



# Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

JULY 2018

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JULY 21ST

## Building Projects!

*Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam*



The Israelites marched around the walls of Jericho seven times and then it fell. This happened when they came into the Promised Land and was a sign that God was giving the land to them. Alas, a curse was put on ruined Jericho. The city would be rebuilt at the cost of the builder's first born child! Whether it's at church or in our homes or at the office, any of us who have been through significant building projects have felt the pain of the poor guy who flipped Jericho. (The truth be told, my firstborn is a builder – and I frequently hear of the death-defying consequences of his occupation!) But despite the obstacles, there is also something so tangibly promising about building, that it hooks us and excites us, even so.

The Trustees and Neighborhood Learning Center Board have joined together to do a building project this summer. Their goal is to reshape the rooms in our basement so that they will be an attractive and useful space for children's ministry – both for our church kids on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and for the Neighborhood Learning Center on weekdays. Heat and air conditioning are already installed at this point, which is an improvement that has been awaited since the building's 1979 beginning! Some walls are being reconfigured

so that the teacher-student ratios can be met when NLC classes are using the space. Facelifts of new flooring and repainted walls are planned so that these spaces can be ready for the school year.

Because of changes downstairs, a new exclusive place will be made for our St. Andrew choir and (if things fall into place) the Fellowship Hall will be opened so that the whole room with its beautiful windows will be made fully available again for multiple kinds of uses. This is all great news! And so, the Session has put its stamp of approval on the project and congregation members have already funded \$75,000 (in two short weeks) in loans to pay for most of the costs. Some, in their generosity, have also added financial gifts to help fund the excess costs that came when an unanticipated challenge became clear just before construction was ready to begin.

With so many things going well, as you do, the smart folks on the Trustees and NLC Board tested for asbestos in preparation for the coming construction. Unfortunately, they found that there was some in the epoxy used to attach the present vinyl floor. Unless disturbed such vinyl is deemed safe by building standards. But when new flooring is installed, all asbestos must be removed. This will happen before con-

struction begins, adding both some extra time for the completion of the project and cost, as well.

See what I'm saying about building projects! Ah, but where problems arise, new vision and energies also find their way to the surface. At this point, the leadership is asking and hoping for further generous contributions, while they also work to curtail some of the less essential parts of this project. At present, we anticipate the extra costs to total approximately \$19,000. Wouldn't it be a blessing if God worked in us to share our resources so that we could finish this project? If that money is not immediately forthcoming, revisions on the changes will come, leaving off a new storage space and the shift of the portable classroom in the Fellowship Hall to downstairs.

The truth be told, this building project has come about because of the abundant energy and vision of many of the new

young families at St. Andrew. They have been thorough, smart and faithful in their planning. They are gifted in skills of construction management and budgeting. And they are creating a wonderful environment so that St. Andrew fulfills its vision of "children as our future." Ask what God might put on your heart to add to this work. If we all pitch in together, we will add to our growing encouragement of this church having a wonderful ministry with children and their families – both as the St. Andrew Presbyterian congregation and as the Neighborhood Learning Center as one ministry.

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Dave Milam



**Vilmarie Cintron-Olivieri and Cindy Kohlman were elected co-moderators of the 233rd General Assembly. Read the entire article at <https://pres-outlook.org/2018/06>.**

## Boy Scout Builds an Ark

*If you know the look of wonder in a child's eye, you would have recognized it when the go ahead was given to "Board the Ark!"* Malloch Henderson of Boy Scout Troop 969 built an Ark for his Eagle Scout project. "Scouting is about improving others' situations, while pushing the Scout to do something to the best of his ability," Henderson believes. The delight shown on the faces of the children playing on it said that Malloch had improved the "situation" of the children of the Neighborhood Learning Center and church at St. Andrew Presbyterian in Purcellville.

In a conversation with St. Andrew Pastor, the Rev. David Milam, Malloch had learned that the children of the school and church often tripped over the roots of the large maple tree in their playground. "Some are suggesting that we need a low platform to protect the roots and the tree which also provides a buffer over the roots so the tree can breathe." Malloch took it from there, interviewing the NLC Director, Rev. Jo Anna Rich, who suggested that it would be cool if the platform became the bottom of a boat. From there, Malloch found that an Amish company in Pennsylvania made Ark kits.



"Malloch learned the lesson of 'scope creep,'" his father, Chris, says. "The project started out small but grew becoming a huge undertaking." He saw that Malloch learned a very helpful lesson for a possible career in project management. Indeed, the Eagle process asks a great deal of paperwork in and of itself. The St. Andrew Church also asked Malloch to make multiple presentations to its Trustee Board, Neighborhood Learning Center Board and governing board called the Session.

In foreseeing the Ark as a play apparatus, Malloch had to ensure that the surrounding 84 cubic yards of mulch provided a soft surface around the big boat. A new 160 foot French drain was added to make up for what had previously been a swale. And all of the while, Malloch had to ensure that there was a space underneath the Ark that allowed the roots to breathe.

"I'm pretty happy about it," Malloch said. "Having the kids (and their parents) at both the church and the school tell me that 'the Ark is really cool!' gave me a great feeling. There was a look of awe and eagerness on their faces as they got ready to play on it. And when they were given the go ahead, they explored every door, window and even the helm. I've played on it with them making me feel like a kid again, with all of their energy. It's also cool to know that I am playing on something that I helped create."

Neighborhood Learning Center Director, Jo Anna Rich, says that people passing by on Main Street will stop by when they see it, asking if their kids can play on it. Erin Raynor, a parent of two children at the school says that the "Ark is awesome because it is an imaginative tool for teaching the school's children about a story from the Bible." Pastor Milam says he likes how it the boat coheres with a church named for the disciple, Andrew, who was also a sailor, commissioned by Jesus to "fish for people."

A lot of people helped with the project. Forty-five did hands on work, including those from Scout Troop 969, the Western Loudoun Wolverine Rugby Team, family and church members. \$7500 in contributions came from the St. Andrew Church, the Neighborhood Learning Center and their members. A school parent who had received his Eagle Scout award gave a very generous gift. Kids gave \$3.44 collected out of coins from their Easter Egg Hunt. The Hamilton Ruritan Club also made a generous contribution.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church and the Neighborhood Learning Center are located at 711 West Main Street in Purcellville. Malloch is set to receive his Eagle award on August 12.

## 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 in September. 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 July 28th at Ibbey Dickson's home. The book under discus-

sion is Calling Invisible Women by Jeanne Ray. 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 [dhgutenson@gmail.com](mailto:dhgutenson@gmail.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 July 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 in September. For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at [anpaciulli@gmail.com](mailto:anpaciulli@gmail.com).

# St Andrew's 2018 High School Graduates

**Adam Broshkevitch** has been arriving late to St. Andrew Church services for as long as he can remember and has enjoyed many years of Vacation Bible School, Christmas pageants and Pastor Dave's sermons. A highlight from his time with church was getting to travel to Belize where he was repeatedly embarrassed on the soccer field. As a high schooler, Adam has competed for Loudoun Valley's cross county, track and wrestling teams, including seven seasons during which he earned a varsity letter and three where he was a team captain. It also is worth noting that he is the only Broshkevitch child to win a state championship. In addition to athletics, he was on the board of Valley's chapter of the National Honor Society and a member of its community service club. Away from school, he enjoys spending time outside, organizing an annual town-wide trash clean up and earning the rank of Eagle as a Boy Scout. Adam will be reporting to the United States Air Force Academy later this month, leaving his hair behind and beginning his next challenge.

**Alyssa Brown** is graduating from Woodgrove High School and will be attending the University of Mary Washington in the fall. Alyssa was born at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital on the campus of Stanford

University in Palo Alto California. She moved to Virginia with her family in 2001. Alyssa participated in Irish Dance from 3rd to 12th grade and swam for the Potomac Crossing Barracudas for several years. She later played volleyball for Woodgrove High School in her Freshman year. Alyssa was the President of Astronomy club her Senior year of High School and hopes to pursue a career in the space industry. Alyssa is known for her love of outer space, Doctor Who, Spongebob Squarepants and Hamilton the American Musical, but for helping to shape the person she is today.

**Virginia Carpenter** will be studying National Security and Foreign Affairs at Virginia Tech in the Corps of Cadets and Air Force ROTC. She will commission for four years of active reserve after college. She received a four-year scholarship from the Air Force and the Emerging Leader Scholarship from the VT Corps of Cadets. Virginia played Varsity Tennis for four years at Woodgrove playing in the top 3, and was Captain this year. She enjoys riding horses and training young horses. She likes learning new sports, such as Polocrosse. She now play high level Polocrosse and hopes to continue playing throughout college.

**Ben Gehl** moved to Virginia, from Pennsylvania, when he

was four months old and has lived in Purcellville his entire childhood. He is a graduate at Woodgrove High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and played Freshman Basketball. He loves playing sports, especially basketball and rugby. He will be attending Virginia Tech, studying Mathematics.

**Scotty Hill** is a graduate of Loudoun Valley High School. He has chosen to enlist in the United States Air Force to take a break from schooling (and to have his college paid for). He is signing on for a six-year enlistment. During that time he plans to get a bachelor's degree in a general medicine or science area. Upon finishing that six-year contract, he would like to apply for the NECP (Nurse Enlisted Commissioning Program), a four-year program that earns enlisted airmen a bachelor's in nursing and a commission as an officer. His ultimate goal is to be an ER nurse.

**MK Ntantang** is a graduate of Woodgrove High School and will be studying General Engineering at Virginia Tech in the fall. Senior year, MK co-founded her school's S.T.A.M.P. (Students Together Against Marginalizing People) Club and will continue her work in social activism by carrying out the S.T.A.M.P. Club mission at Virginia Tech. MK

also competed on Woodgrove's Varsity Track and Field team, earning conference, regional, and state titles. As she loves the sport, she hopes to continue her running at Virginia Tech.

**Lydia Troxell** graduated from Woodgrove High School and will be attending the University of South Carolina in the fall to study finance. Throughout the years, she has enjoyed many 30 hour famines, summers of Vacation Bible School, and wreath making with Saint Andrews. During her time at Woodgrove she ran for the cross country team and competed for four years as a varsity member for track and field. Throughout school, she was also a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and Science National Honor Society. She is excited to begin her next chapter in the sunny south, and looks forward to school in the fall.

**Seamus Wade** is a graduate of Loudoun Valley High School. He has been attending St. Andrew his whole life, where he was baptized and confirmed. He has enjoyed participating in activities with St. Andrew such as DC TOP trips and the Kentucky mission trip. Seamus's personal interests include music, woodworking, and instrument-making, as well as various outdoor activities. In the fall he will be going to study engineering at Trinity College



The 2018 high school graduates before and after receiving blankets from the St Andrew congregation, so that they can go out into the world wrapped in Christian love. From left to right are: Scotty Hill, Seamus Wade, Virginia Carpenter, Ben Gehl, Lydia Troxell, MK Ntantang, Alyssa Brown, and Adam Broshkevitch.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Purcellville VA

# ALL CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC & BASEBALL GAME

*With Holy & Whole Life  
Changing Ministries*  
(Lansdowne, VA)

## Sunday, July 22 at 5PM

Followed by Baseball Game at the  
Canons at 7PM

SAINT  
ANDREW  
Presbyterian Church



### VENUE:

Fireman's Field Pavilion  
250 Nursery, Purcellville, VA

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church  
711 West. Main St. Purcellville, VA  
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## JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary this month to:

- 6 James and Sarah Sassak
- 8 Manny and Susane Njomo
- 20 Bob and Mary Anderson
- 30 Mike and Laurie Barbagallo  
Mitch and Clark Seipt

Happy Birthday this month to:

- 1 Mitch Seipt
- 2 Kim Griffith  
James Laybourne
- 4 Kitty Johnson
- 6 Mark Broshkevitch
- 7 Adam Broshkevitch

- Gabe Cassutto
- Hannah Gehl
- 11 Olivia Butkus
- 13 Madison Lutz
- Katie Schwieger
- 15 Lillian Brewer
- 17 Kyle Hottinger
- 18 Katherine Curtis
- 19 Sam Seipt
- 21 Ray Anderson
- 23 Bonnie Milam
- 30 Lizzy Hill  
Michael Treptow
- 31 Anna Carneal  
Marion Carneal

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We lift up our concerns

### Congregation

Alpha Cisse for a new job opportunity as his current contract is ending. Kristin Westfall for knee replacement surgery. Melissa Macdonald. Rick Gondella. Betty McNair. Andy Miller. Tom Hill. Tom Hutchison.

We continue to pray for

### Friends and Family

Kirsten Shields' father, Courtenay, with health complications. Scott Carpenter on the death of John Washington, a former coach. The Diehls pray for their grandson, Dimas Lamp, who is having additional chemotherapy. Deborah Hill's cousin, Gary Thomas, facing weeks of painful cancer treatment. Ally Fetch's mother, Joyce Rumpf, who is very ill. JoAnna Rich's daughter Jessica Rich, due to injury to herniated disk. Marcia Owens, for the family of Loudoun Valley High School's special education teacher, Regina Bryant, who passed away suddenly. Clark Seipt's uncle Jay. Kristin Westfall's sister Ingeborg, in hospice care. Kim Yager's sister, Michele Eiker, has mysterious high blood pressure



### NLC

Toni Kontos is under hospice care.

### Joys

Melissa Macdonald is thankful for the support of the church and meals after surgery. John Howard is thankful for Larkin's new job with the NLC. Alyssa Brown is thankful to family and friends for their support. Josh Shields is thankful for HVAC in the church basement.

We celebrate the following weddings:

- June 2nd—Tim and Debbie Aldridge
- June 9th—Emily and Eric Groo
- June 16th Nathan and Kimberly Sowers

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

## JULY MUSIC REHEARSALS

**Choir Rehearsals**, Wednesdays at 7 pm  
Contact Zack Henderson, [zackh900@gmail.com](mailto:zackh900@gmail.com)

**New Song**, Sunday mornings after the service  
Contact Laurie Barbagallo 540 454-8215 or [lauriewm85@hughes.net](mailto:lauriewm85@hughes.net)

**St. Andrew Bell Ringers**, Mondays at 7:15 pm  
Contact Zoe Sowers 540 338-0999, [zoesowers@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:zackh900@gmail.com)

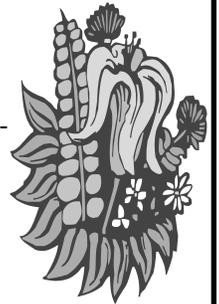
**NOTE:** All musical groups are on summer hiatus, starting back up at the end of August.



## Flower Calendar

Do you have a life event that you would like to commemorate? 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).



### July Flower Calendar

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

### August Flower Calendar

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

## Mark Your Calendar!

Trustee Summer Work Day

July 28th



## SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR JULY

### July 1<sup>st</sup> (13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Lord's Supper)

Theme: The Interruptions in the American Story  
Lectionary Texts: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130;  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15; *Mark 5:21-43*  
Sermon: *"The Health of America's Soul"*  
Worship Leader: Priscilla O'Donnell  
Special Music: Kate Rohrbaugh

### July 8<sup>th</sup> (14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Barry Parks, Preaching)

Theme: On Loving Your Enemy  
Texts: Proverbs 25:21-22; *Luke 6:27-36*  
Sermon: *"God Glasses"*  
Worship Leader: Emily and Zack Henderson  
Special Music: St. Andrew Choir

### July 15<sup>th</sup> (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Kevin Burel, Preaching)

Theme: Choosing What Is Most Important  
Lectionary Texts: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 12B-19; Psalm 24  
Ephesians 1:3-14; *Mark 6:14-29*  
Sermon: *"What'll You Have?"*  
Worship Leader: Marcia Owens

### July 22<sup>nd</sup> (16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Pastor Dave, Preaching)



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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

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Theme: Leadership in the Age of Setting Our Own Agendas

Lectionary Texts: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*; Psalm 23;  
Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Sermon: *"Whose Voice, Which Way"*

Worship Leader: Erik Sassak

### July 29<sup>th</sup> (17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Pastor Dave, Preaching)

Theme: Finding Our Chief Purpose  
Lectionary Texts: 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18;  
Ephesians 3:14-21; *John 6:1-21*  
Sermon: *"Fed"*  
Worship Leader: Josh Shields

*Note: Sermons will be on the italicized texts*