



AUGUST 2017

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 21ST

Introducing Our New Children and Family Ministry Director

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



This summer at St. Andrew has been unusually busy with the departure of Pastor Jessica McClure Archer. Now that she has preached and been voted on we can now reveal to everyone that she has become the Pastor/Head of Staff at Sampson Mills Presbyterian Church to the south of Pittsburgh. Before she, Andy and their kids left, we said our tearful, appreciative goodbyes in a uniquely significant and emotional service. Our lunch and reception afterwards were full of uplifting humor and touching words of gratitude. Thanks very much to Leslie Dragon, Jeff and Raye Ann Kauffman, Sally Brenton, Nancy Gilmore, Marie Cahoon, Meagan Butkus and Bonnie Milam for hosting it, as well as to New Song, my co-emcee Tom Moler, and our youth for their roles in making our goodbyes well said. Pastor Jessica served here for one month shy of ten years and we were very fortunate and grateful to have her gifts for ministry for that long of a time. She came to us as an exceptionally qualified surprise, a recent graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary (also my alma mater), answering an ad posted on our Presbyterian website. When I first received her phone call, I knew that God's hand was blessing us with having her join our staff. As sad as it has been to say goodbye, nevertheless, I

think we ought to affirm that God truly blessed us to have her come and stay so long. And so we might ask, can we expect to see God's blessing come to us again?

As Jessica finished her last weeks at St. Andrew, our new NLC Director, Jo Anna Rich, suggested that she would like to and could take on the children's and family ministry portion of Pastor Jessica's position. Perhaps you don't know that Jo Anna is also an ordained minister, and in her former position at Leesburg Community Church both directed their child learning center and led the programs for their children and their families. In her capacity with us, Rev. Jo Anna is delighted to make herself available to lead in both areas here as well. God continues to be so good to us!

Getting ready for our program year, Rev. Jo Anna will help us with further developing our Wednesday After-school Café and Sunday School as of August 1. In wishing to see that this doesn't take away of her work as the Director of the NLC, while also giving our church a brief period for evaluating how best to strengthen our educational ministry, the Session has named Rev. Rich our Interim Children and Family Ministries Director from August 1 to February 1. Towards the end of this period we will be

able to better discern God's leading for making this permanent or whether we might consider other arrangements. At its meeting on July 20th, the Neighborhood Learning Center affirmed its support for this exciting and hopeful experiment.

Rev. Jo Anna is a graduate of the University of South Alabama with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Business, and has a Master of Divinity degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. She has been either Pastor to Children and Families or Executive Pastor for the past twenty-three years, most recently at the Leesburg Community Church where she served for the past ten years, helping them begin their preschool/day care. She is married to the Rev. Carson Rich, who has recently begun an already burgeoning business career after working primarily in ministry with youth. They have two daughters, Jessica, who works at the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, and Anna who recently began

work at Nickelodeon in New York City.

Rev. Jo Anna's work with us will focus on the programming for the children and their families on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons (as well as VBS in the summer). We look forward to our wonderful volunteers, Pamela Schmidt and Kim Peele, to continue their leadership with our youth groups. I will be taking over Pastor Jessica's role of leading Monday chapels at the NLC, starting in September. Our worship leaders and liturgists will be a bit more involved in leading worship with me. I welcome those who would like to help me in our weekly Moments with the Children. Let me know if you would like to take a turn!

May God continue to bless our ministry at St. Andrew. May we look to our future with hope and faithfulness.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave



YEAR OF THE BIBLE II: "JOURNEYS THROUGH THE BIBLE"

Four years ago, the St. Andrew congregation had a "Year of the Bible." During the course of that year, many attempted to read the Bible from cover-to-cover. A half dozen actually succeeded, but two, three or four dozen made some very commendable progress! Three devotions were sent out electronically every week, helping to introduce the books we were presently reading. The sermons took us through a broad overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation over the course of thirteen months.

Starting on August 20 we will begin a new effort to focus on learning this many-paged collection of testimonies about God and humans that covers more than two thousand years. But this time, instead of taking the slow journey of reading the Bible page by page, several biblical and contemporary themes will give us the opportunity to see how notions of identity, home, money, nation, family, evil, worship and service are developed from beginnings to fruition in the ministry of Jesus and the early life of the church.

The question of our identity – who we are – will be covered in the four Sundays of August 20, 27, September 3 and 10, for instance. Starting in Genesis 1, where humans are described as being made in the image of God, we will skip to along to Leviticus, John's Gospel and the Books of Acts and James to see what it means also to be a part of God's people, to be identified as followers of Jesus and to be challenged with bridging the differences that too often leave God's image in us blurred and fractured by divisive patterns in society. Following this exploration of identity we will then move on to see how the simple idea of home develops through the Scriptural witness. My hope through this different take on a year with the Bible is to get us seeing the forest rather than to get mired in the middle of the trees.

I remember reading through the Bible a couple of times when I was a college student. I learned how to keep reading day-by-day, usually about three chapters. The first read-through was satisfying for having accomplished the challenge. On the second reading, however, I began to see the patterns, the themes, the connections and sometimes the conflicts between the various books. That came not only through having a better appreciation of all of the parts of the Bible, but also because I was starting to have conversations with those who were ahead of me in connecting the dots. I am hoping to help our congregation gain in that sense of the flow of how the books work together in sharing the people of God's faith in God.

To help with this project, we will be putting a timeline of biblical history in the Fellowship Hall, with accompanying maps. As we talk about the various passages we will note our progress with markers on the timeline and dots on the maps.

I also hope that we can generate small group discussion, as well. Several of our St. Andrew small groups will be reading Brian McLaren's *We Make Our Way by Walking*, which also reads the Bible through a focus on its themes. Bonnie and I wish to welcome any to join us for a Sunday evening study that will be held on the first, third and occasional fifth Sundays of the month. We will host the first couple of these gatherings at our house from 5 to 6:30

Phoebe's Sisters

This women's group meets the fourth Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 10:30 am at a member's home for breakfast, fellowship and Bible study. All women of the church and friends are invited. For the 2016-17 session, the group is discussing Who is Jesus: What a Difference a Lens Makes. The next meeting is August 15th. If you are interested in attending the next meeting, please contact Bonnie Milam at 540 454-7816 or bonmilam@aol.com.

The St. Andrew Book Club

This group meets monthly outside the church. The August meeting in at Zoe Sowers' home at 7:30 pm on August 26th. The book is Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk by Kathleen Rooney. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or zsowers@gmail.com to join the discussion.

Lovettsville Group

This group meets twice a month on Sunday evenings. The meeting place rotates among the members of the group. Contact Debra Gutenson at 540 882-3205 or gutenson50@loudounwireless.com for more information.

FP4H

First Place 4 Health, a faith-based weight loss program, meets every Monday evening at 7 pm. Contact Ally Fetch at 336 508-2610 or afetch@gmail.com or Deborah Hill at 540 751-9818 or momscully@earthlink.net.

Men's Group

This group meets the first Saturday of the month in the fellowship hall. Coffee starts at 7:30 am and breakfast/fellowship at 8:00 am. The next meeting is August 1st. All men of the church are invited. To join, contact Jeff Kauffman at jnk@thekauffmangroup.com.

Believing and Belonging Classes: All Are Welcome

Pastor Dave is welcoming visitors to join in an introduction to St. Andrew and to the Christian faith we hold. The group will begin this three-to-four week course starting on Saturday, August 19th, meeting from 10 to noon, in what is called the Believing and Belonging Class. The class invites participants to lively discussions of faith, the Bible, Presbyterian beliefs, while gaining new understandings about worship and how we identify our spiritual gifts within the life of our congregation. Child care will be available. Please let Pastor Dave know of your interest at revdo-cdavem@aol.com or as you see him following worship.

(dinner included). We have a play area downstairs and kids are most welcome to come. We will be talking about the passage slated for the following week's service.

Of course, if you would like to read through the Bible during the year, please do so! I'll send out a reading schedule and some introductory information on the books each week. I look forward to this challenging and insightful time of learning with you all.

Pastor Dave

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **21st of each month**. The next deadline is AUGUST 21st. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at Communications@standrew-pres.org.

Holy Moly! Summer Sunday School is officially in session. Join us every Sunday through August 27th. We will continue our exploration of the early church and the courageous disciples and apostles who persisted as the Body of Christ in the world. This year's curriculum, called Holy Moly, is video-based and includes biblical storytelling and exploration activities like games and art.

Summer Sunday School coordinator is John Barbagallo. Summer Sunday School needs a Family Helper each week for extra hands and a nurturing spirit. If you are interested in signing up, be on the look out for the online signup coming soon to your inbox and on the St. Andrew Facebook page. Please note, there is NO Sunday School the first Sundays of the month, Communion Sundays.

Fall Sunday School will kick off on September 10th with a Back-to-School Breakfast at 8:45.

Wednesday Afterschool Café (WAC) Open House with dinner is on September 27th,



Back to School Night

September 7th

(6:15pm – 7:30pm)

Meet other SAPC families
Discover this School year's Children and Youth Programming
Get Plugged in via registration and volunteering



Stay after church on Sunday, August 20th for the annual church picnic in the Fellowship Hall. The Deacons will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Come enjoy great fellowship, good food, fun games and music.

Pastor Jessica's Last Sunday At St. Andrew

On July 16th, Pastor Jessica preached her last sermon at St. Andrew. The sanctuary was full of well-wishers, who stayed for lunch after the service to say good-bye to the Archer family. The generosity of the congregation made a gift of \$1,675 to send them on their way. Pastor Jessica has taken a position as Pastor/Head of Staff at Sampson's Mill Presbyterian Church in White Oak, Pennsylvania near Pittsburgh. The new address for the Archers is 2513 Lindale Court, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. She begins her position there on August 21st. Below are some pictures from the church service and luncheon.



The beautiful stole lovingly made by Marie Cahoon.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary this month to:

	Betty Willis
1	Michael and Lora Reles
7	Eugene Evans and Karla Knickerbocker
10	Peter and Cyndie Rinek
11	Tom and Cindi Rampulla
12	Mat and Melanie Curtis Bruce and Claudia Kirk
16	George and Rhonda Phillip
19	Chris and Robin Laybourne
31	Mark and Andie Broshkevitch

Happy Birthday this month to:

	Bruce Kirk
	Sam Myers
	Sally Gehl
	Hannah Lutz
	Tony Noerpel
	Chris MacWhorter
	Brian Sullivan
	Roger Hessenius
	Lynn Krepich
	Clark Seipt
	David Roberts
	Nancy Aiello
	Emily Anderson
	Megan Doneski
1	AT Ntantang
4	Chris York
5	Henri Brown
	Anabelle Macdonald
	Dee Treptow
6	Terry Doneski
	Jenna Henderson
	Carolyn Wagers
22	Zoe Sowers
23	Kent Carneal
24	Carol Browning
26	Clayton Grisius
27	Kim Peele
28	Abbie Brown
	Brad Morell
	Matt Wilburn

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We lift up our concerns

Jordan McCarty's mom, Kyle Hottinger's remaining three lithotripsies on his kidney. Kathi Hottinger requests prayers for Kristina Shell, who is battling cervical cancer and possibly bone cancer; her neighbor Sue Williams' knee replacement surgery on July 25th. Ally Fetch for NLC teacher, Toni, who is beginning chemo for kidney cancer. Melissa Macdonald's friend Stacy who is going through a difficult time. Ann Smith's brother Tom, who is to have a heart transplant. Milton Richards from Kecia Brown's hometown, who was bitten by a rattlesnake. Rev. Jeff Roberts' new cancer diagnosis. John Howard prays for his niece, Kimberley, who is on an archaeological dig in Macedonia. Chris Henderson prays for Tracy Zervakis who is undergoing surgery. Jeff Kauffman's sister Amy in Bend, Oregon dealing with a heart problem. Susan Mason, NLC teacher's dad William Ledrich will be having surgery to amputate his foot up to the knee. Leslie Dragon's brother Todd's condition has worsened. Tom Hutchison. Steve Cahoon. Victoria Zervakis is recovering from leukemia.

We continue to pray for

Cody Gonzella in Belize. Deb



Moler's dad who is undergoing tests. Sharda Edwards and Sarah MacWhorter who are undergoing cancer treatment. Marcia Owens brother Jeff had triple-bypass surgery. Melissa and George Macdonald for George's dad, Alan, who is ill and in the hospital. The Smith family. The Samson family. The Diehls, for their grandson, Dimas. The Van Alstyne family. George Cassutto's sister, Hetty Haden, who lost sight in one eye due to glaucoma and who awaits a kidney transplant. Jim Wiley. Kristen Shield's friend's (from Peoria) three-year-old son, Jackson, who was diagnosed with cancer and is at St. Jude's. The Shields family friend, Catherine. Owen Brown's cousin, Umberto

AUGUST MUSIC REHEARSALS

Choir Rehearsals, Wednesdays at 7 pm
Contact Zack Henderson, zackh900@gmail.com

New Song, Sunday mornings after the service
Contact Laurie Barbagallo 540 454-8215 or lauriewm85@hughes.net

St. Andrew Bell Ringers, Mondays at 7:15 pm
Contact Zoe Sowers 540 338-0999, zoesowers@gmail.com

Children's Choir, For Kindergarten through 5th grade.
Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the Music Room.
Contact Zack Henderson, zackh900@gmail.com

Flower Calendar

Please consider signing up on the flower calendar in the entryway to provide a floral arrangement for Sunday worship services.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Gilmore (540-338-3154) or send an email to ngilmore5@verizon.net.



August Flower Calendar

6th	Macdonald	13th	Open
20th	Open	27th	Open

September Flower Calendar

2nd/3rd	Macdonald	9th/10th	Open
16th.17th	Bousman	23rd/24th	Waller
30th/1st	Open		

MISSION COMMITTEE

We have collected 436 pounds of food so far this summer for Loudoun Hunger Relief! Please keep the food donations coming and help stamp out hunger!!!

Many thanks for the generous contributions during VBS.

The following items are especially needed:

- Beans
- Pasta & rice
- Fruits & vegetables
- Cereal
- Canned meats (for example, tuna & chicken)
- Mac & cheese
- Hearty soups
- Cooking oil

Fiero. Lisa Garron. Mickey Rock. Russ Alizade. Terrie Combs' grandson, Mason. Mary Parker's mom. Mike and Sally Brenton's granddaughter Madison, who had a successful double-lung transplant

Joys

Scout troop 163 had a successful camping trip. Betty Willis praises God for normal diagnostic procedure and testing.

AUGUST SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS

"Psalms as Tools for Prayer" Sermon Series

August 6th (Lord's Supper)

Theme: Praying as a People in Worship

Scripture: Psalm 136

Sermon: *"To the Choir Master"*

Worship Leader: Marcia Owens

Music: St. Andrew Choir

August 13th (*"The Psalms as Tools of Prayer" Sermon Series*)

Theme: Making "Thank You" Our Constant Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 150

Sermon: *"Praise!"*

Worship Leader: Ann Smith

Music: New Song

"Journeys Through the Bible" Series begins:

"Identity – Who Are We?"

August 20th (Church Picnic following Worship)

Theme: We Bear the Image of God

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27

Sermon: *"And the First Commandment Is?"*

Worship Leader: Manny Njomo

Special Guest Musicians: Jim Moon and Brian Ganz



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The Rev. Jessica McClure Archer, Associate Pastor

Kimball Peele, Clerk of Session

The Gathering, Saturday at 5 pm

Blended Worship Service, Sunday at 10 am

Communion is celebrated on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month

(Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Zack and Emily Henderson!!!)

August 27th (Music with a Cause Concert "Dancing Heart" at 4:00 pm)

Theme: We Find Our Identity in Community

Scripture: Leviticus 26:1-11

Sermon: *"The Revolution of the Saints"*

Worship Leader: George Cassutto

Music: Zack Henderson and Anthony Semiao

