



NOVEMBER 2017

Spiritual Worship

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



I don't know about you, but I love worship. I came to understand just how much on trips to Liberia and Jerusalem. There was tension in the air in those two very different places when I visited. I felt out-of-place and overwhelmed until I went to Sunday worship. In worship, I found what religious scholar teacher Mircea Eliade calls an axis that connects heaven and earth. The Psalms say it this way: "then I went into the sanctuary and I understood" (Psalm 73).

Paul uses the power of worship to invite us to go beyond just receiving. He asks us "by the mercies of God, to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God," saying that this "is our spiritual worship." Indeed, worship is that place not only in which we receive God's promise of presence and protection, but it's where we also find the strength to be those who offer ourselves in kind to God and God's purposes.

In our St. Andrew Vision Statement, we hear echoes of this kind of self-offering. We affirm our commitment to "respond to God's grace by 1) nurturing seeds of faith, 2) loving our neighbor, 3) embracing the stranger and 4) bringing Christ's hope to the world.

This is a statement of how we offer ourselves to God, here at St. Andrew. And it

asks us to give ourselves in four ways:

In ministry with children and youth in order to make a difference in them, that if and when they leave our place, they will go with an inescapable faith. (It also asks adults nurture faith in one another person to person and through small groups and fellowship).

In making a difference in our community through service to those in need, especially finding partners who have a common purpose. (It also asks that each of us live by the ethic of loving our neighbors as ourselves;

In risking ourselves to embrace those we do not know, so that all feel welcome here, reaching out in the love of Christ;

In acting on our affirmation that God's love isn't limited to those like or near us, but is for the whole world, pushing us to connect both with peoples around the world and to care for the planet, as well.

In November we are asking congregation members to pledge our support to these kinds of ministries. As we do each year, we ask that members and families make a financial pledge to help fund our common ministry and mission. But we also ask each to pledge his or her intention to offer themselves to God. "Time, talent and treasure" is the old way of saying this and it's a pretty good way of describing what



NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 21ST

we do when we offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, our spiritual worship.

Would you usher? Would you teach Sunday School, VBS, lead or host a small group? Would you help around the building and property? Would you visit someone who is sick or give them a ride to the doctor? Would you read stories to the children of the NLC?

Serve on a committee or board? Organize a fellowship event or fundraiser? Lead a worship service? Go on a mission trip? Sing or play in a musical group? These are some of the ways we can offer our time and talents.

Financially, we give of our resources to support our church. Yes, some of that breaks down to paying to keep the lights on and salaries paid. It includes writing checks to partner organizations who feed the hungry, provide shelter for those who are abused, care for military folks who have been injured in body and/or spirit, help with teens (some of whom are homeless even here in Loudoun County). But more than just paying the bills, these financial offerings provide worship opportunities, nurture faith, bless children, and bring the presence of God to those who are suffering and feeling alone.

As a congregation, we can succeed in meeting our 2018 financial needs if we meet the goal of \$273,823.20 in pledges next year. Our smallest pledge in 2017 was \$5.20, given by a child who pledged to give \$.10 per week. What a great gift! A little child shall lead us! And in 2018 maybe another child might commit to give \$1 per week!

The remaining \$273,766 will come from those of us reading

this newsletter. It will come from people who say: *"I want to help St. Andrew succeed. That's really important to me. So I'm going to go to God in prayer. I'm going to look over my household budget and see if there's room to reprioritize. I'm going to offer myself to God with a new resolve, knowing that when the several of us offer ourselves to God, good things will keep happening in our church, and more, as well."*

As your pastor, I want us to succeed in offering ourselves to God so that our spiritual worship might bless God. I ask you to join me in making this happen, confident that Jesus Christ will be at work in us as we share in these endeavors. I also thank you for offering yourselves in so many and in gracious ways. We have much because much has been given. We will do more, because God is faithful beyond us and through us.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor David Milam

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

ADULT MINISTRIES

Phoebe's Sisters

This women's group meets the third Saturday each 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. The next meeting is November 18th. If you are interested in attending the next meeting, please contact Edith Samson at 770 378-7965.

The St. Andrew Book Club

This group meets monthly outside the church. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on December 8th. The book under discussion will be Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or zsowers@gmail.com to join the discussion. Do join us; we are a friendly group!

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

Celebrating the SAPC 50th Anniversary Fund

In March 2017, St Andrew celebrated its 50th year of mission and ministry. You may remember the lovely weekend of events where current members were joined by pastors and friends from years past. At that time, we kicked off our 50th Anniversary Fund with the goal of "lighting the way" into the next 50 years of SAPC. Each week we lit a light bulb in the narthex for every \$500 raised. I'm happy to report that gifts received and pledges committed to this fund total \$9,800! THANK YOU to all who participated!

As planned, we've now added the 50th Anniversary Fund monies to our SAPC Maintenance Reserve, taking the reserve to \$29,700. The reserve supports our church building - and all that happens in it. Our church is where we gather; it's where we learn and grow. These are the doors that we open to our community. As Pastor Dave said in his October 8th sermon - it's "our outpost for changing the world". Thank you for your gifts and for "lighting the way".

CONFIRMATION



Pastor Dave meets with the seventh and eighth graders for confirmation education during WAC.



During the October 29th worship service, two of the confirmants, Abigail Wilburn and Lizzie Hill, were commissioned by Pastor Dave and Deborah Hill.

100 Ways the LIGHT of St Andrew shines

So what's next for those lights in the narthex? As the Trustees will tell you, they were no easy feat to hang! So let's repurpose them and LIGHT UP the church!

Matthew 5:16 tells us: "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give thanks to your Father in Heaven."

How do you see the light of St Andrew shine? Write down those moments, examples or stories on the colorful paper in the narthex and add them to our lantern! We'll light a light bulb for every example given. SAPC Middle Schoolers have also been commissioned to translate those examples into a mural for all to see. Let's "let OUR light shine"!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRY

It was a busy October with the start of Wednesday Afterschool Café (WAC) and the Trunk or Treat on October 27th. The pictures will show that St Andrew is busy living out its Affirmation of Faith, "a welcoming and accepting community of faith where Christ is our center, children are our future and service is our mission. We are committed to be the church by nurturing seeds of faith, loving our neighbor, embracing the

stranger and bringing Christ's hope to the world."

In November, St Andrew and the NLC will be collecting food for Loudoun Hunger Relief Thanksgiving Dinner Bags. The WAC children will assemble the bags on November 8th during WAC. The NLC will be having a Thanksgiving Family Chapel and Feast on Tuesday, November 21st at 11:30 am. We will gather for a chapel service led by Pastor

Dave at 11:30 and then sit down together for a Thanksgiving meal. The two year olds and up and their families will be invited to participate in the chapel and family feast. We are excited to start this new tradition.

Every Sunday, the children are invited to join our wonderful teachers for Sunday School following the Children's Sermon during worship. We have some amazing volunteers who

serve once a month and we are looking for a few more. Please contact Jo Anna if you can serve one Sunday a month.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich
NLC Director/St Andrew Director of Children and Family Ministries



Children and adults enjoying a WAC dinner.



Pastor Dave in chapel with NLC children



The outdoor movie theater, showing the Great Pumpkin.

Carlinda Kleck with Cullen "Charlie Brown" Kleck.



Charles Trickey reading to the NLC children.



Welcome to the Voodoo Lounge and Café!



The Seipt's Treasure Trove Trunk.

Successful 10,000 Villages Sale

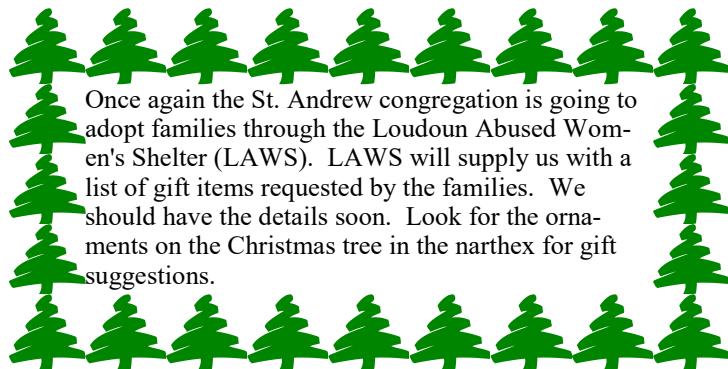
The St. Andrew Ten Thousand Villages sale on October 27-29 was a success. Our gross sales were \$4,887.59, and since 15% of that total comes back to the church to be passed on to a local mission, we are going to be able to put \$733 back into our community. We tried two new things this year. We were open on Friday night during the NLC Trunk or Treat event, and that gave us an opportunity to share more with the NLC families. And we invited members of the congregation to be the Ten Thousand and One Village of St. Andrew and sell their own handmade items with 30% of their sales going back into local mission. So we had four additional tables set up showing the talents of our congregation members. This year we had more items to sell and more variety of those items. Everyone who wandered through Fellowship Hall during the weekend got a special treat, and those who missed it - well, you missed something wonderful. No big event like this sale works without the commitment of wonderful volunteers. Our "Set-Up" team of Nancy Aiello, Sally Brenton, Andrea Broskhevitch, Lillian Brewer, Nancy Noerpel, and Zoe Sowers was incredible. They took a huge pile of boxes and turned it into an inviting display. The "Sales" team of



Bonnie Milam, Marcia Owens, Andrea Broskhevitch, Robin Laybourne, Sally Brenton, Ann Paciulli, Leslie Dragon, Dee Treptow, Deborah Hill, Nancy Noerpel, and Dottie Stewart kept the display up-to-date and recorded every sale without ever dropping a decimal point. And the "Take Down" team of Nancy Aiello, Lorna and John Howard, Pamela Schmidt, Rick Gondella, Nancy Noerpel, Clark Seipt, and Eli Seipt filled those boxes back up and had the tables down in record time.

If you missed the sale, mark your calendars now. We'll have another sale in Fall of 2019!

Adopt a Family for Christmas



Once again the St. Andrew congregation is going to adopt families through the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS). LAWS will supply us with a list of gift items requested by the families. We should have the details soon. Look for the ornaments on the Christmas tree in the narthex for gift suggestions.

Coat and Blanket Drive

Dear Neighbors,

With your generosity in the past, we have collected thousands of blankets and coats in the Purcellville and greater Western Loudoun community to assist those persons impacted by the violence in Syria. Sadly, the violence continues and refugees continue to flee the violence.

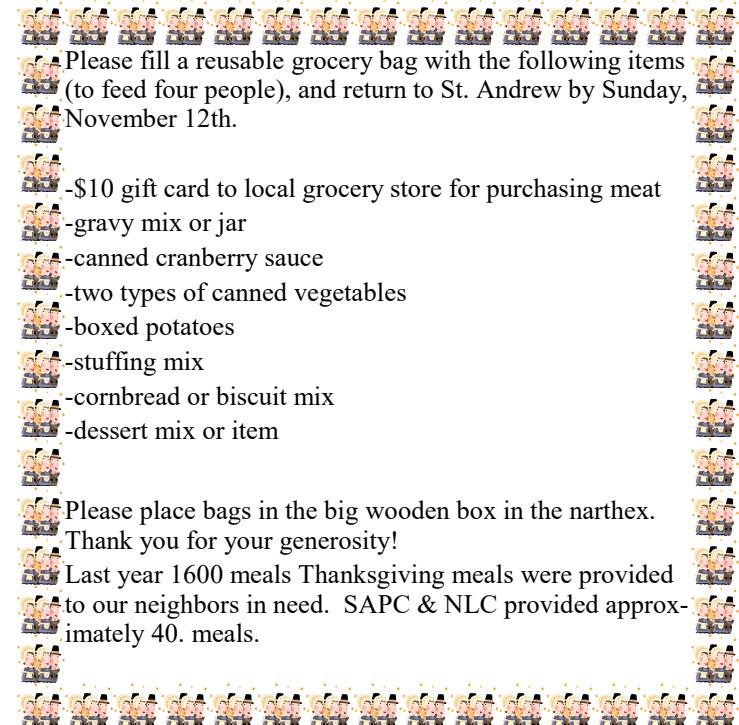
With your help in the past more than 100 tons of blankets and coats have been distributed not only in refugee camps, but in the community. Having had the opportunity to help distribute the blankets and coats, I can tell you firsthand the generosity was positively received. This year the blankets and coats will be distributed to refugees in

Lebanon where refugees represent 25% of the population.

I am pleased to report our friends at [St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 711 West Main Street in Purcellville](#) have once again agreed to be the collection point for this effort. Coats and blankets can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 9 am to 6 pm. The collection period this year will take place between [November 1 through December 2](#).

Sadly there is much darkness in the world. Your assistance helps bring a little light to those who had to flee their homes with what they could carry on their backs.

Donate Thanksgiving Dinner Bags for Loudoun Hunger Relief!



With many thanks for your consideration and generosity.

Sincerely,

Bob Lazaro



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary this month to:

- 1 Brandon and Amy Elledge
- 4 William and Patience Garrett
- 19 J.C. and Mary Barnes
- 27 Jeff and Deann Mitchell
- 30 Matt and Teresa Wilburn

Happy Birthday this month to:

- 1 Lorna Howard
- 3 Scotty Hill
- 5 Andrew Miller
Dean Miller
- 6 Cameron Fetch
Dylan Wagers
- 7 Scott Hall
- 9 Kristen Dragon
Milt Gilmore
Emily Linehan
Jacob Linehan
- 14 Mark Rohrbaugh
- 15 Janet Locklear
- 17 Alexa Lugar
- 19 Garrett Millich
Meredith Varmecky
- 20 Jim Brown
- 21 Wyatt Ellerbeck
- 23 Mary Barnes
- 24 Deborah Hill
- 27 Carlinda Kleck

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We lift up our concerns

Congregation

Prayers for the Huffer/Moler families on the death of Deb Moler's dad, Carroll Huffer. Prayers for the Cahoon and Buttrick families on the passing of Rev. Steve Cahoon. Prayers for the Wiley family on the passing of Jim Wiley. Diane Pitman recovering from surgery. Kurt Stimeling's recovery from lung surgery. Andy Miller. Sharda Edwards and Sarah McWhorter, who are undergoing cancer treatment. Tom Hutchison.



We continue to pray for

Friends and Family

Kathy Hottinger's grandmother, Norma, who had a stroke, but is making some progress and able to do some walking without her walker. Prayers for strength for her mother, who is taking care of her. Sally Gehl's mother, Jane Confrey's knee-replacement surgery. Davis Willis' neighbor, Charles Powell, who has died. Nick Kleck's neighbor, Jonathan Smith, who has terminal cancer. Ally Fetch's dad, Bob Rumpf's recovery from spinal surgery. Madison Brenton's new lungs. George Cassutto's sister, Hetty Haden, who lost sight in one eye due to glaucoma and who awaits a kidney transplant. Kristen Shield's friend's (from Peoria) three-year-old son, Jackson, who was diagnosed with cancer and is at St. Jude's. Leslie Dragon's brother Todd, has cancer. Jeff Roberts' cancer diagnosis. Kim Griffith's friend Mary, hospitalized in Leesburg with double pneumonia. Ann Smith's brother Todd, who needs a heart trans-

plant. John Howard's niece, Kimberly, who is on an archaeological dig in Macedonia. Kathi Hottinger asks for prayers for Kristina Shell, who is battling cervical cancer and will need a bone marrow transplant. Marci Owens' brother Jeff had triple bypass surgery. The Diehl's grandson, Dimas. John Howard's mother had a health scare. Deborah Hill's friend Sunita Ruhnke has two pinched nerves. Tom Aldridge's friend Jeff Bindahl, recovering from chemotherapy. Kyle Hottinger's friend Justin, who had knee repair surgery. Clarke County High School librarian, Andy Kaiser, who suffered a stroke. Craig Greco's coworker, Trenton Thomas, who suffered massive burns.

NLC

April See Thomas, a friend of an NLC teacher, who lost her father, and then her brother, killed in a car accident. Stacey Hibbitts and her family on her mother's death. Ally Fetch for NLC teacher, Toni, undergoing chemo for kidney cancer.

LOAVES AND FISHES

NOVEMBER 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.



November Flower Calendar

5th	Hill	12th	Open
19th	Open	26th	Open

December Flower Calendar

3rd	Open	10th	Open
17th	Open	24th	Poinsettias
31st	Open		

MUSICAL HAPPENINGS

Don't forget about the Annual Herndon Handbell Concert on Saturday, November 4th at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon. The St. Andrew Ringers, along with five other handbell choirs, will be giving a concert at 6 pm. All are welcome.

The next Music With a Cause will be held at St. Andrew on December 9th at 7 pm. The Loudoun Chorale will be presenting "A Holiday Time Machine."



PRAYERS (CONTINUED)

Community/World

Fire victims in California. Massacre victims in Las Vegas. Earthquake victims in Mexico. Hurricane victims in Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida. Cameroon atrocities in the Anglophone region.

Joys

Marcia Owens for the "We Are All Human" 5K suicide awareness race team. Tom Hutchison's 91st birthday. Tom Hill, who successfully completed a 13K race. A fun and fabulous Trunk or Treat at St. Andrew and the NLC.

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS

"Journeys Through the Bible" Series Part 3

"Work, Wealth and Charity"

November 5th (St. Andrew Day; Reception of New Members; The Lord's Supper)

Theme: "Working Together"

Scripture: Proverbs 6:1-11; Romans 12:1-8

Sermon: ***"Amazing Grace"***

Worship Leader: George Macdonald

Music: St. Andrew Choir

November 12th

Theme: Love and Justice vs. Paternalism and Charity

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-9; Mark 7:24-30

Sermon: ***"The Ant and the Grasshopper Revisited"***

Worship Leader: Kevin Burel

Music: New Song

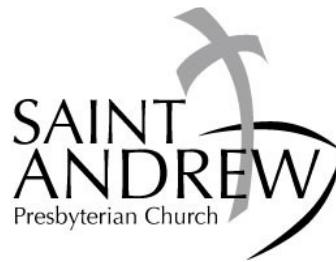
November 19th (Thanksgiving Sunday; Stewardship Dedication)

Theme: Gratitude as a Route to Joy

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:1-14

Sermon: ***"Be Sure to Say Thanks"***

Liturgist: Katie Cahoon



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The Rev. Jo Anna Rich, Children and Family Ministries Director

Kimball Peele, Clerk of Session

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

Music: St. Andrew Ringers and Choir

"Journeys Through the Bible" Series Part 4

"Expecting Hope"

November 26th (Christ the King Sunday)

Theme: The First Step towards Hope Is the Cry for Help

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-11; Psalm 130

Sermon: ***"The Cry from the Depths"***

Worship Leader: Clark Seipt

Music: St. Andrew Choir