



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

June 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY IS JUNE 5

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.



Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

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Wear red on Pentecost Sunday to represent the Holy Spirit giving life to the church.



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

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

FEED MY SHEEP

Intergenerational Church School Class in June for the WHOLE Family

Have you ever wanted to help hungry people but haven't really known how? You'll have a chance to do just that with hands-on projects for people of all ages during the Sundays in June.

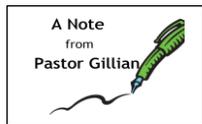
Many of St. Andrew's oldest mission partnerships are with agencies dealing with food insecurity. Read on for details on what we'll be doing to help four of these agencies.

Turn to page 3 to learn more about the plans for how you can help "Feed My Sheep" each Sunday in June.

We need your help to plan ahead for June 19: packing groceries for migrant workers. Please consider donating any of the following to the marked bins in the Atrium. We would love to pack 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



Dear Friends,

*“To laugh often and much;
to win the respect of intelligent people
and the affection of children;
to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the
betrayal of false friends;
to appreciate beauty;
to leave the world a bit better whether by a healthy child,
a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
to know even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.”*
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

What does success look like to you? By the standards of this world, success is usually measured by how much we earn, accomplish, own or control. Much as these are admirable benchmarks for success, they are driven by our need to prove ourselves worthy and to make ourselves feel important.

Emerson invites us to understand success in a very different light:

*“To know even one life has breathed easier
because you have lived. This is to have succeeded”*

This shifts the focus away from ourselves and what we can amass and attain and makes us think more about what we can do for others. When we pause, but for a moment, we realize that we have been blessed by many who have made us breathe more easily, those who have nurtured us, guided us, taught us and inspired us. Think of all those people without whom our lives would be the poorer and whose love and kindness have made us into the people we are today.

Then we might ask the question, “What can I do to make life easier for others?” In the simplest ways we can transform the life of another: a helping hand in times of need, a listening ear in times of uncertainty, a prayer offered for those who are in despair, a hug warmly embracing the fearful. These are all gifts, among others, which we can offer to without cost.

These times in which we are living are overwhelming and often we may feel daunted by the needs of the world and her people. Rather than let us be paralyzed by the enormity of these needs, we could make it our goal to do something for another person. In the life

of Jesus, we see the power of one person to transform the lives of others. Jesus reached out to individuals and blessed, taught, healed, forgave, fed and loved them. Likewise, Jesus then invites us to reach out and in so doing make life a little easier for those we meet along the way.

St Andrew is a Matthew 25 congregation, and we dedicate much of our mission and ministry to what Jesus says in Matthew 25:

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.”

We are not asked to save the world, but to change it and to change the lives of individuals for the better, knowing that when we do this, it is as if we were doing it for Jesus.

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.**



**Info for the
combined
July/August
summer edition**

will be due on June 19.

There will not be an August issue.

**Info for September will be due on
August 21.**

FEED MY SHEEP

**Intergenerational Church School Class in June
for the WHOLE Family**
(Continued from page 1)



Sunday, June 5 – Sorting food for Suffolk’s downtown food pantry. St. Andrew sends both food and money to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center’s downtown food pantry, one of the few agencies in Tidewater that remained open throughout the pandemic. Not only does the SCFC open their doors to walk-in customers, but they also do satellite food distributions throughout the city. We’ll be sorting a large donation of non-perishable food for them on this day.

Sunday, June 12 – Baking and decorating cupcakes for the Salvation Army’s Soup Kitchen. Once each month a band of St. Andrew cooks heads downtown to the Salvation Army to make and package a hearty lunch of soup for 125 hungry folks. Dessert is always cupcakes, made by some of our finest St. Andrew bakers. This month, however, you’ll get a chance to bake and decorate the cupcakes.

Sunday, June 19 – Packing groceries for migrant farmworkers. The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia partners with two Head Start centers on Virginia’s Eastern Shore to help support families of migrant farmworkers there during the summer. St. Andrew will be collecting groceries in the weeks leading up to this activity and will spend this class packing grocery bags to be donated to the farmworkers.

Sunday, June 26 – Making casseroles for ForKids. The ForKids agency helps families with children who are experiencing homelessness. St. Andrew provides Easter baskets each year as well as occasional meals

for the families. We’ll be making baked ziti casseroles together on this day.

There will be jobs for all ages during these Sunday projects, and we’d love to have you join us.

All projects will take place in the church Atrium at 11:00 a.m., after the morning worship service.

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

JUNE SOUP KITCHEN

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, June 16, 2022**. A limited number of St. Andrew volunteers are needed at noon to prepare and package the meals.

Cupcakes for June will be baked and decorated by an intergenerational church school class on Sunday, June 12. Please join us in the atrium if you are available to help with this mission project. (See article to the left for details.)

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.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Andrew will be partnering with the St. Andrew Preschool to offer "Under Construction," a preschool camp/Vacation Bible School on July 12-14. Part of the Preschool's summer camp series, this construction-themed camp will offer three days of indoor and outdoor activities as well as traditional Bible School components. Hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. More details will be forthcoming.

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education



**Father’s Day is
June 19, 2022**

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report
for Year-to-Date 4/30/2022

	<u>Apr Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	\$43,544	\$160,471	\$169,419
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$38,655</u>	<u>\$153,166</u>	\$169,439
Net	\$4,889	\$7,306	
<u>Current Assets</u>		<u>Endowment Funds</u>	
Bank Assets	\$325,594	General	\$364,230
Ed Jones Inv.	<u>\$76,663</u>	Mission	<u>\$171,682</u>
Tot Current Assets	\$402,257	Tot Endowmt	\$535,912
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Other Liabilities	\$4,637	<u>Mortgage</u>	
Earmarks	<u>\$289,167</u>	Balance	\$521,428
Tot Current Liabilities	\$293,805	Monthly Pmt	\$5,200
NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities)		\$108,453	

Our income for April improved and was slightly greater than our budgeted monthly income. However, our year-to-date (YTD) income is below our YTD budget by about \$9000 so we have a way to go to reach our target income. Fortunately, our expenses for April and our YTD expense totals were both below what was budgeted. The result is a net income of \$4889 in April and \$7306 YTD. The decline in the stock market resulted in a loss of about \$36,000 in our endowment funds.

They now show a total balance of \$535,912. All things considered, our current overall financial health is still good, with total current assets exceeding total current liabilities by \$108,453. St.

Andrew received a generous bequest from Jim Seibel's estate that will go into our endowment

funds.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee

Clarification on Solar Project

Some questions have arisen following the article in the May Bagpiper concerning the proposed solar project.

Session has, at this point, only approved this project on the condition that a loan is secured through the PILP (Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program).

The process for securing this loan of \$70,000 begins with our application being sent to the Trustees of the Presbytery for their approval, it then proceeds to PILP for their evaluation (similar to pre-approval of financing).

Once PILP has indicated it will approve the loan, then the congregation and the Presbytery will each have to vote to approve it. The Presbytery will meet next on July 19th.

Congregational approval is required by PILP to release the funds.

No work will commence until all four of the above steps of the loan process are fulfilled.

~Pastor Gillian

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Summer Gathering: As of May 15, details of the virtual Summer Gathering of the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic are pending. The summer gathering introduces the Horizon study which begins in September. This year the study is *"Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight"* by Carol Bechtel. The PW is hoping to have a Zoom watch gathering in St. Andrew's sanctuary on Saturday morning, June 11th. Schedule, registration information and more gathering highlights will be passed on when available.

Birthdays/Thank Offering: Thank you to those who provided financial support for the Presbyterian Women's annual Birthday/Thank Offering with final donations accepted June 5, 2022. Many deserving recipients of the offerings are funded here in the US as well as abroad. This year the Birthday Offering recipients were *Mission at the Eastward*: (McCleary House Transitional Housing, Farmington, Maine), and *Iglesia Presbiteriana de Lares*, Puerto Rico (Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, Lares, Puerto Rico). Twelve projects were chosen this year for the Thank Offering with grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000. At least 40 percent of the offering funds health ministries. If you would like to support the PW mission before June 5th, please make a check 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. As always, thank you from the PW.

Polo Shirt Fundraiser: Those who ordered polo shirts, denim shirts, totes, or ball caps with the St. Andrew church logo should receive them by the end of June, if not earlier. Fundraising monies will go to St. Andrew PW missions. It is a great way to represent St. Andrew in activities.

Our final circle meeting took place on May 10th for the study year. A big thank you to **Beth Lyon-Suhring** who was guest study leader. As a reminder, all women of St. Andrew are considered a part of the Presbyterian Women. If you have not been able to attend our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Atrium, the hope is that we will see you next year beginning in September. Our Coordinating Team meets in June to prepare for the coming year as well as plan social events during the summer. Everything we do is guided by our purpose which includes ministry, resources, and relationships.

SAVE THE DATE: Ladies' Night Out, Tuesday, July 12 at Gianna's Restaurant

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

NEW CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

TO BEGIN

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, June 13. We'll meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the library on the office hall of the church.

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. We'll be using *The Conscious Caregiver: A Mindful Approach to Caring for Your Loved One Without Losing Yourself* by Linda Abbit as the jumping-off point for our discussions.

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.

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.

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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

PRAYERS & SQUARES

Come join the Prayers and Squares group to create quilts and to enjoy time with friends. Our June meetings will be **Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 18** 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 in Frances Jornov's box 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 Coordinator

JOIN THE FLOWER COMMITTEE

Curious about the flowers at St. Andrew? We would love your input and talents on our committee!

We will have meetings to fellowship with one another and support each other. No experience necessary! Contact me to volunteer to:

- Deliver an arrangement on a Sunday
- Prepare a simple arrangement for the church on Sunday
- We share talents by hands on learning and sharing
- We will gather to learn about how to arrange flowers from simple bouquets to more involved ones with different textures and "filler"
- We will learn about bow tying and making

Contact: **Helen Chapman at 757-412-7847 or hcchapman10@gmail.com** by June 8 to come to a light lunch at my house on the Nansemond at a convenient time for the majority.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Corrie Walker	1	1 Bob & Rosalind Boyle
Kathy Hamer	2	5 Terry & Wendy Phelps
Charlene Barr	3	5 Ralph & Eileen Steinert
Lisa Thibodeau	3	5 Josh & Katie West
Eileen Steinert	4	7 Bob & Betty Woods
Daniel Henkel	6	9 Bill & Jill Byrd
Connor Kowalski	7	11 Rus & Carey Hayslett
Tom Bryan	9	12 Russell & Bobby Richards
Tom Endrusick	9	13 Thomas & Kathleen Czerwinski
Matthew Gregg	9	14 Steve & Martha Shephard
Martha Shephard	10	14 Mike & Karen Topping
Bill Byrd	12	14 Whit & Liza Tucker
Rob Estes	12	15 Wes & April Newman
Evelyn Jones	12	15 Shelley & Alfonso Pagliarello
Sydney Gregg	13	17 John & Sharon Newhard
Alexandra Justice	13	20 Herbert & Diane Bondurant
Jacqueline Justice	13	20 Billy & Joy Roberts
John Taylor	13	22 Morgan Colonna & Michael House
Elizabeth Milliser	14	22 Jennifer & Patrick Ryan
Trudy Webb	14	23 Hap & Ruth Chester
Kay A. Smith	17	26 Bo & Leslie Hamrick
Robert Bradshaw	18	26 David & Barbara Saunders
Angie Ebel	19	26 Doug & Rhonda Gordon
Midge Gray	20	27 Gus & Clara Spanos
Lee Livingston	21	30 Stefanie & Greg Lomax
Deborah Wyld	21	30 RC & Kim Stone
Patrick Chester	22	
Ginger Medrano	23	
Allison Spires	23	
Gwen Johansen	25	
Katie Lemon	25	
Logan Walker	26	
Dylan Poe	27	
Judy Bander	28	
Prestley Smith	28	

MISSION UPDATE

We are very proud to report that our total support to the Ukraine crisis came in at \$10,320.00 (\$7,320.00 from the congregation and \$3,000.00 from the Paul Reed Missions fund).

Love and kindness are never wasted. So are God's grace and blessings upon those who've touched many hearts and changed many lives. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

We would also like to report that the congregation also contributed \$1,362.00 to the One Great Hour of Sharing campaign this year. Please read Ruth 2:12.

~Mission & Service Team

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**)	2	3 10:00 – Noon Prayers & Squares in St. Andrew Hall St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	4
5  Pentecost Offering Received 10:00 Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages: Feed My Sheep Presbyterian Women Thank/Birthday Offering Due	6 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB**	7 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom	8 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) Noon Widows Walk; library	9	10 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	11 9:00 – Noon Presbyterian Women in Sanctuary for Virtual Annual Summer Gathering
12 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages: Feed My Sheep	13 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 6:30 – 7:30 Caregiver Support Group, library 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB**	14  6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom	15 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**)	16 Soup Kitchen at Salvation Army, Bank St. in Suffolk 6:30 Diaconate & Session meeting in Sanctuary	17 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	18 10:00 – Noon Prayers & Squares in St. Andrew Hall
19  10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages: Feed My Sheep <u>July/August Bagpiper info due</u>	20 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 5:00 – 9:00 Boy Scout Troop, Sanctuary & Atrium 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB**	21  6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom	22 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**)	23	24 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	25
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**Christian Education Building (CEB)