



Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

JULY 2019

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JULY 21ST

Israel Anyone?

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



Bonnie and I were in Israel five years ago – and I've been wanting to take members and friends of St. Andrew ever since. **Wanna go???**

Please join me for an eleven-day trip right around a year from now. I'm shooting for an eleven-day trip the first part of July. (*Yes, it will be summer, but this way we get to include teachers and students off for the summer.*)

The cost will be around \$4500 per person including airfare and all costs in Israel. AND there may well be an opportunity to stop for a day in Istanbul on the way home! So, let me tell you what you stand to gain. Well, first of all, this is the land of the Bible. Have you ever written to a Pen Pal without meeting that person, exchanged more than pleasantries, revealed yourself and learned about the other – and then had the opportunity to meet? As much as you thought you knew, you knew only in part. This is what happens when you visit Israel. You've heard about it. You know the people who walked its streets and hiked its mountains. You were baptized with water that embodied the Jordan River. But now you're in it. Instead knowing the story, you become a part of the story when you visit Israel.

There are other wonderful places to visit around the world. I've been to a number of them. But as a follower of Jesus Christ, the Holy Land

is home. At once you will recognize it but also find it strangely, invitingly new. In my experience, I found myself a stranger from the western hemisphere. The Jews and Muslims populate the place making Christians quite a minority. But then again, the Christians you meet there will help put you in the frame of mind that the church, Jesus, our faith, don't just belong to us. As such, you will begin to perceive how much grander and more complex are both the church and how Jesus unifies that which is much more multifaceted than we know. It will renew your sense of the grandeur of God because of your experience.

And then there are the places you'll go. You can kiss the rock on which Jesus was crucified. You can stoop and enter the tomb where he lay to say a prayer, noticing that he is not there. You can see the fields where the shepherds kept their flock by night. You can ride a boat in the Sea of Galilee where Jesus and his disciples fished. You can wade into the Jordan River waters, where many keep getting baptized. You can see what remains of the Jerusalem Temple Court that was torn down in 70 AD.

Israel is also a place of religious diversity and the tension that can go with it. Jerusalem is of the highest order of sacred sites to Jews, Christians and Muslims. All

three faiths still flourish there and while tension can be felt almost palpably on Jerusalem's streets, there are also people there who seek to find the ways of peace. Our trip will introduce us to some of these people. And since this trip is in its developing stages, we might just be able to arrange it so that we go as an interfaith group – Jews, Christians and Muslims exploring this compelling land together. I've been in touch with Group Travel Directors who specialize in trips to Israel/Palestine. They came highly recommended to me as those who help visitors immerse themselves into the biblical history of this holy place, while also learning about the contemporary dynamics and fractures of this land that is often in the news. If I can be a witness, visiting Israel/Palestine is life changing. It's not just a place to check off your bucket list. It's where you get to deepen your sense of why we get to carry a bucket at all.

with me at church. Please feel free to invite family members, neighbors and friends to join our group.

Know also that I will do my best to keep our itinerary manageable so that we can take in the Spirit while we see the sites. I hope also that you will get engaged in how we can pray for understanding and bringing out the best of our faiths as Jews, Christians and Muslims. But I would add this word of caution. Your words in describing all that you see, when you return, will pale to the experience of seeing it. It will be a word made flesh – and stone and sand and river and ...

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Dave

Pastor David Milam

Our hope is to have between 15-20 pilgrims. Drop me a note or share your interest

Church Financials

	Income	Expense	Difference
Apr 2019	\$24,282.26	\$24,911.56	-\$629.32
YTD	\$89,179.79	\$96,910.46	-\$7,730.67



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 July 6th. All men of the church are invited. To join, contact Chris Butkus if you are interested in joining (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 July 8th and will continue to discuss lessons from God's Promise. For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at annpaciulli@gmail.com.

Phoebe's Sisters

If you are interested in joining this women's group, which meets once a month, contact Suzanne Wade at wadesuz@gmail.com.

The St. Andrew Book Club

This group meets monthly outside the church. The next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on July 27th at the home of Connie Condrelis. The book under discussion will be Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or zsowers@gmail.com to join the discussion.

Lovettsville Group

This group meets every Sunday evening for Bible study and welcomes others to join in. The meeting place rotates among the members of the group. Contact Debra Gutenson at 540 882-3205 or gutenson50@loudounwireless.com for more information.

FP4H

First Place 4 Health, a faith-based weight loss program, meets every Monday evening at 7 pm. Contact Ally Fetch at 336 508-2610 or afetch@gmail.com or Deborah Hill at 540 751-9818 or momscully@earthlink.net.



TRUSTEE WORKDAY

Saturday,
July 13th
8am -12pm

Join the Trustees for some outdoor cleanup projects.

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH
— picnic —

Franklin Park

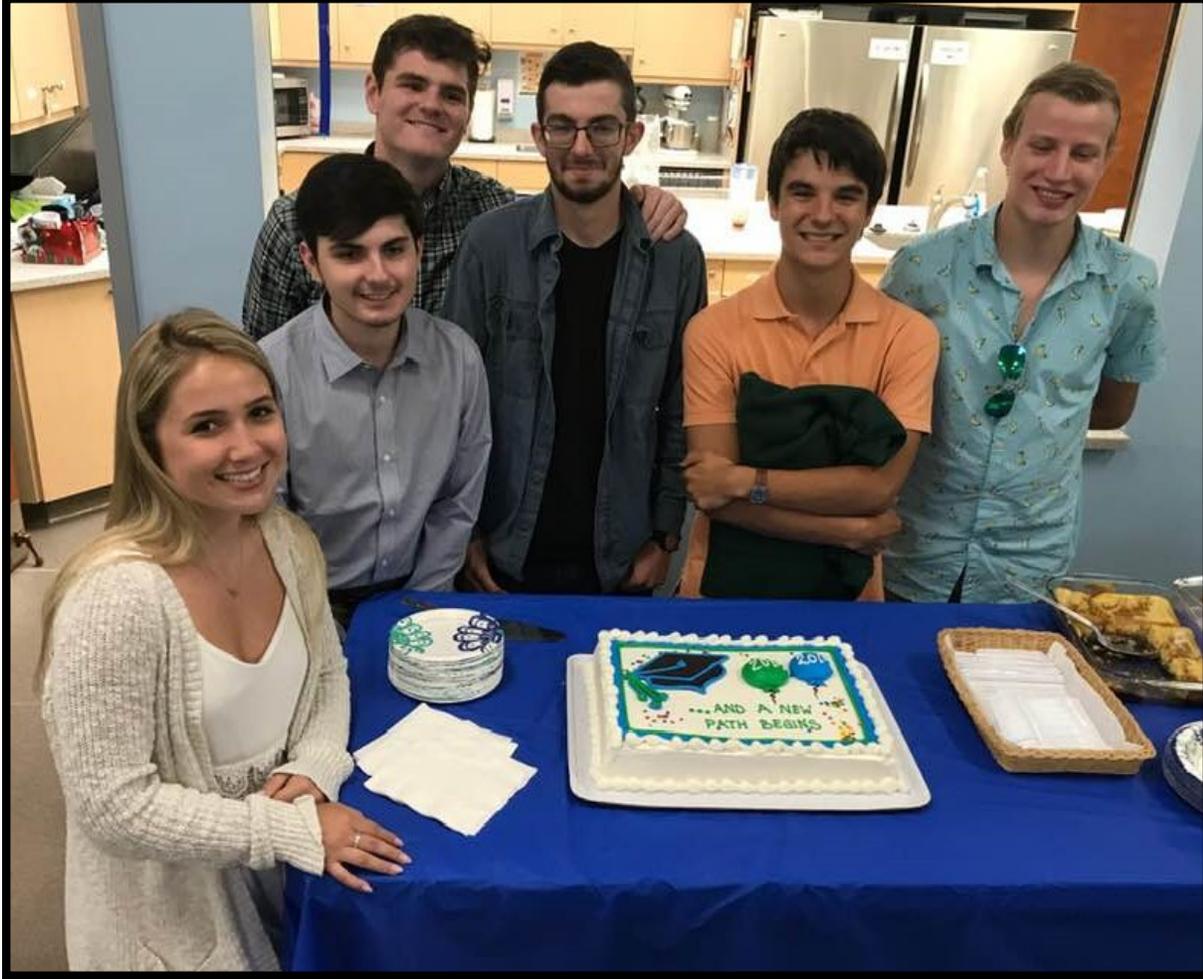
Sunday, August 25th

(After Church Service)

**Venue: 17501 Franklin Park Dr.
Purcellville, VA.**



711 W. Main Street in Purcellville, VA



Our high school graduates were honored before the church service on June 9th with a special cake. They then participated in the service and were given blankets from the Deacons in the colors of their chosen colleges. Shown above are Alexa Lugar, Dylan Wagers, Malloch Henderson, Shelby Van Alstyne, Darryn Pitvorec and Collin Bellows.

**SUNDAY
NIGHT
LIVE**

A fun gathering for
Middle and High School Youth!
Monthly on **2nd** and **4th** Sundays
from **6:00 pm - 8:00 pm.**

ST ANDREW RETREAT 2019



JULY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Happy Anniversary this month to:</i>	11	Olivia Butkus	
6	Erik and Sarah Sassak	13	Madison Lutz
8	Manny and Susane Njomo		Katie Schweiger
9	Kevin and Maria Burel	15	Kerry Blake
11	Ron and Angela Brown		Lillian Brewer
20	Bob and Mary Anderson	17	Kyle Hottinger
30	Mike and Laurie Barbagallo	18	Katherine Curtis
	Mitch and Clark Seipt	19	Lora Reles
			Sam Seipt
<i>Happy Birthday this month to:</i>	21	Ray Anderson	
1	Mitch Seipt	22	Bernice Pull
2	Kim Griffith	23	Bonnie Milam
	James Laybourne	30	Lizzy Hill
4	Kitty Johnson		Michael Treptow
5	Ryan Moler	31	Anna Carneal
6	Mark Broshkevitch		Marion Carneal
7	Adam Broshkevitch		
	Gabe Cassutto		
	Hannah Gehl		

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We lift up our concerns

Congregation

Melissa Macdonald recovery from carpal tunnel surgery. Pamela Schmidt. Betty Davis. June and Tom Hutchison. Tom Bolduc. Betty McNair. Raye Ann Kauffman.

We continue to pray for

Friends and Family

Josh Shields for the Abel family, whose son Freddie, 8 1/2 years old is hospitalized in a coma with very poor prognosis for survival. Kathi Hottinger's, father-in-law, Keith Hottinger, who severely pulled his hamstring during an ice hockey game. For Kathi's former co-worker, Casey Carr from Winchester who is going through ovarian cancer, had surgery and chemo to follow. Also, Youth Pastor from her former church, Lauren Noelle is on bed rest for preeclampsia. Zoe Sowers for granddaughter, Kaylee hiking the Pacific Coast Trail. Caitlin Blake for boyfriend's dad with torn elbow. Deb Hill for friend Debbie Hyatt, diagnosed with breast cancer. Suzanne Wade's brother, Randy Smith diagnosed with colon cancer. The Diehl's cousin, Pat Oest has



breast cancer. Kate Rohrbaugh's dad, Donald Goddard with Parkinson's disease.

NLC

NLC staff member's teenage sons, Brad and Jared, who are friends with two families who are suffering.

Community/World

For the Hill family in Purcellville, who have been displaced by fire, son and father are severely burned.

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **21st of each month**. The next deadline is JULY 21st. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at sbrenton@rstarmail.com.

JULY MUSIC REHEARSALS

Choir Rehearsals, Wednesdays at 7 pm
Contact Zack Henderson, zackh900@gmail.com

New Song, Sunday mornings before the service
Contact Laurie Barbagallo 540 454-8215 or lauriewm85@hughes.net

St. Andrew Bell Ringers, Thursdays at 7:15 pm
Contact Zoe Sowers 540 338-0999, zoesowers@gmail.com
(Off for the summer)

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

If you would like to provide flowers to decorate the sanctuary, please sign up on the Flower Calendar in the entryway. Purcellville Florist will deliver the flowers to the church in time for the Sunday service if you order from them. Of course, you are free to bring in your own arrangements or get them elsewhere. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Gilmore at 540-338-3154 or ngilmore5@verizon.net.



July Flower Calendar

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

August Flower Calendar

4th	Open	11th	Brenton
18th	Open	25th	Open



A few of the smiling faces from this year's Vacation Bible School (VBS). More to follow in next month's newsletter.

SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR JULY

Summer Sermon Exploration: The Free and Freeing God –
Paul's Letter to the Galatians

July 7th (14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sacrament of Baptism, The Lord's Supper)

Scripture: Galatians 3:23-29

Theme: Sober Passions

Sermon: *"Gravity and Grace"*

Worship Leader: Kate Rohrbaugh

July 14th (15th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Scripture: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Theme: Building Up Is Harder than Tearing Down

Sermon: *"The Fruits of One's Freedom"*

Worship Leader: Bonnie Milam

July 21st (16th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Scripture: Galatians 6:1-16

Theme: The Challenge of "Reaping What One Sows"

Sermon: *"Bad Karma/Good Jesus"*

Worship Leader: Mark Broshkevitch



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The Rev. Dr. David Milam, Pastor

The Rev. Jo Anna Rich, Children and Family Ministries Director

Marcia Owens, Clerk of Session

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

July 28th (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Rev. Currie Burris, Preaching)

Scripture: Psalm 85:8-13; Luke 11:1-13

Sermon: *"Teach Us to Pray"*

Liturgist: Manny Njomo

Music: St. Andrew Choir