

The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

December 2023/January 2024

MISSION SUNDAY

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church will be hosting a <u>Mission Sunday on December 3, 2023</u> right after our



10:00am worship service.
We will have our Atrium
area setup with display
tables for charity

organizations that we currently support to tell their stories to our church family and share upcoming events and opportunities that they have going on or that are planned. We hope this event allows our members to better understand how our dollars impact the charities we support.

This is our first time offering such an event and we hope that everyone will stay around to learn more about the charities. Do you have a church family member that is difficult to buy a gift for during the holidays? Maybe a donation to one of the attending charities in the name of a church member would be that gift!

Refreshments will be provided by the fellowship committee.

~Mission & Service

BLUE CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30pm

For many people, Christmas is a particularly difficult time as they remember the loss of loved ones and the other losses of life. While some rejoice at the delights of the Christmas season, others feel their pain more deeply.

Where better to gather than in the sanctuary to acknowledge the losses we have endured, and to grieve those who are no longer with us. We gather to draw comfort from the faith that sustains us through all of life, and to worship God who came to be with us and who promises that even when we walk through the dark places, we have nothing to fear.

Please join us for this special service in the sanctuary at 6:30pm on Tuesday, December 12.

~Pastor Gillian

Angel Tree/Mitten Tree Items Due December 3

WEEKLY ONLINE ADVENT STUDY

Beginning on December 3, 2023

St. Andrew will offer an Advent study that can be used both as a personal devotional and as a time to gather with others to talk about the coming of the Christ Child. *Bless the Advent We Actually Have* by Kate Bowler looks at the hope and the longings that the Advent season brings through the lens of scripture and of our actual messy lives.

The study is free online (or we can make a paper copy for you). You'll do some of the reading and pondering on your own, and then we'll come together on three Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (12/3, 12/10, and 12/17) via Zoom to talk about what we've been reading. Beth Lyon-Suhring will facilitate the Zoom meetings. Contact her at lyonsuhring@hotmail.com for more information on accessing the study and to get on the Zoom mailing list. Please join us! The conversations will be richer with you there.



Please join us on

Sunday, December 17th as the choir presents our Christmas Cantata "Season of Praise" during the 10:00am worship service. I am grateful to have a few new(er) and returning voices

joining with us!

If you're interested in lending your talents to the music ministry at St. Andrew, or would just like some more information, please speak with Angie Hillis-Baurle (for the Combo) or me (Al Reese) after the Sunday service – see you in worship!

~Al Reese, Music Director



Christmas Eve Services

No Morning Worship; No Church School **4:00** Family Worship Service **7:00** Worship Service with Communion, Choir and Celebration Bells Page 2 The Bagpiper

Dear Friends.

One of the loveliest aspects of this time of year is the music that we associate with the celebration of Christmas. There are so many familiar songs, hymns and carols that express our faith in ways more eloquent that we could ever do. The music conjures up memories of times gone by and gives voice to our faith that God has come to be with us in the Christ-Child of Bethlehem.

Most of us have our favorite carols and Christmas songs, chosen for the words, the music, or the ways in which they transport us back to another time and place. It is hard to pick one favorite out of the many from which to choose. But this year as we begin to look toward Christmas, I cannot get out of my mind the song, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." The opening stanza of the song is very upbeat and lulls us into a false sense of security,

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day Their old familiar carols play And mild and sweet their songs repeat, Of peace on earth, good will to men."

However, as the song unfolds, a more realistic tone is heard in the stanza which declares.

"And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth", I said,
"For hate is strong,
And mocks the song,
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

This song is based on the poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, written on Christmas Day 1864 against a backdrop of the Civil War and his own personal, painful losses. His words although written so long ago strike a chord with us. For as we make the journey toward another celebration of Christmas, many of us may bow our heads in despair at the state of the world, the strength of hate, and the seemingly vain hope of peace on earth and good will to all. Our hearts are heavy with all that we see unfolding in the world today and the effects of war and hate that mock the bells that will ring out to greet Christmas. And yet, Longfellow does not leave on a note of despair but rather reminds us of a truth that nothing can ever destroy,

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep;
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep;
The wrong shall fail,
And right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men."

This, my dear friends, is our faith and the message of Christmas, "God is not dead" and even more God is with us and God's love, light and peace will prevail.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Gillian

EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM

Please join **Pastor Gillian** for Evening Prayers in December 2023 and January 2024 on Tuesdays at 6:30 via Zoom (NO Evening Prayer on December 12. Check your email for updates.) 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.

SIGN UP TO RECEIVE PASTOR GILLIAN'S E-VOTIONAL

If you would like to receive Pastor Gillian's E-votional, contact her at pastorgillian1885@gmail.com. The weekly email usually includes an e-votional and prayer, the upcoming scripture for the Sunday sermon, details about Sunday Church School, and Kirk Night info for the week.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

November 16, 2023 Stated Meeting

- Approved collection of a special offering to provide staff Christmas bonuses.
- Scheduled the Annual Congregational Meeting for January 28, 2024 immediately following the 10AM worship service.
- Scheduled ordination/installation of new church officers for February 4, 2024 during the 10AM worship service.
- Approved the Property Committee recommendation to proceed with repair of the HVAC unit servicing Room #204 in the Education Building at a cost of \$5,024.80.

~David McKercher, Clerk of Session

SOUP KITCHEN

The Salvation Army will NOT host a Soup Kitchen in December. They plan to start operating the Soup Kitchen with St. Andrew serving the meals on January 18, 2024.

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



<u>Coalition Against Poverty in Suffolk (CAPS)</u> <u>Community Kitchen</u>

The CAPS organization will have insufficient volunteer churches to run a Night Stay program this winter, so they are rolling out plans for a once-a-week Community Kitchen. Each Friday night, beginning on November 24, those experiencing food insecurity will be able to get a hot meal and fellowship in one of Suffolk's downtown churches. They'll also receive bagged breakfast and lunch items to go.

St. Andrew's Session has approved our participation in the program as a meal provider. We are currently signed up to provide the meal on **Friday, Dec. 15, from 5:00 – 7:00pm.**

Please consider participating in this service to our hungry brothers and sisters. We'll need folks to help serve the meal and donations of food as well. Sign up to help or to donate either at the Information Kiosk in the Atrium or via Sign-Up Genius online. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Beth Lyon-Suhring** or **Angela Hillis-Baurle**.

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER (Clothes Needed)

The Foodbank at SCFC, in addition to food, is seeing a need for clothing for the people they serve. The Center is requesting clothing and shoes with a particular emphasis on items for men. In addition, blankets, bedding, linens and towels would be greatly appreciated. Donated items can be brought to church on the 3rd Sunday of each month and placed in the same area as the food that is collected and delivered to SCFC. The first collection date will be December 17.

~Sandy Poole; SCFC Advisory Board

without saying that a child's mental health is critically important for so many reasons. As CHKD says: "Please join us in lighting the way to a brighter future for all our children by making a gift to our mental health campaign."

Internationally, the identified need is for ongoing support for the citizens of **Ukraine** through **Presbyterian** Disaster Assistance (PDA). Over a third of Ukrainians have been forced from their homes and over 7 million displaced within the country. The majority are women, children, and the elderly who are vulnerable in many ways. The first priority for PDA is funding established and trusted partners on the ground who have knowledge of ongoing needs for food, housing, and basic needs. The support also goes for psycho-social support, transitional care, and other services to support refugees who intend to stay in the host country until the conflict ends. Please stop by our Mission Poster display after church on December 3rd to discuss firsthand experience with Kristina Maystrishyna. Kristina is from Ukraine and her family remains in the direct line of Russian aggression. Kristina is the former exchange student of Janice and Bryan Brooks where she currently resides.

The Presbyterian Women thank you in advance for the support of these 2 worthwhile missions. Checks can be made out to "St. Andrew PW" with notation "Christmas Mission" and placed in Sandy Poole's mailbox, PW Treasurer. Donations will be accepted until early January 2024.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPONSORED CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

ALL St. Andrew women are invited to attend the <u>PW Christmas</u> <u>Social on Friday, December 8, 2023</u>

from 6:00 – 8:00pm (note time change) at the home of Janice Brooks, 4436 Kendal Way, Suffolk. Come join us for a shared potluck dinner, fellowship, and fun! A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Atrium. Questions: email or call hosts Janice Brooks (757-771-9944 or teachingmrsbrooks@gmail.com) or Loyce Bryan (757-615-6822 or loycebryan@gmail.com). Remember, ALL women of St. Andrew are welcome, even if you don't attend the monthly circle meetings.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPONSORED CHRISTMAS MISSION

Every Christmas season, PW solicits congregational support for a local as well as international need for our Christmas Mission. Local support will go to **Children's**Hospital of the King's Daughters (CHKD) "Lighting the Way campaign". CHKD recognizes the growing concern for children and youth with mental health challenges in our area and beyond. The initial campaign helped build a 14-story pavilion on the main campus in Norfolk. There are ongoing needs for mental health programs for outpatient, inpatient, and partial hospitalization services. It goes

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	St. Andrew Presbyt	erian Church F	inance Report	
	for Year-	to-Date 10/31	<u>/23</u>	
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	<u>Oct Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	
Income	\$43,994	\$375,611	\$387,513	
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$44,096</u>	\$409,132	\$432,468	
Net	(\$102)	(\$33,521)		
Current Assets			Endowment Funds	
Bank Assets	\$57,916		General	\$407,562
Ed Jones Inv.	<u>\$183,415</u>		Mission	<u>\$174,973</u>
Total Current Assets	\$241,332		Tot Endowment	\$582,535
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<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Other Liabilities	\$8065		<u>Mortgage</u>	
Earmarks	<u>\$112,042</u>		Balance	\$461,645
Tot Current Liabilities	\$120,107		Monthly Amt	\$5,200

NET (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) \$121,224

Our monthly income in October was the highest monthly amount so far this year. However, with the recent roof repair work, our expenses were also quite high. The result was a small net loss for the month of \$102. This increased our year-to-date net loss to \$33,521. It is disturbing that St. Andrew has been running deficits every year since the pandemic. It is clear that we need to find ways to increase our income. Since most of our income comes from your pledges, we ask that each of you consider increasing your pledges even if only by a small amount. One action we have taken recently was to transfer funds from our bank account to our investment account at Ed Jones where we are earning a risk-free return of 5% on CDs.

~Finance and Stewardship Committee

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE Thursday January 4, 2024

It's time again for the Staff & Committee Yearend reports which will be distributed to everyone before the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 28, 2024. Pastor Gillian would like the report available for the congregation to review two weeks prior to the meeting date. With this in mind, please email your

year—end report as soon as possible, or **no later than** Thursday, January 4, so that Beth Martin will have

time to compile the packet.

Outgoing deacons and elders are asked to work on this with their replacements. If you are a

new deacon or elder, the report is a short narrative outline of your committee's activities throughout the **>>>>>>>>>>**

year highlighting a few key projects. Please keep it to a single page if possible.

Please email the reports to the church office, in Word format,

at standrew@standrewpres.us so the Annual Report can be compiled for email

and print distribution. Thanks so much!

Beth Martin, Secretary

ANNUAL

Committee

NOTES FROM RECEIVING TREASURER:

INCOME TAX STRATEGY

Making charitable donations <u>directly</u> from a taxable individual retirement account (IRA) when age related mandatory distributions are required is a legitimate way to reduce your taxable income.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT & STEWARDSHIP STATUS FOR

2023 The third 2023 Report of Contributions, which shows donations through the end of November, will be placed in your church mailbox in early December. At the bottom of this report will be a note showing your **new** offering envelope (or other account) number for 2024. Your recorded Estimate of Giving for 2024 will also be provided.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Because postage for small parcels is about as high as the cost of the envelopes, I will place the 2024 boxes of offering envelopes in the church mailbox before Dec. 10 for each household which used their envelopes in 2023. Any others who indicate to me a desire to have them by December 3 will also receive them at that time. Please use your new 2024 account number on the memo line of checks not contained in offering envelopes. Mailing checks inside an appropriate 2024 offering envelope will also help me accurately record donations.

~Whit Tucker, Receiving Treasurer (757-482-2284; gwtuckerj@gmail.com)

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women's monthly meetings are scheduled for Tuesdays, Dec. 12, 2023 and Jan. 9, 2024 at 10:00am in the Atrium. Gloria Womble has a devotion and will lead us in Lesson 4: "Mary and Martha Encounter Christ." Lesson 5 will be led by Sandy Poole, with devotions by Janice Brooks.

Please join us as it is never too late! Let Martha Shephard know if you need a study book or more information.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The men's group met in November to re-activate their activities. They elected **Roger Nelson** as their president, **Lin Hanbary** as the vice president, **Robert Thompson** as secretary, **John Gillis** as treasurer and **David McKercher** as chaplain.

It was decided that this group would meet on the second Monday of each month with the next meeting being December 11th. Meetings start at 6:00pm and dinner is available for \$10.00. A sign-up sheet will be in the atrium starting December 1.

~Danny Lovell

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The fourth and last Special Offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for 2023 will be **received at St. Andrew on Sunday, December 17.** 50% of this offering will be used to honor the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families by providing financial assistance in their times of need through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. The other half will be used for leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please give generously to the Christmas Joy Offering as you are able in support of those who have faithfully served and those who are preparing to do so. When we all do a little – it adds up to a lot.

~Danny Lovell & Rob Estes, Mission

ST. ANDREW CHURCH RETREAT MARCH 10-17, 2024

Join your church family at a beach house located in Corolla, NC for a few days of Christian fellowship, shared meals, devotions, and free time for reading, shopping, sightseeing, and strolls on the beach.

Location/Description: Seaside Vacations,
House # 1617, in Corolla, NC. Oceanfront! Lots of
amenities: 9 bedrooms (each with its own bathroom), 2
half bathrooms, an elevator and much more. Link to the
cottage:

https://www.outerbanksvacations.com/property/corollapoint-break

Adult Retreat: Sunday, March 10 at 5:00pm – Thursday, March 14 at 9:00am. Great time for adults only. Led by

Pastor Gillian. Cost: \$270/room

<u>Intergenerational Retreat:</u> Thursday, March 14 at 9:00am – Sunday, March 17 at 9:00am. Great fun for all ages, including families, youth, and adults! Led by **Angie Hillis-**

Baurle. Cost: \$200/room **Cost all week:** \$470/room

(Make checks payable to St. Andrew. Note – Beach retreat). Payment in full is due by January 14, 2024. Envelopes for your deposit/payment will be provided next to the sign-up sheet. Please give your checks to **Whit Tucker**, Receiving Treasurer.

<u>A sign-up sheet</u> is in the Atrium. If either retreat is full, there is a wait list available, in case someone who signed up can't go. See the sign-up sheet for the wait list.

Questions, please contact:

Gwen Elmore, Lynne Wood, or Angie Hillis-Baurle.

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PRAYERS & SQUARES

In November 48 quilts were blessed during worship. The quilts were made for and given to 40 children and youth as part of their Angel Tree gifts. Eight quilts were given to seniors (Silver Bells). There were many designs: Batman, Superman, trains, jeep prints, animal fabrics, 'I Spy Quilts' and more. A huge thank you to the women who helped create these quilts!

There will be no Prayers and Squares meeting in December. If any members desire to have a project to work on, please contact Frances Jornov.

January meetings will be **Friday**, **January 12 and Saturday**, **January 27** at 10:00am 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 in January.

If you would like to request a prayer quilt for a friend or family member, please complete a request form (located on the Kiosk in the atrium) and put it 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. They will fit in a pocket or purse and the person can take your prayers everywhere with them.

Are you interested in learning to sew: There are three sewing machines in the Prayers and Squares closet. If you are 12 years old or older, give Frances a call to let her know of your interest in learning to sew or if you need a review to use your sewing machine. Frances would like to have a beginners sewing class. You may use one of our machines or bring your own. A first project would be to make a square pillow.

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!

~Frances Jornov

A Big Thank You to Margaret & Marc Richardson for the "refresh" of the Information Kiosk in the Atrium. It's the same structure, made by Morris Bander many years ago, but now with a new look. Stop by the "new" Kiosk to find out what's happening at St. Andrew.

STAFF HOLIDAY BONUS REQUEST

Dear Members of St. Andrew,

As Personnel and Office Elders and Deacons, we are writing to ask your help with giving a well-deserved holiday bonus for our staff. Throughout the year our Pastor, Christian Education Director, Music Director, AV Technician, Secretary, Keyboardist, Pre-School Director, Youth Director, Housekeeper, and Nursery Workers enrich our church in many meaningful ways.

With the Christmas season fast approaching, our thoughts turn to ways in which we can reward their hard work and diligence. By church members donating money for the Christmas bonuses, money will not have to be taken from the operational budget, and the church is able to appropriately thank the staff.

The Session has approved an offering to be taken to enable the members to show their appreciation. Please place your offering in the offering plate by **Sunday, Dec. 10th**, or mail it to the office to be received no later than **Wednesday, Dec. 13th** with "Christmas Bonus" written in the memo line of your check. (Church mailing address: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church; Attn: Whit Tucker; 1885 Bridge Road, Suffolk, VA 23433)

As always, only the Receiving Treasurer will have knowledge of individual amounts given. The entire amount will then be distributed according to a formula directly linked to each staff member's base salary.

Please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider your offering. If you have questions, see any member of the Personal and Office Committee.

Sincerely,
The Personnel and Office Committee

NEW OFFICERS

The following St. Andrew members were elected to the following positions:

Amy Gray – Fellowship Deacon (to fill vacancy) Class 2024

Mike Topping – Property Deacon (to fill vacancy) Class
2025

Session Class of 2026

John Taylor – Finance Committee Elder
Sandy Poole – Christian Education Committee Elder
Gloria Womble – Worship Committee Elder
Rob Estes – Mission & Service Committee Elder, 2nd term.
Diaconate Class of 2026

Rena Thompson – Congregational Care Committee Deacon
Angela Martin – Fellowship Committee Deacon
Steve Poole – Property Committee Deacon
Karen Topping – Mission & Service Committee Deacon.

Thank you to all of those willing to serve.

HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH CHILI LUNCH FUNDRAISER JANUARY 21, 2024



Please stop by the table in the Atrium, <u>after church or after Sunday school on January 21</u>, to get a container of chili to go. There will be

a good variety available. They will be

packaged in containers that are safe to microwave. Donations are greatly appreciated!

The money will be used to offset the expensive cost of the youth retreats and conferences this year.

~Angie Hillis-Baurle, Youth Director

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY Food collection: Jan. 21 - Feb. 11, 2024

Mission and Service Committee will be collecting canned food and other non-perishable items for the annual "Souper" Bowl competition (AFC team v. NFC team). Show your support for the team you think has the best



chance of winning the Super Bowl by depositing your canned items in either the NFC

or AFC box located in the Atrium. <u>Collection dates are</u> January 14 through February 5, 2024.

All items will be donated to the Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center food pantry.

Which team do *you* think will win? Wear your team colors on "Souper" Bowl Sunday.

SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE GIFT CARD COLLECTION

The Welcome and Congregational Care Committee extends a BIG thank you to our congregation for their support of the gift cards for our college students. With your generosity, we have enough cards for the spring distribution.

~Lynne Wood and Gwen Elmore



A big thank you to everyone that sent cards and text messages, phoned or brought meals when I had kidney stone surgery.

What a blessing to be part of the St Andrew

family.

~Frances Jornov



December Birthdays Vanessa Buehlman 2 2 Lillian Wonpat Kevin Grav 5 Avery Nicole Spires 6 9 James O'Reilly Joyce Poe 12 Brenda Lovell 14 Kim Smith 14 Whit Tucker 14 15 Philip Goodwin Jamie Lentini 15 Will Haverty 17 Amanda Phelps 17 Janice Brooks 19 **Becky Nagy** 20 Jeremy Mushero 21 Ryan Schoenberg 21 Virginia Stephenson 22 23 Jordan Hillis Kelly Holcomb Lucas 23 Kathleen Pietrasanta 24 25 Irene Whitfield Joshua Emert 26 Wayne Prince 27 28 Leslie Hamrick Shirley Martin 28

Chris Prince

Ralph Steinert

January Birthdays					
Courtney Gartman	1				
Tricia Haverty	1				
Jody Luck	1 3 4				
Bert Senter					
Rhonda Gordon	5				
Sally Johnson	5				
Joy Luck	5				
Margee Milliser	5				
Rhys Franklin	7				
Sarah Lemon	8				
Joe Luck	8				
Deborah Sessoms	8				
Peyton Ellenor	9				
Maureen Higgs	9				
Frank Womble	11				
Jennifer Coston	12				
Diane Bondurant	12				
David Lemon	17				
Philip Golding	18				
Patrick Missel	18				
Colby Parrish	18				
Russell Richards	19				
Carter Hamrick	20				
Shaun Nagy	20				
Gloria Womble	21				
Katherine Caggiano	24				
Andrew Chapman	24				
Josh Korahaes	26				
Kurt Lentini	26				
Stephen Steele	27				
Debbie Walker	27				
Lindsay Milliser	28				



Ross Roberts

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	<u>December Anniversaries</u>
5	John & Leigh Gillis
10	Gordie & Maggie Fears
21	Aaron & Sandra Carnegie
21	Joshua & Hannah Emert
24	Marc & Margaret Richardson
26	Jim & Julia Pratt
27	Bob & Rena Thompson
28	Howard & Julie Anderson
30	Joe Justice & Michelle Malvern

January Anniversaries

5	Joan & Steven Jensen
14	Shaun & Becky Nagy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Decemb	2023				1 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	2
3 Mission Sunday First Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship Service; Communion No Church School 11:00 Mission Displays in Atrium, Refreshments Angel Tree/Mitten Tree Items Due 6:30 Online Advent Study	4 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	5 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	6 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga SAH* 7:00 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	7	8 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 6:00 - 8:00 Presbyterian Women sponsored Women's Covered Dish Social, home of Janice Brooks	9 4:00 – 9:00 RSA*Recital/Art Show, Atrium & Sanctuary
10 Second Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages 6:30 Online Advent Study	11 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 6:00 Presbyterian Men Dinner/Meeting, Atrium 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	12 10:00 Presbyterian Women Circle, Atrium No Evening Prayer 6:30 Blue Christmas Service	13 Staff Bonus Donations Due 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library 6:30 Preschool Christmas Program, Sanctuary, Atrium 7:00 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	14	15 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 5:00 – 7:00 St. Andrew provides meals for CAPS Community Kitchen	16
17 Christmas Joy Offering Third Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship: Cantata 11:00 Church School for all ages 6:30 Online Advent Study Clothing donations accepted for SCFC*	18 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB* 4:00 – 9:00 Scout Troop 164, Sanctuary, Atrium, Kitchen, SAH*	19 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	20 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga SAH* 7:00 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	Prest Winter	22 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	23
24 <u>Christmas Eve</u> Fourth Sunday of Advent No Morning Worship No Church School Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 Family Service 7:00 Worship Service with Communion	7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	26 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom	27 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library	28	29 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	30
31 New Year's Eve 10:00 Worship Service No Church School 11:00 Take down Christmas Decor	ilding (CFR) *Renaissan					

^{*}Christian Education Building (CEB) *Renaissance School for the Arts (RSA) *St. Andrew Hall (SAH) *Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center (SCFC)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Happy New Year!	2 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	3 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 7:00 Chancel Choir Practice	4 Annual Reports Due (email to St. Andrew)	5 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	6 Epiphany
7 10:00 Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages	8 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 6:00 Presbyterian Men Dinner/Meeting, Atrium 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	9 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 10:00 Presbyterian Women, Atrium 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	10 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library 7:00 Chancel Choir Practice	11	St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – noon Prayers/Squares, SAH*	13
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21 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages Youth Chili Fundraiser Clothing donations accepted for SCFC* Collection Begins for "Souper" Bowl Sunday February Bagpiper Info Due	22 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	23 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	24 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library Kirk Night 5:45 Dinner 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	25	26 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	27 10:00 – noon Prayers/Squares, SAH*
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Looking Ahead: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Pancake Supper & Ash Wednesday Service

[&]quot;Souper" Bowl Sunday – bring your non-perishable food items to St. Andrew beginning January 21. Last collection day is February 11, 2024.