



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

May 2022



“**Music Is the Message**” returns on Sunday, **May 15th** during the 10 o’clock service - you won’t want to miss it! The Chancel Choir, Celebration Bells, and the St. Andrew Combo will be participating. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your family, neighbors and friends to join you for worship as we celebrate God’s Love through music and song.



Sunday
May 8

WINTER SHELTER

St. Andrew is a Matthew 25 Church: Matthew 25:31-46 calls us to actively engage in our community and the world around us. “...what ever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” ~Matthew 25:40

Winter Shelter, Suffolk's program to house those experiencing homelessness, has been able to extend its motel shelter into the spring this year. St. Andrew is partnering with other local churches to provide meals for these neighbors of ours. St. Andrew’s week to provide food is May 9 – 15. This is a very easy opportunity to follow scripture’s guidance to feed the hungry. All you have to do is bring the food to church; we’ll take care of delivering it. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets outside the sanctuary. Contact **Beth Lyon-Suhring** if you have questions.



Memorial Day Sunday

May 29, 2022

Worship Service at 10:00

NO Church School Classes

TEACHERS AND GRADUATES

HONORED ON MAY 22

St. Andrew will recognize both sides of the classroom during our worship service on Sunday, May 22.

Each Sunday morning our education programming for infants through adults requires dedicated volunteers to teach, shepherd, or care for our nurseries. We give thanks for many faithful people who are currently serving in these positions, and we’ll recognize them at 10:00 a.m. on Teacher Appreciation Day.



We will also recognize our high school and college graduates with small gifts from the congregation on Graduation Sunday.

Thank a teacher, congratulate a graduate, and share some refreshments with us on May 22!

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

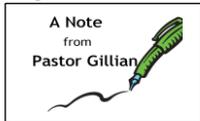
GROCERY COLLECTION for Migrant Farmworkers of the Eastern Shore

This June we’ll be turning our attention to issues of hunger during the Sunday church school hour. Each Sunday of the month we’ll focus on a different mission, and we’ll offer opportunities for hands-on projects to help alleviate hunger for those in need.

You’ll be hearing more about this intergenerational program in the weeks ahead, but we need to start now to gather supplies for one of these projects: groceries for migrant farmworkers of Virginia’s Eastern Shore.

Each year over 3000 farmworkers come to the farms of the Shore to harvest crops. While they help us have food to eat, their long hours and low pay often make it hard to put food on their own tables. St. Andrew will once again be partnering with other churches in our presbytery to collect groceries to donate this summer.

Please consider donating any of the following (*Article continues on page 3, including a shopping list of needed groceries.*)



Dear Friends,

When I was in high school, one of the plays that we were required to study was, *Look Back in Anger* by John

Osborne. There is a passage in the play that has always remained with me. The main protagonist, Jimmy Porter, an intelligent, educated but disaffected man says,

*“How I long for just a little ordinary enthusiasm.
Just enthusiasm, that’s all.*

*I want to hear a warm thrilling voice cry,
“Hallelujah! Hallelujah! I’m alive!”*

*O boy, it’s such a long time since I was with anyone
who got enthusiastic about anything.”*

Can you remember the last time you got enthusiastic about something?

To be enthusiastic is to show intense or eager enjoyment, interest or approval. Much of what we see and experience of the world these days, leaves us less than enthusiastic. It can be difficult to feel enthusiastic about the way things are unfolding. Faced with seeing others suffer and feeling impotent to help, we can end up feeling anything but enthusiastic, rather we feel weary and tired, anxious and upset.

The very word, “enthusiastic” comes from the Greek, “entheos” which means, “in God.” Perhaps this can remind us that “in God” we have much to bring us intense joy. Easter must surely make us enthusiastic as we remember that death has been defeated, that love has overcome hate and that the power of the Risen Christ is at work in the world and in our own lives, even when we cannot see it.

In John’s gospel, Jesus says to Mary,

“Do not hold onto me.”

In these few words, Jesus is urging Mary not to grasp at this new unexpected wonder, but to approach him with open palms, ready to receive the gifts being offered of life, hope, forgiveness and grace. Easter invites us to open our lives to new possibilities and new life. We must not try to hold onto how we think things ought to be but allow ourselves to be surprised by what God can and does do. Easter shows us that with God all things are possible and invites us to be enthusiastic about the good news that Jesus is risen, that life eternal is ours and that hate will always, eventually, be defeated by love.

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.

**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

April 21, 2022 Stated Meeting

- Received a letter from Holmes Presbyterian Church in Cheriton, requesting a letter of transfer for Jim and Carol Carnegie. The request was approved.
- Approved amendments to the Bylaws which will be presented to the congregation at a later date.
- Approved award of a contract to Hobbs Mechanical for the second phase of the HVAC project begun last fall.
- Approved the recommendation from the Property Committee solar power task team to proceed with the St. Andrew Solar Power Plan project. Details of the plan are provided elsewhere in this issue. (See page 3)

~David Mckercher, Clerk of Session

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Looking ahead to the summer - I’m looking for instrumentalists and singers who would be interested in helping out with the music during the summer. College students home for the summer? Does your schedule not allow you to join the choir? This is a great opportunity for you to share your talents with our church family. Please drop me a line at music.standrewpres@gmail.com or speak with me after a service to see about providing music for the prelude, and anthem or offertory music during the summer months. Thank you – Al Reese, Music Director

GROCERY COLLECTION

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...Please consider donating any of the following to the marked bins in the Atrium, so that we can give back to these workers who give so much to us. We'd love to pack at least 25 bags this year!

- 4-lb bag of MASECA (cornmeal)
- 2-lb bag of dried black or pinto beans
- 16 to 48-oz bottle of cooking oil
- 2-lb bag of enriched long-grain rice
- 12 to 18-oz can of jalapeno peppers
- Canned tomato sauce
- Canned vegetables
- All-purpose flour
- Cloth grocery bags

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

NEW SOLAR POWER PLAN

Session has approved the St. Andrew Solar Power Plan. In the next few months, the roof of St. Andrew will sport additional solar power panels. These panels will increase our existing solar electricity production to meet all of St. Andrew's predicted electricity needs.

This project is a proper stewardship function, of both the church and the earth itself. Funded by a loan from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Restoring Creation program, the additional solar panels will pay for themselves in 6 years. Over the next 25 years, St. Andrew stands to save \$324,000 in electrical bills. Furthermore, the church will put 65 fewer tons of CO2 into the atmosphere every year.

To do our bit, we will need the support of the congregation. Yes, we are actually going to install the panels ourselves. Our own **Tom Endrusic** is a mechanical engineer and has done this before. But he cannot do it alone. Anyone so moved to support this project with time or talent (or hopefully both!) should contact Tom. So, like Santa Claus, up on the rooftop, quick, quick, quick!

~Mark Hendrickson

WITH DEEPEST
SYMPATHY



Please keep **Warren & Leslie White** in your prayers. Warren's mother, Betty Cannon White, passed away on April 1, 2022.

ST. ANDREW APPAREL FOR SALE

Fundraiser sponsored by Presbyterian Women

St. Andrew Presbyterian Women will hold a fundraiser for PW mission support beginning in May. We will offer polo and denim shirts, caps and totes. Sales will be on **Sunday, May 15, 22, and 29** in the church Atrium before and after the church service. West Sportswear will monogram the items with the St. Andrew church logo with a turnaround time of 2-3 weeks. It is a wonderful way to represent St. Andrew in our community activities.



The following items will be available for sale:

- Men and Women's polo shirts: 65/35 poly/cotton pique in 37 colors, S-XL \$30, XXL \$32, XXXL \$32, XXXXL \$32
- Youth polo shirts: 100% polyester, 11 colors, \$25
- Men and Women's faded blue denim shirts: 100% cotton, \$35
- Unstructured adjustable ball caps: 9 colors, \$18
- Canvas totes, 4 contrasting colors: \$30

Check out our samples during sale time. If you are not able to be in church on those dates and would like to purchase an item, please contact **Martha Shephard** (703-501-2982), **Gloria Womble** (757-633-1126) or **Denise McAlpine** (757-979-2672). Payment by cash or checks (checks to St. Andrew PW, memo line – Sportswear.)

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

GRADUATE INFO NEEDED

Graduate announcements for the Bagpiper:



To all St. Andrew members who will graduate this spring from high school, college, or beyond: **email the details below to lizatucker@hotmail.com** by

June 19 so that they may be shared with our readers in the summer newsletter edition. You may also place a graduate announcement form (located at the Kiosk in the Atrium) in the Bagpiper Office mailbox.

Name of Graduate:

Parents' names or name of husband/wife (if appropriate):

Graduated from which school (and location of school):

Type of degree:

Future plans:

~Liza Tucker, Bagpiper Editor

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report
for Year-to-Date 3/31/2022

	<u>Mar Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	\$36,245	\$116,927	\$127,064
Expenses	\$40,108	\$114,510	\$127,348
Net	-\$3,863	\$2,417	
<u>Current Assets</u>			<u>Endowment Funds</u>
Bank Assets	\$306,834		General
Ed Jones Inv.	\$76,663		Mission
Tot Current Assets	\$383,497		Tot Endowmt
			\$571,978
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Other Liabilities	\$4,283		<u>Mortgage</u>
Earmarks	\$185,164		Balance
Tot Current Liabilities	\$189,447		Monthly Pmt
			\$5,200
NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) \$194,049			

Our income year-to-date (YTD) through March is below what we budgeted YTD by more than \$10,000. Both our pledge amounts received and loose plate collections were weak in March. Fortunately, our expenses were also below what was budgeted. The result was a small net income YTD of \$2,417. Our endowment fund balances saw a small increase in March reflecting the small March increases in the stock market. Our current financial health is therefore still good, with total current assets exceeding total current liabilities by \$194,049. However, over half of our current bank assets are restricted for use for our many earmarks.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering is the second special offering of the Presbyterian Church USA of the year. It will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 5. This offering allows Presbyterians to invest in the church's greatest resource – our youth – and join in ministries that address the needs of at-risk children and encourage, grow and support our young people. 40% of the offering will be retained by St. Andrew for investment in local programs focused on children at risk and development of youth. The remainder will be used by the larger Presbyterian Church to support Young Adult Volunteers (25%), Ministries with Youth (25%) and Advocacy for At-Risk Children (10%). Please give generously as you are able.

~Rob Estes, Mission

Thank you to all who contributed to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to show support for Ukraine. As of April 24, the total donated was \$7,320. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering totaled \$1,362.



**June 2022 Bagpiper articles
will be due on May 15.**

**Looking Ahead: Info for the combined
July/August summer edition
will be due on June 19.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



The final circle meeting of the study year is **May 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Atrium. Thank you to our guest lesson leader, **Beth Lyon-Suhring**. She will present *“What are These Women Doing in a Place Like This?”* from the Horizon Bible study book, *“What my*

Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew’s Genealogy of Jesus” by Meryll Blair. Please join us!

Looking Ahead: The 2022-2023 Horizon study starts in September titled *“Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God’s Gift of Rest and Delight”* by Carol Bechtel. The PW in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic plans a virtual Summer Gathering this year on June 10 and 11 and traditionally introduces the study by the author. More information will follow.

Birthdays/Thank Offering: St. Andrew Presbyterian Women support our national women with monetary donations for mission support to both the Birthday and Thank Offering. Each one supports a variety of projects here in the US as well as globally. The Birthday Offering is received in the spring and funds up to five projects in amounts of \$75,000 to \$150,000 each. This year the recipients are **Mission at the Eastward (MATE):** McCleary House Transitional Housing, Farmington, Maine and **Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares, Puerto Rico:** Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, Lares, Puerto Rico. The Thank Offering grants range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. 12 projects were chosen this year and at least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries. If you would like to support the PW mission, please make checks out to St. Andrew PW or SAPC with a notation **“PW Birthday/Thank Offering”** and place in the offertory plate or send to the church office; ATTN Sandy Poole. Donations will be accepted through early June 2022. The PW continues to be grateful for the support of St. Andrew in local as well as global needs.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

PRAYERS & SQUARES

How it all began...

Can you touch a prayer or pull it close and feel its comfort? You can if it’s part of a prayer quilt.

The Prayers and Squares ministry began at St Andrew in 2004. During our 18 years we have dedicated 668 quilts. They have been made for sick babies, for cancer and AIDS patients, for adults and children facing surgery or other difficult family situations, each person in special need of prayer. These quilts have been sent to several foreign countries and several states in the United

States.

Prayers & Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry, began in 1992 at Hope United Methodist Church in San Diego, California. Since then, it has expanded to include chapters in churches of many different denominations across the country and in Australia and the Marshall Islands. The idea behind these quilts is simple, yet powerful. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in special need – someone who has asked us to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that particular person. What makes each quilt special is the fact that prayer is symbolically tied into each one. They are a statement of faith, and a testimony to our belief in God and in the power of prayer.

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 to the left of the doors as you enter the Atrium. Place the form in the mailbox in the office or give it to **Frances Jornov**. You may also phone Frances (757-646-8955). There are many completed quilts in our cabinet. It is a great pleasure to share God’s love by giving a quilt to someone.



Would you like to learn more about how you can become involved in this outreach mission program? We need people to press fabric, tie knots, match up fabric, cut, hand and machine sew. If you are interested in learning, we would love to have you join us. The meetings in May are Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to noon in St. Andrew Hall.

May Anniversaries

2	Clyde & Bonnie Harper
6	Mark & Michelle Hendrickson
10	Doug & Katie Lemon
15	Peter & Kim Stephenson
16	Leif & Susan King
17	Don & Alyce Golding
19	Lisa & Scott Thibodeau
21	Kasey & Dee Campbell
24	Deborah & Rich Sessoms
27	Lee & Kira Livingston
27	Mark & Sonja Morrell
30	Christopher & Lucy Hill
31	Wayne & Amber Gwaltney



BIBLE QUIZ

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron

Answer: See Exodus 32:1-6



Stephanie Caggiano	2	Josh Romanczyk	17
Ruth Downing	3	Chloe Prince	19
Angela Martin	3	Maggie Prince	19
David McAlpine	3	Neil Wilson	19
Cara Boyle	4	Erin Boyle	20
Jennifer Henson	5	Art Zachary	20
Connor Parrish	5	Clay Ames	22
Thomas Seymour	5	Grace Wonpat	23
Rachel Thibodeau	6	Tyler Hayslett	24
Dorothy Robinson	8	Kelly Parrish	24
Lauren Hillis	9	James Sessoms	24
Austin Ebel	10	Lucy Willis	24
Maddie Ebel	10	Mary Romanczyk	25
Clara Spanos	11	Bruce Walker	25
Bonnie Franklin	12	Kerry Holt	27
Alex Gregg	13	Steve Suhring	30
Kyle Madden	14	Elizabeth B. Viser	30
Luke Estes	15		
Maggie Fears	15		
Kasey Campbell	17		

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Easter Breakfast was a huge success, providing over 100 of our church attendees the opportunity for fellowship after the Easter service. The Fellowship Committee wants to thank all the church members who donated food or helped with set up, serving, or clean up. Your help contributed to our being able to host this event. If you haven't already claimed your serving dishes, you will find them on the top of the mailboxes. Thanks again, and we look forward to our next event this summer.



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

SOLES4SOULS

The collection bin located in the St. Andrew parking lot has been removed (by the end of April) because Soles4Souls will no longer be able to support the physical location and staffing in Virginia.

Thank you for your support!

Kelly Modena, Vice President,
Community Partnerships; Soles4Souls

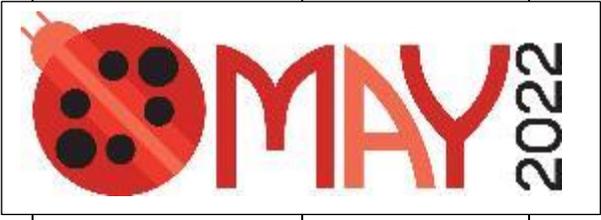
MAY SOUP KITCHEN

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, May 19, 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages	2 NO YOGA 10:00 Stitching, library 7:00 AA & AI- Anon – CEB**	3 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 Bell Choir practice	4 NO YOGA 7:15 Chancel Choir practice	5 	6 10:00 – Noon Prayers & Squares, St. Andrew Hall St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	7
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*Renaissance School for the Arts (RSA) **Christian Education Building (CEB)