



SAINT ANDREW
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Beacon

JULY 2026

MISSION

CHRIST IS CALLING ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO BE
A BEACON OF PEACE AND LOVE WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS

VISION

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED
THROUGH THE COURAGEOUS AND HEALING WORK OF RECONCILIATION

Month At-a-Glance

Sun 7/5

BRUNCH WORSHIP SERVICE | 10:00am

Join us for a special service on the holiday weekend! We will worship around the tables, share communion, and enjoy a catered breakfast from Anita's.

Youth Group Dinner + Gathering | 6:00pm

Mon 7/6 -

Vacation Bible School | 5:30pm

Friday 7/10

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From **July 6-10 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm**, our

kids will embark on the Snowball Mountain

Challenge, finding their strength in God!

Check out the **Youth & Children Update on**

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join us for
**Sunday
Brunch**

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July Calendar

Thu 2	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny
	7:00p	Choir Practice
Sun 5	10:00a	Sunday Brunch Worship Service*
	6:00p	Youth Group (MS/HS)
Mon 6	5:30p	VBS
Tue 7	5:30p	VBS
Wed 8	5:30p	VBS
Thu 9	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny
	5:30p	VBS
	7:00p	Choir Practice
Fri 10	5:30p	VBS
Sun 12	10:00a	Worship Service*
Tue 14	6:30p	St. Andrew Stitchers
Thu 16	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny
	6:30p	NLC Board Meeting
	7:00p	Choir Practice
Sun 19	10:00a	Worship Service*
Wed 22	10:00a	Newsletter Submission Deadline
	10:30a	Communications Meeting
Thu 23	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny
	7:00p	Choir Practice
Sat 25	7:30p	Book Club
Sun 26	10:00a	Worship Service* + Food on the Fourth
Thu 30	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation @ Doppio Bunny
	7:00p	Choir Practice

***child care is available
4 years old & under**

Want to be included in the next newsletter?

Please send committee updates, articles, and photos to
newsletter@standrew-pres.org by **July 22nd**

youth & children

Gear Up for the Snowball Mountain Challenge!

**VBS
2026**

This summer, we're trading the July heat for an alpine adventure, but this isn't your average climb to the top!

From July 6-10 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm, our kids will embark on the Snowball Mountain Challenge, finding their strength in God!

There is still time to sign up! Scan the code (to the left) to register your child or use the other one to sign up to volunteer!

**Scan to
Register a
Child!**

**Sign up to
Volunteer!**

Upcoming Events

July 6-10 - VBS

July 12-18 - Montreat Youth Conference

Aug 2 - Bring your instruments? Check with Susan

Aug 16 - Blessing of the Backpacks

Sept 13 - Potluck celebration of Children's Ministry at SAPC - Volunteer recognition

No matter your skills, no matter your experience, we'd love to welcome you into ministry with our children..

For more information, please
contact Lisa Massey
(lisa.massey@standrew-pres.org)

A Note of Thanks

We close this year of Children's Ministry with sincere gratitude for the volunteers who regularly devote their time and effort to nurture our children as they grow in their faith.

The community at St. Andrew truly strives to live up to the baptismal vows we make to the children - to welcome, love and support all the children in our midst.

If you'd like to join us in this ministry, there are many opportunities to do so both seasonally and year-round.

Check them out below!

ON SUNDAY MORNING:

9 am - Dads with Donuts Youth Sunday School

- Provide donuts/pastries
- Lead a scripture discussion with our Youth

10 am - Children's Church (PreK - Grade 2) and Minis (Grade 3 - 5) during worship

- Lead or assist with teaching children a lesson related to our weekly scripture.

ON SUNDAY EVENING:

6pm - Youth Group Sunday Nights

- Spend time with our Youth on Sunday nights
- Provide dinner

ADVENT

- Advent Festival crafts and activities
- Pageant assistants

mission

Reminders about

RECYCLING

As you may be aware, through our plastic collections in previous years, SAPC has earned two beautiful Trex® benches for collecting 1,000 pounds of plastics in a year.

This year, however, Trex® has refreshed the Recycling Challenge and instead of one opportunity to earn a reward, Trex® will now offer **quarterly drawings**. The goal is now **250 pounds per quarter**. Each 250 pounds will give you an entry in the Quarterly Drawing. 25 participating organizations are randomly selected quarterly and rewarded with a gift, valued at \$500.

In **Q1 we did collect 250 pounds and earned \$100** to spend at the NexTrex Store.
This was an annual gift from Trex® for participating.

We'll use this money to purchase:

First Aid Kits

Fidget Spinners

either Journals or Drawstring Bags for future Mission Projects

As for Q2, **we currently are 45 pounds short of the goal**.

As a reminder, All plastic must be clean, dry, and free of food residue.



Accepted

GROCERY BAGS	AIR PILLOWS
PRODUCE BAGS	PLASTIC SHIPPING ENVELOPS
BREAD BAGS	(THINK AMAZON AND USPS)
DRYCLEANING BAGS	ELECTRONIC WRAP
NEWSPAPER SLEEVES	6 OR 8 PACK BEVERAGE RINGS
RETAIL BAGS	CEREAL BOX LINERS
ZIPLOCK TYPE BAGS	ICE BAGS
PRODUCT WRAP	WOOD PELLET BAGS
CASE OVERWRAP	SALT BAGS
PALLET WRAP	PLASTIC FILMS LABELED WITH
BUBBLE WRAP	#2 OR #4 RECYCLING SYMBOL



Not Accepted

FROZEN FOOD BAGS
CANDY BAR WRAPPERS
CHIP BAGS
NET OR MESH PRODUCE BAGS
LAMINATION FILM
PET FOOD BAGS
PRE-WASHED SALAD MIX BAGS
HOT DOG OR MEAT WRAP
PACKAGING
SHINY, CRINKLY FILMS LIKE
FLORAL WRAP
BEDDING OR LINEN PACKAGING
VINYL SHOWER CURTAINS OR
TABLECLOTHS

Mission Update, cont.

Volunteer Opportunity

As a follow-up to the work our Serve Sunday Volunteers did in the Pollinator Garden at the Suzanne R Kane Nature Preserve, Amie Ware, Purcellville Parks and Recreation Division Manager, is looking for volunteers to help weed and maintain the garden. If interested, please contact Amie at 571-308-5480.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Sunday, June 28

Sunday, August 23

Sunday, September 20

Sunday, October 11

Sunday, November 8

Sunday, December 13

Blood Drive at Children's Hospital Center in October

The Mission Committee is looking to organize folks interested in taking a field trip to Children's Hospital in DC for the purpose of donating blood. Donors must be at least 17 years old, and at least 110 pounds. We are looking primarily at week day dates in October. If you might be interested in participating, please contact either Marj Diehl, marjoriediehl@gmail.com or Pat Quinn, hokiequinnseverizon.net. Thank you!



Want to assist in worship?

Let your individual and familial light shine during Sunday morning worship by volunteering to be a **liturgist** who reads Scripture and guides prayers or **an usher** who passes the collection plates. You can even volunteer as a family, serving for an entire month and dividing the Sundays between the roles of readers and ushers. We welcome your radiant volunteer spirit as you offer your talents in serving our faith community!

Please contact lynn.krepich@standrew-pres.org if you are interested.

Sanctuary Flower Sign-Ups

Celebrate special occasions and people in your life by providing flowers for any worship service.

Please contact

nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org

if interested in displaying a floral arrangement in the sanctuary.



fellowship & deacons

**Bible Bunch
Returning in September!**

**If you have any questions, please
contact Nancy Gilmore - 540-454-3219
or nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org.**

The Bible Bunch is taking the months of July and August off but will begin to our new study in September. We will begin on Monday, September 14th at 10:00, meeting in the downstairs Youth Lounge. Our 2026-2027 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study is entitled "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other" (Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians).

We would love to have you join us!

Upcoming Deacons Meeting Schedule

August 6
September 3
October 1
November 5

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@ 6:30pm



**We had great fun
at the all-church
picnic!**



outreach

new!

We are excited to announce the formation of the brand new
OUTREACH COMMITTEE!

This committee is all about "getting the Word out" to the congregation and the community about our church and the many ways we are helping others and having fun together.

John Howard is the Session liaison and current person to contact if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events!

"End-of-Summer Purcellville Block Party" in August

"Celebrate Purcellville" week in October

Purcellville Christmas Parade in December

Volunteers Needed!

**End-of-Summer
Purcellville Block Party**

**SAT, AUGUST 22ND
2-7PM**

We especially need volunteers to man a booth at the
"End-of-Summer Purcellville Block Party"
on Saturday August 22nd, 2-7pm.

Set-up starts at 1pm

Cleanup from 7-8pm

We've never participated in this event before, and so
we'd love to show up and support our community!

**Please reach out to John if you are able and
interested in helping out!**

NLC Update

JUNE 31 | 3-5pm

**OPEN
HOUSE!**

NLC will be closed until 3 pm for staff training

**It will reopen from 3pm-5pm for an Open House!
Come check us out!**

NLC Summer Camps

JULY 6-10	SWEAT, SMILE & SCORE!	Theme for the July 6-10 Summer Camp is "Sweat, Smile, & Score!" with field trips to mini-golf, bowling, and the Franklin Park pool.
JULY 13-17	MISSION: INTO THE UNKNOWN!	Theme for the July 13-17 camp is "Mission: Into the Unknown!" with field trips to the Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum, Great Falls Park, and the Franklin Park pool.
JULY 20-24	STEM-TASTIC ADVENTURE!	Theme for the July 20-24 camp is "STEM-tastic Adventure!" with field trips to "Snapology", the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum, and the Franklin Park pool.
JULY 27-30	WILD ABOUT ANIMALS!	Theme for the July 27-30 camp is "Wild About Animals!" with field trips to a farm and to see "Dinosaur Hunter" at Wolf Trap's Children's Theater
AUG 3-7	ALL ABOARD IMAGINATION STATION	Theme for the August 3-7 Summer Camp is "All Aboard Imagination Station!" with field trips to "Polka Dot Pot", the movies, and Berryville Park Pool
AUG 10-14	A SPLASH-TASTIC SUMMER SENDOFF	Theme for the August 10-14 camp is "A Splash-tastic Summer Sendoff" with field trips to a water park and an aquatics center, plus a water slide

Want to Volunteer?

The NLC will always welcome volunteers from SAPC, especially to help the school-age kids with homework after school (roughly 2:30pm). Anyone interested would have to do a simple background check which the NLC would pay for. **Please contact Ally Fetch for more info.**

bulletin board

RECYCLING HELP!

Do you have 15 minutes once or twice a week to help take the recycling from the building to the recycling container at the end of the parking lot?

Contact Josh if you can help!

josh.shields@standrew-pres.org

Book Club

4TH SATURDAY

@ 7:30 PM

MEET AT A MEMBER'S HOME

Interested in joining?

Email bookclub@standrew-pres.org

Coffee & Conversation

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM

@ DOPPIO BUNNY

All are welcome!



Key Fobs

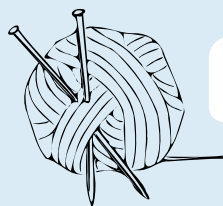
Any member of St Andrew may request a key fob for entry to the church on Sunday mornings for worship!

If you would like a fob, please contact

Josh Shields or Ally Fetch.

josh.shields@standrew-pres.org

ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org



St. Andrew Stitches

Bring a project you're working on, and join friends to chat and craft! So far we have quilting, knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, cross stitch, and sometimes even "to do" projects like assembling goodie bags. Come hang out with us!

Interested or have questions?

Email ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org

Bible Bunch



The Bible Bunch is a member-guided fellowship, study, and prayer group. We are taking a break for the summer but will be back with a new study in September! Hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gilmore

540-454-3219 or nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org

committees & groups

CONTACT

A/V

To help behind-the-scenes with AV at worship services and special events, contact Tom Hill.

hillkid@earthlink.net

Fellowship

Our Fellowship Committee seeks to provide fun opportunities to visit together as siblings in Christ!

fellowship@standrew-pres.org

Property

From light bulbs to air conditioners, the Property team makes sure our campus is well kept and welcoming. Hands are always needed!

josh.shields@standrew-pres.org

NLC Board

Church Members

- Suzanne Wade (President)
- Leslie Dragon
- Kirsten Shields

NLC Parents

- Jessica Cassidy (Treasurer)
- Kalena Moore (Secretary)

nlcboard@nlcenter.com

Deacons

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| • Debra Gutenson (co-chair) | • Leslie Dragon |
| • Sarah Sassak (co-chair) | • Pat Quinn |
| • Susan Cassutto | • Evan Read |
| • Frank Diehl | • Katie Schweiger |
| • Nancy Gilmore | |

deacons@standrew-pres.org

If you or someone you know needs meals, help with errands, rides, or simply prayers, please reach out.

Session

Class of 2026

- Stephen Fike
- Daniel Gillispie
- Josh Shields

Class of 2027

- Randy Dragon
- Deborah Hill
- Kyle Hottinger

Class of 2028

- Lynn Krepich
- Sarah Read
- Rob Weaver

session@standrew-pres.org

Want to join a group or have a question?

Feel free to reach out directly using the contact information above or email the Church Office at info@standrew-pres.org