



# Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

NOVEMBER 2018

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 21ST

## It's Jesus' Church; It's Our Church (Part 2)

*Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam*



Khalil is the name of one of the central characters in the new movie *The Hate U Give*. In the back of my mind, I registered that Khalil is a familiar name to me. It is the last name of my mentor and former professor, Issa Khalil, who I was fortunate enough to see this past summer. But the Khalil in the movie was a teen who is affable; an alternative love interest of the main character, Starr; and then, tragically, an African-American kid who gets shot and killed in the mess of a police pullover.

I recommend the movie, unabashedly. Go see it. It's moving, giving witness to a truth we would turn away from but shouldn't. The story is compelling and even edifying. But then there was the name Khalil and what happened to me when I heard Khalil talked about at the movie's end.

"Khalil means 'friend.'" The line was shared at Khalil's funeral, which was emotional enough, but combining it with the affection I have for Dr. Khalil, to hear that Khalil means "friend," touched me very personally.

As you have undoubtedly heard me say before, Dr. Issa Khalil was influential in part because he is a Palestinian Christian which put together two worlds that weren't supposed to go together for me when I was a college student. And to make the point emphatically, Issa is Aramaic

for Jesus and Dr. Khalil was born in THE Bethlehem on Christmas Day. Yes, in a way, I had Jesus as my undergrad professor!!!! But until that moment in the movie, I didn't know that his last name means "friend." "What a friend we have in Jesus," right?

So, after getting home from the movie, I sent a message to Dr. Khalil's son, Gregory, telling him that I was thinking about his father having been touched in the moment during the movie. What he wrote back to me was even more bizarre, but also said something about how close God in Jesus can be.

"My dad says 'Hi.' I'm with him. Khalil is another name for Abraham, which means 'friend of God.'" Angie Thomas (the book and film writer of *The Hate U Give*) was the assistant to my good friend Bishop Cradup when she was writing the book. I had corresponded with her when I had no idea that she was a writer. I haven't spoke with her recently and really have no idea if she learned the name Khalil from us or somewhere else. But it is a fun coincidence."

Indeed, to think that my "Khalil" was actually the namesake of the book and movie "Khalil," from whom I identified the Jesus I learned from as "friend" only added to my sense of gratitude and delight.

I hope that we see Jesus that close to us in our church. Yes, we may go about all of our business of church:

- 1) attending the worship services on Sunday,
- 2) helping with grounds on a Trustee work day,
- 3) preparing music in a choir,
- 4) enjoying friendships,
- 5) relishing in the opportunities to see children grow and play,
- 6) finding a new perspective on life after going on a mission trip,
- 7) learning more about the Bible and Jesus in a class or sermon,
- 8) having a deep wound healed,
- 9) entrusting ourselves and our loved one to the sacrament of baptism or to marriage or to God in our deaths.

These are ways that the church belongs to us. Yes, indeed, we make it happen. We put our shoulders to the work of it. We give our financial support to it. We imagine how we can make it even better by acts of creativity or sacrificial service. But in

some strange way, the best of us recognizes that in as much as it belongs to us, the church first and foremost belongs to Jesus. And he is our friend.

In the coming weeks all of us are going to be asked to take a survey called the CAT Scan (or Congregational Assessment Tool). As I wrote last month, this is how we affirm that Jesus' Church is also Our Church.

But this is also that annual time when we get to commit our time, talent and treasure to the church. A commitment pledge form is being sent to your house for you to add your commitment to all of the other members of St. Andrew so that we can prepare and plan to make our church succeed at doing things that fulfill that part of us which is often the best part of us. Many are really giving of their time and talent to make our church a wonderful fellowship where "Christ is our center, children our future and service our mission." It's actually really exciting to see the energy, will and fun that is

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Guess who at the annual Trunk or Treat??

**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 November 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 December 7th. The book under discussion is Dear Life by Nobel prize winning author Alice Munro. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or [zsowers@gmail.com](mailto:zsowers@gmail.com) to join the discussion. We will also be sharing Christmas bread!

**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-son@g.mail.com](mailto:dhguten-son@g.mail.com) for more information.

**RAPPIN' WITH THE REV (CONTINUED)**

*'It's Jesus' Church: It's Our Church, Part 2'*

a regular part of life at St. Andrew!

The request for our financial generosity is also the way we make things happen. I'm sure that such commitments are discussed at dining room tables where other financial decisions get made. "How have we been doing paying the mortgage and for groceries? What kind of vacation can we afford this year? What adjustments should we make in our budgeting as our kids grow and enter into new phases of life?" In the midst of these decisions is one we hope that you can take seriously about how we share our resources together in order to make a vital, community-minded, personally encouraging church here at St. Andrew.

**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 November 3rd. To join, contact Chris Butkus at [chrisbutkus@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisbutkus@yahoo.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 November. 5th. The lesson will be Lesson One from the book, God's Promise. For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at [annpaciulli@gmail.com](mailto:annpaciulli@gmail.com).

When I heard my mentor's name defined as "friend," it meant so much. When we saw Dr. Khalil this summer, we learned that he is now 92. We couldn't believe it. He's always seemed a fountain of youth. Older and wiser than us, for sure, but always there. We could tell in our conversation with him that his age was catching up with him, even so. It made our time with him so very precious. It put something of an eternal, time transcending quality to that brief lunch and walk around a New York City park. Our trust that Jesus is our friend was deepened in our beings through this encounter. And maybe that's the biggest reason for doing what we can to share a goodly portion of our time, talent and treasure. It connects us with what is deepest, most holy and good. We find ourselves connected by sharing ourselves

**Travel to Haiti**

Clark Seipt will be leading a group to Jacmel, Haiti January 12-19. Pastor Dave is going, bringing along DC Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church Pastor, the Rev. Juan Guthrie. If members and friends of either congregation would like to go on this exploratory trip, they are most welcome. The cost of the trip will range from somewhere between \$1200 to \$1800 depending on airfare. Contact Clark or Pastor Dave for more information.

**Believing and Belonging**

The next Believing and Belonging Class will start after church on November 8th. If you are interested in joining the St. Andrew family, please contact Pastor Dave about attending the class.

**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 the first Sunday in November 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](mailto: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.

**RAPPIN' WITH THE REV (CONT)**

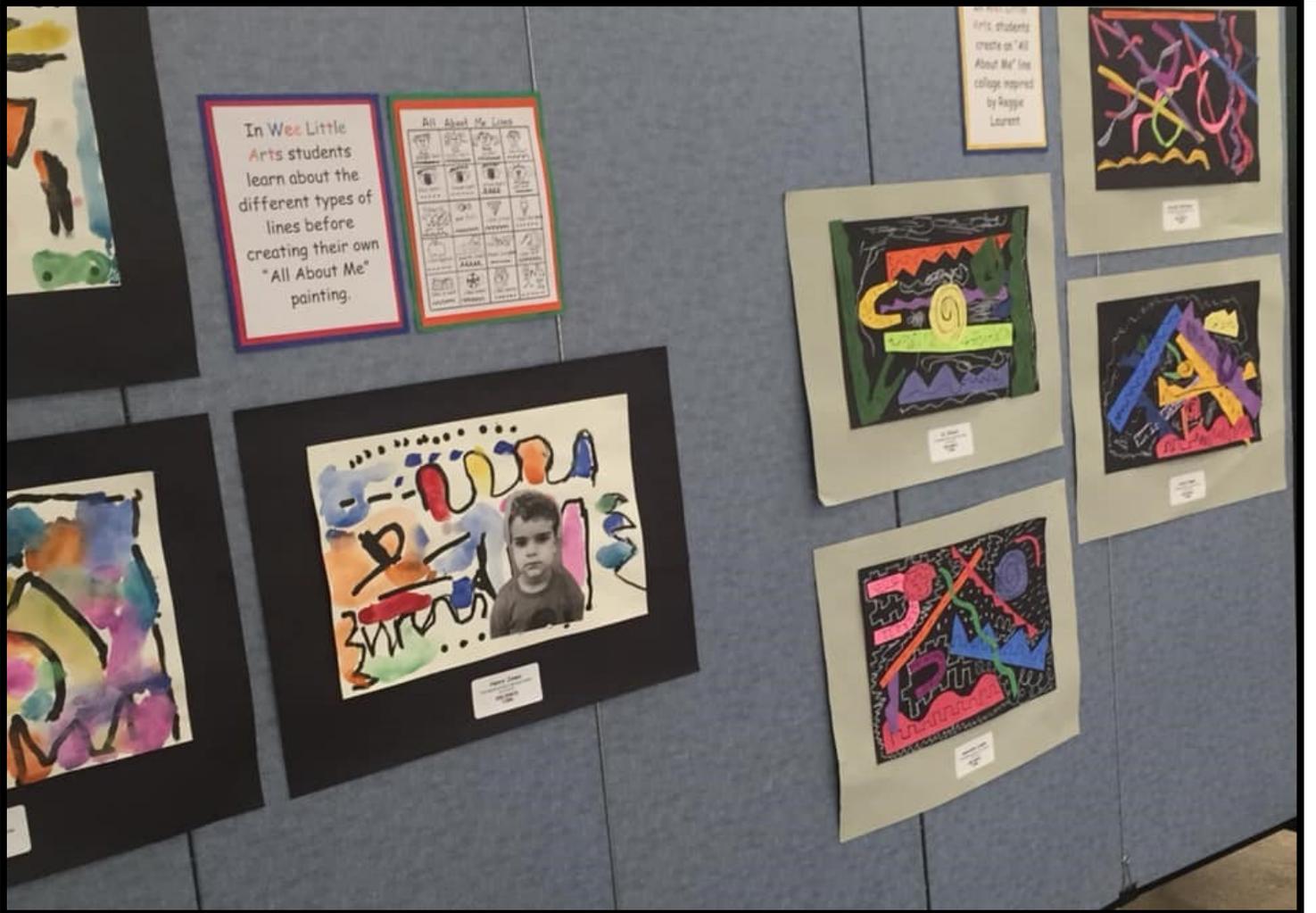
with generosity.

When your Generosity Team commitment card arrives, please prayerfully consider the good commitments you can make in 2019 to our St. Andrew church. It's your church! It's our church! Most delightfully friend, it's Jesus' church!

Yours faithfully,

*Pastor Dave*

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **21st of each month**. The next deadline is **NOVEMBER 21st**. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at [sbrenton@rstarmail.com](mailto:sbrenton@rstarmail.com).



Artwork from the Neighborhood Learning Center on display in the Fellowship Hall.



## Confirmation Class Trip

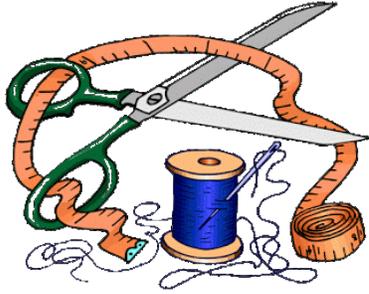
The confirmation class will be visiting the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) Center mosque on Friday evening, November 30th. Members and friends of the congregation are welcome to join the field trip if they would like to be a part of our interfaith connections and to learn a bit about Islam. Understanding other religions often helps one also to better understand one's own!



A couple of well-decorated trunks from the successful Trunk or Treat event on October 30th.

**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 Ibbly Dickson for details.



**Donate Thanksgiving Dinner Bags for Loudoun Hunger Relief!**

- Please fill a reusable grocery bag with the following items (to feed four people), and return to St. Andrew by November 7th.
  - -\$10 gift card to local grocery store for purchasing meat
  - -gravy mix or jar
  - -canned cranberry sauce
  - -two types of canned vegetables
  - -boxed potatoes
  - -stuffing mix
  - -cornbread or biscuit mix
  - -dessert mix or item
- Please place bags in the big wooden box in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!
- Last year 1600 meals Thanksgiving meals were provided to our neighbors in need. SAPC & NLC provided approximately 40. meals.

The Loudoun Abused Women Shelter (LAWS) has contacted us and asked if we would adopt families for Christmas again this year. We offered to supply gifts for up to 10 individuals as we have in past years. We will share details when we get them. The Wish Tree will be displayed in the narthex with the families' requests. The Congregation and the Neighborhood Learning Center have been very generous to this project in the past. LAWS and their clients have been very appreciative.

The Mission Committee will also sponsor an alternative gift market on December 2nd and 16th. They will be collecting donations and providing acknowledgement cards for several as yet to be named organizations on those dates. This is a great way to give a generous gift for someone who has everything.

**OTHER NEWS**

After the tragedy of the shooting in the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA on October 27th, Pastor Dave thought of a song that the St. Andrew bell choir had performed previously at an interfaith service and thought it would provide comfort and solace during this trying time. He arranged for the bell choir to play the piece at the Loudoun Vigil for Pittsburgh, entitled Facing Hate with Faith, on Monday evening, September 29th. Below are some pictures from the vigil courtesy of George Cassutto.



The BEAT acapella choir from the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS).



Clockwise from left, Nancy Gilmore and Sally Brenton showing the BEAT choir how to ring bells. All of the children in the choir were fascinated with the bells and had never heard a bell choir before. Zoe Sowers explaining the origin of "Song of Peace." John Nicolls and Kent Carneal ready to ring. Susan Milich and Nancy Gilmore playing "Song of Peace."



## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Happy Anniversary this month to:*
- |    |                              |    |                   |
|----|------------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 4  | William and Patience Garrett | 9  | Milt Gilmore      |
| 19 | J.C. and Mary Barnes         |    | Emily Linehan     |
| 27 | Jeff and Deann Mitchell      |    | Jacob Linehan     |
| 30 | Mat and Teresa Wilburn       | 14 | Mark Rohrbaugh    |
|    |                              | 15 | Janet Locklear    |
|    |                              | 19 | Garrett Milich    |
|    |                              |    | Meredith Varnecky |
|    |                              | 23 | Mary Barnes       |
|    |                              | 24 | Deborah Hill      |
|    |                              | 27 | Carlinda Kleck    |
- Happy Birthday this month to:*
- |   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1 | Kevin Burel   |
|   | Lorna Howard  |
| 3 | Scotty Hill   |
| 5 | Andrew Miller |
|   | Dean Miller   |

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### We lift up our concerns

#### Congregation

Tom Bolduc. Carolyn Wagers. Betty McNair had a fall but is back home recuperating. Tom Hutchison. Chris Butkus had surgery for his broken wrist. Raye Ann Kauffman's back surgery. June Hutchison. Kristin Westfall. Pamela Schmidt. Lillian Brewer.

### 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). Hilary Lindquist, an Emerick teacher who is in a coma after giving birth. The baby is fine. Mike and Sally Brenton's granddaughter Madison, whose lung transplant is failing. Kathi Hottinger for her neighbor's mother, Diana, who is undergoing cancer treatment. Kestina Carneal for her college roommate impacted by Hurricane Michael. Sarah Read for the Spederhof family, who lost their father.

#### NLC

NLC teacher Karen Collins is waiting to start chemo. Custodial Staff Lisa Light's mother is very ill.

#### Community/World

Prayers for the victims of Hurricane Michael and the earthquake in Indonesia.



#### Joys

Davis and Betty Willis on the arrival of their new granddaughter Delaney. Melissa Macdonald for Sean and Annabelle. Dave and Bonnie Milam for their daughter Karen, expecting her first child in November. Alpha Cisse for finding work. Congratulations to Troy and Setareh Krepich on their nuptials. Sarah Sassak's month-long celebration of her birthday.

#### REQUEST FOR HELP

Rides for June Hutchison and meal sign-up for Raye Ann Kauffman. Use Signup Genius.

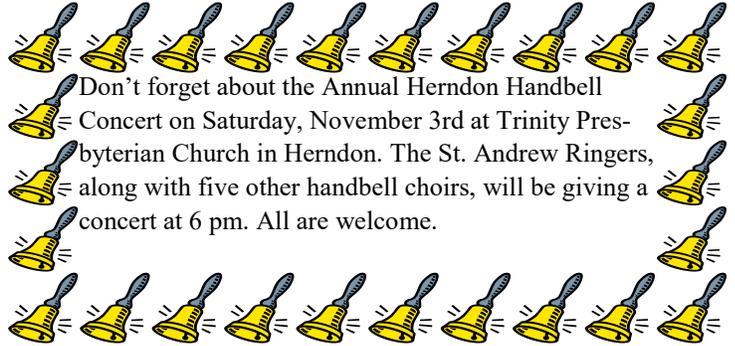
## NOVEMBER MUSIC REHEARSALS

**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



Don't forget about the Annual Herndon Handbell Concert on Saturday, November 3rd at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Herndon. The St. Andrew Ringers, along with five other handbell choirs, will be giving a concert at 6 pm. All are welcome.

## 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).



#### November Flower Calendar

4th	Hill	11th	Diehl
18th	Open	25th	Semiao

#### December Flower Calendar

2nd	Barbagallo	9th	Open
16th	Open	23rd	Poinsettias
30th	Open		



Betty McNair wishes to thank everyone who cheered her up with calls, cards and visits during her recent stay at a rehabilitation center after a fall. She is back home and looking forward to continuing her recovery with in-home care.

## SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR NOVEMBER

**November 4<sup>th</sup> (31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Lord's Supper) Lectionary Texts: *Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34***

Sermon: *"Another Inconvenient Truth"*

Worship Leader: Jeff Mitchell

Music: St. Andrew Choir

**November 11<sup>th</sup> (32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Stewardship Dedication) Lectionary Texts: *Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44***

Sermon: *"Why Does Jesus Praise Her?"*

Worship Leader: Clark Seipt

Music: St. Andrew Choir

**November 18<sup>th</sup> (33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time) Lectionary Texts: *1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13:1-8***

Sermon: *"Empowering Prayer"*

Worship Leader: Kristen Westfall

Music: St. Andrew Ringers



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Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

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**November 25<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King Sunday) Lectionary Texts: *2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37***

Sermon: *"Telling the Truth"*

Worship Leader: Marj Diehl

Music: New Song and the St. Andrew Choir

*Note: Sermons will be on the italicized texts*