



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

July/August 2026

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK COLLECTION

The Mission and Service Committee is asking for your help in collecting backpacks and other school supplies for distribution to local students in time for the start of the 2026-27 school year. There will be collection bins in the Atrium from June 14-July 26. In addition to our **goal of 50 backpacks**, we are also seeking the following items:



Backpacks, scientific calculators, lunch boxes, combination locks, 3-ring binders, loose leaf paper, index cards. These are the **high priority** items.

We're also collecting hand sanitizer, tissues, dry erase markers, binder dividers, scissors, highlighters, 1/3/5 subject notebooks, glue sticks, markers, colored pencils, pens and pencils, 3-prong folders, and pocket folders.

The backpacks and supplies will be distributed to those in need through the ForKids organization.

Thank you for helping local students have a great start to their school year!

~ Mission and Service Team

SUMMER INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

In July, we will continue our Intergenerational Class. All ages will meet in the Christian Education building upstairs in the classroom beside the elevator at 11am. The summer's study is LIFT (Living in Faith Together) and we will study **Parables of Jesus** which will give us the opportunity to gather around the tables for fellowship and Bible study together.

July 5 th	No class
July 12 th	Matthew 13:1-9 The Parable of the Sower
July 19 th	Luke 15:11-24 The Prodigal Son
July 26 th	Matthew 7:21-27 On Rock & Sand

Mark your calendar and join us for these special opportunities to learn and grow together. Our traditional Sunday School classes will resume in the Fall.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP AT ST. ANDREW

Please join us for the following social events at St. Andrew this summer: **July 5 fellowship time** before and following the service, and on **August 30** following the service, the Fellowship Committee will be hosting our annual Rally Day 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



SMALL GROUPS

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey that was recently facilitated by the Vision Team. The Christian Education committee recognizes that the congregation is interested in participating in small groups as we have done in the past. You are in luck!

Starting this Fall, we will be establishing some new small groups. The first session will take place twice a month during September, October, and November. Small groups are a great way to build new relationships in a small setting by studying the word, praying, and supporting one another. Watch the bulletin for more details and signups.

EQUIPPING VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever felt called to volunteer as a Sunday school teacher or join a church committee or group, but you weren't sure where to begin? We have exciting news! Join us at 11 a.m. on August 2nd as the Christian Education Committee hosts **Equipping Volunteer Sessions** designed to turn "I'm not sure" into "I'm ready!" These casual, structured sessions will offer information about the many ways to become involved in the life of our church.

On August 9 and 16, we will continue by sharing fresh ideas, encouragement, and support for anyone interested in serving in our education ministry. Our goal is simple: to ensure that every volunteer feels equipped, confident, and supported in this vital ministry.

We look forward to growing together as we prepare for a wonderful year of faith and learning.

~ Christian Education Committee



It's summer, a time when things USUALLY slow down at church, but not here at St. Andrew! We're gearing up for Confirmation, we

have intergenerational Sunday School underway, and plans are being made for Rally Day, Kirk Night, and yes, even Advent! The church year never really stops, because a lot of advance planning and work goes into each season.

Additionally, your Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is already doing excellent work. They were oriented by the Rev. Dr. Jeff Bell, St. Andrew's Commission on Ministry (COM) Liaison, back in May and have hit the ground running. They are working to incorporate your responses to the Vision Team's survey into our Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), which will describe the characteristics of the pastor you would like to have as well as displaying who St. Andrew is as a church and where you see yourselves in the future. The MDP will ultimately be published on the PC(USA) website for matching with pastor candidates. That's a lot of alphabet soup, but just know that your PNC is faithfully working and covets your prayers.

I'm writing this the week that the PC(USA)'s General Assembly is meeting in Wisconsin. As usual, there are many items of business that the assembly will be discussing, discerning, and deciding upon. I am monitoring the overtures and activities of the committees throughout the week (many of their meetings are shared online).

I hope you find time this summer for rest, relaxation, and renewal. It continues to be a joy to be in ministry with you.

Be encouraged, and pursue *shalom*!

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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: 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/>

DIACONATE DISPATCH

Greetings from your Deacons!

This month we're highlighting the Property Committee. This steadfast group works around the clock to keep the church lights on, the entire grounds looking beautiful, and to provide a well-maintained facility for all of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church's activities and ministries.

Led by **Mike, Steve, Paul, and Kevin**, these deacons and devoted committee members oversee over 15 budget items, 5 service contracts, all the major utility accounts for the church, and provide routine maintenance and care for the entire St. Andrew campus. It's a big job that requires constant oversight, but they things done through teamwork and dedication to our church.

If you're willing and able to help, let us know, we'd love to have you on the team! I can't say enough great things about your Property Deacons, they're absolutely first rate—AND we have fun working together!

*~ Bob Thompson
Moderator of Deacons*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

PW 2026/2027 Bible Study: The 2026/2027 Bible Study will begin in September and continue through May 2027. The study is titled **United Through Christ Bound to Each Other**.

Order your 2026/2027 Horizon Bible Study book: The last day to order a study book will be July 26th. 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 **Martha Shephard**, PW Treasurer. Single copies may also be purchased from PC(USA) store online.

PW Yearbook Update: PW will be updating the Yearbook for 2026/2027 over the summer. Look for PW representatives in the Atrium on July 12th and July 19th and stop by to review and confirm your contact information.

Summer Social: Join us for dinner on August 4th at 6:00 PM at **Gianna's Pizzeria & Restaurant**. All women of the church are welcome!

~ Sue Urie, PW Moderator

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The Presbyterian Men's Group pauses for the summer break and there will be **NO MEN'S DINNER IN JULY OR AUGUST**.

We'll resume our schedule in September, when we'll meet September 14th, at 6:00pm, in St Andrew Hall. Dinner will be available for \$10.00. Please watch the church bulletin and your email for announcements on upcoming speakers and topics.

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

~ Bob Thompson

RALLY DAY IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Join us for Rally Day 2026 and *Bring a Friend!* Come enjoy a special day of fun, food, and fellowship as we gear up for the new school and church education year.

Children, bring your backpacks for a special **Blessing of the Backpacks**. It will be a wonderful way to begin the season together as a church family.

NEWS FROM CONGREGATIONAL CARE

VISITORS NEEDED

Are you already visiting any homebound church members? Interested in visiting, or just want more info? Please stop by the Congregational Care table on Rally Day, August 30th, and register so we can add you to our master visitor list. We try and keep track of visitations, so no one gets missed. If you can't make it that day, please contact **Rena Thompson** or **Liz Fachin**, or email them at CongCare@standrewpres.net. Thank you!

NEED A VISIT?

Do you or someone you know need a home visit? Home communion? Congregational Care needs your help identifying members that need a little extra love. We want to support you whether it's surgery, illness, recent loss, depression, or you need a prayer, meal or hug. It's impossible to know who needs visitors if we are not

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informed. You will find info cards in the red attendance registers for you to fill out. You can drop them in the collection plate, the Congregational Care mailbox in our kiosk in the Atrium (available in August), or in our mailbox in the office workroom. Please help us stay informed so we don't miss anyone. And yes, if you wish, it will be confidential.

PRAYER & PRAISE CARDS

Starting mid-August, Congregational Care will have a kiosk in the Atrium. You will find prayer & praise cards and youth prayer cards. If the need arises, please fill one out and drop the card in the wooden lock box. The requests will be read by the Congregational Care co-chairs and only shared if you give us permission to pass on the info (Pastor, Prayer Chain or Diaconate). Hopefully, this will give us clearer access to the congregation's needs. Thank you! Please see **Rena Thompson** or **Liz Fachin** for more information.

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

CENTER FOOD PANTRY

Donations of food & clothes due on

July 19 & August 16, 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 QUILTING

Join the Prayers and Squares group this summer. We will be creating quilts, making Pocket Prayer Squares, and enjoying fellowship time. *Sending a special invite out to students that would like to learn to sew-we would enjoy getting you started.*

We will be meeting only once in July and once in August. Our summer meeting dates are **Friday, July 17** and **Friday, August 14** at 10:00am in St. Andrew Hall. If you need assistance with a project before the meeting dates, please call Frances. We are continuing to create quilts to give to the Angel Tree project in December. If you sew and just want to work at home, we are happy to share fabric and patterns with you.

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 Jornov's** church member mailbox 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.

Come join us! Don't forget we do enjoy the visiting!
Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!

~ Frances Jornov



CALLING YOUTH FOR CONFIRMATION!

Parents, if you have a youth who is 12 years old or older who hasn't been confirmed, please see **Pastor Lou** ASAP! Confirmation classes are being planned and mentors are being contacted now.

SOUP KITCHEN

Thursday, July 16 & August 20, 2026

**Salvation Army;
Bank Street, Suffolk
Cupcakes needed at
St. Andrew by 9:30am**



Please remember in prayer, **Bruce Walker** and his family. Bruce's wife **Lara Walker**, passed away on June 9, 2026.

DEACON'S FUND

When the 5th 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.

August is a 5th Sunday month. Please consider giving a little extra cash on August 30 to help those in need.



**September Bagpiper info
is due on August 23.**



Cliff Barr	1
Ashley Newman	1
Luke Prince	1
Amy Gray	4
Phil Poe	4
Liza Tucker	4
Evan Walker	4
Evelyn Seymour	8
Aaron Carnegie	9
Hap Chester	9
Patti Ashe	11
Sarah Baurle	12
Susan Cox	13
Amber Gwaltney	13
Matthew Holt	13
Camryn Holt	13
Abigail Ryan	13
Brent Fraser	14
Lois Taylor	15
Joe Robb	16
Sheryl Senter	16
RC Stone	16
Kaitlin Perry	17
Cammy Fraser	18
Gary Meyers	18
Erik Hamilton	19
Mary Catherine Foster	20
Cade Franklin	20
Andrew Gibbs	20
Lorraine Fitchett	20
Julie Anderson	21
Rachel Edmondson	25
Linwood Hanbury	26
Steven Jenkins	26
Wendy Phelps	27
Jennifer Stone	29

Karen Topping	2
Frankie Wonpat	3
Ben Livermon	4
Rhonda MacMelville	5
Joy Roberts	6
Cam Ebel	10
Julia Pratt	10
Charles Foster	11
Anna Hamilton	11
Patti Archer	12
Carey Hayslett	13
Jim Pratt	13
Lindsay Steele	13
Rick Martin	14
Kevin Gregg	15
Lou Ventura	15
Emma Willis	15
Jack Ellenor	17
Steve Korahaes	17
Tammera Missel	19
John Smith	19
Lori Babyak	20
Josie Luck	20
Gus Spanos	20
Bobbie Richards	22
Laura Gibbs	23
David Gwaltney	23
Heather Gregg	25
William Ryan	25
Hannah Johnson	26
Kim Stone	27
Kathy Romanczyk	28
Charles Elmore	29
Clyde Harper	30

1	Neil & Carol Wilson
6	Cal & Dottie Vann
10	Neil & Meggan Schoenberg
12	Janice & Bryan Brooks
13	Kyle & Emily Madden
16	Dennis & Margaret Gartman
19	Charles & Gwen Elmore
19	Howard & Martha Goodwin
20	Jim & Sandra Burkhardt
20	Rhett & Bonnie Franklin
20	David & Denise McAlpine
25	Raymond & Jennifer Henson
26	Hunter & Trudy Webb
28	Drew & Gwen Johansen



August

3	Jeff & Ginger Medrano
6	Warren & Leslie White
7	Mike & Lori Babyak
8	Buddy & Marie Dye
8	John & Deborah Wyld
13	John & Stephanie Caggiano
15	Rick & Shirley Martin
17	Brent & Cammy Fraser
17	Kevin & Tammera Missel
19	Jeff & Jody Luck
20	Gary & Mary Meyers
20	Wayne & Carole Prince
25	Robert & Colleen Ausman
25	Kevin & Heather Gregg
25	Phil & Joyce Poe

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.

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please contact the church office at
(757) 238-3550 or
church@standrewpres.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Summer Office Hours: Mon – Thurs 8:30 – 4:30	1 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH*	2 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*)	3 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels	4 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program 
5 10:00 Worship Service; Communion No Church School Fellowship with Light Refreshments served before and after Worship	6 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	7	8 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library	9 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*)	10 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels	11 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
12 10:00 Worship Service 11 Intergenerational Sunday School, CEB Deadline for Backpack collection	13 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	14	15 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH*	16 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*) Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Bank Street, Suffolk	17 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels Prayers & Squares, SAH*	18 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
19 10:00 Worship Service 11 Intergenerational Sunday School, CEB SCFC* Food & Clothing Donations Due 12:30 – 4:30 Sampler Guild, CEB*	20 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	21	22 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk, Library	23 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*)	24 St Andrew Members deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – noon	25 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Program, CEB*
26 10:00 Worship Service 11 Intergenerational Sunday School, CEB <u>Last day to order</u> <u>Presbyterian Women</u> <u>study book</u>	27 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	28	29 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH*	30 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*)	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)

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Kirk Night will be on Wednesdays

September 30th – November 18th

5:45pm - 7:30pm

The night will begin with dinner, followed by art and music classes for the kids and an adult study (topic & teacher TBD!). Stay tune for more details...

~Rhonda Gordon, Carol Wilson and Angela Hillis-Baurle;
Christian Education Elders

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 10:00 Worship Service; Communion No Church School CE Volunteer training	3 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	4 6pm PW Summer Social	5 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH*	6 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*)	7 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	1 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Group, CEB*
9 10:00 Worship Service No Church School CE Volunteer Training	10 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 6:00 Presbyterian Men, SAH* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	11	12 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk; library	13 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*)	14 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 10:00 – noon Prayers & Squares, SAH* DAR setup for Sat. event	15 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Group, CEB* 8-4 DAR event (Atrium, kitchen, sanctuary, CEB, SAH)
16 10:00 Worship Service No Church School SCFC* Food & Clothing Donations Due CE Volunteer training	17 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB* Wedding setup in Atrium	18 10 Safety Comm. 5-6 Wedding rehearsal	19 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH*	20 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*) Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Bank Street, Suffolk 6:30 Diaconate & Session, CEB*	21 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels 11:30 Cutler Wedding & lunch	22 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Group, CEB*
23 10:00 Worship Service No Church School <u>September Bagpiper Info Due</u>	24 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*	25	26 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* Noon Widows Walk; library	27 11:00 Lunch & Learn (CEB*)	28 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	29 8:30 – 10:30 12-Step Group, CEB*
30 RALLY DAY 10:00 Worship Service No Church School 11:00 St Andrew Cookout & Fellowship <u>Deacon's Fund Collection</u>	31 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00 Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al-Anon, Alateen – CEB*			Beth Martin's (Office Manager) Summer Office Hours: Mon – Thurs. 8:30 – 4:30	<u>Pastor Lou's Office Hours</u> Mon – Thu: ~9:30 – ~4:00 Call the church office first to make sure she's in Office: 757-238-3550	

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

Aug. 30 Rally Day Cookout!
 Sept. 14 Presbyterian Men's Dinner
 Sept. 30 Fall Kirk Night Begins