



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

May 2024



This year, our annual “**Music Is the Message**” service will be held on **May 5** – the Chancel Choir, Celebration Ringers, Combo and musical guests will all join together to present the Word during the service, followed by the celebration of the sacrament of Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your family, neighbors and friends to join you for worship as we celebrate God’s Love through music and song. Please plan to join us!

~Al Reese, Music Director

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19 is Pentecost Sunday.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’ first followers on the day of Pentecost is often called the Church’s birthday. The spirit is alive at St. Andrew Church as we grow in Christ and in our mission to the world.



Everyone is asked to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to celebrate the Holy Spirit coming to the Church.

PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERING

The Pentecost Offering is the second special offering of the Presbyterian Church USA of the year. It will be received on Pentecost Sunday, May 19. This offering allows Presbyterians to invest in the church’s greatest resource – our youth – and join in ministries that address the needs of at-risk children and encourage, grow and support our young people. 40% of the offering will be retained by St. Andrew for investment in local programs focused on children at risk and development of youth. The remainder will be used by the larger Presbyterian Church to support Young Adult Volunteers (25%), Ministries with Youth (25%) and Advocacy for At-Risk Children (10%). Please give generously as you are able.



~Mission Committee

COMPASSION SATURDAY

May 4; 9:00am - Noon

What better way to start a weekend than fellowship with friends while putting faith into action! We will have several activities for you to be a part of:

- Making casseroles (for those in need)
- Planting flowers (to add a colorful touch)
- Making cards (get well, sympathy, missing you...)
- Trash pickup on Bridge Road

Bring the kids, bring a neighbor, bring a friend!

~Mission & Service Committee

TEACHER APPRECIATION & GRADUATE SUNDAY



Thanks, Teachers!

St. Andrew will honor its teachers and celebrate its high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 26 during the 10:00 morning worship service.

service.

Please let **Beth Lyon-Suhring** (lyonsuhring@hotmail.com) know if you or your child will be graduating this spring. We want to make sure that we include ALL our graduates!

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education



GROCERY LIST FOR MIGRANT WORKERS

St. Andrew’s June Intergenerational Church School class, “Learning New Ways to Pray” will meet every Sunday in June following the worship service. We need to start now to gather supplies for one of our projects: groceries for migrant farmworkers of Virginia’s Eastern Shore. All grocery items will be due on June 23. See related article on page 4.

- 4-lb bag of MASECA (cornmeal)**
- 2-lb bag of dried black or pinto beans**
- 16 to 48-oz bottle of cooking oil**
- 12 to 18-oz can of jalapeno peppers (cans only, as jars break in transport)**
- Small bag of all-purpose flour**
- 2 pounds of enriched long-grain rice**
- 2 cans of tomato sauce**
- 2 cans of vegetables (green beans, corn, etc.)**
- Reusable canvas or plastic shopping bag with handles**

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

SUPPORT THE MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOSTER CARE INITIATIVE

Marine Toys for Tots Foster Care Initiative is having a Foster Family Fun Fest on June 1, 2024 at Windsor Castle Park in Smithfield. The goal is to send a message of hope and support to children ages infant-17 who are in the foster care system.

The Mission and Service Committee is collecting hygiene items (diapers, deodorant, dental health items, body wash, etc.) and some fun summer items (bubbles, books, crayons, fidgets, and other fun activities small enough to fit into a backpack) to assist with this project. Please deposit items in the collection bins in the church atrium by May 12. The items will be placed in backpacks and given to children to take from the Windsor Castle Park event in June. Thanks so much for your support!

~Karen Topping

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Join the Presbyterian Women for our final meeting of the year scheduled **May 14, 2024, at 10am** in the church Atrium. **Carol Wilson** will lead us in Chapter 9: *People Encounter Jesus Through the Works of the Disciples*. **Frances Jornov** will provide the devotional. Stay tuned for summer social events.

Order your Horizon Bible Study book: The 2024 – 2025 Bible study will be held September through May. **Sandy Poole**, PW Treasurer, will order the 2024-2025 Horizon Bible Study books in July. If you need her to order a book for you, please give her a check for \$11 (St. Andrew Presbyterian Women, note "Bible study book"). The study is written by Patricia Tull and is titled "*Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and all Creation.*" She is a Professor Emerita of Hebrew Bible at Louisville Seminary in Kentucky. The study looks to be very timely and should provide many thoughtful discussions.

Honorary Life Membership: **Sylvia Ryder** received the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership award at the April meeting. Sylvia has faithfully contributed to the mission and purpose of PW as well as for her many years of work in the life of St. Andrew. A lovely tea/brunch was provided by PW **Kay Smith**.



The H.E.R. Shelter Director, Olivia Smithberger gave a talk about the shelter and the work they do in education and

advocacy of those experiencing domestic violence, human trafficking, and homelessness. It was a moving testimony to the good works of organizations in our community. PW gave a check for \$200 to help support their mission.

Massanetta Summer Gathering of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic June 14-15, 2024 will be virtual this year. Patricia Tull is scheduled to present this year's study. More information will follow.

Summer Churchwide Gathering St. Louis, August 8-11, 2024: "Do Everything in Love" The gathering is an every 3 year event. It's a "faith filled time to renew our connection within and across PW groups from across the country." Contact Martha if interested as there are many avenues for scholarship support.

PW Sponsored Offerings: Presbyterian Women support several missions organized by our national PW. Promotion of the Thank/Birthday Offering is conducted every spring until the first part of June. Thank Offering grants support 20 to 30 mission projects in the US which range from \$5,000 to \$50,000. Birthday Offering grants go to 1 to 5 recipients for capital improvement projects which total \$75,000 to \$150,000. Health ministries receive at least 40 percent. A current recipient of the Birthday Offering is *Advocates for Community Choice, Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area* in Missouri. The money is used to renovate housing to accommodate those with intellectual/developmental disabilities. It provides a safe place that takes into account their unique needs where they can flourish. If you would like to provide an offering, please make checks out to either "St. Andrew PW" (notation Thank/Birthday Offering) and place in Sandy Poole's church office mailbox, or to "St. Andrew Presbyterian Church" (notation Thank/Birthday Offering) and place the check either in an offering plate or the Receiving Treasurer's (Whit Tucker) office mailbox. Donations are accepted until early June 2024.

~Martha Shephard, PW Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The next Presbyterian Men's Group gathering takes place on **May 13 at 6:00pm** in St Andrew Hall. Dinner is available for \$10.00. We're continuing our guest speaker series, and so far we've had a fantastic mix of interesting topics. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the atrium. If you have any questions, please contact **Roger Nelson, Lin Hanbury, John Gillis, or Bob Thompson**.

~Bob Thompson

EVENING PRAYER ON ZOOM

Please join **Pastor Gillian** for Evening Prayers on some Tuesday nights in May at 6:30 (No Evening Prayer on May 14 or 21). 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.

Memorial Day Sunday

May 26, 2024

Worship Service at 10:00
NO Church School Classes



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

April 18, 2024 Stated Meeting

- Approved Mission & Service request to hold a Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Saturday, September 28th.
- Approved Mission & Service request to hold a Backpack and School Supply collection for the next school year from mid-July through mid-August.
- Approved Mission & Service request to conduct a collection of hygiene products and small toys/activities for children and teens in the foster care system in support of the Marine Toys for Tots Foster Care Initiative and its Foster Fun Fest on June 1st. Collection to begin immediately and run through mid-May.
- Appointed David McKercher as St. Andrew's commissioner to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Eastern VA (PEVA) to be held on April 23, 2024 at Kirkwood PC.

~David McKercher, Clerk of Session

LOOKING AHEAD: BAGPIPER DUE DATES

June submissions are due on May 19.

Info for the combined
July/August
summer edition

will be due on June 23.

Info for September will be due on
August 18.



YELLOW VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BEGINS

The Outreach Committee is launching a Yellow Volunteer program to welcome visitors before and after Sunday services, answer questions, and escort them to campus facilities, like the nursery, cry room, restrooms, and the education building. Team members will wear a yellow identification lanyard and serve about one Sunday per month. Please contact **Margaret Richardson** at (757) 635-9546 to sign up.



CAMP STAY AND PLAY COMING TO PRESCHOOL AGAIN THIS SUMMER

St. Andrew Preschool will be offering ten wonderful weeks of summer day camp again this year. Each three-day session is open to ages 2 ½ through rising first graders. The Tuesday-through-Thursday classes will run from 9:30am until 1:30pm All children must be fully potty trained.

As a special gift to St. Andrew families, the July 9-11 camp will be offered FREE to any St. Andrew child or grandchild. This camp session will also offer Vacation Bible School Bible stories and puppet shows. Please note your connection to St. Andrew when you register.

Here are the camp session themes:

Session 1: June 4-6 – Beach/Luau

Session 2: June 11-13 – Jurassic Park

Session 3: June 18-20 – Outer Space Adventure

Session 4: June 25 – 27 – Camping/Fishing

July 2-4 – CLOSED – NO CAMP

Session 5: July 9-11 – Superheroes (featuring VBS)

Session 6: July 16-18 – Pirates & Princesses

Session 7: July 23-25 – Shark Week

Session 8: July 30 – Aug. 1 – Let's Build (Construction)

Session 9: August 6-8 – Let's Get Messy with Art

Session 10: August 13-15 – Wonderful World of Nature

There is a registration fee (one-time payment) of \$25/child or \$40/family.

Weekly sessions are \$100/child with a sibling rate of \$90.

The daily drop-in rate is \$40. Please note that payments must be made in cash only.

Contact: clarinda.sap@gmail.com

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education



Thursday, May 16
Salvation Army;
Bank Street, Suffolk
Cupcakes needed at
St. Andrew by 10:30am

St. Andrew continues to prepare and serve the meals at the Salvation Army in downtown Suffolk. There has been a lower attendance since the Salvation Army started serving meals inside again.

Cupcakes are still needed; extras can be given out during other activities at the Salvation Army. Thank you for your support by continuing to provide cupcakes each month.

GRADUATE INFO NEEDED



Graduate announcements for the Bagpiper:

To all St. Andrew members who will graduate this spring from high school, college, or beyond: **email the details below to lizatucker@hotmail.com by June 23** so that they may be shared with our readers in the summer newsletter edition. You may also place a graduate announcement form (located at the Kiosk in the Atrium) in the Bagpiper Office mailbox.

Name of Graduate:

Parents' names or name of husband/wife (if appropriate):

Graduated from which school (and location of school):

Type of degree:

Future plans:

~Liza Tucker, Bagpiper Editor

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Clothing donations due on May 19

St. Andrew continues to collect donations of clothing, in addition to food, for the SCFC. 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 St. Andrew on the 3rd Sunday of each month and placed in the same area as the food that is collected and delivered to SCFC. If you have any questions, please contact **Danny Lovell** or **Rob Estes**.

"DEAR GOD ..."

LEARNING NEW WAYS TO PRAY

Sunday Classes for the Whole Church Family in June

Do you ever feel that your prayers have grown stale, that you send your same laundry list of needs heavenward each day?

"Dear God ..." *Learning New Ways to Pray*, St. Andrew's June intergenerational class, aims to expand our prayer vocabulary and give us new ideas for communicating with our creating, redeeming, and sustaining God. Plan to join us each Sunday in June at 11:00am, immediately after the worship service, to explore prayer together. We'll meet in the Atrium, and the classes will be open to ages 4 to 104.

We'll use the ACTS template – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication – to guide our series on prayer, and each week we'll include new prayer practices to experience together.

Here's the overview:

Sunday, June 2 – ADORATION – "You are an amazing God!" Using Psalm 148 as a guide, we'll begin with praise. We'll also talk about creating sacred spaces for prayer, including in our own homes.

Sunday, June 9 – CONFESSION – "I'm sorry, God." Psalm 32 will help us continue to draw close to God by admitting the places where we've missed the mark. Our Music Director Al Reese will bring music into our prayer, and we'll also learn about the ancient spiritual practice called the Examen.

Sunday, June 16 – THANKSGIVING – "Thank you, God!" With Psalm 100 as our lead, we'll do a bit of contemplative prayer focused on the natural world, and we'll learn about prayer journaling.

Sunday, June 23 – SUPPLICATION – "I need your help, God." We will take Paul's message to the Philippians as our guide today: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." We'll learn a practice called Praying in Color to focus our prayers for our needs and will make a set of prayer beads to take home.

Sunday, June 30 – Prayers in Action – Packing Groceries for Migrant Farmworkers. Join us to pack bags of groceries for those who harvest our food on Virginia's Eastern Shore. These bags will join those of other churches from the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia and will be delivered in July.

Mark your calendars and join us for any or all of these opportunities to pray together.

~Beth Lyon-Suhring, Director of Christian Education

PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING

May meetings will be **Friday, May 17 and Friday, May 31** 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 May.

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. They will fit in a pocket or purse and the person can take your prayers everywhere with them.

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 beginner's 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

EASTER BREAKFAST ENJOYED BY ALL



A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated food and their services to make the Easter breakfast so successful. We also want to thank all the church members who attended the breakfast. It was a wonderful combination of good food and fellowship as part of the celebration on Easter Sunday.

~ The Fellowship Committee:
Angel Henkel, Amy Gray, and Angela Martin

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who purchased a flower for Easter, the sanctuary was especially beautiful! Thanks also to



Helen Chapman for her support and guidance, and to Helen and **Gloria Womble** for setting up the flowers.

Please remember if you enjoy seeing flowers in church, the sign-up book is at the Kiosk. Please call/text **Deborah Banks** at 757-647-9157 with questions or for any help.

The May Diaconate/Session meeting has been moved to Thursday, May 30, 2024.



Stephanie Caggiano	2	Kasey Campbell	17
Angela Martin	3	Josh Romanczyk	17
David McAlpine	3	Chloe Prince	19
Cara Boyle	4	Maggie Prince	19
Jennifer Henson	5	Neil Wilson	19
Connor Parrish	5	Erin Boyle	20
Thomas Seymour	5	Art Zachary	20
Rachel Thibodeau	6	Clay Ames	22
Dorothy Robinson	8	Cal Luck	23
Lauren Hillis	9	Grace Wonpat	23
Austin Ebel	10	Tyler Hayslett	24
Maddie Ebel	10	Kelly Parrish	24
Clara Spanos	11	James Sessoms	24
Bonnie Franklin	12	Lucy Willis	24
Alex Gregg	13	John Petersen	25
Kyle Madden	14	Mary Romanczyk	25
Luke Estes	15	Bruce Walker	25
Maggie Fears	15	Kerry Holt	27
		Steve Suhring	30

YOUTH CHOIR VISITED ST ANDREW

On Wednesday, March 27th, St Andrew played host to the Epworth Choir from First United Methodist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The St Andrew Music Department provided and shared a meal with the youths and then we enjoyed a fabulous evening of music. Here are some pictures of our fellowship and the concert – thanks to all who participated and attended!

~Al Reese, Music Director



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| 2 | Lin & Cheryl Hanbury |
| 2 | Clyde & Bonnie Harper |
| 6 | Mark & Michelle Hendrickson |
| 10 | Doug & Katie Lemon |
| 15 | Peter & Kim Stephenson |
| 16 | Leif & Susan King |
| 17 | Don & Alyce Golding |
| 21 | Kasey & Dee Campbell |
| 24 | Deborah & Rich Sessoms |
| 27 | Lee & Kira Livingston |
| 27 | Mark & Sonja Morrell |
| 31 | Wayne & Amber Gwaltney |

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wedd	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 7:00 Chancel Choir	2 	3 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	4 9:00 – Noon Compassion Saturday
5 10:00 Music is the Message Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages	6 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	7 1:00 Tidewater Pastoral Council Session 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 Bell Choir	8 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library 7:00 Chancel Choir	9	10 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	11
12  10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages Toys/Tots Items Due	13 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 6:00 Presbyterian Men, SAH* 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	14 10:00 Presbyterian Women, Atrium 7:00 Bell Choir	15 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 1:00 Preschool Chapel, Sanctuary 7:00 Chancel Choir	16 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Bank Street, Suffolk	17 10:00 – Noon Prayers/Squares, SAH* St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	18
19  10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages SCFC* Clothing Donations Due <u>JUNE BAGPIPER</u> <u>INFO DUE</u>	20 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	21 7:00 Bell Choir	22 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library 7:00 Chancel Choir	23	24 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	25
26 <u>Teacher</u> <u>Appreciation/Grad</u> <u>Sunday</u> Memorial Day Sunday 10:00 Worship Service No Church School	27  9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 6:30 Caregiver Group; Library 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	28 6:30 Evening Prayer on Zoom 7:00 Bell Choir	29 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 7:00 Chancel Choir	30 6:30 Diaconate & Session meeting in SAH*	31 10:00 – Noon Prayers/Squares, SAH* St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels Sanctuary Reserved for Boy Scout function	

*Christian Education Building (CEB)

*St. Andrew Hall (SAH)

*Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center (SCFC)

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

[June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30](#) Intergen. Church School Class
[June 14](#) Flag Day
[June 14 – 15](#) PW Virtual Summer Gathering
[June 16](#) Father's Day

[June 20](#) First Day of Summer
[June 23](#) Grad info due for Bagpiper
[June 23](#) Migrant Worker groceries Due
[June 23](#) July/Aug Bagpiper info Due