

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
TOTAL	\$865

**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

Sun 1	9:00a	Sunday School* for Youth
	10:00a	Worship Service with Communion* Congregational Meeting after the Service + Chili Cook-off! Worship Committee (after service)
Thu 5	9:15a	Coffee & Conversation (off-site)
	5:30p	Choir/Bells Practice
	6:30p	Deacons Meeting
Sun 8	9:00a	Sunday School* for Youth
	10:00a	Worship Service* 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
Sun 15	9:00a	Sunday School* for Youth
	10:00a	Worship Service* Session Meeting (after service) MS + HS Youth Group
Mon 16	6-8:00p	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (PRESIDENT'S DAY)
	all day	NLC CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Wed 18	10:30a	Communications Meeting
	5:00p	Newsletter Deadline
	5:45p	Pancake Supper
	6:30p	Ash Wednesday Service
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
Sun 22	9:00a	Sunday School* for Youth
	10:00a	Worship Service* + Food on the Fourth 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 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 8th, 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.**

youth + children

This Month

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



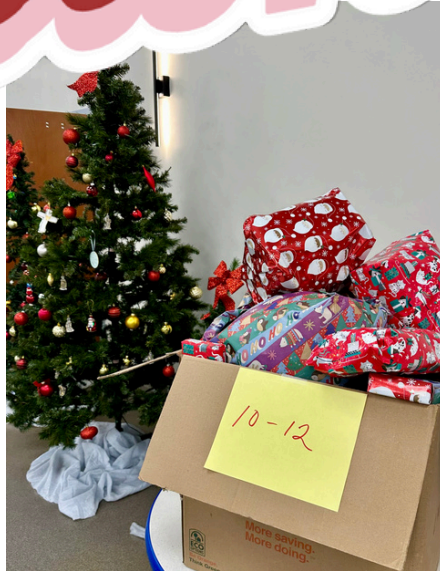
Bowling Night!



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.



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!

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!



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

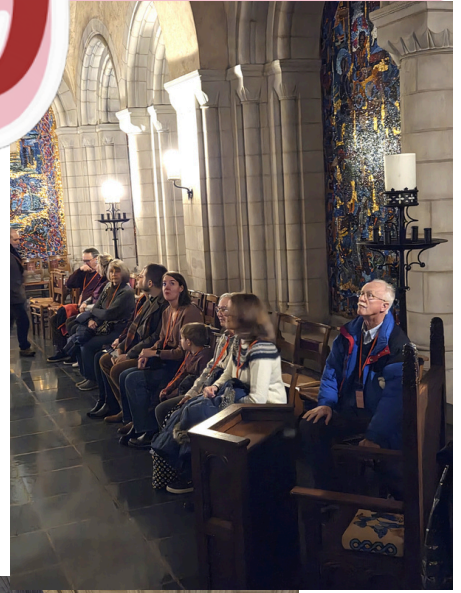
**Rise Against Hunger
Meal Packing Event**
SATURDAY, MARCH 14
8:30A-NOON

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

Book Club

MEET AT MEMBERS HOMES

4TH SATURDAY

@ 7:30 PM

Interested?

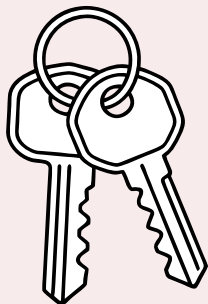
bookclub@standrew-pres.org

Coffee & Conversation

THURSDAYS, 9:15AM

@ DOPPIO BUNNY

All are welcome!



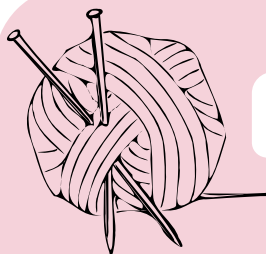
Key Fobs

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 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

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



committees & groups

A/V

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

CONTACT

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

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| • Debra Gutenson (co-chair) | • Leslie Dragon |
| • Sarah Sassak (co-chair) | • Pat Quinn |
| • Susan Cassuto | • 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 [email]