



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

June 2026

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP AT ST. ANDREW

Please join us for the following social events at St. Andrew this summer:

June 7th: Please join us and Christian Education for the first week of summer Sunday School for an Ice cream social.

July 5th (before and after the service): Please join us for light refreshments either before or after (or both) the service to encourage fellowship.

August 2nd following the service:

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting our annual cookout of hotdogs, sides and dessert.

Please join us for food and fellowship.

We hope that you will join us at each of these fellowship events.

~ The Fellowship Committee:
Angela Martin, Amy Gray, and Sue Urie

FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Kitchen is overflowing with "orphan dishes". They will be put in the Atrium for you to look through. If you are missing something from your kitchen, and do not see it, please let me know and we can look through the kitchen as I may have missed it. The dishes that are not claimed will be taken to the thrift store so they can find a new home. Thank you for your generosity when we have our social events. The food is always scrumptious!

Sincerely, the Fellowship Committee



JUNE 21, 2026

SUMMER SUNDAY

Intergenerational Classes

Our traditional Sunday school classes will resume in the fall.

Join us on **June 7th** as we partner with the Fellowship committee to kick-off the summer intergenerational studies with an Ice Cream Social.

Beginning **June 14** as we gather for Summer Sunday Intergenerational Classes for all ages! We will meet in the Atrium at 11:00am and use the LIFT (Living In Faith Together) curriculum.

This summer's study, *Parables of Jesus*, will give us the opportunity to gather around the tables for fellowship, worship, and Bible study together.

Our six-week study will meet on: June 14, 21, 28, July 12, 19, and 26. (No classes on July 5.)

Mark your calendars and join us for these special opportunities to learn and grow together. There will be no Sunday school classes in August.

~ Christian Education

WANTED: TEACHERS AND HELPERS

Have you ever felt a nudge to help with Christian Education, but hesitated because you weren't sure where to begin? We have exciting news!

In August, the Christian Education Committee will host **Volunteer Equipping Sessions** designed to help turn that "I'm not sure" into "I'm ready!"

These casually structured sessions will provide practical tools, fresh ideas, encouragement, and support for anyone interested in serving in our education ministry. Whether you are a seasoned Sunday school teacher looking for fresh ideas or someone brand new who wants to learn the ropes, these gatherings are for you.

Our goal is simple: to ensure every volunteer feels fully equipped, confident and supported in this vital ministry.

Stay tuned for the summer schedule. We look forward to growing together as we prepare for a wonderful year of faith and learning.

~ Christian Education Committee

SESSION NOTES

At the May 21st Stated Session Meeting, the Elders took care of business at hand, including:

- Reviewed current financials, ongoing transition to the new CPA and bookkeeper, and steps being made to improve our accounting and tracking processes.
- Approved Endowment Committee request to give **Rob Estes** access rights to the endowment accounts as backup to Chair **Clyde Harper**.
- Approved Senary School of Music church use request for their Spring Recital on Saturday, June 20th.
- Received from the Nominating committee candidates to fill open Elder positions and received from church ministry groups representatives for the next Nominating Committee. Set the Called Congregational Meeting date for June 14th for elections, and installation of new officers for June 21st.
- The officers of SAPC met on April 30th for a workshop to review committee-specific comments received as part of the Mission Study survey. The goal of this workshop was to receive the comments and evaluate possible actions, improvements, or changes that might be appropriate for SAPC now or in the future to address concerns and needs where possible. A follow-up workshop will be held in June to discuss ideas and opportunities that overlap multiple committees.
- Discussed minimum/maximum salary ranges for the new pastor in response to the PNC's request.



*Thank You
Note*

Dear St Andrew Family,
Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, and meals following my recent back surgery. It is such a

blessing to be part of such a caring church family.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Liza Tucker

SOUP KITCHEN

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Salvation Army;

Bank Street, Suffolk

Cupcakes needed at

St. Andrew by 9:30am



DIACONATE DISPATCH

Greetings from your Deacons!

This month we're highlighting the Fellowship Committee. Have you seen the fresh flowers on the tables in the Atrium? Ever notice the fully stocked kitchen with shelves containing coffee, lemonade, sweet tea, and paper supplies? Have you enjoyed the goodies before and after worship service, or loaded up on mini eclairs after the Virginia Bell Choir Consort performance? Ok, that was me, but I noticed!

Well, you can thank the Fellowship Committee for making all of that happen. Led by Angela, Amy, and Sue, this hard-working committee is always on hand to make sure every Sunday service, and every event St Andrew supports goes smoothly. There's a long list of occasions that Fellowship hosts: the Christmas Cantata Cookie Reception, Easter Brunch, the Annual Church Picnic, and just about every other event requiring hospitality with a special touch. Rally Day? Yes. Stewardship Sunday Lunch? Yup. Ice Cream Social just because? Absolutely!

The Fellowship Committee also steps in to help anyone in our church needing help organizing and hosting an event. They do it all to enhance the sense of community at St Andrew, and we're immensely thankful for the grace, kindness, and sense of service this team of Deacons brings to our church. You're AWESOME!

~ Bob Thompson, Moderator of Deacons

BAGPIPER DUE

DATE

Info for the *combined*
July/August
summer edition
will be due on
June 21.



**(All August info should be turned in on
June 21, or included in the Sunday
Bulletin Announcements.)**

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

The Congregational Care team would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the Homebound Visitors, Dinner For 8, Meal Train, and College Gift Card programs a success! This year we expanded the number of volunteers for visitation program, had 40 participants enjoy Dinner for 8 gatherings, served dozens of meals to those in need, and collected a record number of gift cards for our college students. All because of you! We appreciate your generous spirit and compassion for our congregation!

Liz & Rena, Congregational Care

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The next Presbyterian Men's Group gathering takes place on June 8th, 6pm, 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.

~ *Presbyterian Men*

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER FOOD PANTRY

Donations of food & clothes due on June 21, 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



PRAYERS & SQUARES

Sharing Prayers and God's Love

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 Frances (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 12 and Friday, June 26 at 10:00-noon in St. Andrew Hall.**

~ *Frances Jornov*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

At our May 12th meeting Pastor Lou installed the new Coordinating Team for the upcoming term:

Moderator: **Sue Urie**

Vice Moderator: **Janice Brooks**

Secretary: **Denise McAlpine**

Social Media: **Gloria Womble**

Sunshine Chair: **Cheryl Hanbury**

Treasurer: **Martha Shephard**

Historian: **Sandra Burkhart**

Member at Large/ Prayers & Squares : **Frances Jornov**

Member at Large: **Loyce Bryan**

Future Events: Summer Social AUGUST 4. Details to follow.

Horizon Books for next season: United Through Christ Bound to Each Other - \$15. Martha Shephard will be ordering in July. Let her know to reserve your copy.

A special thank you to **Loyce Bryan** for being our fearless leader and moderator these past two years! I'm looking forward to working with all of you over the next year.

~ *Sue Urie, Moderator*

PARDON OUR DUST!

After many months of planning and working behind the scenes, there are changes that are beginning to surface. The church has a new email address – **church@standrewpres.net**. If you send email to the old one, standrew@standrewpres.us, your email should be automatically forwarded to the new address, so we shouldn't be losing any emails in the transition. In the meantime, **please change the entry in your Contacts list** – and if you still have our former secretary's name associated with the church, it's a good time to fix that as well. :)

In addition – soon we'll have new email addresses for various staff members and committees of the church. Once those are completely set up and ready to roll, we'll be informing the individuals involved.

The church is moving from a Google-based file "library" to a Microsoft environment, so there will be a hopefully brief disruption as we migrate data from the Google Drive information, move it to Sharepoint and reestablish connections to it instead. **If you've been working with the church's Google Drive**, please don't make any changes to it until the Sharepoint connections are set up.

Please bear with us while we undergo growing pains!

~ *Beth Martin / IT Committee*

MIGRANT FARM WORKERS & SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS MINISTRY

As we enjoy the blessings of food on our tables, let us remember the migrant farm workers and seasonal agricultural workers whose labor makes those meals possible. These workers are an important part of our Virginia communities, especially on the Eastern Shore, yet many struggle to provide adequate food and necessities for their own families.

Farm work is physically demanding and often dangerous. Workers spend long hours in extreme heat, perform repetitive labor, lift heavy loads, and face exposure to chemicals and workplace injuries. Many are paid based on productivity and may hesitate to speak up about unsafe conditions.

As our Migrant Farm Workers Ministry prepares for the upcoming season, we invite our congregation to prayerfully support these workers and their families through donations and prayer.

MOST NEEDED DONATIONS – FOOD KITS

4 lb. bag of MASECA corn flour for tortillas or all-purpose flour, 2–5 lb. bag of dried black or pinto beans, 16–48 oz. cooking oil, 2–10 lb. bag of enriched long grain rice, 12–18 oz., can of jalapeños, canned tomato sauce, canned vegetables, canned or dried fruit, box of pasta, package of Goya Maria cookies.

BABY SUPPLIES

Diapers (especially sizes 5–7), Pull-ups, Baby wipes, Hygiene Kits, Adult toothbrush, Child toothbrush, Adult toothpaste (4–7 oz.), Child toothpaste (4–7 oz.), Hand towel, Washcloth, Comb, Nail clippers, Bath-size bar of soap, Six Band-aids, Travel-size hand sanitizer or wipes

CLOTHING DONATIONS

Children's clothing, Jeans, Cotton T-shirts (short or long sleeve), Socks, Hats

SHOES

Children's and adult athletic shoes only

Donation Deadline: Please bring all donations by **Sunday, July 12.**

Please continue to keep these workers and their families in your prayers throughout the harvest season.

Learn More:

National Farm Worker Ministry: <https://nfwm.org/farm-workers/farm-worker-issues/>

AWA Coalition: <https://www.awacoalition.org/>

NEWS FOR YOUTH AND ALL AGES

The youth are planning to attend the Tides baseball game in Norfolk on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:30pm for Faith and Family Night.

They are opening the event up to the whole church and anyone wanting to attend. Tickets are \$14 each, and people are asked to contact Andrew Kowalski or Angie Hillis-Baurle to make arrangements, no later than Wednesday, June 10th. ~ Andrew Kowalski

MUSIC NOTES FROM AL

First of all, I'd like to give a HUGE 'thank you' to all who contributed to our annual 'Music Is the Message' Sunday – singers, ringers, instrumentalists and the folks that operate the A/V and livestream. Well done, everyone!

And with that, the Chancel Choir and Celebration Ringers will take a respite during the summer months, but I will look forward to having the Combo continue to help lead the music in worship.

Second, we will be having a Taizé-style service on Sunday, June 14th at 4:30. This service will have easy-to-sing music, candles and... planned silence. In today's world where sound is everywhere, it can be both refreshing and a little uncomfortable to experience silence – but it will be well worth it.

Next, I'm looking for folks who would like to provide music for the prelude and/or anthem during the summer months – interested? If it's you, or someone you know, please let me know and I'll be happy to schedule you. A great opportunity for folks who sing and/or play, but schedules don't allow for regular participation – or those college students or family that have participated in the past, but life has them only visiting during the summer months.

Would you like to be involved with the music program at St. Andrew but feel that you can't make a commitment to the weekly schedule? We are flexible and would welcome your participation as regularly as you are able to sing in the choir or add your instrument (or voice!) to the combo. Read music, but not up for singing? Perhaps ringing in the bell choir is for you - if you are interested in sharing your talents, please contact me either by phone (757) 416-2478 or via email music@standrewpres.net (my brand-new church email address!) See you in worship! ~ Al Reese

Endowment Funds as of 4/30/26

General Endowment Fund	\$589,527
Mission Endowment Fund	\$248,534
Overall Market Value	\$838,061



Eagle Project coming to SAPC!

Troop 16 Boy Scout Mason Carter is completing his Eagle Project at SAPC! Mason will be refurbishing our outdoor chapel, including:

- replacing the benches
- adding gravel
- replacing the terracing
- rebuilding the cross
- constructing two platforms for preaching and music, along with a podium and pastor's bench

The outdoor chapel, officially named Loch Kirk Chapel, is located behind the playground area and education building. The chapel is part of our Prayer Trail, but for a number of reasons, it has not been used for several years. Last year, prior to Easter, we discovered a large tree had fallen that would take significant effort to remove, and the cross was also significantly damaged when the tree fell. Troop 16 Boy Scouts answered the call, volunteered their service, and cleaned up the debris. However, it became obvious that age had also taken its toll on the chapel. If you have not visited the chapel, I encourage you to wander back there. It is beautiful and serene.

Boy Scout Mason Carter approached the church about refurbishing the outdoor chapel as his Eagle Project. Session approved the request, and indicated it was not in our budget to fund the project. Mason will be sharing his project with the congregation during announcements on Sunday, May 31st. If you would like to support this project, donations will go toward the fundraising Mason will be doing to fund the refurbishment. If you have any questions about the project, please contact **Heather Gregg** at r.heather.gregg@gmail.com.

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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PLEASE MAKE OUR NEW MEMBERS FEEL WELCOME!



David Kolstedt






Lassie & Bill Crockett



Corrie Walker	1
Kathy Hamer	2
Charlene Barr	3
Lisa Thibodeau	3
Eileen Steinert	4
Connor Kowalski	7
Tom Bryan	9
Tom Endrusick	9
Matthew Gregg	9
Martha Shephard	10
Scotty Higgs	11
Rob Estes	12
Evelyn Jones	12
Sydney Gregg	13
Alexandra Justice	13
Jacqueline Justice	13
John Taylor	13
Elizabeth Milliser	14
Trudy Webb	14
Kay Smith	17
Robert Bradshaw	18
Angie Ebel	19
Lee Livingston	21
Deborah Wyld	21
Patrick Chester	22
Debbie McCue	22
Ginger Medrano	23
Lauren Gordon	24
Gwen Johansen	25
Katie Lemon	25
Lassie Corbett	26
Logan Walker	26
Dylan Poe	27
Judy Bander	28
Paul Urie	29



1	Bob & Rosalind Boyle
5	Terry & Wendy Phelps
5	Ralph & Eileen Steinert
5	Josh & Katie West
9	Bill & Jill Byrd
11	Rus & Carey Hayslett
12	Russell & Bobby Richards
13	Thomas & Kathleen Czerwinski
14	Steve & Martha Shephard
14	Mike & Karen Topping
14	Whit & Liza Tucker
15	Wes & April Newman
15	Shelley & Alfonso Pagliarello
16	Scotty & Mo Higgs
20	Herbert & Diane Bondurant
20	Bill & Joy Roberts
22	Morgan Colonna & Michael House
22	Jennifer & Patrick Ryan
23	Hap & Ruth Chester
26	Bo & Leslie Hamrick
26	David & Barbara Saunders
26	Doug & Rhonda Gordon
27	Gus & Clara Spanos
30	Stefanie & Greg Lomax
30	RC & Kim Stone

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	2	3 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH*	4 11-1 12 Step Lunch & Learn	5 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels	6 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
7 10:00 Worship & Communion 11:00 Ice Cream Social!	8 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 6:00 Presbyterian Men's Dinner, SAH* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	9	10 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library Deadline for ordering Tides tickets	11 11-1 12 Step Lunch & Learn	12 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – Noon Prayers & Squares, SAH*	13 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
14 10:00 Worship Service 11:00 Intergenerational Church School Class 	15 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	16	17 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH*	18 11-1 12 Step Lunch & Learn Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 6:30 Diaconate & Session meeting in SAH*	19 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels	20 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
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*Christian Education Building (CEB)

*St. Andrew Hall (SAH)

*Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center (SCFC)

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

July 5	Fellowship time before & after worship
Aug. 2	Fellowship time following worship
Aug. 4	PW Summer Social

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