

# St Andrew Presbyterian Church

# LOAVES & FISHES

## February 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

## QUICK LOOK AHEAD

- Sun 2/1**     **Congregational Meeting & Chili Cook-off**  
Join us for a congregational meeting after worship, which will include approving the 2026 budget and voting on a new church logo. The meeting will be followed by our annual chili cookoff!
- Sun 2/8**     **SOUP-er Bowl of Caring & Youth Super Bowl Party**  
Bring in your canned or cash donations to support Loudon Hunger Relief
- Mon 2/16**     **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY**
- Wed 2/18**     **Ash Wednesday Service & Pancake Supper**  
See more on PAGE 3
- Fri 2/20**     **Best of Loudoun Voting Begins**  
Vote to get our NLC on the Best of Loudon list! You can vote every day until 3/3

### *Holiday Gift Card Totals*

Target	\$265
Walmart	\$225
Giant	\$200
Amazon	\$100
Gas Cards	\$75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$865</b>

**Thank you for your generosity  
this Christmas Season!**

Hear more about it in the  
Mission update on PAGE 5

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# FEBRUARY CALENDAR

<b>Sun 1</b>	9:00a	Sunday School* for Youth
	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Worship Service with Communion*</b> <b>Congregational Meeting after the Service + Chili Cook-off!</b> Worship Committee (after service)
Thu 5	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation (off-site)
	5:30p	Choir/Bells Practice
	6:30p	Deacons Meeting
<b>Sun 8</b>	9:00a	Sunday School* for Youth
	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Worship Service*</b> SOUPer Bowl of Caring Youth Group - Super Bowl Party
Mon 9	10:00a	Bible Bunch (Youth Lounge)
Thu 12	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation (off-site)
	5:30p	Choir/Bells Practice
<b>Sun 15</b>	9:00a	Sunday School* for Youth
	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Worship Service*</b> Session Meeting (after service) MS + HS Youth Group
Mon 16	6-8:00p	<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (PRESIDENT'S DAY)</b>
	all day	NLC CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Wed 18	10:30a	Communications Meeting
	5:00p	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>
	<b>5:45p</b>	<b>Pancake Supper</b>
	<b>6:30p</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thu 19	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation (off-site)
	5:30p	Choir/Bells Practice
Fri 20		Voting Begins for Best of Loudon (Vote for NLC!)
	6:30p	NLC Board Meeting
Sat 21	7:30p	Book Club
<b>Sun 22</b>	9:00a	Sunday School* for Youth
	<b>10:00a</b>	<b>Worship Service* + Food on the Fourth</b> Minis (during service)
Thu 26	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation (off-site)
	5:30p	Choir/Bells 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](mailto:newsletter@standrew-pres.org) by **FEBRUARY 18th**



# Save the Date!



**FEB 18**

## Pancake Supper & Ash Wednesday Service

Join us Wednesday, February 18th for our annual pancake supper, followed by an Ash Wednesday service. The 45-min service will include music, the imposition of ashes, and hands-on prayer stations. Come celebrate and reflect as we enter Lent together. All are welcome!

**Supper at 5:45pm**

**Service at 6:30pm**

**FEB 8**

## Soup-er Bowl of Caring

Join us Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, to support Loudon Hunger Relief by bringing in Canned or Cash Donations to vote for your preferred Super Bowl team!



## New Lenten Series



Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. During that time, they would study what was central to Christianity. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, love, mercy, and grace—all of which are meant to be very good news for us all.

The good news should bring us back to our roots. Emulating Jesus and embodying his teachings should ground us in who God created us to be. Can we be "good news" people in a world too often burdened by bad news?

This Lent, let us remember that the good news really is good news. It is joyful—like fine wine saved for celebration. It grows like a mustard seed and smells like perfume poured from an alabaster jar. It tastes like bread passed endlessly through a hungry crowd. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. The good news is alive in the world.

During worship and small groups, we will focus on the series "Tell Me Something Good" by Sanctified Art. We hope this series will provide fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. This Lent, let the teachings of Jesus lead us forward. May the good news inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good. **Join us in worship on Sundays at 10am and email Pastor Amanda if you are interested in connecting with a small group at [amanda@standrew-pres.org](mailto:amanda@standrew-pres.org).**

# youth + children

## *This Month*

<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>6-8p</b>	Youth Group Bowling in Winchester
<b>Feb 8</b>	<b>9a</b>	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade)
	<b>10:15a</b>	Children's Church (PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)
		Minis (3rd-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
	<b>6-8p</b>	Youth Group Super Bowl Party @ the Seipts' House
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>9a</b>	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade)
	<b>10:15a</b>	Children's Church (PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)
		Minis (3rd-5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
		NO YOUTH GROUP
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>9a</b>	Dads with Donuts (6th-12th Grade)
	<b>10:15a</b>	Children's Church (PreK-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)



**Bowling Night!**

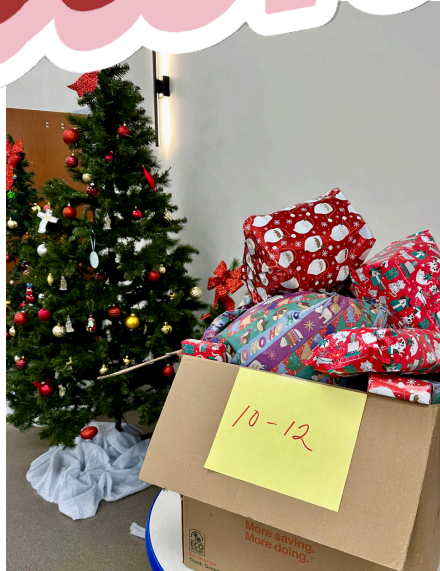




# mission

## Gifts for Mobile Hope

Thank you for your generous gifts for Mobile Hope! We had a great time at our wrapping party back in December and the gifts were distributed at a fun Christmas Market hosted by Mobile Hope.



## Community Coalition for Haiti Student Sponsor Update

In December, school nurses received invaluable training to help them in their work. And because of student sponsorships, they were able to treat the kids at the school to a special Christmas dinner!



## THANK YOU!

As mentioned on the cover, you donated **over \$800** in gift cards for LAWS (Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter) families this year! LAWS provides temporary homes for abused women and their families. They also provide counseling and support for these families. Because of your generous giving, families were able to have a bit more magic this Christmas. Thank you!

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**

**Rise**  
AGAINST HUNGER

**Rise Against Hunger  
Meal Packing Event**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14  
8:30A-NOON

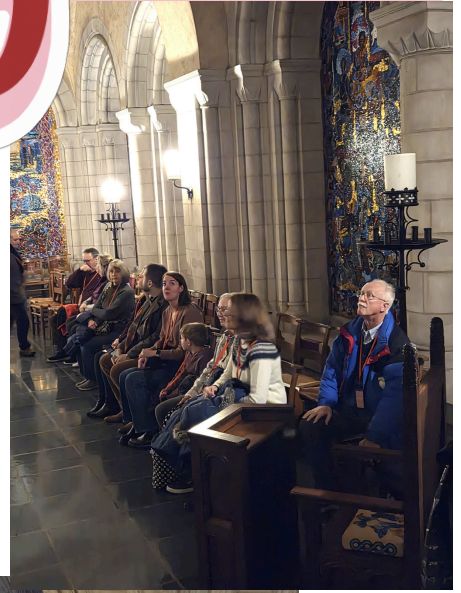
Help us meet our goal of raising \$4200 to pack 10,000 meals for hungry people around the world! We will partner with others to pack meals of rice, soy, and other shelf-stable foods that will then be shipped to nations in need.



# Fellowship

## Visit to the National Cathedral

We began the year with a group trip to the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. It was awe-inspiring and impressive – but mainly fun to be together!



# NLC Update

## Cookies Cookies Cookies!

The NLC staff really enjoyed all the goodies you contributed to their Cookie exchange! Thank you for your generosity – it added to the Christmas magic!

## Best of Loudon - Voting Begins 2/20

Vote for our NLC starting on Feb 20th. You can vote every day until March 3rd!





# 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](mailto:josh.shields@standrew-pres.org)

## Book Club

MEET AT MEMBERS HOMES

4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY

@ 7:30 PM

Interested?

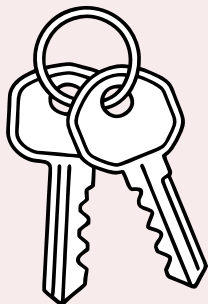
[bookclub@standrew-pres.org](mailto:bookclub@standrew-pres.org)

## Coffee & Conversation

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM

@ DOPPIO BUNNY

All are welcome!



## Key Fobs

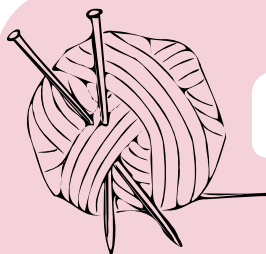
Any member of St Andrew may request a key fob for entry to the church on Sunday mornings for worship!

If you would like a fob, please contact

Josh Shields or Ally Fetch.

[josh.shields@standrew-pres.org](mailto:josh.shields@standrew-pres.org)

[ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org](mailto:ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org)



## St. Andrew Stitchers

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](mailto:ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org)

## Bible Bunch

**2ND MONDAYS @10 AM IN THE YOUTH LOUNGE**

The Bible Bunch is a member-guided fellowship, study, and prayer group that uses the Presbyterian Women Horizon Bible Study, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell D. Hunter.

Interested or have questions? Email [nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org](mailto:nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org)



# committees & groups

## A/V

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

## CONTACT

[hillkid@earthlink.net](mailto:hillkid@earthlink.net)

## Fellowship

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

[fellowship@standrew-pres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nlcboard@nlcenter.com)

## Deacons

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

[deacons@standrew-pres.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@standrew-pres.org)