



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

September 2022

RALLY DAY

The 2022-2023 Program Year Begins!

After a summer of more relaxed schedules, St. Andrew is gearing up for Rally Day, the traditional kickoff to the new program year.



Rally Day, to be held on **Sunday, September 11**, will take the form of a Ministry Fair again this year. Join us in the Atrium at 11:00 a.m., immediately after

worship, and browse among displays by many of St. Andrew's committees and organizations. Our hope is that you will have a chance to explore some of our ministries and discover places that your talents, interests, and curiosity could shine.

Our theme is "**Room for Everyone**," and we believe just that – that there is room for everyone's gifts and talents in the work of God in the world. There is room for everyone's voice in our classes. There is room for every age and every ability. Furthermore, we all benefit when everyone shows up!

Always wanted to work on quilts in a group? Come talk with the Prayers and Squares members. Curious about adult education? Our Sunday morning teachers will be there. Ever thought you might like to help with service projects like house repair or meal

preparation? Our Mission and Service Committee folks would love to talk with you. Many other committees and groups will also be there with displays and people eager to talk with you throughout the room.

You'll also find light refreshments, served with our Fellowship Committee's characteristic hospitality.

Our regular Sunday morning classes for all ages will begin the following Sunday, Sept. 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the education building.

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education



In case you missed
the announcement in the bulletin...

AN AUGUST EVENT

Calling All Families: Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians, join us for a casual supper at Pastor Gillian's house from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 28. Our Christian Education staff and volunteers will be on hand to let you know what St. Andrew has planned for children and youth this fall. We will also share news about our adult classes on Sunday mornings and opportunities for all ages on Wednesday nights for Kirk Night. Please plan to join us!

FILL THE BARREL – FILL A BELLY CAMPAIGN

Have you noticed the barrel in the church atrium and wondered what it's all about? The Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center Food Pantry is kicking off its "Fill the Barrel-Fill a Belly" campaign, and *you* can help fill a belly in one of two ways!

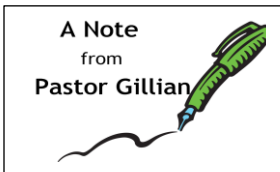
➤ You can contribute non-perishable foods to the barrel (or to the red bins) located in the atrium. *All* items are appreciated, but you might consider contributing some of the "Most Needed" items such as jelly, spaghetti sauce, Ramen noodles, Hamburger Helper or other meal starters, canned chicken, canned tuna, or soup.

➤ Do you sometimes forget to bring your canned goods to church? That's okay--you can still help! The barrel has a QR code on the front. Scan the code with your smartphone and you will get information on how to donate directly to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center Food Pantry. You can do it all from your phone!

We thank you for your ongoing support of this mission to feed our neighbors!

~Mission & Service Committee





Dear Friends,

Summer provides an opportunity for us to slow down a little, to pause and to recharge. The daily rhythms of life change

and we take time to enjoy the longer days, the warmth of the sunshine and, if we are fortunate, a change of scenery with vacations in places that restore our souls.

And as summer draws to a close, we turn our thoughts toward the new church year that begins on Rally Sunday, September 11th. In pondering where God is leading us at St Andrew as we look to the fall and our continuing mission and ministry, I am encouraged by these words from Oscar Romero, the late Archbishop of San Salvador:

*"It helps now and then, to step back
and take the long view*

*The Kingdom of God is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.*

*We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the
magnificent enterprise that is God's work.*

*Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying
that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.*

This is what we are about:

we plant seeds that one day will grow.

*We water seeds already planted,
knowing they hold future promise.*

We lay foundations that will need further development.

*We provide yeast that produces effects
beyond our capability.*

*We cannot do everything, and
there is a sense of liberation in realizing that truth.
This enables us to do something and to do it very well.*

*It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace
to enter and do the rest.*

*We may never see the end results, but that is the
difference between the Master builder and the worker.*

*We are workers, not the Master builder,
ministers, not Messiahs.*

We are prophets of a future not our own."

These words both inspire me and reassure me, for they serve as a reminder that we are the workers, and we are part of a wonderful enterprise, building God's kingdom, that began long before we arrived and, by God's grace, will continue long after we are gone. We do not need to be "messiahs" rather we need to be faithful to what God is calling us to do at this time and in this place.

As we begin the new church year here at St Andrew, may we all take a moment, or two, to ask what is God calling us to do? Where is God leading us? What seeds of love must we sow? What can we do to take a step closer to these words from the Lord's Prayer becoming a reality,

**"Thy Kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven."**

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Gillian

EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM

Please join **Pastor Gillian** for Evening Prayers each Tuesday night at 6:30 via Zoom in September.

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

August 18, 2022 Stated Session Meeting

- With deep sorrow, recorded the deaths Barney Nawyn on July 8th, Bob Woods on July 18th and Ruth Downing on July 23rd.
- Approved a Mission & Service motion to authorize an appeal to the congregation for donations to support a full scholarship in the amount of \$3,620 to the St. Andrew Preschool for the coming school year for a Ukrainian child from a family that is being sponsored, in part, by Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church. Donations will be deposited to earmark #3396 (Vanderslice Preschool Scholarship) with a current balance of \$626. Any funds in excess of the scholarship to remain in the earmark for future needs and any deficit to come from the Paul Reed Missions earmark (3240.3).
- Recorded adoption of the motion to approve the request from Property to award a \$2,500 contract to Hobbs Mechanical for replacement of the Bell Choir A/C unit compressor. The motion was made via email on July 28th and the vote was unanimous.

~David McKercher, Clerk of Session

KIRK NIGHT

St. Andrew's Mid-Week Program for All Ages September 21 through November 16, 2022

Kirk Night,* St. Andrew's Wednesday night program for all ages, will begin again on Wednesday, September 21. Kirk Night starts with a meal and includes classes or childcare for all ages. Come for the meal, join us for the classes, or take part in both.

Dinner Kirk Night dinners are provided by a different church organization each week. Check the church bulletin on Sunday to find the menu for Wednesday. Dinner begins at 5:45 p.m. and ends at 6:30 when classes start. The cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children, with a maximum charge of \$20.00 per family.



Classes Join our classes for elementary-aged children through adults. Nursery care is available for our youngest participants in Room 12 on the Preschool Hallway. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. and run through 7:30 p.m.

For Children

- 6:30-7:00 - **Music Makers Music Class** (Room 14, behind the sanctuary) Children from Kindergarten through fifth grade can participate in this child-centered music program. Led by Music Director **Al Reese**, children are introduced to new songs, musical prayers, and instruments that are all combined in Worship to praise God.
- 7:00-7:30 p.m. – The children's art class this fall will be "**Making a Jesse Tree: Exploring Jesus' Family Tree.**" Each week children will create a new ornament representing one of Jesus' ancestors. As they decorate their trees, they will learn about God's plan for Jesus. Led by **Beth Lyon-Suhring** and **Steve Suhring** in Room 103 on the first floor of the Education Building.

For Youth

- 5:45-7:30 – **Youth Group** meets in Room 202 on the second floor of the education building under the direction of Youth Director **Angie Hillis-Baurle**. Middle School and High School youth begin with dinner and enjoy fellowship and learning together.

For Adults

- 6:30-7:30 - Pastor Gillian's class, "**What Makes Us Human?**" (See class info to the right) Pastor Gillian's class will meet in Room 204 on the second floor of the education building. She will repeat the class on Monday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Contact **Beth Lyon-**

Suhring at lyonsuhring@hotmail.com to let her know you'd like to receive the Zoom link.

*"Kirk" is the Scottish word for church

~Beth Lyon-Suhring,
Director of Christian Education

PASTOR GILLIAN'S KIRK NIGHT CLASS

What Makes Us Human?

The Psalmist tells,

"What are humans that God is mindful of us,
and the children of humans that cares for them?
Yet God has made humanity a little less than God
and has crowned us with glory and honor."

Fine words, indeed, about being human and God's view of us. Yet on the one hand humans are capable of incredible goodness, compassion and kindness, while on the other, humans have caused untold damage to the earth and carried out unspeakable horrors on one another.

So, what is it that makes us human?

Our ability to walk upright?

Our brains?

Our social life?

Our language and symbols?

Our imaginations?

Our opposable thumbs?

Pastor Gillian's Kirk Night class will explore this question in the light of our faith.

~Pastor Gillian

SEPTEMBER SOUP KITCHEN

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, September 15, 2022**. The distribution of the meals continues to be through a drive-by system distributed by the Salvation Army staff.



Cupcakes are needed at St. Andrew by 10:30 on the day of the soup kitchen. Many

thanks to all who donate cupcakes each month.

~Gary Meyers

SUPPORT COALITION AGAINST POVERTY in SUFFOLK BBQ FUNDRAISER



Please plan to join your St. Andrew family and folks from many other Suffolk churches at the **Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk (CAPS) Annual Fundraiser Dinner on Sunday, September 18th**. The meal again will be catered by Capt. Bob's of Hertford, NC and will include, BBQ, fried chicken, coleslaw, hushpuppies & mac 'n cheese. Tickets are \$13 each. The meal will be served carry-out only at Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church at 3488 Godwin Blvd. in Suffolk from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The food is guaranteed to be plentiful and delicious as always.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.capsuffolk.org/bbq at any time or Sundays at St. Andrew through September 11th. Alternatively, you may contact **David McKercher** at dmckercher1@gmail.com or (757) 870-3362 no later than September 12th and he will make arrangements to get tickets to you. If you have a scheduling conflict that Sunday but would like to support the CAPS mission, consider a cash donation which will provide meals for Suffolk First Responders. Thank you for supporting this vital ministry that serves our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Suffolk.

~David McKercher

TAKE THEM A MEAL

Volunteers needed; Current list needs updating

Many thanks to all who have provided meals to members of the congregation this year. Your meals have been a wonderful expression of caring to others during times of illness or bereavement. We would love to have more volunteers to help in this ministry. We also need to update our list of current volunteers. If you are a current volunteer, please send an email confirming your contact info to susanmcox2017@gmail.com. If you would be willing to join us in this ministry, please contact me at the same email address.

~Susan Cox, Take Them A Meal Coordinator

HELP SUPPORT A FAMILY FROM UKRAINE

There is a family from Ukraine who is being sponsored by a local family in Suffolk. They have a 4 year old son who has enrolled in our preschool for the upcoming year. The Mission and Service Committee would like to support this family by covering the cost of tuition. At the St. Andrew Session meeting, it was expressed that there is also interest from some of the congregation to also support this. We will be accepting any donations from the congregation until the end of September (Checks payable to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, note Tuition Support). The Mission and Service Committee will cover any remaining costs from one of our earmark accounts. Thank you in advance for your support of this great cause.

~Mission & Service



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)



The Presbyterian Women begin the 2022-2023 Horizon Bible study on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the church Atrium. The study this year is titled *"Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight"* by Carol Bechtel. The introductory lesson will be presented by

Kay Dezern, counselor at Tidewater Pastoral Counseling.

Pastor Gillian will open our meeting with prayer, as well as install the Coordinating Team. The PW Yearbook will be available for distribution at that time. If you are interested and have not yet joined, contact **Martha Shephard** at (703) 501-2982. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. September to May.

Our final social of the summer was a great success. Fellowship, food, and fun were had by all at the "Retreat", the community center of PW **Loyce Bryan** and **Sylvia Ryder**. Many thanks for their hospitality as well as to **Laura Walker** who helped make it a special time!

For those who ordered caps from the PW fundraiser, West Sportswear is working on the order. Each will be notified when complete. Thank you for your patience!

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator



Music Notes from Al

Is it really the end of summer and the start of our program year? Why, YES, it is! If you are musically inclined, we have a place for you to participate in the musical life of St. Andrew.

Singers Consider joining the Chancel Choir – we'll meet on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 – 8:15 (when Kirk Night activities begin, we'll meet from 7:15-8:30). No audition, no previous experience is necessary – just a willingness to share your talents! Music reading is preferred, but not required ☺. We'd love to have you with us each week, but if your schedule only allows occasional participation, I'd invite you to sing with us for our annual Advent/Christmas cantata which will be presented during the service on Sunday, December 18th. Rehearsals for the cantata will begin in October. If you're interested, please let me know so I can have music for you.

Are you a (bell) ringer? Consider joining the Celebration Ringers – we'll meet on Tuesday evenings from 7:00- 8:15. The ability to read music is needed to be a ringer – if you would like to ring, but don't read music (yet), let me know, and we can work on it! We could use 2 more ringers to fully use the set of bells that we have.

Are you an instrumentalist? Our combo has very flexible instrumentation – acoustic, electric and percussion instruments fit together really well. If you have questions about the combo, please speak with Angie Hillis-Baurle on Sunday morning.

"Support Technology" Would you like to be more involved, but your talents are more towards the 'support technology' kind? We have opportunities to work with Rusty helping to run the sound board, run the livestream or even operating the video camera. Please stop by the sound booth after services on Sunday and speak with Rusty.

If you are interested in sharing your talents, please speak with us after service on Sundays, or please contact Al at music.standrewpres@gmail.com or (757) 416-2478.

~Al Reese, Music Director

CROSSWALK BEGINS ITS NINETEENTH YEAR

"God Keeps Promises"

CrossWalk, St. Andrew's Sunday morning program for four-year-olds through fifth graders, will begin its nineteenth season of exploring Bible stories with children this fall. In this workshop-based curriculum, kids spend three to four weeks on each Bible story, each Sunday through the lens of a different activity: drama, cooking, science, video, games, art, etc. By the end of each rotation, our hope is that the story will have become a part of the fiber of our kids' faith.

Our 2022-2023 season will be focused on the theme of "God Keeps Promises." We'll spend the fall looking at Old Testament patriarchs – Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph. In the spring we'll spend several months with the major stories of Moses' life. And, of course, we'll look at God's promises through the Christmas and Easter stories as well.

CrossWalk begins each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. in Room 104 on the first floor of the education building. Classes for youth and adults also meet at this time. The first Sunday of class will be September 18. We look forward to having your children be part of CrossWalk!

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education



*With
Christian
Sympathy*

SYMPATHY

Please keep in your prayers the family and friends of those who have recently lost loved ones.

- Ruth Nawyn's husband, **Barney Nawyn** (93), passed away on July 8, 2022.
- Betty Woods husband, **Bob Woods** (91), passed away on July 18, 2022.
- Long-time member **Ruth Downing** (93) passed away on July 23, 2022. (*Editor's Note: Ruth was the Bagpiper editor before I took over the job. ~Liza Tucker*)
- Lauren and Jordan Hillis's father, **Richard Hillis**, passed away on August 9, 2022.
- Lois Reese's mother passed away on August 22, 2022. Lois is the wife of St. Andrew Music Director Al Reese.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report
for Year-to-Date 7/31/2022

	<u>July Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	
Income	\$43,290	\$268,638	\$296,483	
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$40,012</u>	<u>\$265,774</u>	\$211,099	
Net	\$3,279	\$2,864		
<u>Current Assets</u>			<u>Endowment Funds</u>	
Bank Assets	\$259,230		General	\$392,974
Ed Jones Inv.	<u>\$76,675</u>		Mission	<u>\$172,407</u>
Total Current Assets	\$335,905		Tot Endowment	\$565,381
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Other Liabilities	\$4,449		<u>Mortgage</u>	
Earmarks	<u>\$238,321</u>		Balance	\$511,724
Tot Current Liabilities	\$242,769		Mnthly Payment	\$5,200
NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities)		\$93,135		

Our income for July was over \$10,000 more than our monthly incomes in each of May and June. As a result of this increase, we showed a net income of \$3,279 for July. This makes our year-to-date (YTD) net income slightly positive, equal to \$2,864. Our committees have done a good job as stewards of St. Andrew's funds managing a YTD decrease in expenditures of about \$30,000 below the amount budgeted. The turnaround in the stock market in July helped us recover over \$34,000 of the previous losses in May and June that we had seen in our endowment funds. With current assets over \$93,000 more than current liabilities, our current financial health is very good.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee

2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



St. Andrew will be kicking off their 2023 Stewardship Campaign around the first of September. Our theme for 2023 is "Stewardship is a Faithful Way of Living." Our logo shows the Presbyterian seal surrounded by the three words, "**TIME, TALENT and TREASURE**" to emphasize the ways that each of us can give to the church and to God. We can devote our time and talents to support the activities of the church, and we can provide funds to keep the church functioning and to support its activities. The Finance and Stewardship Committee will be mailing "Estimates of Giving" to each member family unit. We hope that each of you will consider giving generously to support St. Andrew.



"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." ~2 Corinthians 9:7

~Russell Richards, Finance & Stewardship

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Thanks to those who helped with the Cook Out on August 7, sponsored by the Fellowship Committee. Several Presbyterian men: **Russell Richards, John Taylor, Terry Phelps, and Danny Lovell** grilled the 120 hotdogs consumed during the meal. Thanks to them for a job very WELL DONE! (the job, not the hotdogs). We also thank those who stopped by and helped serve and clean up after the lunch. These events couldn't occur without the consistent support of our church family. We had at least 60 church members attend and take advantage of the fellowship opportunity.

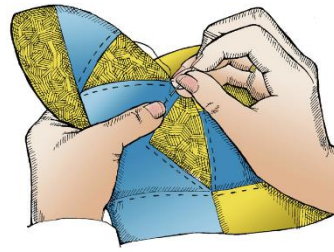
Hopefully you have joined us Sundays through the summer as church groups have brought refreshments. We have averaged 50-60 attendees who have enjoyed their time with other church members each Sunday. After two years without this fellowship, you can feel the energy, excitement, and love that is shared each time. The following groups get a huge thank you for bringing these refreshments and providing this arena for friendship: The Session, Deacons, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Beth Lyon-Suhring's Small Group, and Presbyterian Women. Thank members of these groups when you see them.

Fellowship will be providing light refreshments during the September 11 Rally Day event. While you are visiting the various Committee displays, stop by the Fellowship tables for a few snacks. And while you are visiting the Fellowship table, please take the time to learn more about our committee and consider signing up to be a "helper" with the Fellowship Committee as we host the various events during the year.

Keep watching the monthly Bagpiper for more events each month that will provide our members more opportunities for food and fellowship. Many activities are happening as we end the summer season and head into the Fall. We hope to see you at all the upcoming events.

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

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Prayers & Squares

Come enjoy time with other St. Andrew women and help make prayer quilts. Join the Prayers and Squares group on **Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 24** at 10:00 a.m. in St Andrew Hall. Choose what works for you--Friday and/or Saturday meetings. If you've been attending before, please bring whatever project you have and are working on. If you are interested in learning about quilts and sewing, come see what we are doing this month.

Currently we have a goal to make quilts for the children that will receive angel tree gifts at Christmas. We have 22 quilts completed and our goal is 40. Come help us reach that goal.

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** box or contact Frances Jornov at 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. They will fit in a pocket or purse and the person can take your prayers everywhere with them.

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.

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!

~Love in Christ, Frances Jornov



Thank You Notes

Many thanks to all who helped me after my recent fall in the Atrium. God sent me angels to bring me through an accident that could have had a different ending. I truly appreciate your friendship and love.

Lynne Wood
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A simple thank you for all the kind words, cards, prayers, the luncheon, the hugs and love you extended my family and me during our time of sorrow. We will miss our Bob long into the future but you all started us off in the right direction. A special thanks to Frances Jornov and the Prayers and Squares group for the prayer quilt. My granddaughter Charlotte was delighted when she learned the quilt filled with fairies, sparkle, love and prayers was for her, to calm and warm her as she travels her journey through life with an autoimmune disorder.

With Gods Love, Betty Woods  
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Bonnie and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, phone calls, food and most of all your prayers during our COVID ordeal. God has blessed us with a wonderful church family.

~Clyde Harper
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Thank you to all the folks who brought their fresh produce to St. Andrew and offered it free for the taking. Such a nice "Random Act of Generosity"; appreciated by many!!

~Marion Hale



## SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 15, 2022

Our annual tradition of packaging meals to help feed God's hungry children around the world will be held on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. All ages are encouraged to participate and great fellowship and fun are guaranteed! We will need a minimum of 60 volunteers with 6 coming early to help set-up at 8:30 a.m. The event will begin at 10:00 a.m. and last about two hours. We will also need 6 volunteers to stay after and help with cleanup.

St. Andrew has funds budgeted for 15,000 meals at \$0.40/meal. As Mission & Service has done in the past, the congregation is challenged to contribute to a special offering to increase that number. For example, \$100 will provide 250 meals. Designate your gift for "RAH" and send it to the church or place it in the offering plate any time up to October 2nd and register to participate in the Atrium. On-line registration will also be available. Look for instructions on that in the Sunday bulletin announcements.

~David McKercher and Angela Hillis-Baurle



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| Trish Hamilton      | 1  | Quinn Bradshaw    | 14 |
| Johnny Babyak       | 2  | Dusty Poe         | 14 |
| Don Golding         | 4  | Matthew Snyder    | 14 |
| Jeremy Walker       | 4  | Joan Jensen       | 18 |
| Angie Hillis-Baurle | 6  | Tim Hamer         | 18 |
| Sue Harrison        | 7  | Laura Welander    | 18 |
| Paul Smith          | 7  | Clara Coleman     | 19 |
| Jadyn Schoenberg    | 8  | Harry Cross       | 20 |
| April Newman        | 9  | Justin Henson     | 21 |
| Georgia Richardson  | 9  | Jim Topping       | 21 |
| Howard Goodwin      | 10 | Val Jacques       | 21 |
| Margaret Richardson | 10 | Steve Poole       | 22 |
| Kim Stephenson      | 10 | Amelia Corl       | 25 |
| Kristine Bevins     | 12 | Jacqueline Cutler | 25 |
| Rosalind Boyle      | 12 | Alexis Henson     | 25 |
| Christopher Hill    | 12 | John Caggiano     | 26 |
| Will Topping        | 12 | Bonnie Harper     | 29 |
|                     |    | Angela Snyder     | 30 |



## **SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES RETURN**

We extend a warm invitation to join in our adult education program immediately following the Sunday worship service. Whether you've been studying scripture for years or are new to the faith, we welcome you to add your voice to our conversations when classes begin on September 18.

All classes begin at 11:00 a.m. immediately after the morning worship service and meet in the church's education building, directly behind the main building.

**Faith Lessons on the Promised Land** by teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan is a video-based study, filmed on location in Israel. Participants will explore how God put a mark on God's people and on their land and how that mark still has relevance for faithful people today. Led by **Frances Jornov** and **Mary Catherine Foster**, the Jack Holladay Class meets in Room 206 on the second floor of the education building.

**Sermon on the Mount, A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven** by Amy-Jill Levine. Matthew 5-7 is a compilation of some of Jesus' best-known teachings. In this series of classes, participants will learn about The Sermon from a first-century Jewish perspective, and in so doing better understand how these words can speak to us today. The Challenge of Faith Class is led by **Steve Suhring** and meets in Room 204 on the second floor of the education building.

**The Wired Word**. How do the ancient texts of the Bible have anything to say to 21<sup>st</sup>-century parents? The Homebuilders Class will engage with an event in the news each week through the lens of scripture. Rich discussions using these navigational tools will help parents find hope and direction in their daily lives. Led by **Heather & Kevin Gregg** and by **Karen & Mike Topping**, the Homebuilders Class meets in Room 101 on the first floor of the education building.

## **Mobility Aid Devices Available for Loan**

St. Andrew has a number of donated mobility aid devices available for helping you or a loved one with mobility issues.

Items are located in the education building's first-floor stairwell. They include a wheelchair, a wheeled transport chair, a rolling walker with seat and hand brakes, a knee scooter, an adjustable raised toilet seat, and a portable folding aluminum 9' ramp.

Call the church office to arrange for pickup. We ask that you return the item(s) when your need subsides.

If you need a permanent ramp installed, contact Russell Richards and SAMS Helping Hands (see details below).

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



### **SAM'S Helping Hands\***

**(SAM – St. Andrew Men)**

**Not able to get around much anymore?  
Need a hand with painting, yard work,  
transportation, general maintenance?**

**For Details about help,  
call Russell Richards**

**at 757-538-0515**

**or**

**the church Office**

**at 757-238-3550.**

*\*A free service for St. Andrew members  
provided by*

*St. Andrew Presbyterian Men.*

*If we cannot handle your need, we will work  
with you to help you  
identify and hire a contractor.*



Love is the spark that kindles the fire of compassion. Compassion is the fire that flames the candle of service. Service is the candle that ignites the torch of hope. Hope is the torch that lights the beacon of faith. Faith is the beacon that reflects the power of God. God is the power that creates the miracle of love.\*

—William Arthur Ward

\*From [www.newsletternewsletter.com](http://www.newsletternewsletter.com); September 2022



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## Bible Quiz

Besides being known for his proverbs about wise living, King Solomon was knowledgeable in other fields, including which of the following?

- A. zoology, including ornithology and ichthyology
- B. botany
- C. herpetology
- D. songwriting
- E. A and C
- F. B and D
- G. All of the above



Answer: 1 Kings 4:29-34

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## SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

**Thank you** to Karen Topping and the Service Committee for sponsoring the school supply collection. **Danny Lovell & Rob Estes** delivered the supplies to ForKids in Suffolk for distribution to local children.

Many thanks to all who donated supplies to help our neighbors in this way!



| Sun                                                                                                                                                         | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                  | Tue                                                                                                                                                          | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                | Thu                                                                                                                    | Fri                                                                                                                   | Sat                                                          |
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|                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 1                                                                                                                      | 2<br>St. Andrew<br>Volunteers<br>Deliver Meals<br>on Wheels                                                           | 3                                                            |
| 4<br>10:00 Worship<br>Service;<br>Communion<br>11:00 Light<br>Refreshments &<br>Fellowship                                                                  | 5<br><br><b>LABOR DAY</b><br>No Yoga<br>10:00 Stitching,<br>library<br>7:00 AA & Al-Anon<br>– CEB** | 6<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>on Zoom<br>7:00 – 8:15<br>Celebration Bells                                                                                      | 7<br>9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**)<br>7:00 – 8:15 Chancel Choir                                                                                                                                        | 8                                                                                                                      | 9<br>10:00- noon<br>Prayers &<br>Squares; St<br>Andrew Hall<br>St. Andrew<br>Volunteers<br>Deliver Meals<br>on Wheels | 10                                                           |
| 11<br>10:00 Worship<br>Service<br>11:00 <u>Rally Day<br/>and Ministry Fair</u><br>Last Day to<br>purchase tickets<br>to CAPS* BBQ<br>Fundraiser             | 12<br>9:00 – 10:00 Yoga<br>(CEB**)<br>10:00 Stitching,<br>library<br>6:30 – 7:30<br>Caregivers, library<br>7:00 AA & Al-Anon<br>– CEB**                                              | 13<br>8:30 – 4:30 RSA***<br>(CEB**)<br>10:00 Presbyterian<br>Women Circle in<br>Atrium<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>on Zoom<br>7:00 – 8:15<br>Celebration Bells | 14<br>9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**)<br>Noon Widows Walk;<br>library<br>7:00 – 8:15 Chancel Choir                                                                                                       | 15<br>Soup Kitchen at<br>Salvation Army,<br>Bank St. in Suffolk<br>6:30 Diaconate &<br>Session meeting<br>in Sanctuary | 16<br>St. Andrew<br>Volunteers<br>Deliver Meals<br>on Wheels                                                          | 17                                                           |
| 18<br>10:00 Worship<br>Service<br>11:00 Church<br>School for all<br>ages<br>11:00 – 2:00<br>CAPS* BBQ<br>Fundraiser<br><u>October Bagpiper<br/>Info Due</u> | 19<br>9:00 – 10:00 Yoga<br>(CEB**)<br>10:00 Stitching,<br>library<br>5:00 – 7:00 Boy<br>Scout Troop,<br>Sanctuary & Atrium<br>7:00 AA & Al-Anon<br>– CEB**                           | 20<br>8:30 – 4:30 RSA***<br>(CEB**)<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>on Zoom<br>7:00 – 8:15<br>Celebration Bells                                                    | 21<br>9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**)<br>1:00 Preschool Chapel in<br>Sanctuary<br><u>Kirk Night Begins</u><br>5:45 Dinner<br>5:45 Youth Group<br>6:30 Programs for all ages<br>7:15 – 8:30 Chancel Choir | 22<br><br>First Day of<br>Autumn  | 23<br>St. Andrew<br>Volunteers<br>Deliver Meals<br>on Wheels                                                          | 24<br>10:00- noon<br>Prayers &<br>Squares; St<br>Andrew Hall |
| 25<br>10:00 Worship<br>Service<br>11:00 Church<br>School for all<br>ages                                                                                    | 26<br>9:00 – 10:00 Yoga<br>(CEB**)<br>10:00 Stitching,<br>library<br>6:30 – 7:30<br>Caregivers, library<br>7:00 AA & Al-Anon<br>– CEB**                                              | 27<br>8:30 – 4:30 RSA***<br>(CEB**)<br>6:30 Evening Prayer<br>on Zoom<br>7:00 – 8:15<br>Celebration Bells                                                    | 28<br>9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**)<br>Noon Widows Walk;<br>library<br><u>Kirk Night</u><br>5:45 Dinner<br>5:45 Youth Group<br>6:30 Programs for all ages<br>7:15 – 8:30 Chancel Choir                 | 29                                                                                                                     | 30<br>St. Andrew<br>Volunteers<br>Deliver Meals<br>on Wheels                                                          |                                                              |

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