



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

February 2026

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY

Food donations through Feb. 8, 2026

Souper Bowl Sunday



Mission and Service Committee is collecting canned food and other non-perishable items for the annual "Souper" Bowl competition (AFC team v. NFC team). (See page 3 for most needed food items.)

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.

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.

HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

"CHILI TO GO" FUNDRAISER

February 8, 2026



Please stop by the table in the Atrium, after church or after Sunday school on **February 8** 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!

~Andrew Kowalski, Youth Director

REQUEST FROM CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Congregational Care is updating the Homebound Visits volunteer list and names of church members who would appreciate visits. Visitation for our homebound members is a wonderful way for our St. Andrew family to show they are not forgotten. Please let us know if you would like to remain on the visitation team or are interested in learning more. Please email **Rena Thompson** at Rena.thompson12@gmail.com to be kept on the volunteer list, know someone who needs visits, or have any questions. Thank you for all you do!

KIRK NIGHT – WINTER/SPRING 2026

St Andrew's mid-week program for all ages

February 4 - March 25, 2026

Dinner begins at 5:45pm and classes start at 6:30pm.

Meal prices for dinner will be the following:

Adults - \$5, Children - \$3, Youth - \$4

No family will pay more than \$20

Meal Schedule and Menu

Feb 4 th	Pizza (Youth Group)
Feb 11 th	Tacos (Mission & Service)
Feb 18 th (5:30!)	Pancake Supper (Presbyterian Men)
Feb 25 th	Tacos (Small Group)
March 4 th	Italian (Preschool)
March 18 th	Soups (Session)
March 25 th	Potluck/Comfort Food (Deacons)

Classes: Join our classes for elementary-aged children through adults. Nursery care will be available by request. Classes are 6:30pm-7:30pm

For Children

The **Music Makers Class** is for children ages five through fifth grade. They will have the opportunity to participate in a child-centered music program led by **Angela Hillis-Baurle** and **Amanda Greco**. They will be introduced to the music of "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir" and will learn several other songs, play different instruments, and will have the opportunity to help with worship. The class will run from 6:30-7:00pm. The class is in Room 14, behind the sanctuary.

All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir. The Kirk Night children's art class, for ages five through fifth grade, will focus on the old children's folk song, "All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir." Children will create puppets to illustrate the song lyrics and learn about how each of us has gifts to share in the world. Class participants will then present a puppet show using their creations at the end of the session. Kirk Night art class will begin on Wednesday, February 4th, and will run from 7-7:30 p.m. The class will meet in Room 101 on the first floor of the education building and will be under the direction of **Steve Suhring** and **Liz Fachin**.

Youth Group for middle and high school students meets in the youth room on the second floor of the educational building, beginning with a meal at 5:45pm and includes fellowship and learning together under the direction of Youth Director **Andrew Kowalski**.

~Rhonda Gordon, Christian Education

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

We extend a warm invitation to join in our adult education program. Whether you've been studying scripture for years or are new to faith, we welcome you to add your voice to our conversations. All classes begin at 11:00am immediately after the morning worship services and meet in the church's education building, directly behind the main building. All are welcome and encouraged to give adult education a try.

Life Lessons from Ephesians by Max Lucado is a 12-week study that is filled with intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take you deeper into God's word and explore the entire book of Ephesians. Paul's letter celebrates the beauty of the church and gives us wonderful examples and overviews of a Christian life. Paul shows us how to walk worthy of Christ as we live our life for God. **The Jack Holladay Class**, led by **Frances Jornov** starts this new study on Feb 8th. It meets in Room 206 on the second floor of the educational building.

Share the Dream, Shining Light in a Divided World through Six Principles of Martin Luther King Jr. by Matthew Daniels and Chris Broussard, 2023. The Share the Dream Bible study is based on the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will look at 6 biblical principles that shaped Dr. King's life and motivated him to speak out in the Civil Rights Movement: love, conscience, freedom, justice, perseverance, and hope. This study offers an antidote for hate, violence, and division in our world through scripture and the work of Dr. King. Please consider joining the **Challenge of Faith** class following worship. Class meets in the Education Bldg second floor, next to the elevator and is facilitated by **Steve Suhring**.

The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. This class is for anyone interested in understanding human nature and the subtle ways temptation works. This book uses a unique format of letters from Screwtape to his nephew by instructing him on how to tempt a human away from faith and virtue. The class will focus on one letter a week. This perspective offers insight into common human weaknesses and the ongoing struggle between good and evil. **The Christians in Action (CIA) Class** is led by **Karen & Mike Topping** and **Becky & Shaun Nagy**, meets in Room 101 on the first floor of the educational building.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We welcome children in kindergarten through 5th Grade to join us in a workshop-based program which focuses on one Bible story each month. In February the children will be learning about Daniel. They will explore the story in different ways each week by participating in art, cooking, prayer, and watching a video. We encourage you to bring your children to class. Parents have three adult classes to choose from while their child is in class.



CAPS Night Stay

(@James River Community Church)

Volunteer opportunities for February 26 & 28:

- Purchase breakfast items
 - Make bag lunches
 - Prepare dinner
 - Serve dinner
- Work a night shift
- Cleanup/Breakdown

Sign-up sheet located in the Atrium



NEWS FROM THE VISION TEAM

St. Andrew's Vision Team is compiling and digesting the recent Congregational Survey.

The Vision Team will draft a Mission Study Report, based on the results of the Survey and will send this Report to our Session for review. St. Andrew's Session will then forward the Report to the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia for final review.

The Mission Study Report will be a crucial resource for the Pastor Nominating Committee as they move toward selection of a new pastor.

Thanks go to the people of St. Andrew for their remarkable participation in helping guide our church leadership to a new pastor.

ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026
All-you-can-eat! Eat in or take out!

The Presbyterian Men will host an Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper at St. Andrew on **February 18th from 5:30 – 6:30** in the Atrium. Proceeds from the event will go towards supporting the St. Andrew youth. **Tickets** will be on sale at the church the day of the event. Prices will be \$5/adults, \$3/children, with a maximum of \$20/family.

Join us for this all-you-can-eat meal of pancakes and sausage, and then attend Pastor Lou's Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 following the supper. Plan to come to the event for some good food, good fellowship, and a good cause. Bring your whole family; invite your neighbors and friends. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, contact **Andy Chapman, Jim Pratt, or Bob Thompson**.

Note: The Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper on February 18th serves as the February men's meeting; there will be no other meeting in February. The next meeting is March 9th, 6pm, in St Andrew Hall. Plan to join us!

~ Bob Thompson

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Donations due on February 15, 2026

Most needed food items during cold weather include:



Breakfast foods - hot and cold cereals

Hot drinks: hot chocolate, apple cider, tea bags, ground coffee (NO coffee pods)

Other food item needs include: Hamburger helper meal, mashed potatoes, jelly, canned tuna or chicken, canned soups, canned fruit, and ramen noodles

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

Donated clothing 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. This month's donations are due on February 15. If you have any questions, please contact **Rob Estes**.



SOUP KITCHEN

Thursday, February 19, 2026
Salvation Army;
Bank Street, Suffolk
Cupcakes needed at
St. Andrew by 9:30am



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

LESSON AND MONTHLY MEETING

Presbyterian Women will gather February 10 for their monthly meeting and Bible study.

Frances Jornov will facilitate Lesson 6, *Finding Our Joy in Christ: "I Will Say It Again, Rejoice,"* with **Sylvia Ryder** providing the devotional. All women are welcome.

WINTER SOCIAL

Presbyterian Women will hold a Winter Social/Luncheon on February 14 - yes Valentine's Day - 11:30am to 1:30pm in St. Andrew Hall. There is a signup sheet for lunch items on the PW section of the Kiosk. We will conduct the white elephant gift exchange. If you care to participate, you may bring the ornament you bought for the Christmas party, or some other new, wrapped gift valued at \$10 or less. Join us for some winter fun and fellowship.

~Loyce Bryan, PW Moderator

The Caregivers Group will meet Monday, Feb. 9th from 4:45-6pm in the Library.



NEW MEMBERS!

In December, we welcomed two new members to our church – Mr. **Dana Lortie** and Ms. **Louisa Parshall**. Please make them feel at home in their new church!





I'm writing this from home amidst ice and leftover snow from the great January snowstorm. We're actually on generator power after the lights

went out last night around 10 p.m. Living in the country as we do, when we don't have power, we don't have our well water. We're so grateful to have the generator as a backup—it means that life can go on fairly normally until the power is restored.

In some ways, that's my role as your interim pastor—ensuring that church life can go on fairly normally until you call your next installed pastor. Not everything your called installed pastor does will get done by an interim pastor, but it's enough to get you to the next "normal" place.

The tasks of the church in the interim or transitional period are critical to understanding who you are as a congregation and what you have to offer to a new pastor. Your Vision Team remains hard at work compiling your responses to the survey, and gathering the additional information needed for the mission study.

Once the mission study is complete and reviewed by the Session, it will go to the presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM) for review, along with a request to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). If you are interested in serving on the PNC, please let a member of the Nominating Committee know (**Danny Lovell, Denise McAlpine, Rhonda Gordon, Lin Hanbury, and Sonja Morrell**).

I also wanted to take a moment to let you know that St. Andrew will be undergoing some significant changes in administrative processes in these new few weeks. We will be setting up emails for the pastor, office manager, youth director, music director, and other church leaders that will reside on the standrewpres.net domain. This means that our contact email addresses will change. We will also establish a SharePoint document storage site so that church leaders can store and retrieve documents and reports. This will be especially helpful for continuity as leaders rotate every year.

The second big change will be moving from our current bookkeeper to a CPA firm. We have begun transitioning our financial reports, most of our bill-paying, and payroll to the new firm, and other changes may occur as a result of this move. We'll keep you posted if any of these changes affect you.

Finally, the Lenten season will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18, with a 5:30 p.m. Kirk Night dinner and a 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service. **David McKercher** will be teaching the adult Kirk Night class beginning February 4 on Faithful Citizenship. I hope you will be able to attend for some great insights and conversation.

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

~ Lou



MUSIC NOTES FROM AL

Happy New Year!

First, I would like to say 'thank you' to all who participate in the music ministry at St. Andrew. They are such a dedicated group! The Combo is ready to jump in each and every Sunday and make such great music with me.

And I want to acknowledge the work of the singing choir – not only do they led the congregation's song, they present an anthem most weeks Sep-May. Plus the cantata in December, and an upcoming 'Music Is the Message' to be scheduled this spring.

The Celebrations Ringers (handbell choir) continues to be a joyful group to work with. We've had a few openings for ringers, and are thankful that a few folks have been added to our ranks. We still could use one or two more ringers to help us ring all of our bells – if you read music, and are interested, please feel free to talk with me about ringing in the bell choir.

Good seats are always available in all of our musical groups – want to get or be involved? We'd welcome you in any (or all!) of our ensembles. See you in worship!

~ Al Reese, Music Director



St. Andrew has an active prayer chain, comprised of many people who have made the commitment to pray for others when needs arise. If you would like to be a part of St. Andrew's prayer chain, committing to pray for others, we would love to welcome you into that ministry, too. Contact **Susan Cox** at susanmcox2017@gmail.com and she will add your name to the email distribution list for prayer requests.

If you or a friend or loved one are in need of prayers, **contact Susan.**



EASTER BASKET COLLECTION
to Benefit ForKids in Suffolk

St. Andrew is collecting Easter baskets, candy, and other small basket filler items for boys and girls ages 2 – 17 **from March 1 – March 22, 2026.** The baskets will be assembled and delivered to ForKids in downtown Suffolk so that they may be distributed to local families in need. Place your donations in the plastic tub in the Atrium (suggested items include: wrapped candy, small toys, baskets, small crafts, Easter grass, books, individually packaged toothbrushes, and toothpaste). If you want to support this mission but are unable to shop, please write a check to St. Andrew and note **Easter Baskets** on the memo line.

Baskets will be assembled in the church Atrium on **Sunday, March 29th at noon** (following Sunday School). Help is needed! Please contact **Kyle Madden** (Kyle.F.Madden@hii-nns.com) or **Karen Topping** (ktopping@trinitynn.com) if you would like to help. Thank you in advance for your donations and for sharing God's love this Easter!

(Easter Sunday is April 5, 2026.)



Holly Lanoue	1
Abigail Hill	3
Katie West	3
Helen Chapman	4
Will Hendrickson	5
John Gillis	7
Mike Haverty	9
Meggan Schoenberg	10
Anthony Walker	10
Lara Walker	10
Tiffany Davidson	12
Wyatt Ellenor	12
Dana Lortie	15
Drew Parrish	15
Tina Zachary	16
Herbert Bondurant	17
Michelle Endrusick	17
Candy Wolbrink	18
Steve Corum	19
Charles Cutler	19
Deborah Banks	22
Mike Romanczyk	23
Glen Fachin	24
Jenna Robb	24
Gwen Elmore	26
Robert Holt	26
Martin McCue	27
Frances Robb	27
Jackson Ellenor	28



3	Roger & Susan Nelson
9	Sue & Lee Harrison
10	Cliff & Charlene Barr
11	Mike & Kathy Romanczyk
29	Danny & Brenda Lovell
29	Martin & Debbie McCue

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship w/ Communion & Congregational Meeting 11:00 Church School for all ages	2 9:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	3 9:30 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	4 9:00 Yoga (CEB*) <u>Kirk Night Begins</u> 5:45 Dinner: Pizza 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 Chancel Choir	5 11:00 Lunch & Learn, CEB*	6	7 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
8 10:00 Worship Service; 11:00 Church School for all ages <u>Youth Ministry Fundraiser: “Chili to go”</u> <u>“Souper” Bowl</u> <u>Food Due</u>	9 9:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 4:45-6pm Caregivers 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	10 9:30 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 10:00 Presbyterian Women Circle in Atrium 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	11 9:00 Yoga (CEB*) Noon Widows Walk, Library <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Tacos (Mission) 5:45 Youth Group 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 Chancel Choir	12 11:00 Lunch & Learn, CEB* 1pm Beth’s Small Group	13 10:00-noon Prayers & Squares, SAH* St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	14 Valentine’s Day!  8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB* 11:30-1:30 PW Winer Social, SAH
15 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages <u>March Bagpiper Info Due</u>	16 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB* 	17 9:30 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 7:00 – 8:15 Celebration Bells	18 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 Yoga (CEB*) <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:30 Dinner: Pancakes 6:30 Ash Wednesday service 7:30 Chancel Choir	19 11:00 Lunch & Learn, CEB* Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 6:30 Diaconate & Session	20 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	21 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
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*Renaissance School for the Arts (RSA) *Christian Education Building (CEB) *St. Andrew Hall (SAH) *Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center (SCFC)

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

- March 1-22 Easter Baskets for ForKids collection
- March 6 World Day of Prayer
- March 8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 15 April Bagpiper info due
- March 20 First Day of Spring
- March 22 Easter basket collection ends
- March 29 **Palm Sunday**, assembly of Easter Baskets
- April 5 **Easter**