



Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2017

New Opportunities for Service and Study

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



I forget who said, but I will remember: "I'd be glad to give a children's sermon for you, Pastor Dave." Who made that generous offer? Where did she or he go? I'm ready to take them up on it. Actually, there are many new opportunities for such service and for study, as well, as we approach the fall and a busier church schedule.

- 1) Someone to give a children's sermon here or there;
- 20) That family who would find ushering to be a treat to try out;
- 3) The new elder stepping forward who wants to serve communion;
- 4) Another tenor for the choir;
- 5) Someone to lead games for Wednesday Afterschool Café.

Is there anyone who wants to lead the Stewardship effort???

Church life at St. Andrew is changing a bit, I've noticed. People are stepping up to give themselves to *get jobs done*.

Have you seen the Trustees at work, this summer? Even when attacked by wasps, they come to one another's rescue so that the grass gets cut. They've fixed plumbing and plumbed light fixtures. And their fellowship at the Trustee meetings is palpably fun.

The Mission Committee is always a joyful experience with creative and generous

chair, John Howard leading the cause. They are staffing the ticket table for the Music with a Cause series, plotting their next 10,000 Villages Sale and considering which projects will fill our day at next year's Serve Sunday event.

The Children and Youth Committee has felt the pressure of Pastor Jessica's departure. How are we going to do it: staff Sunday School and WAC? How are we going to get our youth to reach out near and far in mission efforts that help them deepen their faith so that it deepens in their spirits and lives? "God, will you help us?" they pleaded. And then, here came the Rev. Jo Anna Rich to come along side them. And others are stepping forward, as well, because children are our future at St. Andrew, indeed! Just watch and wait. Great and surprising things are going to happen so that the ministry done will be a firm foundation for ministry to come.

And having spoken earlier about the choir, did you also know that newly-married Music Director, Zack Henderson, has plotted to have them perform *Godspell* in the spring, just before Easter? They are also putting on a Christmas Cantata on December 17th. They, New Song and the St. Andrew Ringers are just about to kick off their regular rehearsals and would be glad to have

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new members join any of these musical groups. Zack is also leading the Worship Committee in a new creative style of meeting. Convening every few weeks, they are broadening what Pastor Jessica used to do in helping us get to response in worship services. Talk to Zack if you would like to try out being a part of *Imagining Worship* group.

Yes, these are a few of the opportunities for our St. Andrew members and friends to plug in and participate in the faith life of our church with Christ who is at our center. But also we have an opportunity to study this fall.

If you haven't noticed, we are bringing the Bible into focus through several journeys through it. Sunday mornings will see us go from the Pentateuch to a prophet, from trouble to trust as we ask what the Bible says about who we are; God fulfills our search for home; what the faithful have said about money, work and charity; as well as sin, death and evil among other topics.

In order to give us chance for raising questions and exploring answers, our small groups will give us the opportunity to befriend one another as we learn from the scriptures. The Lovettsville area group (Sunday evenings) and the Soul Sisters (Tuesday evenings) will be reading Brian McLaren's book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, which similarly goes through the

Bible as a "quest for spiritual formation, reorientation and activation." The Brunch Bunch (second Mondays) and Phoebe's Sisters (third Saturday morning) may well follow suit. Bonnie and I are participating in a small group that is keeping up with and planning the sermons in the series, meeting on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays (yes, the odd ones, but don't label us, please). Send your interest in participating in any of these groups to secretary@standrew-pres.org and we will get you connected.

And for those who want to read the Bible, join me! I'm starting on September 1 on a year-long commitment. Diane Agbenyo, our secretary, will make it easier for you to keep up by sending you the readings via email so that you can read the chapters on your device. Let her know of your interest and she will include you on daily readings from The Message version of the Bible.

I am grateful for our fellowship at St. Andrew and for how this increases when we serve and study with one another. Blessings on our fall church life.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor David Milam

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

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 September 16th at the home of Bonnie Milam. 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 September meeting is at Connie Condrell's home at 7:30 pm on September 23rd. Ibbby Dickson will lead the discussion on Once We Were Brothers by Ronald Balson. 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 [guten-son50@loudounwireless.com](mailto: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

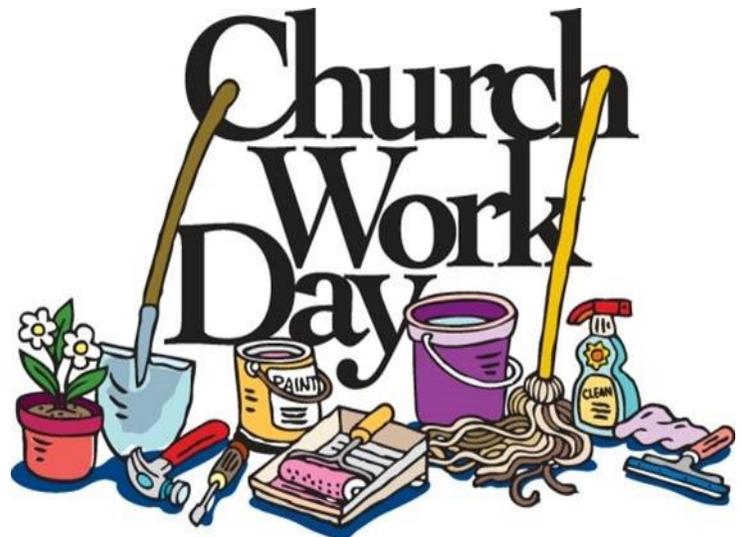
This group meets the first Saturday of the month in the fellowship hall. Coffee starts at 7:30 am and breakfast/fellowship at 8:00 am. The next meeting is September 2nd. All men of the church are invited. To join, contact Jeff Kauffman at jnk@thekauffmangroup.com.

Brunch Bunch

This group meets the second Monday of each month from 10:00 am in the church basement. The next meeting is September 12th. For more information, contact Carolyn Bousman at 540 338-9508 or bouser540@comcast.net

Ten Thousand Villages Sale Returns

On October 28th and 29th, St. Andrew will again host a Ten Thousand Villages sale. This sale is a wonderful opportunity for you to take care of all your own home decorating needs as well as all your gift-giving shopping in one stop while also helping artisans from developing countries around the world. The Ten Thousand Villages host company contracts with artisans in many countries, paying them a fair price (up front) for their goods and then bringing the goods to us in the US. We will have jewelry, games, Christmas ornaments and decorations, small furniture items, baskets, and a wide variety of other household goods. But we're also going a bit bigger. Instead of a Ten Thousand Villages sale, this will be Ten Thousand plus One Villages because we are adding the Village of St. Andrew. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for information about how we will be including the crafts created by our own St. Andrew members in the sale. More information about the sale will be coming in the October newsletter, but for now, save the weekend because we need shoppers but we also need many volunteers to make all that shopping possible.



On September 9th from 8am until noon, you are invited to spend some quality time with your brothers and sisters using your talents to take care of our building and land. Projects include:

Painting

Window cleaning

Garden and yard work

Replacement of lights

Plumbing and toilet repair

Come join the trustees!

Local (St. Andrew) Crafts Join in Ten Thousand Villages Sale

This year at our bi-annual Ten Thousand Villages sale, the Mission Committee is inviting St. Andrew members to have a table to sell their own, handmade crafts. We have many talented and creative members in St. Andrew, and this is an opportunity for you to both show off your creations and help the mission work of St. Andrew at the same time. Each participant will have one of the round, Fellowship Hall tables to display his/her goods. You set your own pricing, but you must donate 30% of your sales to the mission budget of St. Andrew (ultimately to be then donated to a local, community non-profit). You will also need to either be there yourself or set up a schedule with the other displaying crafters to handle sales since we will not be able to process the sales through the Ten Thousand Villages check-out. Because of space constraints, we must limit the number of St. Andrew crafters to 5, so don't wait to put in your request to be included. For more information or to sign up right away, contact Ibbby Dickson (edickson36@gmail.com or 554-8748).



September has arrived. The Neighborhood Learning Center and Loudoun County Public Schools have begun a new school year which means new classes, new teachers, and for some new schools. St. Andrew will begin their Fall Sunday

School classes on Sunday, September 10th with a breakfast for families at 8:45. We would love to have all of our families attend. Also, we are looking for volunteers who are willing to work one Sunday a month

helping teach our children. We will have four teams of at least three people that will work one Sunday a month. For example, you can sign up to work every first Sunday of the month caring for the kids and teaching them about God's love through the Godly Play curriculum. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk when you walk in the church. If you are not sure, join us on September 10th and we will show you just how easy and rewarding it can be.

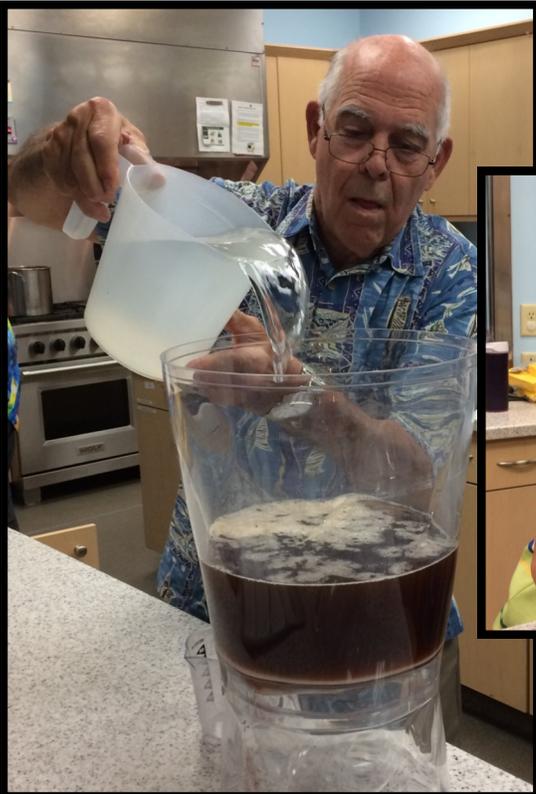
Our WAC (Wednesday Afterschool Café) program will officially begin in October but we are busy planning and preparing for our WAC ministry in September. We are looking for volunteers to help. We need Bible teachers, homework helpers, recreation leaders, and dinner help. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk. There is a Back to WAC night preview on September 27th with a meal at 5:45pm. Registration will begin on September 10th. Don't miss out on these Wonderful Wednesdays.



Congregation members lined up after the Sunday worship service on August 20th to enjoy food, fellowship, and games at the annual church picnic.

church picnic

The annual church picnic, sponsored by the Deacons, was held on Sunday, September 20th in the Fellowship Hall following morning worship. Enjoy the pictures below of the festivities.



Deacon Moderator Mike Brenton making iced tea.



Ryan and Alex Hottinger are the best dish-washers ever!



Grill Master Jeff Kauffman



St. Andrew members enjoying the picnic foods.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Happy Anniversary this month to:</i>	Charlotte Miller
1 Atem and Edith Samson	8 Rhonda Phillip
6 George and Melissa Macdonald	Myles Sullivan
10 Terry and Julie Doneski	10 Frank Diehl
11 Randy and Kathryn Sink	Gwen Miller
12 Owen and Kecia Brown	13 Tyler Sink
18 Bob and Carolyn Bousman	14 Dan Moore
Stephen and Cindy Fike	15 Jim Wade
19 Scott and Jennifer Carpenter	16 Evan Archer
21 Dave and Mary Parker	Randy Dragon
26 Kent and Kestina Carneal	18 Kitty Przybylowicz
	19 Jordan Dimoff
	Shelby Van Alstyne
	20 Tim Davis
<i>Happy Birthday this month to:</i>	21 Barbara Forthman
	Nancy Noerpel
1 Bob Kurtz	23 Julie Doneski
3 Dave Milam	Raiden Tinker
4 Ally Fetch	24 Carrie Tinker
5 Drew Gutenson	25 Tom Hutchison
6 J. R. Goerges	Mike Krepich
7 Owen Brown	26 Susan Davis
Scott Carpenter, Sr.	28 Alyssa Brown
Ron Forthman	Destiney Yager

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We lift up our concerns

Congregation

Andy Miller has pneumonia. Kim Yager's mother passed away. Kyle Hottinger's upcoming lithotripsy surgery on September 1st. Sharda Edwards and Sarah MacWhorter who are undergoing cancer treatment. Debra Gutenson's uncle passed away. Chris Henderson asks for prayers for Tracy Zervakis's surgery. Tom Hutchison. Steve Cahoon. Victoria Zervakis. Jim Wiley

We continue to pray for

Friends and Family

Melissa and George Macdonald for George's dad, Alan, who has pneumonia. 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. Mike and Sally Brenton's granddaughter, Madison, who is having complications with infections in her newly-transplanted lungs. Leslie Dragon's brother Todd, has cancer. Jeff Kauffman's sister Amy, in Bend, Oregon dealing with heart problems. Jeff Roberts' cancer diagnosis. Kim Griffith's friend Mary, hospitalized in Leesburg with dou-



ble 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

Racial event in Charlottesville, VA. Mudslide victims in Sierra Leone.

SEPTEMBER 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.



September Flower Calendar

3rd	Macdonald	10th	Open
17th	Bousman	24th	Waller

October Flower Calendar

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

The following items are especially needed:

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

Joys

Congratulations to Zach and Emily Henderson who were married on August 18th. The Diehl's grandson, Dimas, whose two-hour-long MRI came back with no trace of cancer.

Charlotte Miller is thankful for the little victories in Andy's health. Judy Brown's aunt turned 75 and celebrated with a family gathering.

SEPTEMBER SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS

"Journeys Through the Bible" Series Part 1

"Identity – Who Are We?"

September 3rd (The Lord's Supper)

Theme: How Do Friendships Define Us?

Scripture: John 15:12-17

Sermon: *"Beloved Community"*

Worship Leader: MK Ntantang

Music: St. Andrew Choir

September 10th (Sunday School Begins with Breakfast at 8:45; Backpack Blessing)

Theme: Having Identity in Common

Scripture: Galatians 3:27-28; James 2:1-11

Sermon: *"WASP Sting"*

Worship Leader: Brad Morrell

Music: New Song

Journey Through the Bible Series Part 2

"Seeking Home"

September 17th

Theme: The Promise of Home



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

Kimball Peele, Clerk of Session

The Gathering, Saturday at 5 pm

Communion is celebrated on the first Saturday and Sunday of

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-8

Sermon: *"The Land and Home?"*

Worship Leader: Ann Smith

Music: St. Andrew Ringers and Choir

September 24th

Theme: Drawing Lessons from Being Lost and Longing

Scripture: Psalm 137 and Jeremiah 29:1-14

Sermon: *"Refugee Resilience"*

Worship Leader: Chris Buttrick

Music: St. Andrew Choir