



The Bagpiper



St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Suffolk, Virginia

October 2026

DEDICATION SUNDAY IS **OCTOBER 25, 2026**

Please join us for a meal & fellowship following the worship service, generously sponsored by our Finance Committee. There will be no church school on October 25, 2026. As a church family, we gather together on Dedication Sunday to joyfully share the gifts God has entrusted to us. With grateful hearts, we celebrate His abundant blessings and give thanks for all He has provided. We also invite you to join us after the service for a time of food, fellowship, and connection. Around the table, relationships are strengthened, friendships are nurtured, and meaningful conversations take place. As we share a meal together, we have the opportunity to grow closer to one another and celebrate the gift of being a part of God's family.

If you have any questions or if you would like to help with this event, please contact **Angela Martin** at (757) 705-5367 or fellowship@standrewpres.net. We look forward to sharing a meal and enjoying this time of fellowship, as doing so can bring us closer to recognizing Christ in our midst.

*~ Angela Martin, Amy Gray, Sue Urie
Fellowship Committee*

FALL KIRK NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE

Dinner at 5:45pm
\$5.00 for adults & \$3.00 for children
\$20 max per family

Thank you to the following groups for providing meals during Kirk Night!

Sept. 30 th	Mexican	Mission, Service & Outreach
Oct. 7 th	Pizza & Salad	Youth Group
Oct. 14 th	Breakfast Casseroles	Pres. Women
Oct. 21 st	TBD	TBD
Oct. 28 th	Soups & Stews	Session
Nov. 4 th	Meatloaf	Presbyterian Men
Nov. 11 th	Mexican	Diaconate
Nov. 18 th	TBD	Preschool

Please contact a CE Elder (**Rhonda Gordon, Angie Hillis-Baurle, Carol Wilson**) if your group would like to provide a meal on Oct. 21st.

KIRK NIGHT HAS BEGUN!

Join us on Wednesday evenings

Kirk Night, St. Andrew's mid-week program for all ages, has begun! Join us at 5:45pm on Wednesday evenings through November 18th for dinner in the Atrium (\$5.00 adults; \$3.00 kids), followed by programming for all ages beginning at 6:30pm.

WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and receive the World Communion Offering.

As Christians around the world gather at Christ's table, this offering helps cultivate reconciliation among God's people. Gifts support ministries of racial and gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relationships.

Through our participation, we join Presbyterians across the church in sharing Christ's call to reconciliation, justice, and peace—around the corner and around the world.
~ Mission & Service



SOUP KITCHEN

Thursday, October 15

Salvation Army; Bank Street, Suffolk

**Cupcakes needed at
St. Andrew by 9:30am**

Thank you for your support by continuing to provide cupcakes each month!





I'm writing this on the first official day of fall, and we're expecting a nor'easter tomorrow. I'm ready for the cooler weather!

This weekend, we'll gather to pack 17,000 meals with Rise Against Hunger, then turn our attention toward Advent. But first, we'll bless our animals on Sunday, October 4, at 4 p.m. and host our first ever Trunk or Treat. If you've never attended a Trunk or Treat, they are great fun and St. Andrew folks are planning to make it a banner event! And I can't wait to meet your beloved pets—remember, anything and everything except snakes!

Preschool has resumed, as has Sunday School and our new small groups. I hope you are finding at least one extra program, study, group, or mission to add to Sunday worship that will help expand your faith and grow your relationship with Christ. St. Andrew is deeply blessed to have so many dedicated teachers that volunteer their time and skill to preparing and delivering lessons that build us up as the body of Christ. Thanks to you all.

This month I will be wrapping up confirmation classes with four of our youth, preparing them to step into full and active membership in the church. I continue to be delighted and astounded at these young people, who approach what they are learning with curiosity and great senses of humor. They are such a gift to this congregation, and this time with them has been a great gift to me.

Finally, get ready for Stewardship season! The Finance team is preparing its stewardship materials for the congregation, and a letter should be sent out shortly.

While fall is always a busy time in the life of the church, let us not ever get too busy to remind ourselves how blessed and cherished we are, not only by each other, but by our God. All that we do is for his glory.

So be encouraged, and pursue *shalom*!

Lou

SYMPATHY

Please remember in prayer **Russell & Bobbi Richards** and their family. Their son Eric passed away on September 17, 2026.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE **College Student Gift Cards**

Do you have a child in college?

Congregational Care wants to know!

Twice a year, in March and October, our team collects \$15 gift cards from the congregation to send to our undergraduate college students.

We mail the gift cards during the midterm and final exam seasons as a simple way to encourage and support our students while they are away at school. To help your shopping, here are some of our most requested gift cards:

- Starbucks
- McDonalds
- Burger King
- Subway
- Chick-Fil-A

Please be sure to let Rena or Liz know of any students you'd like us to send cards to, as well as any address changes your students make during the semester. Our new email address is: congcare@standrewpres.net, or you can give us any updates in person.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us remind our college students that they are loved, supported, and remembered.

~ *Rena Thompson & Liz Fachin*



- Charles and Sanika Cutler wedding-

Jonathan and I would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped contribute to making our son, Charles' wedding such a beautiful and memorable occasion. Your kindness and willingness to help meant so much to our family. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family.

~ *Angela and Jonathan Martin*

DIACONATE DISPATCH

Happy Autumn from your Deacons!

This month we're wrapping up our focus on your Diaconate Committees by highlighting the outstanding works of the Deacons who serve on the Mission & Service Committee, Karen and Kyle.

The M&S Committee is also comprised of two Church Elders, **Tom Bryan** and **Rob Estes**, and together these four amazing humans coordinate and oversee over a dozen service activities throughout the year. You'll likely recognize the names: Souper Bowl Food Drive (supporting Suffolk Christian Fellowship Center), Easter Basket Drive (supporting For Kids), School Supplies and Backpack Drive (supporting local schools), Rise Against Hunger, Angel Tree and Mitten Tree Projects (for Salvation Army), and the Peas on Earth food collection (for Suffolk United Thanksgiving Food giveaway). They oversee so many noteworthy missions that this list only scratches the surface of their programs.

In addition to accomplishing that incredible work, Mission & Service is busy publicizing and coordinating key offerings throughout the year. These offerings include One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Sunday, Christmas Joy, and many others. And then your dedicated M&S Deacons help distribute donations throughout our community, our nation, and the world in support of those who need help the most: the hungry, the suffering, and the lost. These works and more are what make our church a Matthew 25 Church, which is all about the healing and restoration of relationships, systems, and societies that reflect God's justice and love.

When you show up in support of events such as last month's Rise Against Hunger or when you contribute to special collections and offerings throughout the year, you're helping reinforce St Andrew Presbyterian's commitment to Mission and Service. And your M&S Deacons, who lead with a servant's heart, are the heroes who make it all happen. Special thanks to Elders Rob and Tom, and Way to Go, Kyle and Karen!

~ **Bob Thompson**
Moderator of Deacons

Newsletter
DEADLINE

November
Bagpiper
info will be due
on October 25,
2026.



SAVE THE DATE!

TRUNK OR TREAT IS COMING!

Get your costumes ready and mark your calendar for our **first community-wide Trunk or Treat!**

Saturday, October 31

11 AM – 1 PM

St. Andrew

Here's how it works: register your car with us, decorate your trunk, park in the designated area, and let the trick-or-treating begin! Kids will stroll from trunk to trunk collecting plenty of Halloween goodies.

And there's more!

Face Painting Petting Zoo

Suffolk Police support—maybe a police trunk, too!

Want to decorate your trunk? **Sign up early to reserve your spot!** Space is limited, and we already have several people excited to join the fun.

Not interested in decorating a trunk? You can still be part of the event by **donating candy** or **volunteering to help work the event**. We'll need volunteers for all kinds of jobs to help make this a **fun, safe, and welcoming event** for our community. There's a role for everyone!

Sign-ups are coming soon, but in the meantime, feel free to reach out to a member of our Outreach Committee: **Laura Walker, Janice Brooks, Loyce Bryan, or Louisa Parshall.**

Mark your calendar. Pick out your costume. And get ready for some Halloween fun at St. Andrew!

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

Presbyterian Men's Group Dinner is October 12th!

The next meeting of the Presbyterian Men will be Monday, October 12th, when we'll meet at 6:00pm in St. Andrew Hall. Dinner will be available for \$10.00. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun evening of good food and fellowship.

Please be aware that we'll soon have several opportunities for the Presbyterian Men to support our church and community. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and your email regarding our annual Fall cleanup, Kirk Night Supper service in November, as well as upcoming facility improvement projects in the Sanctuary and main church building.

Also, from time to time we're asked to assist other church members with odd jobs such as furniture moving and light repairs. Many hands make light work, and your willingness to help makes our group of dedicated men such a wonderful asset in the life of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

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

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women will be meeting **October 13** in the St Andrew Hall at 10:00. This month's study is Lesson 2 titled Connected in Christ with **Janice Brooks** leading our lesson and **Joan Jensen** our devotional.

The **PW Cake Walk** held on Rally Day was a huge success with \$436 collected and given to the Deacon's Fund. Thank you everyone that participated by furnishing great cakes and bake goods along with joining in the fun fellowship!

~ Sue Urie, Moderator

SUFFOLK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTER

Donations due on October 20

(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**.

PRAYERS & SQUARES QUILTING

Come join the Prayers and Squares group to create quilts and to enjoy time with friends. Our October meeting dates are **Friday October 16** and **Friday October 30** at 10:00am in St. Andrew Hall. Please note meetings are the third and fifth Fridays this month - Frances will be out of town some this month. There are quilts that need quilting and ties to be added. There are also quilt kits that need to be machine sewn. There are two sewing machines in our closet; come join us and learn to sew.

The Prayers and Squares members have been working hard making quilts that will be given to the children and seniors for the Angel Tree gifts. Take a look in our closet-the top shelves are full of quilts ready to be given. 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 in Frances Jornov's church 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. You don't have to sew; we need help putting the ties into the quilts, pressing fabric and sorting the fabric. And don't forget we do enjoy the visiting! Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!

~ Frances Jornov



4	Mark & Vanessa Buehlman
4	Tim & Kathy Hamer
4	Stephen & Lindsay Steele
7	Bert & Sheryl Senter
7	Paul & Rachel Smith
9	Frank & Gloria Womble
13	Rob & Kris Baker
22	Robert & Kerry Holt
22	Jeremy & Heather Mushero
23	Travis & Harmony Madden

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



St. Andrew kicked off our 2027 Stewardship Campaign in September with the theme, "Stewardship: God Can Do It: We Can Help." We want to express our gratitude for your help in our church's ministry and missions and request your help by making a pledge to support our activities in 2027.

When we make a financial pledge to our church, we are not just giving money. We are also making a commitment to be good stewards of God's gifts. We are saying we trust God to provide for us, and that we are willing to use our resources, time and talent to support the work of the church. As we look forward to 2027, we are excited about the generous things that St. Andrew does to benefit our congregation and those in need. We hope that you will join us in this journey of faith and service, as we seek to grow in our love for God and for one another.

~ Finance & Stewardship Committee



MUSIC NOTES FROM AL

Are you looking to get involved in the St. Andrew Music Ministry? Although rehearsals have already begun, it's not too late to get involved - there is room in the Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir and the Combo.

The Chancel (singing) Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 (but when Kirk Night is not in session, we begin at 7); the ability to read music is helpful, but not required - all ages from grade 9 and up are welcome! AND you have reserved seats for the

service! We have already begun practice, but it's not too late to jump in!

Bell choir time change!!! The Celebration Ringers (handbell choir) rehearse on Tuesday nights from 6:15-7:15 - we could use a few more ringers - some of our bells are starting to feel lonely 😊 - the ability to read music is necessary for the bell choir. Our first rehearsal of the season was Sept. 1st.

Our Combo rehearses on Sunday morning at 9 in preparation for the service - our instrumentation is very eclectic and flexible - if you are an instrumentalist, we have a part for you!

If you are interested in sharing your talents, please speak with me after Sunday service, or contact me by phone (757) 416-2478 or via email music@standrewpres.net.

See you in worship!

AL



Bob Boyle	1	Alexis Korahaes	16
Tyler Baurle	2	Katherine Gwaltney	17
Brett Endrusick	3	Marc Richardson	17
Doug Gordon	3	Warren White	17
Carrie Estes	5	Sonja Morrell	18
George Perry	5	Bob Thompson	18
Rhett Franklin	6	Jim Carpenter	20
Carolyn Coffman	7	Stefanie Lomax	21
Joe Sessoms	7	Susan Nelson	21
Curtis Corl	8	Sue Urie	21
Kris Baker	9	Carole Prince	22
Lindsay Spires	10	Inga Miller	23
Sandra Carnegie	11	Christopher Taylor	25
Cheryl Hanbury	11	Betty Beard	26
Angel Henkel	13	Rachel Smith	26
Jeremy Spires	13	Harrison Senter	28
Leslie White	13	Benjamin Gregg	29
Wes Newman	14	John Schalk	30
Ruth Chester	15		
Sean Golding	15		
Cal Vann	15		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 Thurs AM Small Group 11:00 12 Step Lunch & Learn (CEB*) 6:30 Session & Deacons (Atrium)	2 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	3 8:30-10:30 12- Step Program; CEB*
4 <u>World Communion</u> <u>Sunday & offering</u> 10:00 Worship Service; Communion; congregational meeting 11:00 Church School for all ages 4:00 Blessing of the Animals	5 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga, SAH* 10:00, Stitching, CEB* 7:00 AA & Al- Anon, Alateen – CEB*	6 9:00 – 5:00 RSA* (CEB*) 6:15-7:15 Celebration Bells	7 9:00 – 10:00 Yoga (CEB*) <u>Kirk Night</u> 5:45 Dinner: Pizza (youth) 6:30 Programs for all ages 7:30 – 8:30 Chancel Choir	8 11:00 12 Step Lunch & Learn (CEB*) 1-2:30 BLS Small Group	9 St. Andrew Volunteers Deliver Meals on Wheels	10 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

November 18

November 26

November 29

Last Kirk Night of the semester

Thanksgiving

First Sunday of Advent