



# The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

October 2022



**Saturday, October 15, 2022**

**10:00 - Noon**

Our annual tradition of packaging meals to help feed God's hungry children around the world will be held on **Saturday, October 15** in the Atrium. 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*

## **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**

This third Special Offering of the PCUSA for the year will be received on **October 2nd**, World Communion Sunday. Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God's peace, empowered by God's joy, reminds us that we are connected to each other. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us. Seventy-five percent of the offering will be used by the larger church in programs advocating for peacemaking and justice. The remaining 25% will be retained at St. Andrew and donated to support a local charity. Please give generously as you are able.

*~Mission & Service*

## **2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

*"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*

The Finance and Stewardship Committee will be mailing out stewardship letters and "Estimate of Giving" cards on September 30 to each member family. The cards will request that you identify the amount you estimate you will give in 2023 for 2 categories: operations and building/capital. Typically, about 80% of our expenses are for operations and 20% for building (mostly the mortgage on our Education Building, but also for the...



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## **DEDICATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 23**

*Join us for a meal & fellowship following the worship service.*

On Sunday, October 23, St. Andrew will be celebrating Dedication Sunday. A meal will be provided by the Finance and Fellowship Committees after the Sunday service. We look forward to providing food and an opportunity for fellowship as a culmination to our day of dedicating our stewardship cards.

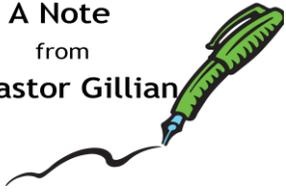
The Finance Committee will be providing the meat for our dinner and the Fellowship Committee will be securing all the wonderful sides to complement their meat donation. AND THAT IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP. We are looking for volunteers to bring a hot dish of vegetables, potatoes, or macaroni and cheese; OR a cold dish of salad or fruit; OR a dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk, and we will also be sending out an email to all those who are on the memorial reception mailing list normally sent out by Sandy Poole. Watch for this email and the sign-up sheet on the kiosk by the first of October. If you want to call to make your contribution, please contact **Kay Smith** at (717) 614-7585, or [jokaysmith@charter.net](mailto:jokaysmith@charter.net).



We thank you in advance for your food contribution and look forward to enjoying this time of fellowship on October 23, 2022.

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

A Note  
from  
Pastor Gillian



Dear Friends,

*“Gratitude though is more than a mental exercise, more than a formula of words. We cannot be satisfied to make a mental note of things which God has done for us and then perfunctorily thank God for favors received. To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything God has given us – and God has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of God’s love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings immense graces from God. Gratitude, therefore, takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God.”*

~ Thomas Merton (Trappist Monk)

These words of Thomas Merton were written in a volume titled, “Thoughts in Solitude.” Perhaps it is only in moments of quiet solitude that we take time to reflect on life and realize just how blessed we are by God. When life is busy and noisy, when demands are high and energy is low, we can become too focused on simply getting through the day and counting blessings is low on our list of priorities. Yet we know that our blessings are many and that every moment of life is, indeed, a gift from God’s gracious hand. Every breath we take is given by God, and with every beat of our hearts, God is there.

Our reasons for giving thanks to God are many for our lives, even with their challenges, are rich with an abundance of good things that money cannot buy - love, faith, friendship, health and life.

As a congregation we are also richly blessed, and St Andrew provides for us a place where we can worship together, serve God by serving our neighbor and enjoy the bonds of community that give us comfort, strength and fellowship that sustain us through these days of deep divisions in our world.

Merton says that our gratitude ought to be more than a mental note of things God has done for us and ought never to be unresponsive. So, how do we respond to God’s blessings?

Here at St Andrew, we are entering our season of stewardship when we ask you to consider your pledge to the mission and ministry of this congregation. My plea is that you will respond out of your abundance and out of gratitude to God and give generously even as God has given generously to us. Whatever you are able to pledge, no matter the amount, is all much appreciated, well received and wisely used to make God’s love known. Each little bit helps, and everything that is given will be gratefully received. All of us are able to give something and each gift makes a difference. In anticipation of your generosity, I extend my thanks and pray that as God has filled our lives with many blessings, we shall respond by giving back to God to show our appreciation.

May God’s peace be with you,

*Pastor Gillian*

## FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS THIS FALL

**SUNDAYS AT 11:00 A.M.** (Classes meet on the second floor of the Education Building)

- **The Jack Holladay Class**, led by **Frances Jornov & Mary Catherine Foster**, is studying ***Faith Lessons on the Promised Land*** by teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan (a video-based study).
- **The Challenge of Faith Class**, led by **Steve Suhring**, is studying ***Sermon on the Mount, A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*** by Amy-Jill Levine (Matthew 5–7)
- **The Homebuilders Class**, led by **Heather & Kevin Gregg and Karen & Mike Topping**, will engage with an event in the news each week through the lens of scripture.

**TUESDAYS at 6:30 p.m. (Evening Prayers)**

Join **Pastor Gillian** on Zoom for Evening Prayers. **Beth Lyon-Suhring** sends out the Zoom invitation by email on Tuesday morning. 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).

**WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 p.m. (Adult Kirk Night Class)**

**What Makes Us Human?** led by Pastor Gillian

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

**MONDAYS AT 2:00 P.M. (Pastor Gillian's Kirk Night Class)**

**Pastor Gillian** will repeat her Wednesday evening Kirk Night class via Zoom. Contact **Beth Lyon-Suhring** at [lyonsuhring@hotmail.com](mailto:lyonsuhring@hotmail.com) if you would like a Zoom invitation to this class.



**Kirk Night** (*Kirk is the Scottish word for church*) continues on Wednesdays in October, beginning with a meal at 5:45, followed by children's programming, youth group, an adult class with Pastor

Gillian, and chancel choir practice. Meals are \$4.50 for adults, \$2.50 for children, with a maximum of \$20 per family.

**Classes:**

- **6:30 – 7:30 Adult Class: "What Makes Us Human?"** Led by **Pastor Gillian** (See details to the left)
- **6:30 – 7:00 Music Makers Music Class** for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade using songs musical prayers, and instruments in Worship to praise God. Led by Music Director **Al Reese**.
- **7:00 – 7:30 Children's Art Class** Ages 4 through 5th grade. **"Making a Jesse Tree: Exploring Jesus' Family Tree."** Each week children will create a new ornament representing one of Jesus' ancestors. Led by **Beth Lyon-Suhring & Steve Suhring**.

**Youth Group 5:45 – 7:30** Middle, High School and College students meet with Youth Director **Angie Hillis-Baurle** in the Youth Room located in the Education Building.

**Adult Choir 7:15 – 8:30** Chancel Choir practice

**Childcare is available from 6:30 – 8:30** Infant through five-year-olds in the Nursery in the Preschool hallway.

## CROSSWALK

**St. Andrew's Sunday morning program  
for four-year-olds through fifth graders**

The fall CrossWalk theme, "God Keeps Promises," will continue in October; we'll be looking at Jacob & Esau.

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. We look forward to having your children be part of CrossWalk!

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education



**BAGPIPER DUE DATES:** November Bagpiper info will be due on **October 23**. December 2022 and January 2023 will be a combined issue, with info due on **Friday, November 18**.

## 2023 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

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sanctuary/atrium complex). The Estimate of Giving card also has checkboxes where you can reply that you cannot estimate an amount now, but you will contribute as you can during the year. **We request that every family return their marked and identified card (minus the stub) to provide indication of any families that were not given proper opportunity to participate** (e.g. lost in the mail). The information that you provide on your card is confidential. It is seen and recorded by only one person (our Receiving Treasurer) at St. Andrew.

As you probably know, tithing is a biblical term that refers to giving 10% of your income. However, in most churches, less than 15% of the families actually tithe. In fact, Christians in America give an average of 2.5% of their income to their churches. We ask that you consider pledging a generous percentage of your income to support St. Andrew. Churches are also affected by inflation. Every little bit helps! We all should be giving in some way: time, talent or treasure. It's about the heart. It's about living with the attitude it is a blessing that God loves us and has blessed us.



Dedication Sunday is October 23. We ask that you



*Dedication Sunday*

return your cards no later than that date. Our stewardship letter will include an addressed envelope so that you can mail, or otherwise return, your

response to us. If you prefer, your sealed reply can be placed in an offering plate before, during or after, if unavoidable, Dedication Sunday. During the Dedication Sunday service, there will be a period when members of the congregation can deliver their pledges. Following the Dedication Sunday service, the Fellowship and Finance committees will provide a dinner in the atrium to thank you for your support. We hope that you all will attend.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee

## OCTOBER SOUP KITCHEN

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, October 20, 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.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)



The **October PW Bible study** circle meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, **October 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** Horizon's Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol Bechtel Lesson 2, "Sabbath and Creation," will be facilitated by **Loyce Bryan.**

We experienced a wonderful gathering in September with opening prayer and installation of the Coordinating Team by Pastor Gillian. "Sabbath and Celebration" was led by **Kay Dezern**, counselor at Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Services. It was a time of quiet reflection communing with God along with discussion of what "Celebrating Sabbath" means individually and collectively to each of us. It is wonderful to welcome several new faces to our PW!

Thank you once again on a successful fundraiser sale of shirts, hats, and totes. If interested, there is one remaining denim shirt, men's size medium for sale at cost for \$28. We think some women would look great in the shirt as a cover jacket. Check it out in the Atrium! **Save the Date:** Our Christmas social is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at The Retreat at Bennett's Creek community center (thanks to Retreat residents PW Loyce Bryan & Sylvia Ryder for hosting) from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. There will be no scheduled circle meeting the morning of December 13 to allow more PW to attend the social. More info to follow.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

September 15, 2022 Stated Meeting

- Approved the request from Congregational Care to move forward with planning for an Outer Banks Retreat in the spring of 2023 and for a Fall Preschool Sunday, tentatively planned for November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Approved the request from Mission & Service to proceed with the Suffolk United Thanksgiving food collection ("Peas on Earth") and the Salvation Army "Angel & Mitten Tree" Christmas project, both which are holiday traditions at St. Andrew.
  - Directed Finance to obtain an independent review of the church books prior to the November submittal of the Session records to Presbytery for review.
  - Appointed Elder Billy Roberts to represent St. Andrew as our commissioner at the October 25<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

~David McKercher, Clerk of Session

**St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report**  
**for Year-to-Date 8/31/2022**

	<u>Aug Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	
<b>Income</b>	\$39,516	\$308,153	\$338,837	
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<u>\$41,727</u>	<u>\$307,501</u>	\$336,931	
<b>Net</b>	<b><u>-\$2,211</u></b>	<b><u>\$652</u></b>		
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			<b><u>Endowment Funds</u></b>	
<b>Bank Assets</b>	\$241,097		<b>General</b>	\$380,725
<b>Ed Jones Inv.</b>	<u>\$76,675</u>		<b>Mission</b>	<u>\$167,033</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$317,772</u></b>		<b>Tot Endowment</b>	<b><u>\$547,758</u></b>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>				
<b>Other Liabilities</b>	\$4,452		<b><u>Mortgage</u></b>	
<b>Earmarks</b>	<u>\$230,409</u>		<b>Balance</b>	\$508,507
<b>Tot Current Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$234,861</u></b>		<b>Monthly Payment</b>	\$5,200
<b>NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) \$82,911</b>				

Our income fell off a bit in August and our expenses exceeded the income by \$2,211. This negative income for August dropped our year-to-date (YTD) net income to \$652. Our committees continued to be good stewards of St. Andrew's funds with our YTD expenses about \$30,000 below the YTD budget. The gains seen last month in the value of our endowment funds vanished with the August declines in the stock market.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee

**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](mailto: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



Dear St. Andrew Family,  
 Thank you to all for the cards, visits and meals when I had my surgery. I am so blessed to have such a loving church family of friends. Who knew someone my age would have an emergency appendectomy? Believe me, it was not on my bucket list! 1 Thessalonians says, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I rejoice in my friendships at St. Andrew and for your continued prayers for healing. I am ever so grateful for you all!

Love in Christ,  
 Hope Bradshaw



- November 26 Hanging of the Greens**
- December 13 Presbyterian Women Christmas Social**
- December 18 Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata**

## PRAYERS & SQUARES

Come enjoy time with other St. Andrew women and help make prayer quilts. Join the Prayers and Squares group on **Friday, October 7 and Saturday, October 22** at 10:00 a.m. in St Andrew Hall. Join us for one or both 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 close to 30 quilts completed and our goal is 40. Come help us reach that goal.

You may 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. They will fit in a pocket or purse and the person can take your prayers everywhere with them. If you are 12 or older and would like to learn to sew and make quilts, come to a meeting and Frances will get you started. Give Frances a call if you want more details or have questions.

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Come join us; we would love to have your help. 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



Bob Boyle	1	Cooper West	13
Andrew Snyder	1	Leslie White	13
Tyler Baurle	2	Wes Newman	14
Garrett Ellenor	2	Ruth Chester	15
Brett Endrusick	3	Sean Golding	15
Doug Gordon	3	Cal Vann	15
Hannah Hamrick	3	Alexis Korahaes	16
Carrie Estes	5	Katherine Gwaltney	17
George Perry	5	Marc Richardson	17
Rhett Franklin	6	Warren White	17
Gary Parrish	6	Sonja Morrell	18
Carolyn Coffman	7	Stefanie Lomax	21
Joe Sessoms	7	Carole Prince	22
Curtis Corl	8	Inga Miller	23
Kris Baker	9	Melissa Coleman	24
Vivian Smith	10	Christopher Taylor	25
Lindsay Spires	10	Betty Beard	26
Sandra Carnegie	11	Rachel Smith	26
Angel Henkel	13	Jeff Coston	28
Sandy Poole	13	Harrison Senter	28
Jeremy Spires	13	Benjamin Gregg	29
		John Schalk	30

### **OCTOBER**

4	Mark & Vanessa Buehlman
4	Stephen & Lindsay Steele
7	Bert & Sheryl Senter
7	Paul & Rachel Smith
9	Frank & Gloria Womble
13	Rob & Kris Baker
19	Irene & BL Whitfield
22	Robert & Kerry Holt
23	Travis & Harmony Madden

### **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 SAM\*'s Helping Hands (\*St. Andrew Men)

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

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2 <u>World Communion Sunday</u> Peace & Global Witness Offering to be received 10:00 Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages	3 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 2:00 Zoom: Repeat of Pastor Gillian's Wednesday Night Class 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB**	4 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	5 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner - Subs 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:15 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	6	7 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – Noon Prayers & Squares	8
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\*\*Christian Education Building (CEB) \*\*\*Renaissance School of the Arts (RSA)