



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

July/August 2023



LADIES' NIGHT OUT

The Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew have planned two summer socials for women this summer:

- Please join us for a fellowship dinner at Gianna's Pizzeria & Italian Ristorante on Harbour Towne Pkwy in Suffolk on **Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 6:00pm**. Gianna's is always a crowd pleaser and we have a great time with fellowship and good food. All women of St. Andrew (and family & friends) are invited to attend. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Kiosk closer to the date.

- A second summer social will be scheduled for later in the summer at The Retreat at Bennett's Creek Community Center. Details will follow once the date is set.

Even if you are not active in Presbyterian Women, all ladies are welcome to share in these fellowship activities.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP AT ST. ANDREW

The Fellowship Committee is planning two events this summer to provide the chance for our members to linger after church for fellowship.

- July 2 following the 10:00 service: Please join us for light refreshments of fruit, sweet breads, and doughnuts. (No church school)

- August 6 following the 10:00 service: The Fellowship Committee will be hosting our annual cookout of hotdogs, salad, chips and cookies. Please join us for food and fellowship. (No church school in August)



We hope that you will join us at each of these fellowship events.

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

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK COLLECTION

The Mission and Service Committee is asking for your help in collecting backpacks and other school supplies for distribution to local students in time for the start of school in early September. Help us reach our



goal of 50 backpacks for kids in need--from pre-kindergarten to high school. In addition to backpacks, we are focusing on collecting headphones (with cords) and water bottles for students of all ages. There will be a collection bin in the Atrium from **July 23 through Aug. 13**. Other school supplies may be donated, but most needed items are backpacks, headphones, and water bottles. Other helpful supplies include glue sticks, liquid glue, highlighters, dry erase markers, scientific calculators, combination locks, 3 ring binders, and composition notebooks (no spiral). Thank you for helping local students have a great start to their school year!

~Mission & Service Committee

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

St. Andrew Church contributes food items to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center (SCFC) Food Pantry. The SCFC is a non-profit organization located in downtown Suffolk that serves under-resourced and food insecure communities in Suffolk and Western Tidewater Virginia.

Current food item needs:

- Hamburger helper meal
- Mashed Potatoes
- Jelly
- Canned Chicken or Tuna
- Canned Soups
- Canned Fruit
- Ramen Noodles

Not currently needed: canned corn or green beans

The St. Andrew Presbyterian Church newsletter, The Bagpiper, is delivered to your church member mailbox most months of the year (usually the 4th Sunday). If you do not pick up your copy from your church mailbox, it is mailed to you at a cost of **63 cents per newsletter** (cost expected to increase to 66 cents in July). Please remember to pick up your copy each month. I would like you to receive the newsletter in the format you prefer; you may receive a printed copy, or a copy can be emailed to you (pdf attachment). You may also receive both versions. If you would like to change how you receive the newsletter, please see the sign-up sheet on the kiosk or contact me at lizatucker@hotmail.com.

~Liza Tucker, Bagpiper Editor

Dear Friends,

There is an old Hasidic story of a boy who goes wandering into the woods one morning. When he finally returns home later in the evening, his worried parents ask him, "Where were you?" The boy tells them, "I went to the woods to pray." Hearing this, the boy's father gently reminds him, "You know God is the same everywhere?" "I know", says the boy, "but I am not."

This simple tale reveals a deep truth; sometimes we need to step out of our lives to gain a different perspective, to see ourselves anew. There are times when it can be immensely helpful to change our vantage point so we may see things more clearly. The summer months present us with the opportunity to change our perspective on life, they offer a time to live to a different rhythm, to slow down and recharge our batteries, to spend time outdoors enjoying the glory of creation more fully. For many people, summer is time to get away on vacation which truly affords us the gift of a change of scenery, whether that be an escape to the mountains, relaxing on a beach, exploring a vibrant city, or even venturing to another country and culture.

Many of us live on autopilot, running from one thing to the next, barely taking time to draw breath, never mind giving ourselves the opportunity to stop and reflect. My prayer for us all is that summer will allow us time to get a different perspective on life. Often, when we do not change our perspective, we can become weighed down by the worries of the world, burdened by her many problems, and fearful of the unknown future, and unable to see anything other than what is ugly and hateful.

While there are many things over which to grieve about the state of our world, there are also many things for which to give thanks and over which to rejoice. Over the summer, we will celebrate our freedom, a blessing that is not universally enjoyed. We are surrounded by beauty and by abundance, again blessings denied to others. Gathering with families and friends, we rejoice in the bonds of affection and love which connect to us to one another and remind ourselves that we are not alone. We have our faith that is a daily source of comfort when we are invited to see things from God's perspective, who called creation good and who calls us the beloved. And our faith provides more than just comfort, it all provides us with purpose as we hear, like those who have gone before us, the call of Jesus, "Follow me."

As the Hasidic tale tells us, "God is the same everywhere." May we all see God wherever life takes us

and may we always see ourselves from God's perspective as the beloved.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Gillian

EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM IN JULY AND AUGUST

Please join **Pastor Gillian** for Evening Prayers most Tuesday nights in July & August at 6:30 via Zoom (No Evening Prayer on July 4, 11, August 15, or 22. 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.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

June 15, 2023 Stated Meeting

- Approved "Topic Specific" workshops for the fall as recommended by the Christian Education Committee.
- Approved appointment of Cara Boyle and Joy Luck as Youth Interns for 2024 as recommended by the Christian Education Committee.
- Approved a Back- to -School backpack collection drive for August to support 4Kids and local schools as recommended by the Mission & Service Committee.
- Approved a slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee for the Class of '26.
- Scheduled a Called Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of the worship service on July 9, 2023 for the purpose of electing the Nominating Committee for the Class of '26.

~David McKercher, Clerk of Session

SAVE THE DATE

Annual CAPS BBQ Fundraiser: September 17, 2023

Loyal CAPS (Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk) supporters will recall that unfortunately last year's event was troubled by long lines and wait times for the drive-by meal pick-up. The CAPS event planning team has received double assurances from Capt. Bob's (caterer located in Hertford, NC) that there will be **no delays** this year. Meals will be available for drive-by pick-up at Westminster Reformed Presbyterian Church from 11:00am to 2:00pm on Sunday, September 17th. Ticket sales at St. Andrew will begin in August.

~David McKercher

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS FOR JULY

Join us for a continuation of our Summer 2023 focus on earth care with our class for adults, ***We Can Make a Difference***. Each week we'll explore how our own lifestyle choices have an impact on the health of our planet, and we'll talk about ways that we can begin to make a difference.

Classes will be held in Room 204 on the second floor of the education building immediately after worship, beginning July 9.

Class topics will include:

(No class on July 2)

7/9 – We Can Make a Difference ... with What We Eat

7/16 – We Can Make a Difference ... with How We Travel and Transport Things

7/23 – We Can Make a Difference ... with What We Wear

7/30 – We Can Make a Difference ... with What We Do with Our Trash

CrossWalk, St. Andrew's Sunday morning program for children, will be taking July and August off and will return in September; no classes for adults/youth in August.

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Ladies, please join us for our summer fellowship meals sponsored by Presbyterian Women (details on page 1).

The fall Horizon bible study is: "*Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*" by Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir. It looks to be a wonderful study which begins at our opening PW meeting scheduled **September 12, 2023**. The last date to order the study book is August 6, 2023. Please give Sandy Poole a check for \$11 made out to St. Andrew PW (notation: study book) placed in her church mailbox.

The PW Coordinating Team will begin the annual update of the Yearbook which comes out in late August before the bible study circle year begins in September (and continues through May). We will verify relevant contact information. If you no longer wish to be part of PW as "Active" or "Friend" let us know. As a reminder, a "Friend" is interested in staying informed of activities and missions, but not able to attend circle meetings. We will be in the Atrium 3 Sundays in July to update the list.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

PRAYERS AND SQUARES

Come join the Prayers and Squares group to create quilts and to enjoy time with friends. We will be meeting only once in July and once in August. Our summer meeting dates are **Friday July 21, and Friday August 18** at 10:00 am in St Andrew Hall. If you need assistance with a project before the meeting dates, please call Frances. Please bring whatever project you have and are working on to the meetings. There are quilts that need quilting and ties to be added. There are also quilt kits that need to be machine sewn. We are continuing to create quilts to give to the Angel Tree project in December. If you sew and just want to work at home, we can share fabric and patterns with you.

Would you 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.

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 her 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.

Come join us-you don't have to sew--we need help putting the ties into the quilts, pressing fabric, layering quilts and straightening the fabric shelves. And don't forget we do enjoy the visiting! Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!

~Frances Jornov

JULY & AUGUST SOUP KITCHEN

St. Andrew participation at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will continue on **Thursdays, July 20 & August 17**. St. Andrew provides 150 take-out meals and cupcakes are a welcome addition.

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...you are angels for your continued support. The distribution of the meals continues to be through a drive-by system distributed by the Salvation Army staff.



MEET OUR GRADUATES

High School

- **Erin Boyle**, daughter of Bob & Rosalind Boyle, graduated from Western Branch High School and the Governor's School for the Arts. She will be attending James Madison University in the fall.
- **Brett Endrusick**, son of Tom & Rhonda Endrusick, graduated from Windsor High School. He will be attending Patrick & Henry Community College for Motor Sports Technology.
- **Lauren Haverty**, daughter of Mike & Tricia Haverty, will be attending SUNY Purchase College, Conservatory of Dance.
- **Jadyn Schoenberg**, daughter of Neil & Meggan Schoenberg, graduated from Menchville High School and the Governor's School for Science and Technology as salutatorian. She will be going to University of Virginia in the fall to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering.
- **James Sessoms**, son of Rich & Deborah Sessoms
- **Evan Walker**, son of Bruce & Lara Walker, graduated from Windsor High School.

College & Beyond

- **Emily Babyak**, daughter of Mike & Lori Babyak
- **Charles Cutler**, son of Angela Martin & James Cutler, graduated from VCU in Richmond, VA, with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science. He plans to return to VCU to finish his Masters degree.
- **Jacqueline Cutler**, daughter of Angela Martin & James Cutler, graduated from TCC in Virginia Beach, with an Associate of Science degree in Science. She will be attending VCU to complete her Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science.
- **Andrew Gibbs**, son of Wade & Laura Gibbs, graduated from Harvard Business School with a Master of Business Administration. He plans to join an early-stage startup.
- **Jordan Hillis**, son of Angela Hillis-Baurle & the late Richard Hillis, graduated from Old Dominion University in Norfolk with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He works at Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding in Newport News.
- **Andrew Kowalski**, son of Andy & Elizabeth Kowalski, graduated from Old Dominion University.

- **Cal Luck**, (parents Jeff & Jody Luck), graduated from Tidewater Community College as a Medical Administrative Assistant. Cal's future plans include pursuing further studies majoring in social work.
- **Zie Medrano**, son of Jeff & Ginger Medrano, graduated from University of Richmond School of Law with a Juris Doctor degree.
- **Sayge Taylor**, daughter of Jennifer and Jason Stone, graduated from Eastern Washington University.



DEACONS FUND SET UP TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

*"You should always be happy
to give the poor a helping hand;
you become a blessing giver!"*

~Deuteronomy15:10

When the 5th Sunday of the month comes around, St. Andrew Church collects what is called...**The Deacons Fund**.

The loose offering that day is set aside to provide assistance to members of the church who need some temporary help in making ends meet, paying unexpected medical bills, or emergency repairs. It also is used to assist neighbors in need, as well as provide meals and gas for strangers who stop by the church for help. It is used when needs arise and is confidential.

Donations to the Deacons Fund are welcome anytime. Simply designate the check or offering as such.

July 2023 is a 5th Sunday month. Consider giving a little extra on July 31st in order to help those who do not have a little extra to spare.

BECOME A BLESSING GIVER!



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Cliff Barr	1
Ashley Newman	1
Luke Prince	1
Amy Gray	4
Phil Poe	4
Liza Tucker	4
Evan Walker	4
Evelyn Seymour	8
Aaron Carnegie	9
Hap Chester	9
Patti Ashe	11
Parker McGrew	11
Sarah Baurle	12
Susan Cox	13
Amber Gwaltney	13
Matthew Holt	13
Camryn Holt	13
Abigail Ryan	13
Fraser, Brent	14
Lois Taylor	15
Joe Robb	16
Sheryl Senter	16
RC Stone	16
Kaitlin Perry	17
Fraser, Cammy	18
Gary Meyers	18
Erik Hamilton	19
Mary Catherine Foster	20
Cade Franklin	20
Andrew Gibbs	20
Lorraine Fitchett	20
Julie Anderson	21
Rachel Edmondson	25
Linwood Hanbury	26
Steven Jenkins	26
Wendy Phelps	27
Jennifer Stone	29

Charlie Johnson	2
Karen Topping	2
Frankie Wonpat	3
Ben Livermon	4
Ruth Nawyn	4
Rhonda MacMelville	5
Ella Millaci	5
Joy Roberts	6
Sharon Newhard	9
Jeff Snyder	9
Cam Ebel	10
Charles Foster	11
Anna Hamilton	11
Connie Parrish	11
Patti Archer	12
Carey Hayslett	13
Lindsay Steele	13
Rick Martin	14
Kevin Gregg	15
Emma Willis	15
Jack Ellenor	17
Steve Korahaes	17
Tammera Missel	19
John K. Smith	19
Lori Babyak	20
Gus Spanos	20
Suzanne Lentini	22
Bobbie Richards	22
Laura Gibbs	23
David Gwaltney	23
Emma Hamrick	23
Heather Gregg	25
William Ryan	25
Hannah Johnson	26
Kim Stone	27
Kathy Romanczyk	28
Charles Elmore	29
Clyde Harper	30

1	Neil & Carol Wilson
6	Cal & Dottie Vann
10	Neil & Meggan Schoenberg
13	Kyle & Emily Madden
13	Joey & Dawn Parrish
15	Daniel & Angel Henkel
16	Dennis & Margaret Gartman
18	Kurt & Suzanne Lentini
19	Charles & Gwen Elmore
19	Howard & Martha Goodwin
20	Jim & Sandra Burkhart
20	Rhett & Bonnie Franklin
20	David & Denise McAlpine
25	Raymond & Jennifer Henson
26	Hunter & Trudy Webb
28	Drew & Gwen Johansen



3	Jeff & Ginger Medrano
6	Warren & Leslie White
7	Mike & Lori Babyak
8	Buddy & Marie Dye
8	John & Deborah Wyld
13	John & Stephanie Caggiano
17	Brent & Cammy Fraser
17	Kevin & Tammera Missel
20	Gary & Mary Meyers
20	Wayne & Carole Prince
25	Robert & Colleen Ausman
25	Kevin & Heather Gregg
25	Phil & Joyce Poe
26	Steve & Sandy Poole

Welcome, New Members



Laura Walker



Jeremy & Heather Mushero



Scotty & Mo Higgs



Rena & Bob Thompson



Lin & Cheryl Hanbury

ST. ANDREW PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

St. Andrew Preschool is offering “Camp Stay and Play”!

Tuesdays – Thursdays 9:30-1:30. Ages 2 ½ - rising 1st grade (must be fully potty trained). Space is limited! Sign up to secure your spot!

Registration fee (one-time payment) - \$25/child or \$40/family

Weekly Sessions- \$80

Weekly Session Sibling Rate- \$75

Daily Drop-In - \$30

Daily Drop-In Sibling Rate- \$25

CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

Contact standrewdirector@gmail.com for sign up information!

Session 4: July 11-13 – Camping/Fishing (featuring VBS)
Session 5: July 18-20 – Construction
Session 6: July 25-27 – Pirates & Mermaids
Session 7: August 1-3 – Shark Week
Session 8: August 8-10 - Circus

~Amanda Greco, Preschool Director

SAVE THE DATE



September 10, 2023



Bible Quiz #1

In what land and at what age did Moses die?

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old

Answer: See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7

Bible Quiz #2

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches. Which list includes a city that is not among those seven?

- A. Ephesus, Thyatira, Philadelphia
- B. Smyrna, Laodicea, Galatia
- C. Pergamum, Thyatira, Smyrna
- D. Sardis, Ephesus, Laodicea

Answer: See Revelation 2–3



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>2 10:00 Worship Service; Communion <u>No Church School</u> 11:00 Light Refreshments; Atrium</p>	<p>3 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) 10:00 Stitching 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB*</p>	<p>4  NO Evening Prayer</p>	<p>5 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*)</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Congregational Meeting 11:00 Adult Church School</p>	<p>10 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) 10:00 Stitching 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB*</p>	<p>11 6:00 Presbyterian Women sponsored Ladies' Night Out dinner at Gianna's Restaurant NO Evening Prayer</p>	<p>12 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) Noon Widows Walk; library</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Church School</p>	<p>17 17:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) 10:00 Stitching 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB*</p>	<p>18 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom</p>	<p>19 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*)</p>	<p>20 Soup Kitchen at Salvation Army, Bank St. in Suffolk</p>	<p>21 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – Noon Prayers & Squares; St. Andrew Hall</p>	<p>22</p>
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<p>30 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Church School Deacon's Fund Collection</p>	<p>31 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) 10:00 Stitching 7:00 AA & Al-Anon – CEB*</p>					

*Christian Education Building (CEB)

Preschool Summer Camp: July 11 – 13; July 18 – 20; July 25-27

School Supply Collection: July 23 – August 13

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