiah 2:4

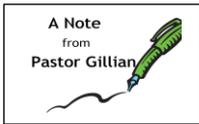
*Danny Lovell & Rob Estes, Mission*

## LET'S BE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER



The **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering will be received on Palm Sunday, April 10. This Special Offering, one of four during the church year mandated by the General Assembly, is the single largest way that Presbyterians join together to share God's love with neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations through three impactful programs: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** working alongside communities as they recover and find hope after devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, **Presbyterian Hunger Program** working to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty and **Partnering in Progress-Self Development of People** that invests in communities responding to experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice. St. Andrew contributed \$770 to OGHS last year. Please give generously as you are able this year.

~Danny Lovell & Rob Estes, Mission



Dear Friends,  
John Bell, a Scottish pastor and hymnwriter, has given the church many magnificent hymns, some of which are

more familiar than others. One of the most beautiful of his hymns is "The Touching Place." It opens with this reminder:

*"Christ's is the world in which we move;  
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;  
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,  
And Christ is the one who meets us here."*

Whatever mess this world gets itself into, it is still this world into which Christ came and for which Christ died. And it is the voice of Christ which calls us to care for all and who promises to meet us where we are and give us strength and courage to do his work today. The refrain of this hymn goes like this:

*"To the lost Christ shows his face,  
To the unloved he gives his embrace,  
To those who cry in pain or disgrace,  
Christ makes with his friends a touching place."*

Throughout his earthly life, Jesus touched many people and his touch brought healing and wholeness. In turn, others reached out to touch Jesus and found strength renewed. Touch is so important for it brings us closer to others, removing distance and breaking down barriers. There is power in a handshake, a hug, a gentle pat on the back, an arm on our shoulder gently guiding the way.

After the resurrection, Thomas, who was not with the other disciples when the risen Christ appeared to them, asked to touch the scars on the hands of Christ and stated that only then would he believe. When Jesus appears to Thomas, he is so moved by the encounter that he proclaims, "My master and my Lord." Yet we never learn whether Thomas touched Jesus or not.

Whatever happened in this encounter, it is what we might call "a touching scene," one that is deeply moving. Jesus does not condemn Thomas for his doubts, nor does he condemn the other disciples for their betrayal and denials. Rather Jesus meets them where they are, draws them close and touches them with a love that will live within them forever.

These touching post-resurrection scenes give us hope that the risen Christ can and does reach out to all of us. In these troubling times, as war rages in Ukraine, we pray that the presence and healing touch of the risen

Christ may be with us all, especially those who are in pain and despair. May the power of the risen Christ be at work in our world that peace may descend and that love, and life may triumph.

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 Lyonsuhring** 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastorgillian1885@gmail.com).**

### **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

March 17, 2022 Stated Meeting

- Received a letter from The Mt. Jefferson Presbyterian Church in Mt. Jefferson, NC requesting a letter of transfer for Don and JoAnn Frazier. The request was approved.
- Received a letter from the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia thanking St. Andrew for support in 2021 and acknowledging total donations of \$3,300.
- Approved a motion from Mission & Service to (1) donate \$3,000 from the Paul Reed earmark to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) designated for Ukraine and (2) receive contributions from the congregation between now and Easter for the same purpose.
- Scheduled ordination and installation for Elder Billy Roberts on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.
- Appointed Elder Danny Lovell as commissioner to the 129<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church.

*David McKercher; Clerk of Session*

## **HELP DECORATE the SANCTUARY** **for EASTER**

Potted flowers will be available to purchase in order to help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. You may dedicate the flowers "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. After the service, your flowers are yours to take home.

We are waiting on details from the florist. As soon as we know the specifics, we will let you know. In the meantime, please sign up with your intent.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a4da9a72fa20-brighten>

### **Once buying becomes available:**

- Envelopes will be at the kiosk or you can write a check for the total amount or put a note with details in your own envelope. Please remember to add who you are dedicating "In Honor Of (name)" or "In Memory Of (name)" with your order. This information will be published in the bulletin.
- Make checks payable to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (note: Easter flowers).
- Place envelopes in the offering plate or give to Helen Chapman, Flower Coordinator.
- **Deadline for ordering Easter flowers is April 10.** Call **Helen Chapman** with any questions 757-412-7847.

## **HIGHWAY & PLAYGROUND CLEAN-UP**



We are looking for volunteers to help with roadside cleaning on **Saturday, April 23** from **8:30 – 10:30**. This is open to all ages with a guardian. We will work along Rt. 17 for

roadside cleaning. Our designated area spans from Crittenden Rd. to Bennett's Pasture Rd.

Our playground needs some TLC too. We would like to clear out the leaves and clean out the flower boxes for planting. Other opportunities may also be available. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Angie at (757)615-3873.

~Angie Hillis-Baurle, Youth Group Leader

### **A little Bagpiper Editor humor...**

"Save the earth! It's the only planet with ice cream."\*  
(\*Seen on the internet: from a picture of an ice cream shop sign)

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**



The next Presbyterian Women circle meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Atrium. Lesson 8 is "Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church" from the Horizon Bible study book, "*What my Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*" by Merryl Blair. **Gloria Womble** is the lesson facilitator. All women of St. Andrew are welcome to fellowship and study anytime during the study year.

The Lent devotional, "Jesus, Friend of My Soul: Reflections for the Lenten Journey" by Joyce Rupp continues until Easter on the St Andrew Presbyterian Church Women's Circle Facebook page. (This is a closed Facebook group. Contact **Gloria Womble** if you would like to join.) The devotional is available as paperback or Kindle on Amazon. It has been a wonderful way to prepare for Easter.

Through proceeds earned from Kirk Night dinner along with other mission money, **we will send \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)**. The need for Ukrainian support during the current crisis is immense. The PDA works with trusted partners to help in refugee needs across Central Europe.

Session approved the PW fundraiser for late spring for the sale of polo shirts, denim shirts, baseball caps, and totes with St. Andrew Presbyterian Church logo on the item. The fundraiser will help support ongoing and new mission needs locally as well as globally.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator



**May 2022**

**Bagpiper articles  
due on April 24**

**St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report**  
**for Year-to-Date 2/28/2022**

	<u>Feb Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	
<b>Income</b>	\$50,345	\$75,782	\$84,709	
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<u>\$38,013</u>	<u>\$74,402</u>	\$84,185	
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$12,332</b>	<b>\$1,381</b>		
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			<b><u>Endowment Funds</u></b>	
<b>Bank Assets</b>	\$305,116		<b>General</b>	\$383,554
<b>Ed Jones Inv.</b>	<u>\$76,663</u>		<b>Mission</b>	<u>\$180,797</u>
<b>Tot Current Assets</b>	<b>\$381,779</b>		<b>Tot Endowmt</b>	<b>\$564,351</b>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>			<b><u>Mortgage</u></b>	
<b>Other Liabilities</b>	\$4,608		<b>Balance</b>	\$527,946
<b>Earmarks</b>	<u>\$186,833</u>		<b>Monthly Pmt</b>	\$5,200
<b>Tot Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$191,441</b>			
<b>NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) \$190,338</b>				

Our income year-to-date through February is slightly below what we budgeted, but the February value picked up over our January income. This was due largely to an increase in prepaid pledges which are prorated over the remaining months in the year. Our expenses were also below what was budgeted. Our net income year-to-date is positive at \$1,381. Our endowment funds took a hit because of the decline in the stock market in February, but together they still total over \$560,000. St. Andrew's financial position is healthy.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee

**FLOWERING CROSS**

On Sunday, April 17 (Easter), you and your family are encouraged to place fresh flowers from your yard on the wooden cross in the grass circle in front of the church. This will serve as a visual reminder of the new life we celebrate on Easter Sunday.

This is a great photo spot for family pictures.



**KIRK NIGHT**

The last Kirk Night will be on Wednesday, April 6. The meal begins at 5:45, followed by children and adult classes, and Chancel Choir practice. Meatball subs will be served for dinner.

Pastor Gillian's last Kirk Night class will be repeated on Monday, April 11 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Chancel Choir practice will continue on Wednesdays at 7:15, following the conclusion of Winter Kirk Night sessions.

**PRAYERS AND SQUARES**

Come join the Prayers and Squares group to create quilts and to enjoy time with friends. Our April meetings will be **Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 23** at 10:00 a.m. 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 it in Frances Jornov's church mailbox or contact Frances Jornov (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, Prayers & Squares Quilting Coordinator*

**APRIL SOUP KITCHEN**

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, April 21, 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 10:30 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 in 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*



Dottie Vann	2
Zie Medrano	3
Allen Zachary	3
Denise McAlpine	4
Gillian Weighton	5
Rob Baker	6
Mark Buehlman	7
Frances Jornov	8
Betty Hare	9
Bo Hamrick	12
Mark Morrell	12
Carolyn Tucker	13
Beth Lyon-Suhring	14
Hannah Emert	15
Martha Goodwin	15
Mark Hendrickson	15
Mike Babyak	18
Michelle Malven	20
Turner Coffman	21
Andrew Kowalski	21
Sarah West	22
Margaret Gartman	24
Terry Phelps	24
Landon Estes	25
Robert Hayslett	25
Charlotte Johnson	25
Andrew Stephenson	26
Dee Campbell	27
Wayne Gwaltney	27
Lily Hayslett	28
Josh West	29
Ashley Poe	30
Neve Stone	30



Sending Our  
**SYMPATHY**

Please remember in prayer, **Tom Endrusick**, whose father passed away on March 16, 2022.



3	Robert & Hope Bradshaw
18	Art & Tina Zachary
19	Andy & Helen Chapman
20	Roger & Malou Estes
28	Gary & Connie Parrish
30	Cam & Angie Ebel
30	Kevin & Amy Gray

### Bible Quiz\*



As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides

Answer: See Luke 19:40

### Bible Quiz\*



By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

- A. Didymus
- B. The Skeptic
- C. The Twin
- D. A and B
- E. A and C

Answer: See John 20:24, NIV and ESV

\*Bible Quiz from [www.newsletternewsletter.com](http://www.newsletternewsletter.com); April 2022 & April 2017.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – noon Prayers & Squares in Atrium	2
3 10:00 Worship Service Ordination & Installation of Officer 11:00 Church School for all ages	4 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 2:00 Pastor Gillian's Wed Kirk Nt class repeat on Zoom 7:00 AA & Al- Anon – CEB**	5 8:30 – 4:30 RSA (CEB**) 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 Bell Choir practice	6 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) <u>Last Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Meatball Subs 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages	7	8 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	9
10  One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages	11 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 2:00 Pastor Gillian's Last Wed Kirk Night class repeat on Zoom 7:00 AA & Al- Anon – CEB**	12 8:30 – 4:30 RSA (CEB**) 10:00 Presbyterian Women in Atrium 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 Bell Choir practice	13 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) Noon Widows Walk; library 7:15 Chancel Choir practice	14  6:30 Maundy Thursday Service	15  St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	16
17  10:00 Easter Worship Service Breakfast following the worship service NO CHURCH SCHOOL <u>Deadline for Financial                      Donations to Presbyterian                      Disaster Assistance</u>	18 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 7:00 AA & Al- Anon – CEB**	19 8:30 – 4:30 RSA (CEB**) 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 Bell Choir practice	20 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 7:15 Chancel Choir practice	21 Soup Kitchen at Salvation Army, Bank St. in Suffolk 6:30 Diaconate & Session meeting in Sanctuary	22 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 	23 8:30 – 10:30 Highway Cleanup 10:00 – noon Prayers & Squares in Atrium
24 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages <u>MAY BAGPIPER INFO DUE</u>	25 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 7:00 AA & Al- Anon – CEB**	26 8:30 – 4:30 RSA (CEB**) 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 Bell Choir practice	27 <u>Administrative                      Professionals                      Day</u> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) Noon Widows Walk; library 7:15 Chancel Choir practice	28	29 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	30

\*Renaissance School for the Arts (RSA) \*\*Christian Education Building (CEB)