



# The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

June 2025



This year, our annual “**Music Is the Message**” service will be held on **June 1** – the Chancel Choir and Combo will 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

**June 8 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, June 8. 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

## SUMMER SUNDAY CLASSES

➤ **June:** Sunday Morning Classes for the whole family - Each Sunday in June, St. Andrew will gather in the atrium after morning worship to enjoy an intergenerational class using the Lift material (Living In Faith Together). Our study will be Friends in Christ and will give us the opportunity to come together around the tables to share food, enjoy fellowship, worship together, and study the Bible.



### ➤ **July**

There will be no Sunday Morning Classes on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. CrossWalk and Youth classes will not meet in July.

July 13: If you are wondering where we are in our search for a new Pastor then this class will be for you as **Pastor Lou** teaches on the interim process.

July 20: You will have the opportunity to learn more about St. Andrew being a Matthew 25 church. **Pastor Lou** will explain what this means and how we as a congregation are living out this mission.

July 27: Have you ever wondered about what the **Beacon of Hope Mission** is all about? Many of you have prepared meals for this organization. **Cheryl Griffin**, Director of Beacon of Hope, will come to speak to us after morning worship.

Mark your calendar and join us for all these opportunities.

There will be no Sunday Morning Classes in August.

~Christian Education Committee

## NEW HYMNAL UPDATE

We have 140 *Glory to God* hymnals purchased (as of May 18); our goal is 225. If you haven’t yet purchased a hymnal, it’s not too late! You may give one (or more) and designate it In Honor Of or In Memory Of, and Given By. Hymnals are \$25 each and order forms are on the table in the Atrium. Deadline for purchasing a hymnal is June 16.



Thank you for your support in bringing even more *Glory to God* to our worship services!

~Worship Committee



### As we wrap up the

church school year, now is a good time to reflect on what we've accomplished so far in 2025.

While much of the interim work has likely been invisible to you, there has been work done on policies and procedures and conversations about how we can do things more efficiently. We've celebrated our wonderful preschool teachers, our graduates, and our Sunday school and Kirk Night teachers. We've brought on Beth Martin as a full-time Office Manager, and the Personnel & Office team is working on filling the Youth Director position, which will be vacant at the end of August when Angie Hillis-Baurle retires to spend time with her granddaughters. We've made much-needed changes to the audiovisual technology in the sanctuary, giving the choir and combo (and the pastor!) a screen to see what you all see in worship, and updated the speaker in the cry room. A new video camera has been installed (as of the end of May) that will allow greater flexibility in the views we display during worship on Facebook and on the sanctuary screens. By the time you read this, the St. Andrew Presbyterian Women will have hosted the entire presbytery PW at a spring gathering.

Speaking of the presbytery, on May 15<sup>th</sup>, PEVA began its move from the Portsmouth office to Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church at 6901 Newport Avenue, Norfolk. Until the Portsmouth building is sold, it will store items that PEVA will gradually try to donate or sell. I imagine things will be a bit chaotic until the move is complete, but I am excited to see the new space.

Adjusting to an interim pastor and the retirement of a beloved DCE are big events in the life of a congregation, yet you all didn't seem to miss a beat. As of May, I have been with you for five months, and I still get questions as to how I like things here. Rest assured: I like them *a lot*, and the people are the reason why. Staff are incredibly easy to work with, as are the elected church leaders, and I rejoice in seeing you in mission to our community and world while caring for each other. I remain excited to be in ministry with you!

In all things, be encouraged, and pursue *shalom*!

~Pastor Lou

### AUDIOVISUAL TEAM VOLUNTEERS

Now that our AV equipment has been upgraded, we'd like to call for volunteers to assist with sound, video, and livestreaming during Sunday worship. Ideally there would be two people manning the audio, computer, and camera. Additional volunteers will help us establish a pool of folks to give us some depth to coverage, so it doesn't fall every Sunday on just one person.

Contact **Al Reese** at [music.standrewpres@gmail.com](mailto:music.standrewpres@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer!

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) COMMITTEE

St. Andrew plans to establish an IT Committee to provide guidance and assistance in managing and maintaining its computer technology. If you have a background in IT or in-depth computer knowledge and would like to help, please let **Pastor Lou** know at [revventura@hotmail.com](mailto:revventura@hotmail.com).

### SAFETY COMMITTEE

Session is finalizing the reestablishment of the Safety Committee, which will report directly to Session and have the task of evaluating all aspects of safety at SAPC, making recommendations where needed. *If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please see **Heather Gregg** or **Pastor Lou**.*

### GRADUATE INFO NEEDED

To all St. Andrew members who will graduate this spring from high school, college, or beyond: **email the details below to [lizatucker@hotmail.com](mailto:lizatucker@hotmail.com) by June 22** so that their graduate details 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



## **PRESBYTERIAN MEN**

The next Presbyterian Men's Group gathering takes place on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 6:00pm in St Andrew Hall. Our June meeting will be a cookout with burgers and hotdogs. We'll have no speaker, just good food and fellowship. We're taking a summer pause in July—no meeting—then picking back up August 11.



If you have any questions or suggestions for future speakers, please contact **Lin Hanbury, Jim Pratt, John Gillis**, or **Bob Thompson**.

~ Bob Thompson

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

### **Save the date: July 8**

Presbyterian Women will hold a summer social on July 8 at 6:00pm at Gianna's Italian Restaurant in Suffolk. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the Atrium by mid-June.

~Loyce Bryan, PW Moderator

### **Order your 2025 – 2026 Horizon Bible Study book:**

The 2025-2026 Horizons Bible study, *Finding Resilience, Joy & Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter, will be held September through May. The last day to order a study book will be July 27, 2025. Make your check for \$15 payable to St Andrew PW (with a note – Study book) and place it in the PW Office Mailbox or give it to **Sandy Poole**, PW Treasurer.

~Sandy Poole, PW Treasurer

## **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

The youth will meet on the following dates in the Youth Room upstairs in the Christian Education Building:

**June 4:** Dinner & Bible study

**June 18:** Dinner & Game night

**June 19-22:** Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA.

**Save the Date:** Saturday, August 2

Food, Fellowship, & Fun at the Estes' river house

## **THE HISTORY OF PRAYERS & SQUARES**

### **Sharing Prayers and God's Love**

Can you touch a prayer or pull it close and feel its comfort? You can if it's part of a prayer quilt.

Prayers & Squares, The Prayer Quilt Ministry, began in 1992 at Hope United Methodist Church in San Diego, California. Since then, it has expanded to include chapters in churches of many different denominations across our country and in many other countries. The idea behind these quilts is simple, yet powerful. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in special need – someone who has asked us to pray for them. The quilt is then given to that particular person. What makes each quilt special is the fact that prayer is symbolically tied into each one. They are a statement of faith, and a testimony to our belief in God and in the power of prayer.

Prayers and Squares began in 2005 here at St. Andrew. Evelyn Jones, who now lives in Michigan near her daughter and family, started this ministry. We have made and dedicated 867 quilts. Pocket prayer squares and quilts for the Salvation Army's angel tree are projects we have added to our mission over the years.

If you have a friend or family member that you would like to receive a prayer quilt, you may request a Prayers and Squares quilt by completing a request form. Place the form in the mailbox in the office or give it to **Frances Jornov**. You may also phone her at 757-646-8955. There are many completed quilts in our cabinet. It is a great pleasure to share God's love by giving a quilt to someone.

Would you like to learn more about how you can become involved in this outreach mission program? We need people to press fabric, tie knots, match up fabric, cut, hand and machine sew. If you are interested in learning, we would love to have you join us. **The meetings for June are Friday, June 13 and Friday, June 27 at 10:00-noon in St. Andrew Hall.**

## St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report For Year-to-Date 4/30/25

	<u>Apr Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>	\$40,457	\$144,999	\$163,074
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<u>\$43,441</u>	<u>\$145,518</u>	\$165,936
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$2,984</b>	<b>-\$519</b>	

<b><u>Tot Current Assets</u></b>	<b><u>\$328,080</u></b>	<b><u>Endowment Funds</u></b>	
<b>TowneBank Chking</b>	\$66,151	<b>General</b>	\$490,183
<b>TB Money Mkt</b>	\$98,515	<b>Mission</b>	<u>\$209,589</u>
<b>Ed Jones Investments</b>	\$163,415	<b>Tot Endowment</b>	<b>\$699,772</b>

<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>		<b><u>Mortgage</u></b>	
<b>Payroll &amp; Other Liab</b>	\$3,326	<b>Balance Due</b>	\$350,000
<b>Earmarks</b>	<u>\$160,705</u>	<b>Monthly Amt</b>	\$3,226
<b>Tot Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$164,031</b>		

**Net (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) = \$164.049**

Total income for April 2025 was \$40,457, slightly below the monthly budget of \$40,768. However, total expenses of \$43,441 made us have a deficit of \$2,984 for the month. Our year-to-date net deficit is \$519. The church's financial health shows resilience with consistent income streams, although expenses need to be managed carefully to maintain balance between income and expenses.

~Finance and Stewardship Committee

### THANK YOU...

**A BIG Thank You** to everyone who turned out for our Compassion Saturday? We were able to paint light poles, plant flowers around the living cross, pick up trash along Rt 17, prepare hearty meals for those in need, clean most of the church windows and paint the coffee area walls and window seals. This is just some of the activities that make St. Andrew Presbyterian Church a Matthew 25 Certified Church!

~Mission & Service



“Dear Pastor Ventura,  
Thank you for the beautiful flowers given for my husband, Carl's, memorial service. The were placed in the sanctuary and brought much beauty. I am grateful.  
Blessings, Lynn (LeMon)”

*(Editor's Note: Carl LeMon, retired pastor of Ebenezer United Methodist Church, passed away in March 2025. He served as their pastor for 23 years.)*

### THANK YOU...

The Congregational Care team would like to express heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the Homebound Visitors, Dinner For 8 and College Gift Card programs a success! We appreciate your generous spirit and compassion for our congregation!



## **SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** **CENTER FOOD PANTRY**

### **Donations of food & clothes due on June 15, 2025**

**Food Items most often needed:** boxed mac & cheese, any pasta noodles, Hamburger Helper box kit, instant mashed potato packs, Ramen (any flavor), packages of individual-sized instant oatmeal, packages of individual-sized boxed cereals, shelf stable milk (individual-sized servings), peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti/tomato sauce, canned peas, canned or cups of fruit, canned chicken or tuna

**Clothing & Shoes** – with an emphasis on items for men, as well as blankets, bedding, linens & towels



### **SOUP KITCHEN**

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Salvation Army;

Bank Street, Suffolk

Cupcakes needed at

St. Andrew by 9:30am



### **DEACON'S FUND**

When the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month comes around, St. Andrew collects what is called the Deacon's Fund. On that day the loose plate offering is set aside to provide assistance to members of the church, and others, who need some temporary help in making ends meet, paying unexpected medical bills, or emergency repairs.

June is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday month. Please consider giving a little extra cash on June 29 to help those in need.



### **BAGPIPER DUE DATE**

Info for the combined July/August  
summer edition  
will be due on

**June 22.**

**(All August info should be turned in on  
June 22, or included in the Sunday  
Bulletin Announcements.)**



### **THE ORIGIN OF FATHER'S DAY**

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

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5	Terry & Wendy Phelps
5	Ralph & Eileen Steinert
11	Rus & Carey Hayslett
12	Russell & Bobby Richards
14	Steve & Martha Shephard
14	Mike & Karen Topping
14	Whit & Liza Tucker
15	Wes & April Newman
16	Scotty & Mo Higgs
20	Herbert & Diane Bondurant
22	Jennifer & Patrick Ryan
26	David & Barbara Saunders
26	Doug & Rhonda Gordon
27	Gus & Clara Spanos
30	Stefanie & Greg Lomax
30	RC & Kim Stone




### **Bible Quiz**

Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD"?

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king

Answer: See 2 Samuel 12:13

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:00 "Music Is the Message" Worship Service, Communion 11:00 Intergenerational Church School Class, Atrium <u>Presbyterian Women Thank/Birthday Offering Donations Due</u>	<b>2</b> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 5:45 Youth Group: Dinner & Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels	<b>7</b> 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
<b>8</b>  10:00 Worship Service, Pentecost Offering Received 11:00 Intergenerational Church School Class, Atrium	<b>9</b> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 6:00 Presbyterian Men Cook Out, SAH* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – Noon Prayers & Squares, SAH*	<b>14</b> 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB* 
<b>15</b>  10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Intergenerational Church School Class, Atrium <u>Food &amp; Clothing donations accepted for SCFC*</u>	<b>16</b> <u>Deadline for purchasing a hymnal</u> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 5:45 Youth Group: Dinner & Game Night	<b>19</b> Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Bank Street, Suffolk 6:30 Diaconate & Session meeting in SAH*	<b>20</b> St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels	<b>21</b> 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
				<u><b>June 19 – 22: Middle School Conference at Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, VA</b></u>		
<b>22</b> 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Intergenerational Church School Class, Atrium <u>Graduate Info due for Bagpiper publication July/August Combined Bagpiper Info Due</u>	<b>23</b> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 - Noon Prayers & Squares, SAH*	<b>28</b> 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
<b>29</b> 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Intergenerational Church School Class, Atrium <u>Deacon's Fund Collection</u>	<b>30</b> 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	Beth Martin's (Office Manager) Office Hours: Mon – Fri 8:30 – 4:30	Pastor Lou's Office Hours Mon – Thu: ~9:30 – ~4:00 Call the church office first to make sure she's in Office: 757-238-3550			

\*Christian Education Building (CEB)

\*St. Andrew Hall (SAH)

\*Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center (SCFC)