



APRIL 2018

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS APRIL 21ST

## Finding Our Place at the Table

*Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam*



I wish every meal shared at a table could be a good one. The truth be told, in many households, unless it is a holiday, families may rarely eat at a table at all! Too many distractions and busy schedules have led us on a detour so that we have lost the healthy practices of eating together while sharing stories about our day as we build and nurture bonds that will sustain us throughout our lives.

We would do well to put aside the distractions and the hectic nature of life in order to build relations with one another and with God at our tables.

In the story that I will tell on Easter Sunday, the risen Jesus joins two disciples walking away from Jerusalem to their home town in a place called Emmaus. The two disciples are weighed down under the burden of their loss so that they didn't even recognize the stranger who joined them on their journey. Nevertheless, his questions and talk about God's promises so touched and challenged them that they invited him to supper when they arrived at their village. "Did not our hearts burn within us?" they asked.

So, they sat down to eat. And that's when it happened that Jesus took the bread and blessed it, and broke it, giving it to them. The action, familiar from the Passover meal and from the Last Sup-

per led to their eyes being opened. And at the meal, at the table, they recognized him – coincidentally at the same time he suddenly disappeared from their fellowship. This being my 33<sup>rd</sup> year as a pastor at Easter time, I'm not sure why, again, I get so excited to be a part of the repeated drama. If you don't know by now, because my three kids all went to the University of Michigan, I'm a big Wolverine fan. Excited because Michigan will actually be playing in the Final Four of the NCAA Basketball Tournament, our oldest son, who lives in Austin, invited me to abandon Easter services to join him for the Saturday night game. He thought that would present me with a tough choice. I said, "it's no choice at all, but I am free on Monday if they win and go to the championship game!" Happily, that may well happen. But in the meantime, the larger victory will get celebrated at sunrise when those of us who gather for Easter will say to one another: "Christ is risen!" "He is risen, indeed!" As is true every year, I am glad to be among those whose eyes are open and who see that the risen Jesus is among us. And it's not just by accident that this revelation happens at a table. That's because the resurrection is meant not just to be a miracle, but instead it begins a movement that is numbered

by those who sit at the table with Jesus and one another. In some practical way, we don't know the resurrection of Jesus unless we eat and drink with those who witness the news of that new life in their experiences, especially in the bonds of love that get shared with one another.

Throughout the Season of Easter, which lasts until Pentecost on May 20<sup>th</sup> this year, we will be talking about "Finding Our Place at the Table." My sermons will recall other stories in the Bible about shared meals – from the Passover meal that inaugurated the liberation of Israel from Egypt in the Exodus to the Heavenly Banquet that promises the fulfillment of the Jesus movement. But more than just sermons, we will have plenty of opportunities to experience table fellowship. On Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, we have an appetizers mixer that will take us to one another's homes. The weekend of April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, we have a chance to get to know one another better through a Serve Saturday opportunity followed by our All Church Retreat with its theme: "Rooted in Love and Growing Together." The overnight retreat will take

place at Camp Highroads off of Limekiln Road on the way towards Aldie. With lots of time for games and walks and meals together, we will conclude our weekend with 10:30 am worship and a meal. For those who wish only to come to the Sunday worship, our two buses will be ready to take you to Camp Highroads at 10:00 am.

Of course, food always invites us to sit down and get to know one another. These two special events will be but two opportunities to "Find Our Place at the Table" together.

A blessed Easter to you. Walk with Jesus. Find him opening your eyes to his presence and purpose as you join in.

Yours with an appetite,

Pastor David Milam

| Church Financials |          |          |            |
|-------------------|----------|----------|------------|
|                   | Income   | Expense  | Difference |
| Feb 2018          | \$25,531 | \$24,248 | \$1,283    |
| YTD               | \$48,883 | \$43,314 | \$5,569    |

**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 April 21st. If you are interested in attending the next meeting, please contact Bonnie Milam at 540 454-7816.

**The St. Andrew Book Club**

This group meets monthly outside the church. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on April 28th. The book under discussion is Pachinko by Min Jin Lee. 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 6:30 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 April 7th. 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 April 9th. We will be discussing Cloud of Witnesses. For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at [anpaciulli@gmail.com](mailto:anpaciulli@gmail.com).

**SAPC Investment Group**

Everyone is welcome to join the next meeting on April 8th 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.

To quote from that great movie -- The King and I:  
 "Getting to know you – getting to know all about you. Getting to like you, getting to hope you like me."  
 This Spring our various committees at St Andrew are focusing on Fellowship – having our church members get to know each other better. Yes, we see and greet each other every Sunday and even share a cup of coffee and cookie in Fellowship Hall after service sometimes but these short interactions don't allow us the opportunity to really talk and learn about each other. So, we are having an **Appetizer Potluck Social**. The goal is that you get together with some members that you don't always get a chance to chat with at church.  
 Details: Appetizer Potluck Social -- April 14 – 6:00 - 9:00pm  
 We will have two or three hosts who will open their houses for the evening gatherings.  
 Everyone brings an appetizer and meets at the church at 6:00pm.  
 You will draw a number and that is the house you will go to for the evening.  
 The host houses will be within a few minutes drive from St Andrew.  
 There is a sign-up sheet in the front of the church (so we can determine how many hosts we need). For more information, contact Leslie Dragon (760-267-1490).



**Pastor Dave baptized Reagan Elizabeth Fike on March 18th as her parents, Cindy and Steven, and big brother Garrett observed.**

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## YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRY

Easter Egg Hunt—Easter Sunday 10:15am

Youth Sunday—April 22nd

Church Retreat—April 28th through April 29th

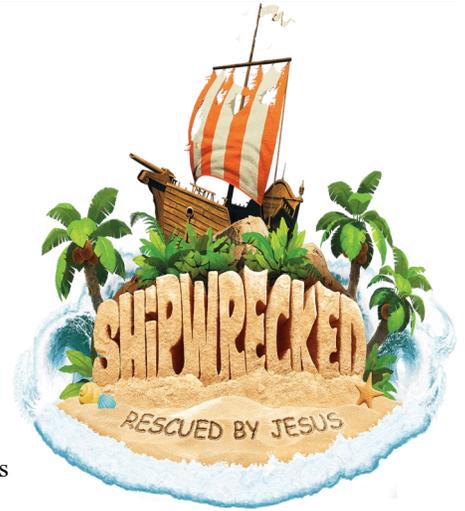
Confirmation Sunday—May 20th

## NEIGHBORHOOD LEARNING CENTER NEWS

The NLC has a summer filled with exciting weekly camps planned for school age kids. Registration has begun. Please visit our website at [www.tnlcenter.com](http://www.tnlcenter.com) to learn more about the camps.



Summer is quickly approaching. We are looking for some volunteers who can help with Vacation Bible School in the evenings on June 24th through June 28th. The theme for 2018 will be "Shipwrecked." There will be a family dinner every night and 3 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to participate in VBS. Please let JoAnna know if you would be available to help with this exciting week.



## TRUSTEES



A few pictures from the Trustee work day on March 10th. Thanks to all who helped.



Please join us for an evening of

# Facing Race SUPPER CLUBS

We will enjoy dinner & guided discussion at tables as we share our experiences relating to race.



Friday, April 6, 6:30-8:30 pm  
at Evergreen Church, 19619 Evergreen Mills Rd., Leesburg

We need to receive your registration by April 2 to ensure that we have enough food & diverse table groups. Registration form will be available soon under “Files” in the [Love Your Neighbor-The Orange Ribbon Campaign](#) Facebook group. We have room for 100 participants. Childcare available.

**Sponsored by Evergreen Church and Holy & Whole Life Changing Ministries**

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary this month to:

|    |                              |
|----|------------------------------|
|    | Meegan Hall                  |
|    | Barbara Jarvis               |
|    | Abby Polizotto               |
| 9  | Carrie and Robert Crossfield |
| 11 | Gene and Helen Thomas        |
| 12 | Matt and Carrie Tinker       |
| 19 | Lynn and Jordan Dimoff       |
| 20 | Frank and Marj Diehl         |
| 24 | Mike and Sally Brenton       |
|    | Ron and Barbara Forthman     |
| 24 | Jeff and Ann Gould           |
| 25 | Quinton and Phoebe Gearhart  |
| 29 | Dean and Gwen Miller         |

Happy Birthday this month to:

|    |                      |    |                   |
|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Tracy Zervakis       | 22 | Lydia Troxell     |
| 2  | Maria Burel          |    | Jack Zobrist      |
| 4  | Lucy Edwards         | 23 | Elizabeth Myers   |
| 7  | Joshua Shields       | 24 | Bob Anderson      |
| 9  | William Ciolkosz     |    | Doris Carpenter   |
| 10 | Mike Barbagallo      | 26 | Grey Gondella     |
|    | Chris Treptow        |    | Meredith Miller   |
| 12 | Alan Buttrick        | 27 | Edith Samson      |
| 13 | Scott Carpenter, Jr. | 28 | Cara Broshkovitch |
|    |                      |    | Pamela Schmidt    |
|    |                      | 29 | Nathan Hall       |

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

**We lift up our concerns**

### Congregation

Melissa Macdonald is home from the hospital after back surgery and doing well, but can use meals. Betty McNair, who fell and broke her hip, is recovering from surgery in rehab. Former members of the church Visnius family, on the death of Drew Visnius, son of Jackie Vinius, who was a church elder. Deb Moler and her family on the loss of her mother, Mary Ann Huffer. Tom Ciolkosz and family on the death of his dad, Leonard. Tom Hutchison. Andy Miller. Tom Bolduc had heart surgery in Philadelphia and is experiencing some complications. Tom Hill with shingles.

**We continue to pray for**

### Friends and Family

Terri Combs mother, Millie, has been diagnosed with cancer. Scott Carpenter's dad Ron has a blood disease. John Niccols sister, Nancy Clark, going through separation from her spouse. Mitch Seipt's grandfather, Jan Dinsomoor, who died on February 21st. The Diehls pray for their grandson, Dimas Lamp. Anthony Semiao's aunt, Jeannie White has passes away. Deborah Hill's father, Mark Scott, having knee surgery.



### NLC

Toni Kontos is able to continue her cancer treatment.

### Joys

Malloch Henderson thanks the NLC for a \$1,000 donation for his playground project. George Cassuto reports that Harmony Middle School raised \$600 for Broward County to benefit the victims of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

### Community/World

Gun violence victims

## APRIL 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

A new flower calendar for 2018 is in the church entry way. Please consider providing flowers for Sunday worship.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gilmore at 540-338-3154 or [ngilmore5@verizon.net](mailto:ngilmore5@verizon.net).



### April Flower Calendar

|      |               |      |         |
|------|---------------|------|---------|
| 1st  | Easter Tulips | 8th  | Open    |
| 15th | Diehl         | 22nd | Brenton |
| 29th | Open          |      |         |

### May Flower Calendar

|      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| 6th  | Open | 13th | Open |
| 20th | Open | 27th | Open |

If you provided tulips for the Easter services, remember to take them home after the 11:00 o'clock service. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gilmore - 540-338-3154 or [ngilmore5@verizon.net](mailto:ngilmore5@verizon.net).

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **21st of each month**. The next deadline is APRIL 21st. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at [Communications@standrew-pres.org](mailto:Communications@standrew-pres.org).

## SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR APRIL

Journeys Through the Bible Series:

Finding Our Place at the Table

**April 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter Services at 6:45; 9:00 and 11:00; The Lord's Supper; Breakfast from 9:45-10:45; Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30)**

Theme: Knowing the Risen One

Scripture: Luke 24:1-35

Sermon: *"Why at Supper?"*

Worship Leader: Josh Shields

9:00 Music: The St. Andrew Ringers and New Song

Liturgist: Zoe Sowers

11:00 Music: St. Andrew Ringers and Choir

**April 8<sup>th</sup> (Second Sunday in Easter; Sacrament of Baptism)**

**Theme: The Passover Meal Marks a New Day of Freedom**

Scripture: Exodus 13:1-22

Sermon: *"To Go Food"*

Worship Leader: George Cassutto

Music: St. Andrew Choir

**April 15<sup>th</sup> (Third Sunday in Easter) Theme: The Youngest Gets Called from the Fields to the Table**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sermon: *"Making Sure Everyone's There"*

Worship Leader: Adam Broshkevitch

Music: St. Andrew Choir



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Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> (Visit from Congregation Sha'are Shalom Confirmation Class)**

Theme: Abundance from Being Right with God

Scripture: Psalm 23

Sermon: *"Whole at the Table"*

Worship Leaders: St. Andrew Confirmation Class

Music: St. Andrew Choir

**April 29<sup>th</sup> (All Church Retreat at Camp Highroads; Installation of New Officers; 10:30 am Bus available at 10 am at St. Andrew) Theme: Jesus calls the Disciples to Love One Another at the Last Supper**

Scripture: John 13:1-17, 33-35

Sermon: *"Breaking the Powers"*

Worship Leader: Clark Seipt

Music: New Song