



NOVEMBER 2019

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 21ST

## Raise the Roof!

Rappin' with the Rev by Pastor Dave Milam



The “House” is an age-old metaphor for the church. Underneath its roof God’s people live as a family of love and faith. It has doors open to strangers, not only ready to serve their needs but also to invite them in to become a part of the household. *Oikomonos* is the Greek word for house, used in the New Testament to describe two disciples working together. We hear echoes of the Greek root in our word *ecumenical* (signifying the eventual reconciliation of all church groups in Christian unity). Curiously, *oikomonos* is also underneath our English *economy*. Unfortunately, too often we think of economy as being the antithesis of church. The economy is that wild marketplace where everything is up for sale and profit is the bottom line. But, in fact, remembering economy’s definition as providing for the household can radically reorient our values. Followers of Jesus find a more compelling way to blessing and human flourishing as we join the community found in God’s household. In my sermon series, “Bless This House, O Lord,” I’m matching the most basic of items in our houses with practices that go with discipleship.

The **welcome mat** invites us to be *hospitable* – not just to our good friends and next-door neighbors, but also to those who are unwelcome in

our world, folks like refugees and those who live in desperation.

The household also has reminders in it that draw out of us that we belong. *Traditions, mementos, the wisdom of those who retrieve values that deepen our sense of belonging* are modern equivalents to the **oils** that ancients used to **anoint** household members with blessing.

The **towel** is more than just there to clean up with; it gets used to *make us feel human again*. So Jesus wrapped himself in a towel, washed his disciples’ feet and asked us to love like he does.

Besides being slang for money in the 60s, **bread** is as old as bartering, something of lasting value that can be traded, saved and kept for consuming when want necessitates. Generosity, stewardship and abundance shared broadly are discipleship standards over and against greed and stinginess.

Such basics from the household are tools that can set us on the mission of God, leading us on that wild ride of following amazing Jesus.

According to Josh Shields and the Board of Trustees, the roof is also an essential part of our House of God. This year our trustees have compiled an extensive audit of our building and grounds, putting together an estimate of anticipated costs for maintaining the structures and

workings of our facilities. This audit not only inventoried much of the equipment for keeping our buildings running well, but it also asked for estimates from appropriate companies so that we can envision future costs. A new roof is near the top of their priority list. On average, they suggested that we need \$30,000 per year for the foreseeable future to meet these needs. Because the Neighborhood Learning Center is one of our ministries, their Board stepped up to say that they would begin to escrow \$20,000 of this per year. The Session believes that our St. Andrew members can raise the additional \$10,000 per year.

In addition, the Mission Committee has challenged us to pursue a tithe in what we share with partnering ministries as a way of committing to outreach. Our long-term partners include Loudoun Hunger Relief, Loudoun Abused Women’s Shelter, Mobile Hope, Community Coalition for Haiti, and Boulder Crest Retreat Center. We also give money for our denomination’s global outreach supporting mission partners around the world, refugee resettlement, disaster relief, peacemaking efforts and efforts to proclaim the Gospel.

Last year, we gave special gifts to Homes for Heroes and the scholarship fund of the Loudoun Chapter of the NAACP. They have both expressed heartfelt appreciation for St. Andrew, delightfully recognizing us as supporters of their efforts to house veterans who were severely wounded on the front lines and how we have blessed students as they go on to pursuits of higher education at college.

Both projects help us Raise the Roof (literally and figuratively)! In order to support these efforts while also continuing to support our church life of worship, education, fellowship and service, St. Andrew members are asked to raise their giving by 10% in 2020. Our church budget is going up by the same 10%. All of us are being asked to support this all by sharing our resources generously, as well.

Thanks for being a part of our Blessed House here at St. Andrew. In 2020, let’s Raise the Roof in our giving in order to support our life and ministry together.

Yours,

Pastor Dave Milam



## ADULT MINISTRIES



held at 7:30 pm at the home of Zoe Sowers. Please contact Zoe Sowers at 540 338-0999 or [zsowers@gmail.com](mailto:zsowers@gmail.com) to join the discussion.

### Lovettsville Group

This group meets approximately every other Sunday evening for Bible study and welcomes others to join in. The meeting place rotates among the members of the group. They are meeting twice in November on the 3rd and the 24th. Contact Debra Gutenson at 540 882-3205 or [gutenson50@loudounwireless.com](mailto:gutenson50@loudounwireless.com) for more information.

### The St. Andrew Book Club

The next meeting of the book club will be on December 7th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday! The book under discussion will be Growing Up by Russell Baker. The meeting will be

### FP4H

First Place 4 Health, a Christ-centered weight loss and healthy living program, meets every Monday evening at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome. 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 2nd. All men of the church are invited. To join, contact Chris Butkus if you are interested in joining ([chrisbutkus@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisbutkus@yahoo.com)).

### Brunch Bunch

This group meets on Mondays once each month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the church basement. The next meeting is November 18th. Their study book in a Horizons Bible Study: Love Carved in Stone—A Fresh Look at the Commandments. For more information, contact Ann Paciulli at [annpaciulli@gmail.com](mailto:annpaciulli@gmail.com).

## MISSION COMMITTEE



### Items of the Month Suggestion

November - Supporting Thanksgiving in a Bag

Please fill a grocery bag with the following items (to feed four people) by November 17th

- stuffing mix
- four cans of vegetables
- boxed potatoes
- gravy (mix or jar)
- cornbread or biscuit mix
- cranberry sauce
- dessert mix/ingredients
- \$10-20 gift card to local grocery store for purchasing meat.



Not sure what to donate? Each month the Mission Committee will have a suggestion.

Thank you for your continued support with this important Mission!

Thanks to everyone who donated socks and underwear to Mobile Hope. We collected over 70 pairs of socks and over 50 pairs of underwear. Mobile Hope are very appreciative.

Next up, be looking for details as we adopt a family again through the Loudoun Abused Women Shelter (LAWS). The LAWS Christmas tree will be set up in the narthex by the end of the month with ornaments designating gift ideas.

LAWS provides free confidential services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

Their goals are:

- To empower, inform, and advocate for adults and children
- To educate the community about domestic violence and sexual assault
- To work toward the elimination of personal and societal violence

We hope you can pick an ornament and return it with the request, unwrapped gift. Our congregation has been very generous in the past. Your gifts help LAWS clients enjoy the holiday season.



## TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

Save the whole weekend! Ten Thousand Villages is/are coming to YOU on Friday, November 22nd through Sunday, November 24th. For that weekend, St. Andrew Presbyterian is partnering with the Ten Thousand Villages store in Alexandria to have our own small store right in our Fellowship Hall. And to make it even better, we will have our own local crafters selling their creations. A portion of all sales will be donated to Loudoun Hunger Relief, so the weekend will be a win for everyone. If you aren't familiar with Ten Thousand Villages, their mission is to create opportunities for artisans in developing countries to earn income by bringing their products and stories to our markets through long-term, fair trading relationships. All of their products are handmade, all are purchased at a fair trade price from the artisans. If you are a crafter please consider having your own table at the sale. But there are also other ways to be involved. We will need volunteers to help set up for the sale on Friday afternoon and volunteers to assist during the sale on Saturday and Sunday. This is a fun and rewarding way to help the church, help Hunger Relief, and bring out your inner-marketeer. To reserve a crafter table or to sign up to volunteer, contact Iby Dickson ([edickson36@gmail.com](mailto:edickson36@gmail.com)).



### Calling All Crafters!

Sign up for a table today!

All talented crafters are invited to set up their own table to sell their handmade treasures.

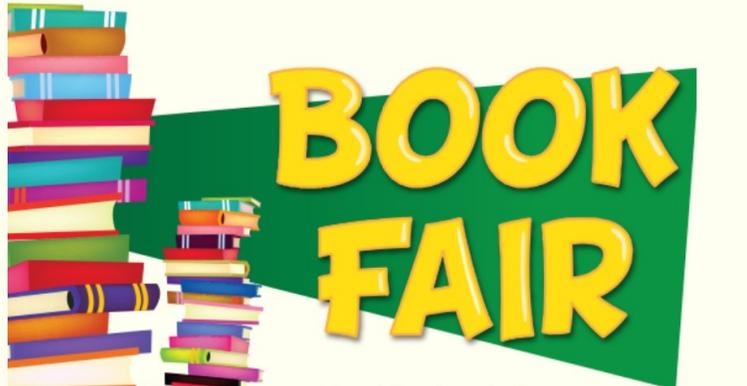
10,000 VILLAGES SALE

CRAFTING WITH CAUSE

NOVEMBER 23 & 24



711 West Main Street  
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**BOOK FAIR**

*Neighborhood Learning Center*

NOVEMBER  
MONDAY 11 - FRIDAY 15  
SUNDAY 17

The Neighborhood Learning Center



711 West Main Street  
540-338-4338



St. Andrew families gathered by the playground for the kick-off of Wednesday Family Night.



**SAPC YOUTH FALL FUNDRAISER**  
**Trash Can Clean Up**  
Sunday, November 3rd



Despite having to move into the Fellowship Hall from the parking lot due to rain on October 30th, a good time was had by all who participated in Trunk or Treat.



# HOPE for HAITI

## Haiti is in the midst of an escalating humanitarian crisis.

Political protests have paralyzed the country for the past two months. What started as a grassroots movement demanding the resignation of the country's president due to allegations of fraud and corruption has grown in size and strength. Roadblocks are common, and gang activity is on the rise. As the unrest escalates, schools and health clinics are struggling to stay open. Transportation is not available. Families are struggling to buy food and find water. The basic needs of most are not being met.

The Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH), a ministry partner of St Andrew, is committed to advancing its mission during this time of crisis, one day and

one life at a time. CCH's Primary Care Clinic and Physical Therapy Center continue to serve the population in and around Jacmel, Haiti. Indeed, CCH's clinics are the only option for healthcare in this region most days as many other groups have closed their doors. "What we have control over right now is our mission," said Clark Seipt, Executive Director of CCH and St Andrew member. "Every day we set our sights to ensuring that healthcare is available to the men, women and children who need it; that our teachers and students are encouraged and fed; and that families in need still have CCH walking alongside them - especially now."

In addition to its healthcare mission, CCH also continues to encourage and lift up its 24 partner schools in Haiti. Unfortunately, schools have not been open for more than a few days at a time since the school year started. Safety and security concerns keep people home and institutions closed. When schools are closed or when

CCH staff can't get to the schools because of roadblocks, they check in with partners by phone and texting apps.

CCH's nutrition program, which provides a hot, protein-enriched meal to nearly 700 educators and students every school day is facing its own obstacles. When school isn't in session, kids don't get fed. "We make sure food is available to serve at the schools every day they are open - whatever it takes," says Carson Rich, CCH's new Director of Development. "For most of these kids, it's the only meal they'll get that day. For their parents, that reassurance, particularly right now, is invaluable."

CCH requests prayers from the St Andrew family during this time of heightened difficulty in Haiti. Financial gifts can also be made to CCH directly by visiting [www.cchaiti.org](http://www.cchaiti.org). Donations are being funneled to basic operational needs - restocking medicine and keeping the generator running at CCH's clinics, buying rice and beans at local markets for the nutri-

tion program, paying the Haitian leaders that advance CCH ministries each day - so that they can feed and care for their own families.

From Clark, "We don't know when things will improve or what the solution will look like, but we do know that the need for our mission is real. And that need will likely be greater as this crisis escalates. We hold onto the hope that things *will* improve."

Contact Clark ([clark@cchaiti.org](mailto:clark@cchaiti.org)) or Carson ([carson@cchaiti.org](mailto:carson@cchaiti.org)) for more information. Visit [www.cchaiti.org](http://www.cchaiti.org) to learn more and give today.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Tuesday, Dec 3rd, 2019

# #GIVING TUESDAY

## A Partnership between:



COMMUNITY COALITION FOR  
**HAI+I**

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Happy Anniversary this month to:*
- 19 JC and Mary Barnes
  - 27 Jeff and Deann Mitchell
  - 30 Matt and Teresa Wilburn
- Happy Birthday this month to:*
- 1 Kevin Burel  
Lorna Howard
  - 3 Scotty Hill
  - 6 Cameron Fetch  
Dylan Wagers
  - 7 Scott Hall
  - 9 Kristen Dragon
  - 9 Milt Gilmore  
Emily Linehan  
Jacob Linehan
  - 14 Matthew Falter  
Mark Rohrbaugh
  - 15 Spencer Groo  
Janet Locklear
  - 17 Alexa Lugar
  - 19 Garrett Milich  
Meredith Varnecky
  - 23 Mary Barnes
  - 25 Deborah Hall
  - 27 Carlinda Kleck

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

**We lift up our concerns**

### Congregation

Dan Miner is recovering at there-hab center in Aldie after a car accident. Tom Bolduc back on admission at hospital in Philadelphia. Beverly Shear. Melissa Macdonald. Kristin Westfall. Kara Marquardt. Bob Bousman. Pamela Schmidt. Betty Willis. June and Tom Hutchison. Betty McNair.

**We continue to pray for**

### Friends and Family

Deb Hill's father, Mark Scott, has been diagnosed with cancer. Mark Broshkevitch's mom, Doris Broshkevitch, injured from fall. Deb Hill for friend Debbie Hyatt. Maureen Blake's mom, Connie Blake has died. Drew Gutenson's boss, Greg's father who passed away. Marj Diehl's mom, Anna Kramer has died. Bonnie Milam for mom, Sally who is on a waiting list for an independent apartment living complex. Priscilla O'Donnell for the Witten family, whose 12-year-old son, Mason died of leukemia. Matthew Falter's aunt, Mary Kay (Falter) Dyer passed away. Virginia LaBahn for 1-year-old great-nephew, Jason with leukemia. Louis Howard for friend Jermaine Connolly who was injured in a car accident. Barbara Sesene for thyroid. Marj Diehl for Erlin Paredes, RN volunteering at the border to help with migrants. June Hutchison for daughter, Kim



Butler's foot surgery. Kathi Hottinger 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. Suzanne Wade's brother, Randy Smith diagnosed with colon cancer. Kate Rohrbaugh's dad, Donald Goddard with Parkinson's disease. edfr

### Joy

Marj Diehl's cousin, Patricia Oest, has completed all of her treatment for breast cancer, and there is no evidence of disease at this time. DeAnn and Jeff Mitchell's son Liam, is doing great in Kindergarten.

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).

## NOVEMBER MUSIC REHEARSALS

**Choir Rehearsals, Wednesdays at 7 pm**  
Contact Zack Henderson, [zackh900@gmail.com](mailto:zackh900@gmail.com)

**New Song, Sunday mornings before the service**  
Contact Laurie Barbagallo 540 454-8215 or [lauriewm85@hughes.net](mailto:lauriewm85@hughes.net)

**St. Andrew Bell Ringers, Mondays at 7:15 pm**  
Contact Zoe Sowers 540 338-0999, [zoesowers@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ngilmore5@verizon.net).

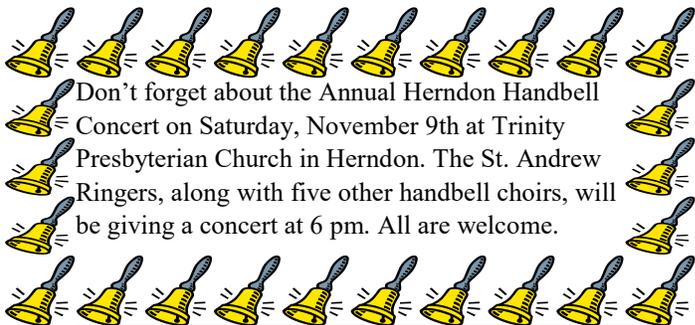


### November Flower Calendar

3rd	Open	10th	Diehl
17th	Open	24th	Open

### December Flower Calendar

1st	Barbagallo	8th	Open
15th	Open	22nd	Poinsettias
29th	Open		



Don't forget about the Annual Herndon Handbell Concert on Saturday, November 9th 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.



John Barbagallo led the children in a cheer for Pastor Dave on Pastor Appreciation Sunday, October 20th.

## SCRIPTURES AND SERMONS FOR NOVEMBER

### Sermon Series: Bless This House, O Lord

#### **November 3<sup>rd</sup> (New Member Reception; The Lord's Supper)**

Scriptures: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15; Psalm 104; Romans 8:19-25

Theme: Stewardship of the Earth

Symbol: Windows

Sermon: *"Eco-nomy of the Eco-logy"*

Worship Leader: Tony Noerpel

Music: St. Andrew Choir

#### **November 10<sup>th</sup>**

Scriptures: Psalm 132:1-5, 13-18; Genesis 47:13-26; Numbers 11:4-15; Luke 11:1-13

Theme: Scarcity v. Abundance

Symbol: The Table

Sermon: *"Give Us Our Daily Bread, Forgive Our Debts"*

Worship Leader: Jennifer Montgomery, Loudoun Hunger Relief

Music: St. Andrew Choir

#### **November 17<sup>th</sup> (Stewardship Dedication)**

Scriptures: Psalm 73:1-26; 1 Corinthians 4:7b-8a; Romans 8:31-32

Theme: Grace versus Commodity

Symbol: The Bed



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

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Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month

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Sermon: *"Bless This House, O Lord"*

Worship Leader: Clark Seipt

Music: St. Andrew Ringers

#### **November 24<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving Sunday)**

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Theme: Gratitude

Symbol: The Cup

Sermon: *"Give Thanks"*

Worship Leader: Kate Rohrbaugh

Music: New Song and the St. Andrew Choir