



# The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

March 2023

## LOOKING AHEAD TO EASTER

Save these dates for Easter events at St. Andrew  
(more details in the April Bagpiper):

- Purchase Easter flowers to help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday (dates for purchasing flowers TBD)
- Palm Sunday Service; April 2 at 10:00am; One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received (see article on page 5)
- Maundy Thursday Service; April 6 at 6:30pm
- Easter Sunday Service; April 9 at 10:00am
- Easter Sunday Breakfast following the 10:00am service (Look for the food donation sign-up sheet in the Atrium)

## EASTER BASKET COLLECTION TO BENEFIT ForKids IN SUFFOLK



Easter Baskets

St. Andrew Service Committee is collecting Easter baskets, candy, and other small basket filler items for boys and girls ages 2 – 17 through Sunday, March 26. The baskets will be assembled and delivered to

ForKids in downtown Suffolk so that they may be distributed to local families in need.

Place your donations in the plastic tub in the Atrium (suggested items include: wrapped candy, small toys, baskets, small crafts, Easter grass, books, individually packaged toothbrushes, and toothpaste).

If you want to support this mission but are unable to shop, please write a check to St. Andrew and note **Easter Baskets** on the memo line.

Baskets will be assembled in the church atrium on Saturday, April 1 (9:00-11:00) and help is needed! Please contact **Kyle Madden** ([Kyle.F.Madden@hii-nns.com](mailto:Kyle.F.Madden@hii-nns.com)) or **Becky Nagy** ([bnagy31@gmail.com](mailto:bnagy31@gmail.com)) if you would like to help.

Thank you in advance for your donations and for sharing God's love this Easter!

*(Easter Sunday is April 9, 2023.)*

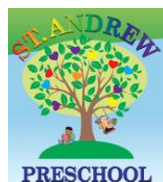
## GIVE...ACT...PRAY



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing emergency relief and short-term recovery in the impacted areas through long-standing partners in Syria, in addition to ACT Alliance members in Syria and Turkey, all of whom are already on the ground. PDA will remain active throughout the entire recovery process, accompanying our partners in the area as they determine long-term program needs and providing financial support for building and resilience. Session has approved a \$3,000.00 donation from one of our earmark funds and would also like to allow our membership the ability to show their support. Anyone wanting to make a donation can do so by noting on their check "Turkey/Syria Earthquake Victims" and we will make sure that we include these dollars with our donation. Please keep everyone impacted by this disaster in your thoughts and prayers. We will be collecting donations through the end of March.

*~Mission & Service Team*

## PRESCHOOL SUNDAY ON MARCH 19

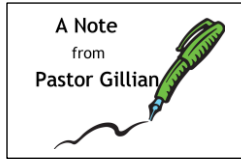


The Welcome and Congregational Care

Committee will be hosting a Spring Preschool Sunday on March 19, 2023. An invitation is extended to our preschool families, teachers and the congregation to join us in the St. Andrew Atrium at 9:15am for a light breakfast prior to the 10:00am service. Pastor Gillian will recognize the teachers and families during the church service.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12. SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11.**



Dear Friends,

*“Jesus called the disciples to him and said,  
“I have compassion for these people.”  
(Mt. 15:32)*

There is rarely a day that goes by without our seeing people who are in need of our compassion. On the news, there is an endless stream of human suffering and need that plays out before our eyes and leaves our hearts aching. The recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria has left millions without food and shelter. Tens of thousands have lost their lives and families grieve their passing while wondering how they will continue to live amidst the devastation. Hardly a day goes by, but some other crisis is drawn to our attention, whether that be through the daily news, strangers we meet in passing, or those we know and love whose pain hurts us deeply and causes us to feel powerless to help.

Hurting people turned up everywhere Jesus went, and his days were filled with trying to meet the myriad needs that people brought to him. There were the hungry who needed to be fed, and the beggars who were impoverished and to add to their pain were cast aside as worthless. Jesus met a father, desperate for his daughter to be healed, and a mother burying her only son. He came across a young person burdened by seizures and a leper ostracized by their community. With empathy and compassion, Jesus embraced them all and many more. He was patient with those who were distressed and wept with those who grieved. This depth of relentless compassion must surely have taken its toll on Jesus, yet day after day he gave of himself and the precious gift of kindhearted attention and love. In return for his compassion and empathy, Jesus was betrayed and denied, scorned and crucified. And yet, he continued to love, and even now loves us.

As we begin our own journey through Lent toward Holy Week, and then Easter Sunday, let us consider what we can do to stand in solidarity with those who hurt and suffer today. All of us have it within our power to ease the burdens of others, listening to their stories, offering a hand of friendship, helping as we are able to lighten the load and keeping others in our prayers.

May we also in our own lives, in these days when our hearts are weighed down by the ways of the world, know the gentle compassion and care of Jesus whose love for us stopped at nothing, not even a cross.

Uplifted and strengthened by the knowledge of this love, may we find it in our hearts to love others and play our part in helping to heal this world and the hearts within it that have been broken.

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 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](mailto: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](mailto:pastorgillian1885@gmail.com).**

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

### **February 16, 2023 Stated Meeting**

- Received and recorded thank you letters from the Water Mission and Restoration Farms for our 2022 donations.
- Approved a \$3,000.00 donation to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from one of our earmarks to support the Earthquake victims in Turkey/Syria.
- Approved a \$1,000.00 donation to CAPS in support of a local Suffolk resident who is experiencing difficulties due to diabetes and is awaiting a transplant.
- Approved a fundraiser to help support the preschool.
- Approved 2 requests to use St. Andrew Church for upcoming scouting events.

~Danny Lovell, Elder

## **LENTEN STUDY** **ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK**

### **On Line or In Person**



What does the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus mean to Christians? St. Andrew invites you to join one another in this Lenten study as we encounter Jesus in ***On the Road to Jerusalem – Binge-Reading the Gospel of Mark.***

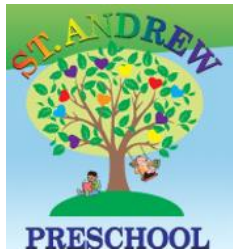
We will offer two opportunities

for this class:

- Sundays online at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, from February 26 through April 2
- Tuesdays in person at 1:00 p.m. at Knott's Coffee Shop, 1500 Bridgeport Way, Suffolk, from February 28 through April 4.

Our gatherings, both online and in person, will be conversational in nature, and we'll learn together as we explore Mark's story. Participants will receive reading assignments ahead of time. No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary! The conversations will be facilitated by **Beth Lyon-Suhring**. Please contact Beth at [lyonsuhring@hotmail.com](mailto:lyonsuhring@hotmail.com) if you'd like to join one of the classes.

## **ST ANDREW PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**



Preschool registration for fall 2023 is now open. Children 30 months to 5 years accepted. We offer 2, 3, and 4 day options. Contact **Amanda Greco**, Preschool Director, today at 757-714-2211 or [standrewdirector@gmail.com](mailto:standrewdirector@gmail.com). Details about the preschool can be

found at [www.standrewpreschool.com](http://www.standrewpreschool.com)



*Thank You  
Note*

Our church family is amazing! I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, texts, and good wishes for a speedy recovery from my surgery.

♡ Bonnie Harper

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW)**



Please join us for our next PW circle meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Atrium. Lesson 7 on "Sabbath and Self-Care" will be led by **Helen Chapman**. We welcome all to participate in study as well as focus on the desire to nurture our faith and to support the mission of the church worldwide.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic will hold their Summer Gathering at Massanetta on June 8-11. Guest presenter is the Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir who will introduce the 2023 Horizon Bible study titled: *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*. It will be an in-person event as well as virtual. More information will follow.



Thank you for the generosity of the congregation in the support given to our PW Christmas Mission. A total of \$1000 was raised which will be divided between rental

assistance to Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk (CAPS) and in the purchase of Emergency Life Packs. The packs contain essential items given by churches assisting refugees and asylum seekers in border regions. St. Andrew is a giving church, and it never goes unnoticed.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator



## **Music Notes from Al**

Good seats are still available in the Chancel (singing) Choir – we meet for rehearsals on Wednesday nights at 7:30 when Kirk Night meets, and at 7:00 when Kirk Night is not in session.

Mark your calendars now! **Music is the Message Sunday 2023** will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> during the 10:00am service; the Chancel Choir, Combo and Celebration Ringers look forward to presenting the message of God's love through the medium of music.

~Al Reese, St. Andrew Music Director

## **PRAYERS & SQUARES**

### **St. Andrew's Quilting Ministry for those in need of prayers**

Do you have a friend, co-worker, or family member that has health issues, is experiencing difficulties, or is making challenging decisions? Let them know God is with them by sharing a prayer quilt with them. You can choose a Prayer Pocket Square or a lap quilt Prayer Quilt.

Prayer Pocket Squares are small quilted squares with one tie that you can send in a card or letter or give to a friend, or give to someone to show you are thinking of them and praying for them. You do not have to make a request. Look for them in a plastic bin in the atrium. Anyone can just look at the squares in the bin and choose one to give to someone. Say a prayer, tie a knot, place it in a thinking of you card and give it. Let someone know you care and are praying for them.

You may request a Prayers and Squares lap sized quilt by completing a request form found at the Welcome Kiosk or by contacting **Frances Jornov** (francesjrnv@charter.net or 757-646-8955). Place the form in the mailbox in the office or give it to Frances. These quilts will be placed on a quilt rack in the atrium for people to say a prayer and tie a knot. There are many completed quilts in our cabinet. It is a great pleasure to share God's love by giving a quilt to someone.

Prayers and Squares will meet on **Saturday, March 25**, at 10:00am. We will only meet once in March. We can use all helpers and you don't need to know how to sew. There are jobs that don't require sewing skills and all ages are welcome. Also, we are beginning to create quilts to give to the children as part of their Angel Tree gifts again this December. Interested in helping us--come join us.

Would you like to learn to use a sewing machine?? Frances Jornov would be happy to help you learn. Come to the March 25 meeting or phone Frances (757-646-8955) to learn about sewing machine lessons. (You do not need to own a machine; we have ones available in our closet.)

### **KIRK NIGHT**

**St. Andrew's Mid-Week Program for All Ages**

**Continues through March 29, 2023**

**Dinner at 5:45**

**Classes from 6:30 – 7:30**

## **2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:**

### **Danny Lovell**

Danny and Brenda Lovell joined St. Andrew in 1998. They had been looking for a church and when



visiting St. Andrew, they knew they were in the right place. Danny is a native of Norfolk having had military parents and the youngest of three children. His mother was in the Coast Guard and his father was in the Navy. He attended Granby High School. Danny is proud to say that he assisted Brenda in raising her two children. They have been blessed with seven grandchildren.

His career started in 1976 with Birtcherd Dairy in the sales department and as Plant Manager in 1986 with Marva Maid Dairy. In 1990, he became the National Accounts Manager for Marva Maid Dairy and handled Food Lion, Dairy Queen and 7/11. He was promoted in 1995 to Division Manager for the entire Marva Maid operation. He also was the Operations Manager of the Maola Milk and Ice Cream Division located in New Bern, NC (owned by Maryland Virginia Milk Producers) in 2014. Danny retired in 2019 from the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers as Director of Logistics and Procurement with 43 years of service with the Dairy industry.

Danny has served as Moderator and Personnel & Office Deacon, Property Deacon, Finance Deacon and Finance Elder and Mission and Service Elder. He is presently serving with the Soup Kitchen Team, Meals on Wheels, St. Andrew Men Mission Team, Klass Golf Group and the Men's Breakfast Club.

Danny would like to thank everyone at St. Andrew for making our church so welcoming and family oriented. It definitely makes volunteering a lot easier when you feel like you are part of something special.

Everyone will agree that Danny is a very willing helper and is tireless in what he does for others. He is most fitting and deserving of this award.

*~Lynne Wood & Gwen Elmore;  
Congregational Care Committee*

## St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Report

### for Year-to-Date 1/31/23

	<u>Jan Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	
<b>Income</b>	\$34,602	\$34,602	\$38,751	
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<u>\$38,697</u>	<u>\$38,697</u>	\$44,088	
<b>Net</b>	<b>-\$4,095</b>	<b>-\$4,095</b>		
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		<b><u>Endowment Funds</u></b>		
<b>Bank Assets</b>	\$245,818		<b>General</b>	\$399,318
<b>Ed Jones Inv.</b>	<u>\$76,669</u>		<b>Mission</b>	<u>\$174,783</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$322,486</b>		<b>Tot Endowment</b>	<b>\$574,101</b>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>		<b><u>Mortgage</u></b>		
<b>Other Liabilities</b>	-\$176		<b>Balance</b>	\$492,111
<b>Earmarks</b>	<u>\$263,034</u>		<b>Monthly Amt</b>	\$5,200
<b>Tot Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$262,858</b>			
<b>NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities)</b>		<b>\$59,628</b>		

Our income for January was slightly more than \$4,000 under the monthly amount that we budgeted. Much of this shortfall was the result of late receipt of pledged amounts. Fortunately, because of the good stewardship of St. Andrew's resources, our expenses for January were significantly below our estimated monthly expenses. However, we still showed a net deficit of \$4,095. Both of our endowment funds recovered a bit from the declines of 2022, now totaling \$574,101. Our current assets are healthy. They exceed our current liabilities by \$59,628. Our only long-term liability is our mortgage which now totals \$492,111.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee



### **Restoring Hope, Feeding the Hungry,** **Empowering the Oppressed**

The **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)** offering will be received on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From

initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Received during the season of Lent (February 22 – April 9), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. We will be collecting this offering through Easter with giving envelopes provided in the Palm Sunday bulletin. Please give generously as you are able this year.

~Mission & Service Team



Over 150 folding chairs at St. Andrew were recently shampooed by the Property Committee. **Kevin Gray, Cliff Barr, and Tom Bryan** had the able assistance of **Amy G, Loyce B, Marian Hale, and Jim Perkinson**. Please be sure to thank them for their work!



Nelson Campbell	12
Scott Endrusick	12
Marilou Estes	12
Marion Hale	13
Brandon Parrish	14
Hope Bradshaw	16
David Jornov	16
Leif King	16
Brian Tucker	16
Andrew Johansen	17
Mette Petersen	17
Jessica Gray	18
Muriel Ricker	19
Morgan Colonna	20
Joey Parrish	20
Colleen Ausman	21
Roger Estes	22
Mary Meyers	23
Elizabeth Fachin	24
Bill Roberts	24
Charlotte Griffin	25
Danny Lovell	25
Peter Stephenson	25
Emily Babyak	26
Sara Collins	27
Barbara Jenkins	27
Robert Ausman	28
John Newhard	28
Lindsey Walker	28
Sandra Burkhart	29
Penelope Franklin	29
Mike Topping	30
Kevin Hamilton	31

**MARCH SOUP KITCHEN**

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursday, March 16, 2023**. 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.

Daphne Franklin	2
Lucy Hill	2
Ashley LeGrand	2
Michael Henson	3
Jeff Medrano	3
Ray Henson	5
Joe Justice	5
Debra Perry	5
Sylvia Ryder	5
Matthew Lemon	6
Kevin Missel	6
Lynne Wood	7
Gordie Fears	8
Kira Livingston	8
Matthew Newman	8
David McKercher	9
Ian Senter	10
Emerson Roberts	11

**COLUMBARIUM NICHEs AVAILABLE**

St. Andrew Church has single and double niches available in the columbarium located on the outside wall of St. Andrew Hall. (The double niches hold 2 urns.) If you would like information on cost, and/or to reserve one, please contact **Helen Chapman** at 757-412-7847 or [hcchapman10@gmail.com](mailto:hcchapman10@gmail.com).

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS OPPORTUNITY**

There is a sign-up book on the counter in the Atrium to reserve dates for you to provide flowers in the sanctuary on Sundays. Please sign up today to honor or memorialize someone, to commemorate a special date, or just because. We hope to have many of the slots reserved, as there is not a budget for the flowers. As always, you may contact **Helen Chapman** at 757-412-7847 with questions or to schedule bringing flowers.



1	Rob & Carrie Estes
9	Tom & Adair Nixon
13	Tom Seymour & Sara Collins
15	George & Debra Perry
16	Clay & Carol Ames
21	Steven & Barbara Jenkins
21	Corrie & Charlie Walker
29	Tom & Loyce Bryan

**April Bagpiper Info  
Due on  
March 19**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:15 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	2	3 World Day of Prayer St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	4
5 10:00 Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages	6 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) 10:00 Stitching, library 2:00 Pastor Gillian’s Kirk Night Class on Zoom 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB*	7 8:30 – 4:30 RSA* in CEB* 3:00 TPSC*; Parlor 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	8 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) Noon Widows Walk; library <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	9	10 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	11 Daylight Saving Time Begins on March 12. Set your clocks ahead one hour.
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19 <u>Preschool Sunday</u> 9:15 Preschool Recognition Breakfast, Atrium 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages <u>April Bagpiper info Due</u>	20 <u>First Day of Spring</u> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) 10:00 Stitching, library 2:00 Pastor Gillian’s Kirk Night Class on Zoom 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB* 	21 8:30 – 4:30 RSA* in CEB* 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	22 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) Noon Widows Walk; library <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	23	24 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	25 10:00 – noon Prayers & Squares; St. Andrew Hall
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\*Tidewater Pastoral Counseling Service (TPCS) \*Renaissance School for the Arts (RSA) \*Christian Education Building (CEB)

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance\***  
**donations for earthquake victims**  
**Accepted through March 26**

**Easter Basket Collection**  
**to Benefit 4Kids in Suffolk**  
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