



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

November 2025

"Peas" on Earth **THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**



St. Andrew will be participating in the Community Efforts Thanksgiving Food Drive again this year. **It is our goal to collect at least 250 cans of peas by November 16.** The peas that we collect will be distributed (along with other foods collected by other churches in the community) on Saturday, November 22 to provide local families with food for Thanksgiving. Please add your contributions to the collection bins in the Atrium. If you would like to help distribute food on November 22, please reach out to **Karen Topping, Kyle Madden, Rob Estes, or Danny Lovell.** Thank you!

~Mission and Service Team



TIME CHANGE!

Daylight-Saving Time ends on Sunday, Nov. 2, so **don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday evening, November 1.**

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Andrew updated our Church Use Policy in 2024. All events taking place at church must be placed on the **official church calendar** in the main office to help us manage space availability when church use requests are received. The updated policy includes a Church Use Request Form (for use by members, non-members, and committees and groups needing to use space outside of their normal meeting arrangements) and a Church Equipment Use by Members form. The Property Committee manages the tracking and approval process and coordinates the calendar with Office Manager **Beth Martin**. Please reach out to Property or Beth if you need the forms or have any questions!

Decorate the Church



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AT NOON

Please join in "Hanging of the Greens" on Sunday November 23, 2025, immediately following the Sunday School hour. This is an opportunity for every one of all ages to prepare our church as we prepare for Christmas. Then stay for lunch; lasagna, salad and cookies provided by the Fellowship Committee. This is an event you don't want to miss!



Sylvia Ryder, Ruling Elder
Worship Committee

Details about Angel Tree (gifts for children), Silver Bells (gifts for seniors), and Mitten Tree donations are on page 3.
All items will be due no later than Sunday, November 30, 2025.



A Called Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 2nd** immediately following the conclusion of the 10am service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect Elders and Deacons to serve in the Class of 2028. At the October Stated Session Meeting held on October 16th, the SAPC Session approved the following Nominating Committee candidates for office:

- **Mike Topping**, serving a second term on Property Committee
- **Paul Urie**, filling a partial-term position on Property Committee with two years remaining in a first term
- **Kyle Madden**, serving a second term on Mission & Service Committee
- **Sue Urie**, filling a partial-term position on Fellowship Committee with two years remaining in a first term
- **Margaret Richardson**, serving a second term on Outreach Committee
- **Carol Wilson**, serving a second term on Christian Education Committee
- **Rhonda Gordon**, serving a second term on Christian Education Committee
- **Tom Bryan**, serving a first term on Mission & Service Committee
- **Danny Lovell**, serving a first term on Endowment Committee
- **Cheryl Hanbury**, serving a first term as a Trustee

Once approved by the congregation, new officers will begin their term in January 2026 and serve through December 2028. All officers are eligible to serve a maximum of two terms (six years) before rotating off. Thank you to our current officers, those renewing, and the new officers coming on - your service and dedication to SAPC are what keeps our programs and facilities running!

~ **Heather Gregg**, Clerk of Session

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will hold their monthly meeting on November 11 at 10:00am in the Atrium. **Frances Jornov** will present Lesson 3, *Jesus is Tested*. **Lynne Wood** will provide the devotional. Come early to visit and catch up. All women are welcomed.

CHRISTMAS MISSION OFFERING

Every Christmas season, PW solicits congregational support for a local and/or international organization that provides services that contribute to the well-being of the most vulnerable in all societies for our Christmas Mission. PW's Christmas Mission Offering this year will be again designated to support Tidewater Pastoral Counseling (TPC). TPC accepts donations to help individuals or families who need counseling support but do not have the means to pay for it.

PW is pleased to announce that Presbyterian Men will partner with us again this year. The Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Men thank you in advance for the support of this worthwhile service. Checks can be made out to "St. Andrew PW" with notation "Christmas Mission" and placed in the PW mailbox, **Sandy Poole's** personal mailbox, or given to Sandy directly. Cash donations are accepted. You may put your cash donation in an envelope marked "PW Christmas Mission" Donations will be accepted until mid-January 2026.

~ **Loyce Bryan**, PW Moderator



PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Our next meeting will be held on November 10th, 2025, at 6:00pm, in St Andrew Hall. Dinner will be available for \$10.00. This month's we'll provide Pizza and (root) Beer, and we'll continue our trend of hosting engaging speakers covering topics relevant to our community. You won't want to miss it.

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

~ **Bob Thompson**

MUSIC NOTES FROM AL

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 21st as the Chancel Choir will present our annual Christmas Cantata during the 10 a.m. service. While we have already begun rehearsing it, it's not too late to join in – rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:30 (7:00 when Kirk Night is not meeting). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with me!

Thanks to **John Gillis, Andrew Kowalski** and **Joey Luck** for joining **Bob Boyle** on the A/V team – Joey is in the running for a gold medal for his outstanding camera work!

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 me after the Sunday service, or reach out to me via email @ music.standrewpres@gmail.com – see you in worship!

~ Al Reese

NO SOUP KITCHEN IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

Thanks to all who volunteered at the Soup Kitchen and provided cupcakes for the meals in 2025!

Dear Members of St. Andrew,

Throughout the year, our Music Director, Office Manager, Preschool Director, Youth Director, Housekeepers, and Nursery staff enrich our church in many meaningful ways. To show appreciation for their dedicated service to SAPC, Session has approved the collection of donations toward annual Christmas bonuses so you too may show your appreciation for the impact they have on our church.

Please place your offering in the offering plate, or mail it to the office, with "Christmas Bonus" written in the memo line of your check by Sunday, November 16th. The entire amount collected will be distributed by the Personnel & Office (P&O) Committee directly to staff at the beginning of December.

Please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider your offering. If you have questions, see any member of the Personal & Office Committee (**Sonja Morrell, Heather Gregg, and Rev. Lou Ventura**).

Sincerely,
Personnel & Office Committee

ANGEL TREE AND MITTEN TREE PROJECTS

You can help make Christmas brighter for some local children and seniors by participating in St. Andrew's annual seasonal projects.

Signups for the Angel Tree will be available through Sign-Up Genius, and the collection **will begin November 2**. There will be "Angel tags" available for children under 18, and "Silver Bell tags" available for seniors. The tags will include suggested clothing sizes and/or "wish list" items for age-appropriate toys.

For those who are reluctant to sign up online, members of the Mission and Service committee will help with sign ups after church services during the collection dates.

All Angel Tree gift items should be brought to the collection bin in the church atrium **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30**. Please be sure that the gifts are unwrapped and that the recipient's name is clearly indicated on each gift. If you choose tags for two different children, please be sure that the gifts are clearly marked and separated. All of the Angel Tree gifts will be delivered to the Salvation Army in Suffolk during the week of December 1.

The **Mitten Tree** project will take place simultaneously. You may contribute new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, or socks for children of all ages. These donations may be placed in the designated area of the church atrium, and they will be directed to local children who need a little extra warmth this winter.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Mission and Service committee: **Karen Topping, Kyle Madden, Becky Nagy, Rob Estes, or Danny Lovell**. We appreciate your participation in these projects!

**Newsletter
DEADLine**

The December 2025 & January 2026 newsletter will be a combined issue with info for both months due on Friday, November 21. (Please be aware of the Friday due date, to accommodate the editor's Thanksgiving schedule.)

KIRK NIGHT CONTINUES!

Join us on Wednesday evenings

Dinner at 5:45; Classes for all ages at 6:30

Adult Class - **Surprised by Hope - Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church**, by N.T. Wright. Wright begins the Preface of the book with these two questions: What are we waiting for? And what are we going to do about it in the meantime?

The class meets in Room 204 on the second floor of the education building, and it will be led by **David McKercher**.

NOVEMBER KIRK NIGHT MEALS

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

November 5 - Presbyterian Women - breakfast for dinner
November 12 – (Last Kirk Night for Fall) Preschool - Italian night

CAN YOU HELP?

Congregational Care is looking for members to assist in various roles. You may be interested in visiting homebound members, hosting a Dinner for 8 meal, sending greeting cards, or simply care about our congregation and its members. We will have a short meeting on Nov. 2 at 12 (after Sunday School) in the Library. If you are interested but can't make the meeting, please send a note to **Gwen** at gwenelmore49@gmail.com or **Rena** at Rena.thompson12@gmail.com. Thank you!



PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING

Come join the Prayers and Squares group to create quilts and to enjoy time with friends. Our November meeting dates are **Friday November 7** and **Friday November 21** at 10:00 am in St Andrew Hall. Please bring your current project. 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 completed the children's quilts and are now focusing on 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 it in Frances Jorinov's box or contact **Frances Jorinov** (francesjorinov@charter.net or 757-646-8955).

Come join us! 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. Remember, we do enjoy the visiting while we work! Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!

~ **Frances Jorinov**

*Thanks,
Everyone!*

FROM OUR FAVORITE BAGPIPER EDITOR

Dear St. Andrew Family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and meals. It's wonderful to be cared for by my church family.

Liza Tucker

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Finance Committee Report ***For Year-to-Date 9/30/25***

	<u>Sept Amt</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	
<i>Income</i>	\$34,951	\$357,208	\$489,220	
<u><i>Expenses</i></u>	<u>\$40,868</u>	<u>\$330,411</u>	\$481,093	
<i>Net Income</i>	<i>-\$5,917</i>	<i>\$26,797</i>		
<u><i>Current Assets</i></u>			<u><i>Endowment Funds</i></u>	
<i>Ed Jones Investments</i>	\$216,561		<i>General</i>	\$549,853
<i>TowneBank Checking</i>	\$30,179		<i>Mission</i>	<u>\$231,827</u>
<u><i>TB Money Market</i></u>	<u>\$54,889</u>		<i>Tot Endowment</i>	<i>\$781,680</i>
<i>Total Current Assets</i>	<i>\$301,629</i>			
<u><i>Current Liabilities</i></u>			<u><i>Mortgage</i></u>	
<i>Payroll & Other Liab</i>	\$2,503		<i>Balance</i>	\$344,995
<i>Earmarks</i>	<u>\$95,321</u>		<i>Monthly Amt</i>	\$3,226
<i>Tot Current Liabilities</i>	<i>\$97,824</i>			

Net (Current Assets – Current Liabilities) = \$203,805

Total income for September was \$34,950, over \$10,000 below the August income. Our September expenses were \$40,868. Therefore, our income was almost \$6,000 less than our expenses. Year-to-date, however, our net income is still positive sitting now at \$26,797. Our endowment funds continued their nice growth, now totaling \$781,680. Our finances as of the end of September remain healthy, but the decrease in monthly income is disturbing.

~ Finance and Stewardship Committee

A Note from the Receiving Treasurer

At St. Andrew, there are three categories of donations for operations:

- (1) "Pledged" for members and non-members who return identified Estimate of Giving cards with amounts designated.
- (2) "Unpledged" for members who either do not return a card or return a card with the "Unable to contribute..." box marked.
- (3) "Loose Plate" for non-pledging non-members and for unidentified donations from members. (For months with 5 Sundays, all loose plate donations of that week go to the Deacon's Fund.)

All identified donations are recorded and reported in four annual Reports of Contributions. These were formerly quarterly reports, but the first quarter report was moved to after the end of November to assist donors in meeting "pledged" amounts before the end of the budget year.

As I am quite capable of making "fat fingered" data entry errors, please review all of your Reports of Contributions so that corrections can be made in a timely manner.

~ **Whit Tucker**, Receiving Treasurer



4	Mike & Tricia Haverty
9	Jack & Peyton Ellenor
18	Rhonda & Dave MacMelville
18	Bruce & Lara Walker
29	John & Kay Smith



We rejoice in the baptisms on Oct. 19th of Leonardo Anthony DiStasio and Christine Alexandra DiStasio, children of Amanda Phelps and John DiStasio, and grandchildren of Terry and Wendy Phelps. Such a joy to welcome them to the church family!

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Donations due on November 16

*(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**.

GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Congregational Care is collecting \$15 gift cards from fast food restaurants and coffee store chains to send to our college students in order to brighten stressful final exams in December. Gift cards can be given to Gwen Elmore, Rena Thompson, or placed in the Congregational Care mailbox in the office. The deadline for collection is November 16th. Thank you for your continued support of St. Andrew youth!



DEACON'S FUND

Every 5th Sunday 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 who need some temporary help in making ends meet, paying unexpected medical bills, or emergency repairs.

November is a 5th Sunday month. Please consider giving a little extra cash that day to help those in need.



Ethan Caggiano	1	Laura Lanoue	15
Karen Sawtelle	1	Jill Byrd	16
Sayge Taylor	1	Heather Moore	16
Carol Wilson	1	Rileigh Estes	18
Jim Perkinson	2	Tom Nixon	19
Alyce Golding	4	Fran Kolipano	20
Jennifer Ryan	4	Travis Madden	21
Betsy Beard	5	Betty Woods	21
Julia Gresham	6	Lily Hendrickson	22
Kristen Baurle	7	Evan Richardson	22
Kristina Zachary	8	Faye Mayberry	23
Lauren Haverty	9	David Saunders	23
Heather Mushero	11	Buddy Dye	26
Thomas Goodwin	11	Marie Dye	26
Barbara Saunders	12	Kyle Gray	27
Rena Thompson	12	Jim Parker	28
Spencer Buehlman	14	Hunter Webb	28
Milly Myers	14	Loyce Bryan	29
Judy Ulrich	14	Ashlee Robb	29
Zach Walker	14	Andrew Nagy	30

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB* <u>Set clocks back one hour tonight</u> —Daylight Saving Time ends tomorrow
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends 10:00 Worship Service; Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages Angel /Mitten Tree collection begins	3 9:00 – 10:00 NO Yoga, 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	4 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	5 9:00 – 10:00 NO Yoga <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Tacos 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	6 11:00-1:00 12 Step Lunch	7 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	8 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
9 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages	10 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	11 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 10:00 Presbyterian Women Circle in Atrium 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	12 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga Noon Widows Walk, Library <u>Last Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Italian 5:45 Youth Group 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	13 11:00-1:00 12 Step Lunch	14 10:00 Prayers & Squares, SAH* St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	15 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
16 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages SCFC* Clothing Donations Due Last day for “Peas” Collection	17 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	18 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	19 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga 5:45 Youth Group 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	20 11:00-1:00 12 Step Lunch 6:30 Diaconate & Session meeting in CEB	21 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels <u>Info due for Combined Dec 2025 & Jan 2026 Bagpiper</u>	22 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB* 5:00 – 9:00 RSA* Sanctuary & Atrium in use
23 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages Noon Hanging of the Greens	24 9:00 – 10:00 NO Yoga 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	25 No RSA* 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	26 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (SAH) 7:00 -Chancel Choir	27 	28 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	29 8:30 – 10:30 12- Step Program, CEB*
30 First Sunday of Advent 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages <u>Deacons Fund Collection</u>						

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

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

November 30: Angel Tree/Mitten Tree items due
December 21: Christmas Cantata
Thurs, Dec. 25: Christmas Day