



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

October 2024

DEDICATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 20, 2024

Join us for a meal & fellowship following the worship service. There will be no church school on October 20, 2024.

As a church family, we come together on Dedication Sunday, generously sharing the gifts God has given us. We celebrate these gifts He gives us, with expressions of thanksgiving to God for his abundant blessings. We invite you to also come together for a meal and fellowship after the service. It is around tables where connections and relationships are often built and nourished; where we enjoy meals and conversation all while growing in relationship with each other.

The Finance Committee will be providing the meat for our lunch and the Fellowship Committee is seeking help from the congregation to provide side dishes. We are looking for volunteers to bring a hot dish of vegetables, potatoes or mac & cheese, a cold dish of salad or fruit or a dessert. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church atrium starting October 6th.

If you have any questions, please contact **Angela Martin** at (757) 705-5367 or angelasmymers@yahoo.com

We thank you in advance for your food contribution and look forward to sharing a meal and enjoying this time of fellowship, as doing so can bring us closer to recognizing Christ in our midst.

*~Angel Henkel, Amy Gray, Angela Martin;
Fellowship Committee*

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

This third Special Offering of the PCUSA for the year will be received on **October 6**, World Communion Sunday. Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God's peace, empowered by God's joy, reminds us that we are connected to each other. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us. Seventy-five percent of the offering will

be used by the larger church in programs advocating for peacemaking and justice. The remaining 25% will be retained at St. Andrew and donated to support a local charity. Please give generously as you are able.

~Mission & Service

TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

St. Andrew's Transition Team includes **Heather Gregg** (Christian Education Elder), **Steve Poole** (Property Committee Deacon), and **Rob Estes** (Mission Committee Elder).

The Transition Steps to finding an Interim Pastor:

1. Identify and interview interim candidates, make recommendation to Session
2. Session approves interim candidate
3. Define our future
4. Prepare for a new pastor
5. Update Mission Study [The Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA) must approve our Mission Study]

"We are continuing to follow the steps to seek out and identify interim candidates. We are beginning to talk with candidates and evaluate their fit for St. Andrew. Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance as we work through this process." *~Heather Gregg, Transition Team*

SUPPLY MINISTERS

The St. Andrew Worship Elders are continuing their role for contacting and scheduling guest ministers to fill the pulpit until a transitional pastor is established. At present, we have lined up the following guest ministers who will be visiting our church to share their message of hope with us each week through the end of October:

10/6 – Rev. Dr. Eugene Soud

10/13 – Rev. Rebecca Lesley

10/20 – Rev. Leigh Gillis

10/27 – Rev. Dr. Wilbur Douglass

We look forward to meeting and worshipping with each of our visiting pastors in the coming weeks.

~ Doug Gordon & Shaun Nagy; Worship Elder

WE ARE A MATTHEW 25 CONGREGATION!

Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
~Matthew 25: 37-40

Matthew 25:31-46 calls us to actively engage in our community and the world around us.



St. Andrew joined with the Presbyterian Church (USA) to answer the Matthew 25 pledge to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry,

oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

St. Andrew is a Matthew 25 congregation, one of eight in The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA). That means that we are focused on being a vital congregation and caring for the hungry and homeless, some of the "least of these my brethren" that Jesus talked about in the Matthew 25 parable. So let us rededicate ourselves to that mission as we journey through this time of transition to finding our next pastor. As St. Teresa said many years ago and it remains true today: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out upon the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people". Let's renew our efforts on being those eyes, hands and feet in this community and wherever God calls us. Remember, "they will know that we are Christians by our love."

~Mission & Service



A Big Thank you to all who shared their garden's bounty with the St. Andrew congregation.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

September 19, 2024 Stated Meeting

- Received the report of the Nominating Committee and approved a Called Congregational Meeting on October 20, 2024 immediately following the 10:00am worship service for the purpose of electing officers for the Class of 2027 and a vacancy in the Class of 2025.
- Received the report of the Transitional Pastor Search Committee. They are actively seeking and scheduling interviews with candidates.
- Scheduled the ordination and installation of **Shaun Nagy** as a Ruling Elder for the October 20, 2024 worship service with guest pastor, **Rev. Leigh Gillis** presiding.
- Approved Mission & Service request to proceed with the annual Peas on Earth and Angel Tree projects and the Congregational Care request for the Spring 2025 Outer Banks Retreat the week of March 9.

~David McKeercher, Clerk of Session

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

November Bagpiper

info will be due on October 20, 2024.

Looking Ahead

December 2024 and January 2025 will be a combined issue, with info due on Friday, November 22, 2023.

KIRK NIGHT HAS BEGUN!**Join us on Wednesday evenings**

Kirk Night, St. Andrew's mid-week program for all ages, has begun! Join us at 5:45pm on Wednesday evenings through November 20th for dinner in the Atrium (\$4.50 adults; \$2.50 kids), followed by programming for all ages beginning at 6:30pm.

For Adults

Several speakers/leaders will present topics on a series on good mental health called "**Feeling Heard; Hearing Others.**"

For Youth

5:45 – 7:30 Youth Group meets in Room 202 on the second floor of the education building under the direction of Youth Director **Angie Hillis-Baurle**. Middle School and High School youth begin with dinner and enjoy fellowship and learning together.

For Kids

6:30-7:00 p.m. Music Makers - Kids ages kindergarten through fifth grade will meet with **Cara Boyle** and **Al Reese** for thirty minutes of new songs, musical prayers, and instruments.

7:00-7:30 p.m. Children's Art Class - Kids ages kindergarten through fifth grade will meet to work on a ten-week project, constructing a 23rd Psalm wreath, adding new items each week to represent the themes of this beloved piece of scripture.

It's not too late to join us for this time of fellowship and learning!

OCTOBER KIRK NIGHT MEALS

Thank you to the following groups at St. Andrew who have taken the responsibility of providing meals during Kirk Night.

October 2 - Mission/Service Committee - tacos

October 9 - Music Department - soups

October 16 - Presbyterian Men - chili, applesauce, roll, cupcakes

October 23 - Session - meatloaf, green beans, potatoes, bread, dessert

October 30 - Youth - pizza, salad, dessert

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER**Donations due on October 20**

(Clothing and shoes, with an emphasis on items for men, as well as blankets, bedding, linens and towels)

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**.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The next Presbyterian Men's Group gathering takes place on October 14th at 6:00pm in St. Andrew Hall. Dinner is available for \$10.00. We will continue with our guest speaker series. This year we've had a wonderful mix of speakers and topics. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the atrium. If you have any questions or suggestions for future speakers, please contact **Roger Nelson, Lin Hanbury, John Gillis, or Bob Thompson**.

~ Bob Thompson

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The PW monthly meeting and Bible study will be October 8 at 10:00am in the Atrium. **Frances Jornov** will present Lesson 2, **Land Justice**, from the Horizon's study *Let Justice Roll Down, God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. **Sylvia Ryder** will provide the devotional. All women are invited.

~Loyce Bryan; PW Moderator

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for providing sanctuary flowers four times a year. There are many more weeks in the year to help provide flowers for our sanctuary on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the Flower Book at the Kiosk in the Atrium. You can provide flowers either "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone and that information will be printed in the bulletin on the day you have provided flowers.



If you have any questions or need any assistance in getting flowers to St. Andrew, contact **Deborah Banks** at 757-647-9157.

**SYMPATHY**

Please remember in prayer **Julia Pratt** and her family. Julia's sister, Wanda, passed away on September 17, 2024.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report

For Year-to-Date 8/31/24

	<u>Aug Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Income	\$46,413	\$326,407	\$347,900
Expenses	\$38,367	\$308,151	\$352,537
Net Income	\$8,046	\$18,256	

Current Assets

TowneBank Accounts	\$139,056
Ed Jones Investments	\$159,332
Total Current Assets	\$298,388

Endowment Funds

General	\$484,178
Mission	\$207,545
Tot Endowment	\$691,723

Current Liabilities

Payroll & Other Liab	\$2,735
Earmarks	\$136,408
Tot Current Liabilities	\$139,143

Mortgage

Balance	\$426,654
Monthly Amt	\$5,200

Net (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) = \$159,245

Our August income was the highest monthly income so far in 2024. This created a net income of \$8,046 for August and a year-to-date net income of \$18,256. These are the best results over the past four years! In addition, our endowment funds continue to grow, now totaling \$691,723. In spite of our good performance, our YTD Actual Income is below the YTD income that we budgeted. The fact that we are showing a nice YTD net income is a tribute to our committees who are doing a good job managing their expense budgets. Keep in mind our 2025 Stewardship Campaign theme, **“God can do it; We can help.”** We hope that each of you will help by pledging to support the good work that we do at St. Andrew. Keep on the lookout for Stewardship Snippets that will appear in the Sunday Bulletin.

~Finance and Stewardship Committee

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



The theme of our Stewardship Campaign is “God Can Do It, We Can Help”. There are many verses in the Bible that encapsulate a beautiful spirit of gratitude, generosity, and stewardship. Deuteronomy 16:17 says: “Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.” It is a reminder that our giving should align with what we’ve received, and it reflects trust in God’s ongoing care for us. Whether it’s our material resources, time, or talents, we honor God by sharing them with others and expressing gratitude for His provision.

We ask that YOU help by pledging to support St. Andrew. Over 75% of our annual budget comes from pledges. The budget covers all ministry expenses including salaries, church maintenance and improvements, utilities, supplies and our support to numerous activities and missions.

Dedication Sunday is October 20. That is the time that St. Andrew’s 2025 Stewardship Campaign will peak and we will have a “thank you” dinner after the service.

~Finance & Stewardship Committee



PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING

Come join the Prayers and Squares group to create quilts and to enjoy time with friends. Our October meeting dates are **Friday October 11** and **Friday October 25** at 10:00am in St Andrew Hall. Please bring whatever project you have and are working on. There are quilts that need quilting and ties to be added. There are also quilt kits that need to be machine sewn. There are three sewing machines in our closet; come join us and learn to sew.

The Prayers and Squares members have been working hard making quilts that will be given to the children for the Angel Tree gifts. We have 34 quilts and are working our way to 40. There are 14 adult quilts for the Silver Bells. A special thanks to everyone who is helping with making this project a success.

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** church mailbox 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.

Would you like to learn to sew? If you are 12 years old or older, come to a meeting and Frances will get you started. Give Frances a call if you want more details, have questions, or would like to meet at another day and time.

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

~Frances Jornov



Picture – Church Parlor: The parlor is around the corner from the Atrium, the first room on the left as you walk down the hall towards the Education Building.

Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for providing a refresh to our parlor. Monetary funds were provided by PW, and with the help from some of the men of the church, the parlor has a fresh coat of paint and new blinds. A big thank you to **Danny Lovell, Terry Phelps, Steve Poole, & Jim Pratt** for their willingness to help paint and hang blinds, and to **Sandy Poole** for overseeing this project.

This room has many uses: a meeting place for small groups, a “cry room” during a worship service for parents with infants, a place for a bride to prepare for her wedding, a meeting place for Tidewater Pastoral Counseling sessions or a Stephen Ministry counseling session, and just a place to visit with friends.

Stop by and take a look.



4	Mark & Vanessa Buehlman
4	Tim & Kathy Hamer
4	Stephen & Lindsay Steele
7	Bert & Sheryl Senter
7	Paul & Rachel Smith
9	Frank & Gloria Womble
13	Rob & Kris Baker
22	Robert & Kerry Holt
22	Jeremy & Heather Mushero
23	Travis & Harmony Madden

ST. ANDREW CHURCH RETREAT
MARCH 9 - 16, 2025



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/corolla-point-break>.

Adult Retreat: Sunday, March 9 at 5:00pm – Thursday, March 13 at 9:00am. Great time for adults only. Cost: \$350/per room**

Intergenerational Retreat: Thursday, March 13 at 9:00am – Sunday, March 16 at 9:00am. Great fun for all ages, including families, youth, and adults. Cost: \$262/per room**

Cost all week: \$612/room**

A \$100 deposit is due at Sign Up. Payment in full is due by January 15, 2025. Make checks payable to St. Andrew with memo stating Beach Retreat. Envelopes for your deposit/payment will be provided next to the sign-up sheet. Please put your checks in the offering plate or in **Whit Tucker's (Receiving Treasurer) office mailbox.

Look for the sign-up sheet 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, Rena Thompson,** or **Angie Hillis-Baurle.**



Bob Boyle	1	Alexis Korahaes	16
Tyler Baurle	2	Katherine Gwaltney	17
Brett Endrusick	3	Marc Richardson	17
Doug Gordon	3	Warren White	17
Carrie Estes	5	Sonja Morrell	18
George Perry	5	Bob Thompson	18
Rhett Franklin	6	Jim Carpenter	20
Carolyn Coffman	7	Stefanie Lomax	21
Joe Sessoms	7	Susan Nelson	21
Curtis Corl	8	Carole Prince	22
Kris Baker	9	Inga Miller	23
Lindsay Spires	10	Christopher Taylor	25
Sandra Carnegie	11	Betty Beard	26
Cheryl Hanbury	11	Rachel Smith	26
Angel Henkel	13	Harrison Senter	28
Sandy Poole	13	Benjamin Gregg	29
Jeremy Spires	13	John Schalk	30
Leslie White	13		
Wes Newman	14		
Ruth Chester	15		
Sean Golding	15		
Cal Vann	15		



SOUP KITCHEN


Thursday, October 17

Salvation Army; Bank Street, Suffolk

Cupcakes needed at

St. Andrew by 9:30am

Thank you for your support by continuing to provide cupcakes each month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) Noon: Tidewater Pastoral Counseling, Parlor 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	2 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Tacos 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	3	4 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	5 12-Step Program; CEB*
6 <u>World Communion Sunday</u> Peach & Global Witness Offering received 10:00 Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages	7 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	8 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 10:00 Presbyterian Women Circle in Atrium 2:00: Tidewater Pastoral Counseling, Parlor 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	9 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) Noon Widows Walk; library <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Soup 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	10	11 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – Noon; Prayers/Squares, SAH*	12 12-Step Program; CEB*
13 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages	14 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 6:00 Presbyterian Men, SAH* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	15 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	16 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Chili 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	17 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Bank Street, Suffolk 6:30 Diaconate & Session, SAH*	18 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	19 12-Step Program; CEB*
20 <u>Dedication Sunday</u> 10:00 Worship Service No Church School 11:00 Congregational Meeting 11:00 Stewardship Meal SCFC* Clothing Donations Due <u>November Bagpiper Info Due</u>	21 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	22 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	23 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) Noon Widows Walk; library <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Meatloaf 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	24	25 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – Noon; Prayers/Squares, SAH*	26 12-Step Program; CEB*
27 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages	28 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	29 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 2:00: Tidewater Pastoral Counseling, Parlor 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	30 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Pizza 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	31		

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

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

November 20 Last Kirk Night
December 1 First Sunday of Advent