



Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER 2018

It's Jesus' Church; It's Our Church

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



One of the strong messages of infant baptism is the one saying to parents: "This child belongs first to God. He or she is yours on loan (for about 18 years)!" Who the church belongs to follows a similar theme. What Jesus wants to do with us sounds a ultimate note – we are to know that we are God's children; we are to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly; we are to share the good and hopeful news of Jesus' death and resurrection; we are to find forgiveness and live out the implications of God's gift of life in our world all of our days. But within that charge, the Spirit promises to work through us so that our calling gets lived out in ways that are personal and fulfilling. The church belongs to Jesus. Yet it is also on loan to us! The opportunity and responsibility for the church is similar to that which parents feel as their responsibility, seeking to live up to such a calling faithfully.

If you haven't noticed, there is a new spirit of this ownership going around. A amazingly hectic, well-done building renovation this summer showed this sense of growing responsibility. Renewed investment into children and youth ministry shows how we are living into "children as our future." A small group wrestling with the societal issue of racism demonstrates our congregation's courage

to connect our faith to the struggles that challenge our nation. And then there are those who work weekly to make worship an experience that brings us into the presence of God with praise and thanksgiving, as well as with the challenges of scripture and sermon that seeks to work faithful discipleship into our lives.

The Session has been at work trying to name this calling of St. Andrew that is rising in us and taking on practice and action. Starting with a vision statement that not only names how "Christ is our center, children our future and service our mission," the statement also sees us "responding to God's grace," by committing to be a church "1) nurturing seeds of faith, 2) loving our neighbor, 3) embracing the stranger and 4) bringing Christ's hope to the world."

The Session has spent a lot of time trying to imagine what these four commitments mean. We've asked what outcome we would envision for young people as they go through Sunday School, confirmation, high school youth groups and worship. We've been considering how our adult members want to continue learning, as we also look for friendship and support and find opportunities to make a difference. As the Session tries to bring future directions into focus, they are asking for congrega-

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 21ST

tion members' help. An online survey called the C.A.T. Scan will be made available starting Sunday, October 28th for three weeks, ending on November 18th. C.A.T. is the acronym for Congregational Assessment Tool. A link to the survey will be sent to all congregational members for an anonymous response. It takes about 20 minutes to complete. For those lacking access to the internet, you will find several volunteers available on Sunday mornings equipped with laptops or tablets to help you to give your helpful feedback, as well.

The Session hopes that this invitation to congregation members will help to put sinew, muscle and skin on the basic bones of our fourfold vision of faith, love, welcome and hope. We hope that it will invite a spiritual commitment from our congregation as we

also consider pledges of time, talent and treasure for 2019. Our Stewardship theme for the year is found in this appeal for your input into our vision: "It's Jesus' Church, It's Our Church."

More information on both of these topics will be shared in worship in the coming weeks. Please feel free to ask your questions to any of the members of Session: Kevin Burel, Katie Cahoon, Frank Diehl, Ally Fetch, George Macdonald, Kimball Peele, Kate Rohrbaugh, Clark Seipt, Anthony Semiao and me.

Yours faithfully,

Pastor Dave

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From the wedding of Troy and Setarah Krepich on Saturday. In this Persia-inspired moment, sugar is ground above the canopy as a sign of God's blessing while the bride and groom each dip a finger in a jar of honey to give a sweet gift of life to one another. This was beautiful and novel wedding symbol for me, with loving significance. Pastor Dave was so happy to be a part of the occasion. Join him in congratulating Troy and Setareh, wishing for much happiness in their life together.

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 20th. 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 October 27th. The book under discussion is Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah. 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 dhguten@g.mail.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 or Deborah Hill at 540 751-9818 or momscully@earthlink.net.

Men's Group

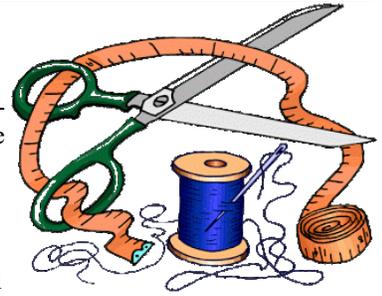
This group meets the first Saturday of the month in the fellowship hall. Coffee starts at 7:30 am and breakfast/fellowship at 8:00 am. The next meeting is October 6th. To join, contact Jeff Kauffman at jnk@thekauffmangroup.com.

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 8th. The lesson will be Lesson One from the book, God's Promise. For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at annpaciulli@gmail.com.

MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee will sponsor Crafting with a Cause this year on December 8th and 9th. On the same Saturday evening, the Loudoun Chorale will be performing for our Music with a Cause program here. Proceeds will benefit Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS). The craft fair will be open before and after the concert and on Sunday morning and afternoon. Crafters from the congregation and from our Neighborhood Learning Center family are welcome to sign up for a table. Any handmade craft items are welcome: quilting, needlework, painting, woodworking, toys, etc. Don't wait too long to sign up because there are a limited number of tables available. Contact Iby Dickson for details.



We are also planning on adopting families from LAWS for Christmas again. We will share the details as soon as we have them. Hard to believe the holidays are quickly approaching! The end-of-the-summer food tally for Loudoun Hunger Relief was 193 pounds. Let's try for at least 200 pounds next time! Collections for Thanksgiving will start later in October, so watch for more details.

CONNECT COMMITTEE

Are you aware that St. Andrew has a pictorial directory? It is sorely out-of-date. There are new members to add and the children are growing up so fast! They need new pictures, too. Sally Brenton is spearheading the update to the directory and she will be available in the Fellowship Hall each Sunday in October after the service to take pictures.

If you already have a recent family photo that you would like to use in the directory, a digital copy may be sent to Sally at sbrenton@rstarmail.com.

The current (out-of-date) directory is still available for viewing. Go to the App store and download the Instant Church Directory app. You will need to create a password to go along with your email. If your correct email is not in the directory, you will not gain access. Let Sally or Diane, the church secretary, know of any problems.



The Brunch Bunch enjoying the updated Youth Lounge for their weekly meeting.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRY



On September 9th, Chris Butkus, Meagan Butkus, Brad Morell, Jo Anna Rich, and Josh Shields cut the ribbon to officially open the newly-renovated space in the basement of St. Andrew. Two spacious new classrooms plus a youth lounge make up the space.



Clark Seipt led an intrepid group of high school students on a video scavenger hunt in Purcellville. Clark is pictured in the front of the left picture with Morgan, Kyra, Trinity, Colin and Darrin.

George Bowerman

A piano recital of classical works including Beethoven's monumental Waldstein Sonata and Franz Liszt's Dante Sonata, inspired by the Divine Comedy.



Presented by the *Music with a Cause* Concert Series

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 4PM

\$20 at the Door; ages 17 and under admission is free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) (search for "musicwithacause")

Concert proceeds benefit **HEART MARKS.**



Venue: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
711 West Main Street, Purcellville, VA
www.standrew-pres.org

On Sunday, October 21 at 4pm, the *Music with a Cause* concert series will present pianist George Bowerman at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church with a recital to benefit Heart Marks. The program will feature Ludwig van Beethoven's monumental Waldstein Sonata and Franz Liszt's Divine Comedy inspired Dante Sonata. George Bowerman's recent honors include Second Prize in the Bradshaw and Buono International Piano Competitions and a semi-finalist award in the Seattle International Piano Competition. Heart Mark provides free structured art-based projects, classes and events to those struggling with grief and loss, mental illness and more. Tickets are \$20 at the door and can be purchased in advance at Eventbrite (search for music with a cause).

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Happy Anniversary this month to:*
- 8 Glorie Cassutto
 - 11 Matt Evans
 - 17 Charlie and Erin Schwieger
 - 21 Chris and Meagen Butkus
 - 27 Rusty and Karen Ray
 - Geoffrey and Lottie Kohl
- Happy Birthday this month to:*
- 1 Andrew Ciolkosz
 - Parker Gondella
 - Sarah Sassak
 - 2 Sally Brenton
 - Yvette Evans
 - 3 Nancy Gilmore
 - Brian McGranahan
 - Mackenzie Moler
 - 6 Seamus Wade
 - 7 Bailey Evans
 - Priscilla O'Donnell
 - 8 Kathy Ziegler
 - 12 Ibby Dickson
 - 14 Amy Elledge
 - Alexis Lutz
 - 16 Betty Wiley
 - 18 Aidan Read
 - 20 Branson Stroop
 - Benjamin Carpenter
 - Bennett Kohl
 - Kirsten Shields
 - 23 Bradley Morell
 - 24 Ethan Morell
 - 28 Ann Paciulli
 - 28 Suzanne Wade
 - 29 Dottie Stewart
 - 30 Manny Njomo
 - John Sassak
 - Kristin Sullivan
 - Finn Wade

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We lift up our concerns

Congregation

Tom Bolduc. Carolyn Wagers. Betty McNair had a fall. Tom Hutchison. Chris Butkus had surgery for his broken wrist. Raye Ann Kauffman's upcoming back surgery.

We continue to pray for

Friends and Family

Former St. Andrew member Jerry Frank, whose blood cancer is back after 13 years in remission. Leslie Dragon's brother-in-law Don is undergoing treatment for cancer. Melissa Macdonald's friend Jenny has a leg infection. Sharda Edwards husband, Albert, in treatment for Myelodysplasia (MDS). George Cassutto for Maryland Representative David Tron who has cancer. Deborah Hill for Tom and Bob Kellogg, hiking the Appalachian Trail during Hurricane Florence. Hilary Lindquist, an Emerick teacher who is in a coma after giving birth. The baby is fine. Melissa Macdonald on the loss of her goddaughter's friend Spencer Deal. Ryan Pinckney's friend Ryan whose hand was injured in a farming accident. Dave and Bonnie's daughter-in-law Carisa's father who is scheduled for stem cell transplant. Jennifer Ratke's friend Tina Coggins died from breast cancer.

NLC

NLC teacher Karen Collins is in the



process of having surgery for cancer diagnosis. NLC teacher Kendra Buracker's grandmother passed away. Custodial Staff Lisa Light's mother is very ill.

Community/World

Prayers for the victims of Hurricane Florence and the tornado in Minnesota.

Joys

Betty Willis for daughter Misty's birthday. Leslie Dragon for Randy's birthday. Charlotte Miller for being accompanied to church for her birthday by her son and daughter-in-law Keane and LuAnn. Donna Greco for Greyson's fifth birthday. Marj Diehl for Grandparent's day and continued health for Dimas Lamp.

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

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.



October Flower Calendar

7th	Open	14th	Open
21st	Open	28th	Open

November Flower Calendar

4th	Hill	11th	Open
18th	Open	25th	Open

Race for Every Child

Children's National Hospital is sponsoring their annual 5K race on October 20th, in Washington DC. The race proceeds support care for patients at Children's, and help fund research. This year will be especially meaningful to our family, as grandson Dimas has been a patient in the neuro-oncology service since March 2017 for a brain and spinal cord cancer. He has been through intensive radiation therapy, and chemotherapy, which only ended in July. The best news is that his last MRIs have been clear! He has even returned to school.

In an effort to demonstrate our gratitude to Children's, and to support their current research efforts, our family will be participating in the 5K! The participants are: Laurie Diehl-Lamp, Dimas Lamp (as much as he can), Elsa Lamp, and me. We can be found (individually) on the Brain Tumor Trouncers team, and located for donations to support Children's, with a Google search to "Brain Tumor Trouncers", or through the Children's Hospital web site, Childrensnational.org (under what's happening) and RaceForEveryChild.org.

Research for brain cancer is not well funded, in general, and even more so for children's brain cancer, this, even though it is an illness with a very high mortality rate. Last year, as a team, Brain Tumor Trouncers raised \$60,000 for brain cancer research at Children's. Help our team exceed the 2017 goal!

With thanks for the support we have received since March 2017, and great hope for a future without brain cancer in children; for all who have been, and are now in a fight against this disease.

Marjorie Diehl (marjoriediehl@gmail.com)

SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR OCTOBER

October 7th (World Communion Sunday; The Lord's Supper)

Lectionary Texts: *Job 1:1; 2:1-10*; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
Mark 10:2-16

Sermon: *"From a Standpoint of Privilege"*

Worship Leader: Anthony Semiao

Music: St. Andrew Choir

October 14th (28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Lectionary Texts: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15;
Hebrews 4:12-16; *Mark 10:17-31*

Sermon: *"Sad!"*

Worship Leader: Clark Seipt

Music: St. Andrew Choir

October 21st (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sacrament of Baptism)

Lectionary Texts: Job 38:1-7; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b;
Hebrews 5:1-10; *Mark 10:35-45*

Sermon: *"The Inner and Outer Call of Jesus"*

Worship Leader: Randy Dragon

Music: St. Andrew Ringers



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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

October 28th (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sacrament of Baptism)

Lectionary Texts: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8;
Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Sermon: *"Why the Cross Is Empty"*

Worship Leader: Kent Carneal

Music: New Song and the St. Andrew Choir

Note: Sermons will be on the italicized texts