



# Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

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NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 21ST

## Race Matters

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



I've been happily reading a lot of books on issues around race and racism this year. In part, that's because along with Brad Morell, I have been able to join our National Capital Presbytery's "Dismantling Racism Task Force." The issue is before our Loudoun Interfaith Clergy Group as well, where we are having our own conversation on race, anticipating that we will be able to invite our congregations and community to join us in the near future. More than these formal involvements, I am compelled to learn more and to be a part of confessing and addressing this "original sin of America," as racism is often and rightly called.

Debby Irving's book *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race* is on my night table at present. It begins with these very helpful words: "Not long ago, if someone had called me a racist, I would have kicked and screamed in protest. 'But I'm a good person!' I would have insisted. 'I don't see color! I don't have a racist bone in my body!' I would have felt insulted and misunderstood and stomped off to lick my wounds. That's because I thought being a racist meant not liking people of color or being a name-calling bigot." What she has learned is that such overt expressions are but the tip of the iceberg.

Ms. Irving's point was not lost on me. I learned long ago that, despite our best attempts to be good persons and avoid the kinds of bigoted words we recently heard chanted in Charlottesville, misses the disabling potency of a narrative that perpetuates racism that discriminates, stereotypes, demeans, segregates and disenfranchises people of color still. The key storyline in this narrative is that being white is normative. Those not assimilated into the normative white culture are justified as targets of adversary.

I heard this loud and clear once when Bonnie and I hosted an out-of-town guest not too long ago. We took our guest into Washington to see our daughter and son-in-law and then out for dinner at a busy, Mexican restaurant with delicious food. The restaurant was appropriately filled with a wide diversity of people of many races, nationalities and ethnicities. As we drove around afterwards, our guest asked: "And where do the regular white Americans live?" The comment unwittingly betrayed a norm of white privilege. And the issue wasn't just that our guest was caught in it. It's that this sense of the normative nature and privilege of white America permeates our culture. We don't see it because it is so easy to ignore, pretend it doesn't exist or to defensively deny our own

perpetuation of narratives of race by casting aspersions at and stereotyping people of color. But the inadvertent comment showed an underlying issue of white privilege that is our greater challenge than the overt bigotry that gets publicity on the news when it rears its ugly head. One of the privileges that I am getting to have is to hear back from people of color about their many and perpetual experiences of being the recipient of prejudice and stereotype and, way too often, of hate.

In her book, *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide*, Carol Anderson chronicles a long list of historical occurrences of racism. These start with sharecropping, lynching and disenfranchisement that were frequent in the first hundred years after the Civil War in the South, but were matched by redlining, school segregation, discriminatory hiring practices in the North. She surprised me by writing about a forgotten aspect of the Iran-Contra Affair, in which arms from Iran were eventually sold to the Contras in El Salvador. With a secret but intentional participation of the U. S. government, money for the arms was made by facilitating crack cocaine sales in urban Los Angeles. (And as you may remember, those using the less expensive crack cocaine received a sentencing disparity of 100 to 1 to those who used powder, filling U.S. prisons with young men of color.)

I've been wondering if the dark cloud of the events that took place in Charlottesville as summer ended, might have a silver lining. As much as Charlottesville was the worst kind of expression of hate and

bigotry, perhaps it can get us to talk about race and racism at a much more honest and personal level. Maybe it can get those of us who are white to look at how often we think, act or speak as if white is normative. Maybe it gets us to confess what attitudes and actions we undertake when others don't confirm white as normative. Maybe we will also find ourselves very blessed to have people of color share their stories and hurts as we engage in listening. That's what is happening for me at my presbytery task force and at our Loudoun Clergy gatherings.

We know that Jesus welcomed persons of every nationality and culture as he shared his good news about God's love. This welcome has sustained people who have suffered indignities and harm. They have understood their own sufferings in light of his, and have been sustained and empowered by his message. That way of Jesus is a norm for followers like me to pursue the radical kinds of heartfelt change that would honor him. Let's look for upcoming opportunities to work on this as sisters and brothers of our welcoming Lord.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dave*

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## 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 October 14th. 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 October meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on October 28th. The book under discussion will be Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or [zsowers@gmail.com](mailto: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 [guten-son50@loudounwireless.com](mailto:guten-son50@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](mailto:afetch@gmail.com) or Deborah Hill at 540 751-9818 or [momscully@earthlink.net](mailto: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 October 7th. All men of the church are invited. To join, contact Jeff Kauffman at [jnk@thekauffmangroup.com](mailto:jnk@thekauffmangroup.com).

### Brunch Bunch

This group meets the second Monday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church basement. The next meeting is October 9th. For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at [annpaciulli@gmail.com](mailto:annpaciulli@gmail.com).

### SAPC Investment Group

Everyone is welcome to join the next meeting on October 1st from 9:00 to 9:50 am in the church basement. The group will meet every other Sunday and a different topic will be introduced at each meeting. The meetings are hosted by Manny Njomo and Scott Ziegler.

## MISSION COMMITTEE

### Ten Thousand Villages Sale Returns

St. Andrew's Ten Thousand Villages sale will be Saturday, October 28 from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, October 29 from 9 am to 2 pm. As many of you know, Ten Thousand Villages works with artisans in developing countries around the world, helping them to set up cooperatives, develop their organizational skills, and market their finished products. Ten Thousand Villages contracts with the artisans for their finished products and pays them in advance so that they have the funds to purchase their supplies. The organization is a win-win: we get access to handmade craft products of all types and the artisans get a market for their goods. And what a selection of goods it is: furniture, jewelry, artwork, toys, household goods of all types, Christmas decorations, etc. In addition, the sale is a win for St. Andrew. We run the sale through the Ten Thousand Villages store in Alexandria and they donate 15% of the gross sales back to the church. We in turn pass that money over to a local charity. In the past the money has gone to Loudoun Hunger Relief (then Loudoun Interfaith Relief). This year we are trying two new opportunities. In addition to the Ten Thousand Villages items, we are inviting St. Andrew members to set up a table of their own handmade craft items. This is a chance for our members to show off their creativity and skill and at the same time help a local charitable organization since those selling their creations will donate 30% of each sale to the Mission budget of St. Andrew. We will have space for five tables, so if you want to claim a table to display and sell your craft creations, contact Ibbey Dickson ([edickson36@gmail.com](mailto:edickson36@gmail.com)). Two tables have already been claimed: we will have handwoven goods at one and items from the Community Coalition for Haiti at the other. Grab your table soon. Our other change is an extension of the sale. Sunday afternoon is also a Music with a Cause concert beginning at 4:00, so we will re-open the sale at 3:30 pm and stay open through the intermission for the concert. Don't wait to do all your shopping then though,

### Believing and Belonging New Member Class

Are you interested in exploring what it means to be a part of St. Andrew? Do you want to learn more about what we believe? If your answer is yes, please plan to participate in our next Believing & Belonging Class on October 7th. Childcare will be provided.

If you are interested, contact Pastor Dave at 540 338-4332 or [revdocdavem@aol.com](mailto:revdocdavem@aol.com).



# YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRY

Exciting things are going on at St Andrew for children and families. Sunday School has begun with four teams of wonderful volunteers who want to provide an age-appropriate Christian Education experience for children at the 10:00 am Worship Service. Every Sunday immediately following the Children's Moment during worship, the children (3 yrs-5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to join us for Godly Play in the basement. We are looking for a few more volunteers or youth to help on our four teams who teach one Sunday a month. Contact Jo Anna if you are interested.

Last Saturday, children along with their families were invited to go fishing. Both St Andrew and NLC families showed up for a wonderful family fun fishing day.

Last Wednesday was our WAC (Wednesday Afterschool Café) Open House and Dinner. We had a great turnout and are looking forward to beginning our WAC program October 4th. If you have not registered, please do so Sunday with JoAnna so we can arrange pickup for your child or youth. We are still looking for some volunteers to help with homework and Bible Study. The October

4th menu is Taco Wednesday. Donations to help pay the dinner costs will be accepted each week.

The Neighborhood Learning Center (NLC) has begun a new school year at St Andrew. We are currently enrolling toddlers, two year olds, and after school kids. Contact Jo Anna or Lorie if you know someone interested.

We have an exciting October planned with the Fire Truck visiting the NLC, WAC starting, and the Trunk or Treat which will be October 27 from 5:30-7:30. The Trunk or Treat

will include a moon bounce, face painting, balloon artist, hotdogs, and hot cider. The community is invited. We need people who are willing to park their cars in our parking lot by 5:30, decorate their trunks, and bring treats (candy, prizes) to hand out. Prizes will be given out for the most creative trunks.

Here are just a few photos taken in September at the NLC and St Andrew.



# Thanks NLC Parents!

I was immediately overwhelmed with gratitude and joy when I walked through the front doors and saw the banquet table full of donations for the needy mom who called me a couple of weeks ago. She called saying that her baby girl is due the second week of October and that she didn't have a thing for her to start her new life. Wow! You NLC parents know how to put together a baby shower. Your generosity to someone you haven't met and may never meet fills my heart. Thank you.

Our goal at St. Andrew is to be a church that extends itself to others to make a difference in their lives. We find ways to give support to our local food pantry, the abused women's shelter, to Boulder Crest which helps with soldiers needing rest and recuperation from being on battle lines and much more. One of our church's founders said that "the church exists by mission like a fire exists by burning." It is our delight to have the families and staff of the NLC participate in that burning – and you have done so, well. (We are leaving all of these gifts out for Sunday morning so that the congregation can see the evidence of your caring and generosity.)



It's a good season of connection between the Neighborhood Learning Center and St. Andrew. I am having so much fun doing Tuesday chapels with the Owls, Birds' Nest, Bird House, the Busy Bees and the Hummingbirds. I look forward to the fun stuff that Ms. Jo Anna, Ms. Karen, Martha and I will be doing with our St. Andrew volunteers at Wednesday Afterschool Café. As a church, we want all parents and families to know what a delight it is to have you join us for dinner. Check it out, if you haven't done so. Take a night off from cooking and eat with us. This coming Wednesday is Taco (not Tuesday but) Wednesday!



And of course, it was so good to see NLC and church kids enjoying our Fishin' Day held on September 24. NLC Board President and Men's Group leader, Chris Butkus, did a fantastic job organizing us for the event at church member, Charlie Trickey's house and pond. Jeff Kauffman, our WAC cook, made us delicious house food. And there is simply no more profound delight than to see a child catch his or her very own first fish!!!!



Blessings on the NLC. Please know that you are always welcome to join in any and all of our activities at St. Andrew.

Yours in Christ's love,

*Pastor Dave*

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**St. Andrew Ringers at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon**

🔔 The annual Herndon Handbell Celebration Concert will be held at 6:00 pm on Saturday, November 4th, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon.

🔔 The St. Andrew Ringers will be performing, as we've done for the last 18 years (!!really!!), along with five other handbell choirs from the area. If you've never heard massed handbells, you'll especially want to attend.

🔔 One hand bell choir is a treat but five or six together is sensational. Although the concert is free, a good will offering will be taken to help support a local mission project. Hope to see you there

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Happy Anniversary this month to:*
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| 14 | Amy Elledge                |
|    | Alexis Lutz                |
| 3  | Charlie and Erin Schwieger |
| 17 | Chris and Meagan Butkus    |
| 21 | Rusty and Karen Ray        |
| 27 | Craig and Donna Greco      |
- Happy Birthday this month to:*
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|----|---------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1  | Andrew Ciolkosz     | 21 | Lynn Dimoff            |
|    | Parker Gondella     | 22 | Claire Crossfield      |
|    | Sarah Sassak        | 23 | Bradley Morell         |
| 2  | Sally Brenton       |    | Ethan Morell           |
| 3  | Nancy Gilmore       | 24 | Ann Paciulli           |
|    | Brian McGranahan    | 28 | Suzanne Wade           |
|    | Mackenzie Moler     | 29 | Judy Brown             |
| 6  | Seamus Wade         |    | Dottie Stewart         |
| 7  | Priscilla O'Donnell | 30 | Manny Njomo            |
| 8  | Glorie Cassutto     |    | Kristin Sullivan       |
| 11 | Kathy Ziegler       |    | Finn Wade              |
| 12 | Ibby Dickson        | 31 | Andie Broshkevitch     |
|    |                     |    | Jessica McClure Archer |

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

**We lift up our concerns**

### Congregation

Kathi Hottinger for strength to successfully complete her Wood Badge training course. Sharda Edwards and Sarah MacWhorter who are undergoing cancer treatment. Debra Gutenson's uncle passed away. Tom Hutchison. Steve Cahoon. Jim Wiley

**We continue to pray for**

### Friends and Family

Melissa and George Macdonald on the death of George's dad, Alan. Kathy Hottinger's grandmother, Norma, who had a stroke, but is making some progress in getting some function back. 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 has spinal stenosis. 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 Kauffman's sister Amy, in Bend, Oregon dealing with heart problems. Jeff Rob-



erts' cancer diagnosis. Kim Griffith's friend Mary, hospitalized in Leesburg with double pneumonia. Ann Smith's brother Todd, who needs a heart transplant. 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. Deb Moler's dad.

### NLC

Ally Fetch for NLC teacher, Toni, undergoing chemo for kidney cancer.

### Community/World

Earthquake victims in Mexico. Hurricane victims in Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida.

## OCTOBER 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](mailto:ngilmore5@verizon.net).



### October Flower Calendar

1st	Open	8th	Open
15th	Open	22nd	Open
29th	Open		

### November Flower Calendar

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

## MISSION COMMITTEE

Ten Thousand Villages Sale needs volunteers! The sale is only possible because so many of you are willing to give a few hours to make it work. On Friday afternoon the front half of Fellowship Hall needs to be turned into a mini Ten Thousand Villages store. Every item for sale needs to be opened and displayed (while still keeping track of the box it came out of). Volunteers work hard to create the store, but they also get the first look at everything available in the sale. Saturday and Sunday we need multiple volunteers to help the customers find things, to replenish stock, to pack up purchases, and to run the "register." It takes a minimum of three volunteers for each two-hour block to make it work. Finally, Sunday afternoon after the sale has ended, everything that hasn't been sold must be packed up again to be returned to the store in Alexandria, and the Fellowship Hall must be made ready for the NLC to come back in early Monday morning. Working the sale is a fun way to help your church and your community. We will be signing up volunteers Sunday mornings in October. Make sure you get your name on the list.

### Joys

Kyle Hottinger is doing well after surgery. Frank Diehl and Tom Hutchison's birthdays. Andy Mil-

ler's recovery from pneumonia, but having trouble eating. Drew Gutenson's 26th birthday. Clark Seipt's niece, Maesie, is home.

## OCTOBER SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS

### "Journeys Through the Bible" Series Part 2

#### "Seeking Home"

#### **October 1<sup>st</sup> (World Communion Sunday; The Lord's Supper)**

Theme: How the Homeless Define Home for the Rest of Us

Scripture: Psalm 137; Jeremiah 29:1-14

Sermon: *"Founding Hope"*

Liturgist: Mitch Seipt

Music: St. Andrew Choir

#### **October 8<sup>th</sup>**

Theme: Making Our Homes Places of Hospitality

Scripture: Isaiah 45:1-6; Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: *"Open Heart, Open Home"*

Worship Leader: John Howard

Music: New Song

#### **October 15<sup>th</sup> (Confirmation Class Commissioned)**

Theme: Imagining Heaven as our Home

Scripture: John 14:1-7; Revelation 21:1-7

Sermon: *"Is this Heaven or Is this Iowa?"*

Liturgist: John Barbagallo

Music: St. Andrew Choir

### "Journeys Through the Bible" Series Part 3

#### "Work, Wealth and Charity"



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The Gathering, Saturday at 5 pm

Communion is celebrated on the first Saturday and Sunday of

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#### **October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Theme: How the Sabbath Defines Work

Scripture: Genesis 2:1-25

Sermon: *"Sleep 'Til Noon"*

Worship Leader: Manny Njomo

Music: St. Andrew Choir

#### **October 29<sup>th</sup>**

Theme: Fear Does Not Lead to Blessing

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:1-20

Sermon: *"Heads, Hearts and Hands"*

Worship Leader: Katie Cahoon

Music: St. Andrew Choir