



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

November 2022

GIFT CARDS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Welcome and Congregational Care Committee will be sending our college students gift cards as a way of letting them know we are thinking about them and wishing them well on their exams in December. We would like to send each of them a \$10 gift card so they can enjoy a meal and recharge while studying. Please consider donating a gift card to Chick Fil A, Starbucks, Subway, Panera, or similar and place it in the office mailbox of **Sonja Morrell** or **Lynne Wood** no later than November 6.



If you'd prefer, you can make a monetary donation to the committee to purchase gift cards. Make checks payable to St. Andrew with a note "College Gift Cards". Thank you in advance for your donation! Please contact **Lynne Wood** at woodpile_lb@charter.net or **Sonja Morrell** at hisonja@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

"Peas" on Earth



St. Andrew will participate in the Suffolk United Thanksgiving Dinner food collection/distribution again this year by providing a minimum of 250 cans of sweet peas (more is better). Our collection will continue through November 17. Please leave your donation of canned sweet peas at the designated location in the Atrium any Sunday or at other times during the week, but please call ahead to ensure the church is open before coming. Let's make this a bountiful Thanksgiving for our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Suffolk by meeting a "stretch" goal of 300 cans of sweet peas.

Suffolk United Thanksgiving food give-away will take place on Saturday, November 19.

~ Mission & Service

TIME CHANGE!

Daylight-Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 6, so **don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, November 5.**



Daylight-Saving Time Ends



A family event: Help decorate the sanctuary, then stay for a meal provided by the Fellowship Committee

The annual "Hanging of the Greens" will be held on **Saturday, November 26, starting at 4:00 p.m.** The decorating of the sanctuary with Christmas ornaments and poinsettias heralds the beginning of the Advent season, so plan to be a part of making our sanctuary beautiful.

There is lots of work for all ages, so make it a family event. After the decorating is complete, the Fellowship Committee will provide a meal of lasagna, salad, and dessert. Mark your calendar and plan to join us for this festive event. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk to indicate that you can attend, but walk-ins are welcome if you forget to sign-up.



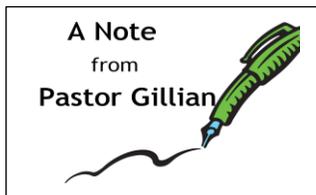
If you have questions about Hanging of the Greens, contact **Susan Cox**, Worship Committee, or about the Fellowship Meal, contact **Kay Smith**, Fellowship Committee.

Details about Angel Tree (gifts for children), Silver Bells (gifts for seniors), Stockings (for children) and Mitten & Sock Tree & Hygiene Kit donations are on page 3. All items will be due no later than Sunday, November 27.

RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE IAN

St. Andrew Church will be making a donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund to support families impacted by hurricane Ian. Any member who would like to add to this donation can do so by writing a check to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church with a note, Hurricane Support. It will be a very long and slow recovery process to get the impacted communities back to a viable status. Our thoughts and prayers go to everyone who has been impacted and all of those who are assisting in the recovery and cleanup process.

~Danny Lovell & Rob Estes, Mission Committee



Dear Friends,
 Robert Fulghum,
 writer of the wonderfully
 named book, "All I Really
 Know I Learned in
 Kindergarten" tells a story

about his daughter, Molly, when she was very young. Molly handed her dad two brown sacks before he headed out to work one morning. She told him that one of the sacks contained his lunch and the other was a mystery. Molly gave her dad strict instructions not to open the second sack until after lunch. When asked what was in the second sack, Molly simply replied, "stuff." At lunchtime. Fulghum remembered the second sack and taking it out of his briefcase, he emptied the contents onto his desk.

The contents appeared to be random bits and pieces; two hair ribbons, a plastic dinosaur, a pencil stub, a tiny seashell, two animal crackers, a marble, a small doll, two chocolate kisses and a handful of pennies. Later in the day as Fulghum tidied up before making his way home he wiped the contents of the mystery bag aside. That evening over dinner Molly asked her dad where was the sack that she had given that morning. Fulghum told his little daughter that he left it at work. Molly was curious to know why he had left it there. She said, "Daddy those were my things, the ones I really like. I thought you might like to play with them." As Fulghum reflected on what had happened that day he realized that these were Molly's priceless treasures and out of love for him she had shared them. He, however, had not taken the time to appreciate both the treasures and the love in which they were shared with him.

This little story serves to remind us that we often overlook the priceless treasures that have been given to us. We can become so focused on what we are doing that we do not notice the beauty of the world around and the gift that is each new day of life. Or we can be too busy complaining about what we do not have that we fail to be grateful for all the ways we have been richly blessed. Priceless treasures are overlooked every day; the gift of family and friends, the warmth and security of our homes, the joy of good health, the sustenance of fresh food and the faith that undergirds our life and assures us of God's love.

As we draw close to Thanksgiving, let us try to be thankful every day for the priceless treasures that we

enjoy, remembering that they are given to us from our generous and gracious God.

May God's peace be with you all,

Pastor Gillian

EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM

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

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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

October 20, 2022 Stated Meeting

- Approved request from the Worship Committee to hold a "Blue Christmas" Service on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 PM.
- Approved request from the Worship Committee to hold two Christmas Eve services, the first at 4:00 PM and the second at 7:00 PM with Communion served.
- Approved request from the Worship Committee to move January Communion from the 1st of January to the 8th.
- Approved request from the Welcome and Care Committee for a Christmas Social, tentatively scheduled for December 18th.
- Approved request from the Welcome and Care Committee for two \$175 Scholarships for the Outer Banks Retreat in March 2023, to be funded from the Paul Reed Memorial earmark.
- Authorized a committee to be formed to review the Church Use Policy and revise it as necessary.

~David Mckercher, Clerk of Session



4 Mike & Tricia Haverty
 9 Jack & Peyton Ellenor
 13 Jeff & Angela Snyder
 18 Rhonda & Dave MacMelville
 18 Bruce & Lara Walker
 26 Turner & Carolyn Coffman
 29 John & Kay Smith

ST. ANDREW 2022 ANGEL TREE

The annual Christmas Angel Tree project will kick off early this year! You can help make someone's



Christmas brighter when you sign up online starting in early November using Sign-Up Genius. We have sign-ups for "Silver

Bells" (seniors) and "Angels" (children), or you can choose to fill a stocking for a boy or girl between the ages of infant-12 years. For those who are reluctant to sign up via computer, we are offering to help you sign up after church services in November, or you may contact **Beth Lyon-Suhring** in the church office (238-3550), and she will assist you.

Our sign-ups and gift collection will take place throughout November. Just go to our Sign-Up Genius sign up page ([you should receive an email from the church inviting you to visit the site](#)), choose a recipient, sign up, and shop. It's EASY! Tags typically include some wishes and/or needs, the child's gender and age, and clothing sizes so that you can get some ideas of what you might like to purchase. **All gifts (new and unused items) need to be returned unwrapped to the church atrium by 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 27.** We will then deliver the items to the Suffolk Salvation Army so that local families will have them in time for Christmas.

If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Topping** (ktopping@trinitynn.com) or **Becky Nagy** (bnagy31@gmail.com) from the Service Committee, or **Beth Lyon-Suhring** in the church office. Thank you in advance for your help with this project!

MITTEN & SOCK TREE AND HYGIENE ITEMS

One of St. Andrew's oldest and most loved holiday rituals involves one past-its-prime artificial Christmas tree covered by dozens and dozens of mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves contributed by our congregation. All the donated winter items go to the Salvation Army and are distributed to folks who will be quite literally warmed by the gifts.

We'd be delighted with any donation you bring for the 2022 Mitten Tree, but this year we are encouraging the gift of SOCKS as well. These can be socks for adults,



teens, or children, and they can be anything from a multi-pack of white athletic socks to dress socks to kids' socks covered with animal prints.

We'd love to cover the Mitten and Sock Tree this year!

Also, we will be collecting individual-sized deodorants, shampoos, toothpaste & brushes, lotions, and hairbrushes, which will be packed into kits for youth by our own youth Sunday School class.

This year's Mitten Tree and a box for hygiene items will be up in the Atrium by Sunday, Nov. 6. Deadline for contributions is November 27, 2022.

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

MARY HAD A BABY, AN ADVENT STUDY ON ZOOM

Advent in the Christian church is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. St. Andrew's Christian Education Department will be offering a time of preparation for our congregation. It will be a four-week study of African American spirituals, **Mary Had a Baby**, via Zoom beginning on Sunday evening November 27 and running through Sunday, December 18. Each class will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The African American spiritual speaks of a God who is both powerful and above us and also right here with us in the midst of our hurting world. We'll be looking at four spirituals: "Mary Had a Baby," "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow," "Children, Go Where I Send Thee," and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain."

The discussions will be led by **Beth Lyon-Suhring**. Join us as we examine this quintessentially American music and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Contact Beth at lyonsuhring@hotmail.com if you'd like to be added to the email for the Zoom link.

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

Welcome and Congregational Care Committee will be hosting a Fall Preschool Sunday on Nov. 13, 2022. An invitation is extended to our preschool families, teachers and the congregation to church at 9:15 a.m. for a light breakfast prior to the 10:00 a.m. service. The children will perform songs during the church service. Pastor Gillian will also recognize the families and teachers during the service. Let's have a good turnout to welcome our preschool families and teachers.

~Lynne Wood, Congregational Care



Music Notes from Al



It's that time of year – we've all gotten back into our routines after a full, busy summer. Kirk Night is in full swing, the Choir and Bell Choirs are in rehearsal, and the Combo is like the Energizer Bunny – they keep going!

Have you been thinking about joining the music ministry? It's not too late, we're happy to welcome folks at any time. Please feel free to speak with me any time if you are interested:

music.standrewpres@gmail.com or (757) 416-2478 or after any service

Christmas Cantata: Looking ahead, the choir is preparing our annual cantata – this year we will be presenting Joseph Martin's "A Ceremony of Candles" during the service on **December 18th**.

Do you enjoy listening to handbells? I also direct the Virginia Handbell Consort – if you want a handbell concert to get you in the Christmas mood, this season's concerts schedule is:

- Nov 19th, 2 p.m. – The Chesapeake
- Nov 20th, 4 p.m. – Warwick Forest
- Nov 27th, 4 p.m. – Suffolk Presbyterian Church
- Dec 3rd, 7 p.m. – St. Mark Lutheran Church (Yorktown)
- Dec 9th, 7:30 p.m. – Churchland HS (Portsmouth Community Concerts) ticketed concert
- Dec 10th, 7 p.m. – Reformation Lutheran Church
- Dec 17th, 4 p.m. – St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Suffolk)
- Dec 18th, 5 p.m. – Old Donation Episcopal Church (Virginia Beach)

SAVE THE DATE

A CHRISTMAS SOCIAL FOLLOWING THE CANTATA ON DECEMBER 18

A Christmas Social is planned for Sunday, December 18th, after the worship service. Everyone is asked to bring a favorite cookie, bread, dessert, etc. There will be cookie decorating for everyone. A sign-up sheet will be in the



Atrium starting after Thanksgiving. Plan on attending with your family.

~Lynne Wood, Sonja Morrell, Congregational Care
Kay Smith, Fellowship

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)



The next PW monthly meeting is scheduled **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Atrium. **Frances Jornov** will lead the Horizon's Bible Study, *Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight* by Carol Bechtel Lesson 3, "Sabbath and Sunday." Please join us as it is never too late to participate in fellowship and study. If you need a study book, let **Martha Shephard** know.

Kirk Night Meal: PW is scheduled to provide the dinner for Kirk Night, **November 9, 2022**. Breakfast for Dinner will be served. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the PW Kiosk nearer to the date.

Save the Date: Christmas social 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 circle meeting that month with adjustment to the lessons in the spring.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

The December 2022 & January 2023 newsletter will be a combined issue with info for both months due on Friday, November 18. (Please be aware of the Friday due date, to accommodate the editor's Thanksgiving schedule.)



Karen Sawtelle	1	Mike Coleman	16
Ethan Caggiano	1	Rileigh Estes	18
Sayge Taylor	1	Thomas Nixon	19
Carol Wilson	1	Fran Kolipano	20
Jim Perkinson	2	Travis Madden	21
Alyce Golding	4	Betty Woods	21
Jennifer Ryan	4	Lily Hendrickson	22
Betsy Beard	5	Evan Richardson	22
Julia Gresham	6	Faye Mayberry	23
Kristen Baurle	7	David Saunders	23
Kristina Zachary	8	Buddy Dye	26
Lauren Haverty	9	Marie Dye	26
Kathy McKercher	9	Tyler Lentini	26
Heather Coston	11	Kyle Gray	27
Thomas Goodwin	11	Jim Parker	28
Barbara Saunders	12	Hunter Webb, Jr.	28
Spencer Buehlman	14	Loyce Bryan	29
Cordelia Seymour	14	Ashlee Robb	29
Judy Ulrich	14	Andrew Nagy	30
Zach Walker	14		
Jill Byrd	16		

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report

for Year-to-Date 9/31/22

	<u>Sept Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	
Income	\$26,202	\$334,355	\$381,192	
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$38,647</u>	<u>\$346,152</u>	\$378,865	
Net	-\$12,445	-		
		\$11,797		
<u>Current Assets</u>				<u>Endowment Funds</u>
Bank Assets	\$224,044			General
Ed Jones Inv.	<u>\$76,717</u>			\$354,298
Total Current Assets	\$300,761			Mission
				<u>\$155,439</u>
				Tot Endowment
				\$509,737
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Other Liabilities	\$4,923			<u>Mortgage</u>
Earmarks	<u>\$221,478</u>			Balance
Tot Current Liabilities	\$226,401			\$505,279
				Mnthly Payment
				\$5,200
NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) \$74,360				

Our income in September was the lowest monthly total since January, and our September expenses were among the highest this year. The result was a net loss for the month of \$12,445, the highest monthly loss this year. In addition, our endowment funds fell to \$509,737, a drop of almost \$40,000 from last month. Inflation and the decline in the stock market have weakened our financial position. Keep this in mind when you submit your "Estimate of Giving" cards.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee

A NOTE FROM THE RECEIVING TREASURER

At Saint Andrew, there are three categories of donations for operations:

- (1) "Pledged" for members and non-members who return identified Estimate of Giving cards with amounts designated,
- (2) "Unpledged" for members who either do not return a card or return a card with the "Unable to contribute..." box marked, or
- (3) "Loose Plate" for non-pledging non-members.

As of October 24, 2022, I have received two 2023 cards with amounts designated but no name(s) provided. If I am unable to identify these donors (\$425/month, \$1000/year), future identifiable donations from them will be designated as 'Unpledged' or "Loose Plate", as appropriate. Unidentified cash donations are always designated as anonymous "Loose Plate". FYI, all "Loose Plate" donations received on the fifth Sunday of a month go to the Deacon's Fund.

~Whit Tucker, Receiving Treasurer



Please keep **Ruth Nawyn** and her family in your prayers as they grieve the sudden passing of Ruth's son Ken on October 10, 2022.



Thank You
Note

Thank you to the congregation for all the many prayers, well wishes, and cards received concerning Mary's physical problems. These are a great support and source of comfort. ~Gary & Mary Meyers

NOVEMBER SOUP KITCHEN

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, November 17, 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.



St. Andrew volunteers fix 150 trays with an apple and a cupcake, and then add soup and crackers.

PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares quilting group has been very busy; we have 45 children and youth quilts completed to be given to the children and youth that will receive angel tree gifts. There are many designs: Batman, Superman, trains, jeep prints, animal fabrics, 'I Spy Quilts' and more. 40 will be chosen, matching the quilt to the child's age. *A huge thank you to the women who have helped create these quilts!*

November meetings will be **Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 19** at 10:00 a.m. in St Andrew Hall. Come enjoy time with other St. Andrew women and help make prayer quilts. 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.

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. 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!



Sunday, October 23, St. Andrew celebrated the process of submission and dedication of our congregational pledges for the financial support of St.

Andrew and all the church's missions and services that we provide. The procession of church members presenting their pledges to Pastor Gillian was heartwarming and a reflection of the caring generosity of our church members. A big thank you to all who have given.

The celebration continued as about 100 members stayed for fellowship and a bountiful meal of fried chicken and sides. The Finance Committee purchased the chicken for the main course and the Fellowship Committee coordinated obtaining the remainder of the menu and did the setup, serving and clean up. Our church members generously supported the effort by providing hot and cold dishes and desserts that filled the tables with many delicious offerings. They also pitched in to help clean the atrium after the meal. The event was yet another example of the sharing and giving that is so much a part of St. Andrew.

Thank you to all members of St. Andrew who were part of our Dedication Sunday activities: the pledges, the food, the fellowship, the clean up! Every component makes our church family stronger and more capable of supporting our members and our missions.

~The Fellowship and Finance Committees



GIRL

Congratulations to Drew & Gwen Johansen as they welcome new granddaughter, Lily Anne (7 pounds, 20 ounces; 20 inches long) to their family.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 Dec 13: PW Christmas Social Dec 14: Blue Christmas Service Dec 18: Christmas Cantata Dec 18: Christmas Social following the worship service		1 8:30 – 4:30 RSA*** (CEB**) 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	2 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) Kirk Night 5:45 Dinner 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:15 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	3	4 10:00 – noon Prayers & Squares, St. Andrew Hall St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	5 Set clocks back one hour tonight— Daylight Saving Time ends tomorrow	
6 <u>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</u> 10:00 Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages <u>COLLEGE STUDENT GIFT CARDS DUE</u>	7 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**	8 8:30 – 4:30 RSA*** (CEB**) 10:00 Presbyterian Women Circle in Atrium 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	9 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) Kirk Night 5:45 Dinner 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:15 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	10	11 No Meals on Wheels Delivery  VETERANS DAY	12	
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27 First Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages 6:30 Advent Study on Zoom <u>ANGEL TREE & MITTEN TREE ITEMS DUE</u>	28 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 10:00 Stitching, library 6:30 – 7:30 Caregivers Group, library 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB**	29 8:30 – 4:30 RSA*** (CEB**) 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	30 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB**) 7:00 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	 NOVEMBER 2022			

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