



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

May 2026

COMPASSION SATURDAY

May 2, 2026; 9:00am - Noon

Plan to join us for Compassion Saturday on May 2nd, 9:00am - Noon.

This year Congregational Care and Property Committees are partnering with Mission and Service to help you enjoy three hours of Fellowship, Love, Compassion, and Faith in Action!

We're planning the following activities: roadside clean-up along Route 17; card making for home-bound members; preparing casseroles for the ForKids organization; clean-up and beautification of the Memorial Garden and other areas around the church. There's something for all abilities.

Bring the kids, bring a friend, bring your smile!

~ Mission & Service, Congregational Care, Property Committees

TEACHER APPRECIATION & GRADUATE SUNDAY

May 24, 2026

St. Andrew will honor its teachers and celebrate its high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 24 during the 10:00 morning worship service.



Thanks, Teachers!

The Christian Education Committee is thankful for the many teachers that help make our Christian education program a success. Thanks to the many nursery

workers, Sunday school teachers, Kirk Night teachers and our preschool teachers.

We will also honor our high school and college grads on May 24. Please let one of the CE Elders (**Carol Wilson** and **Rhonda Gordon**) know if you have someone in your family graduating this spring. We want to make sure that we include ALL of our graduates.

~ Christian Education Committee



Please lift up prayers of comfort for **Rhonda Gordon** & family as they mourn the loss of her mother, Lynette Korahaes, and for **Steve Poole** and his family as they grieve the loss of our beloved friend, **Sandy Poole**.

SUPPORT TOYS FOR TOTS FOSTER FAMILY DAY

Donations through May 31, 2026

Did you know that Toys for Tots does work to benefit children *all year round*? In June, Toys for Tots will be hosting a Foster Family Day for foster families in Isle of Wight. The event will allow foster families the opportunity to spend a fun day in the sun with a variety of fun activities and crafts for children of all ages. You can help support this event by donating any new or gently used towels.

The Mission and Service team will be collecting these items from **May 3 – 31**. Please leave your donations in the marked bins in the church Atrium. Thank you for your support!

~Karen Topping



Memorial Day Sunday
May 24, 2026
Worship Service at 10:00
No Sunday School

Mother's Day is May 10, 2026

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the April 23 Session meeting, the Elders took care of business at hand, including:

- Reviewed current financials and update on our transition to the new CPA and bookkeeper
- Approved fundraising by Boy Scout Carter Mason for restoring the outdoor chapel as his Eagle project. He will be presenting to the congregation Sunday, May 31st; be on the look-out for more information on how you can help support his project!
- Approved hosting the PEVA meeting in April 2027. This will be a great opportunity for SACP and require a lot of volunteer help!
- Approved candidates received from the Nominating Committee for PNC and Property for presentation to the congregation.
- Began the process of identifying the next Nominating Committee for approval at the May meeting and presentation to the Congregation in June
- Discussed methods to distribute the Mission Study Report to the congregation - look for information coming soon!

DIACONATE DISPATCH

Greetings from your Deacons!

This month we're launching a new addition to the Bagpiper. We will use this column to highlight the wonderful people and the activities your Diaconate performs at St Andrew Presbyterian Church. Deacons embody acts of care, compassion, and service, and you will find one of our Deacons contributing to every aspect of life at our church.

At St Andrew, the Diaconate is comprised of four committees: Congregational Care, Fellowship, Mission & Service, and Property. Together these twelve Deacons and their committee members form the backbone of our church's operations.

This month we're highlighting the unsung hero of your weekly worship service, the Deacon on Call. Each Sunday one of your Deacons arrives at church about an hour before service to make sure the lights are on, the doors are unlocked, there's hot coffee and cold lemonade to drink, and the Sanctuary is ready for worship. After service, the Deacon on Call cleans up and resets everything in the church for the week ahead. If you see one of these hard-working Servants of Christ on a Sunday morning, or any time, please share with them your gratitude, I know they'll appreciate it.

*~ Bob Thompson
Moderator of Deacons*

FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who has helped with Sanctuary flowers, either by signing up, or helping out last minute, and to the Presbyterian Women for their regular contributions.

If you appreciate seeing flowers in church, please consider signing up in the Flower Book located at the Kiosk; there is also the option to add a sentiment for the Bulletin. Often the flowers are available after church and can be taken to brighten someone's day.

If you know of someone that would appreciate the flowers, please let me know and arrangements can be made. I can be reached by phone/text #757-647-9157 or email: djbanks64@hotmail.com Thank you!

~ Deborah Banks



SOUP KITCHEN

Thursday, May 21, 2026
Salvation Army
Bank Street, Suffolk
Cupcakes needed at
St. Andrew by 9:30am



VISION TEAM UPDATE



St. Andrew Finance Report

Due to our change in bookkeepers and some inconsistencies in many of our financial values, we will not give our standard report that includes detailed income and expenses. However, we do want to assure you that the financial situation of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is healthy. The values below as of the end of March should make you comfortable about our financial health.

TowneBank Bank Account

Balance:	\$69,648
<u>Money Market Account:</u>	<u>\$103,875</u>
Total	\$173,523

Edward Jones Investment Account

6-Month CD:	\$53,000
12-Month CD:	\$56,000
Money Market Account:	\$106,654
<u>Cash:</u>	<u>\$2,651</u>
Total	\$218,305

Endowment Funds

General Endowment Fund:	\$548,379
<u>Mission Endowment Fund:</u>	<u>\$231,193</u>
Total	\$779,572

St. Andrew continues to move forward in the process leading up to a new minister!

The St. Andrew Mission Study Report (MSR) was accepted by PEVA's Commission on Ministry at their April Meeting. This cleared the way for the formation of the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) who will be responsible for the pastoral search. The PNC slate was presented on Sunday 4/26 and was approved by the congregation. The PNC can now officially get to work!

And the Session, Deaconate and congregation have more to do!

A joint Session/Deaconate workshop was held on 4/30 to begin reviewing the Vision Team's (now St. Andrew's) Mission Study Report. Our church leadership will map out a path to understand and apply the MSR recommendations as we prepare for a new pastor.

Committees (like Worship, Christian Education, Fellowship, Mission and Service) will address opportunities for improvement in advance of calling a new pastor. This work will need the support and participation of church members.

The MSR will be made available to the congregation this month. In it you will find much to be proud of as we reflect on who we are as a church, and where we hope to be going.

As we move forward through this 'interim time' continue to pray for each other, the PNC, and church leadership. Be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Take time to reflect upon God's goodness. Be grateful for the love shown to us through Christ.

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.

~Fellowship Committee



Music Notes from Al

Music, music, music!! 'Tis the season for St. Andrew's music ministry to be in full swing! Some upcoming events, in and outside of worship:

Sunday, May 3rd at 5 pm – Virginia Handbell Consort will present its spring concert in our sanctuary – the program is titled “Land of Make Believe” - bring a friend and your imagination!

Sunday, May 17th at the 10 am service – our annual “Music is the Message” service bringing you the Word in song (and musical) form – choir, combo and bells (and you!) will participate in this service.

Sunday, June 14th at 4:30 pm – we will hold a service in the style of Taizé worship - Taizé worship is a contemplative, prayer service characterized by candlelight, meditative song, silence, and scripture.

Are you interested in sharing your musical gifts with your church family? Good seats, stands and positions are still available! If you have any questions about participating in the musical life at St. Andrew, please don't hesitate to speak with me.

See you in worship!

~Al Reese, Music Director

GRADUATE INFO NEEDED



To all St. Andrew members who will graduate this spring from high school, college, or beyond: **email the details below to standrew@standrewpres.us**

by June 21 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:

~ Beth Martin, Bagpiper Editor

DINNER FOR EIGHT

All Dinner for Eight groups will gather in the SAPC Atrium on May 6th at 6:00pm for our final dinner of the spring session. See your group leader to find out what to bring to the potluck. If you have any questions, please get in touch with **Rena Thompson** or **Liz Fachin**. Thanks to all who participated!

COLLEGE GIFT CARDS

We would like to thank the congregation for their continued support in donating gift cards for our college students! As always, you never cease to amaze us with your generosity!

~ Congregational Care

St. Andrew Prayer Chain: If you or a friend or loved one are in need of prayers, contact **Susan Cox** at susanmcox2017@gmail.com and your request will be added to the Prayer Chain.

PRESYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will hold their final meeting of the Winter/Spring session on May 12 at 10:00am in the Atrium. Janice Brooks will facilitate Lesson 9, *When You Are Walking with Jesus: The Road to Emmaus*. Pastor Lou will install the Coordinating Team for the upcoming terms.

~ Loyce Bryan, PW Moderator

**JUNE BAGPIPER SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE ON
SUNDAY, May 24, 2026**

LOOKING AHEAD

The July/August Bagpiper will be a combined issue. Information for **both** months will be due on **June 21, 2026.**

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The next Presbyterian Men's Group gathering takes place on **May 11th, 2026**, at 6:00pm in St Andrew Hall. Dinner is available for \$10.00. We'll continue our speaker series when our guest will be Sharon Holland, Executive Director of CAPS. St. Andrew Presbyterian Church has been a strong and sustained supporter of the CAPS program in Suffolk, and Ms. Holland's presentation will be one you won't want to miss. Join us for food, fellowship, and a chance to learn more about one of our church's important mission areas.

Our **June meeting** will be held on the 8th, and we'll be joined by our Music Director, Al Reese, who will discuss the vital role of music in our church's worship program. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about how our church works and to get to know those who play a key role in our worship service. Mark your calendars now!

We'll take a summer pause in July—no meeting—then picking back up August 10th.

If you have any questions or suggestions for future speakers, please contact **Andy Chapman, Lin Hanbury, or Bob Thompson.**

~ Bob Thompson

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the love and support that you gave our family during the passing of my mom. We appreciate all the calls, text, visits, and cards. The reception following the Celebration of Life by the church family was a wonderful time for our family and friends to visit and share memories and stories of my mom. Your kindness means so much, and we are grateful to be a part of such a caring congregation!

Love,
Rhonda & Doug

THANKS FROM THE KIRK NIGHT TEAM!

The Christian Education committee would like to thank all those involved with this year's Kirk Night sessions:

All the groups who hosted a meal
All the teachers who taught
All the folks who attended

We look forward to seeing you in the Fall when Kirk Night starts again!

Looking Ahead – Summer Sunday School

Stay tuned for information for the intergenerational Sunday school classes for June and July. There will be no Sunday school in August.

~ Christian Education



**The Church Office will be
CLOSED
May 25
for Memorial Day**

PRAYERS & SQUARES

The Prayers and Squares quilting group is working on creating the quilts for the Angel Tree children and seniors gifts. If you would like to help us with this project let Frances know. You can work at home using supplies we will provide or you can join us at our meetings. If you would like to learn to sew, we can help you with that goal-learn while making an Angel Tree gift quilt. 10 years old and up are welcome to join in this project. (Frances was a home economics teacher and enjoys teaching children and adults to sew.)

May meetings will be **Friday, May 8 and Friday, May 22** 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 this month.

If you would like to request a prayer quilt for a friend or family member, please complete a request form (found at the church kiosk) 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.

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

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER FOOD PANTRY

Donations of food & clothes due on May 17, 2026


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.



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
26	Bill & Lassie Corbett
27	Lee & Kira Livingston
27	Mark & Sonja Morrell
31	Wayne & Amber Gwaltney



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>3 10:00 Worship Service, Communion 11:00 Church School for all ages 5pm Va Handbell Consort concert</p>	<p>4 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*</p>	<p>5 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>6 (NO Yoga today) 7:00 Chancel Choir 6pm Dinner for 8, Atrium</p>	<p>7 11:00 Lunch & Learn, CEB* ★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER</p>	<p>1 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels</p>	<p>2 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB* 9:00 – noon Compassion Saturday</p>
<p>10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages</p>	<p>11 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 6:00 Presbyterian Men, SAH* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*</p>	<p>12 10:00 Presbyterian Women, Atrium 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>13 9:00 Yoga, SAH* 12 Widows Walk, Library 4-7pm RSA graduation 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14 11:00 Lunch & Learn, CEB* Noon – Small Group lunch</p>	<p>8 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – noon Prayers/Squares, SAH*</p>	<p>9 8:30-10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*</p>
<p>17 10:00 Music is the Message Sunday - Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages 12:30-4:30 Tidewater Sampler Guild – CEB*</p>	<p>18 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*</p>	<p>19 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>20 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 10:00 Preschool Graduation 11:00 Lunch & Learn, CEB* 6:30 Diaconate & Session meeting</p>	<p>15 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – noon Prayers/Squares, SAH*</p>	<p>16 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*</p>
<p>24 PENTECOST <u>Teacher Appreciation & Graduate Sunday</u> 10:00 Worship Service No Church School June Bagpiper deadline</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day – Office Closed 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*</p>	<p>26 7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>27 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library 7:00 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>28 11:00 Lunch & Learn, CEB*</p>	<p>22 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – noon Prayers/Squares, SAH*</p>	<p>23 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*</p>
<p>31 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Church School for all ages</p>						

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

Beth Martin's Office Hours:
Mon – Fri
8:30 – 4:30

*Christian Education Building (CEB)

*St. Andrew Hall (SAH)

*Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center (SCFC)