



## A Message from our Interim Pastor

Dear Friends:

Thank you to Kevin Burrell and Lottie Kohl, elders who are rotating off session. Kevin has helmed the Finance Team this year, and continues to offer strategic insights that will last as we move forward in this time. Lottie has focused on Mission, but always with an eye to the Children and Youth ministry and is helping shape the next generation of spiritually-sound teens with the confirmation kids. Lottie asked to step back and the session accepted her resignation with sorrow to see her go. She will continue to serve where her heart and God lead, here.

Thank you to Pamela Schmidt, Deborah Hill, Nathan Gillispie, and James Laybourne, deacons who are rotating off the board. Pamela has co-chaired the board

and brought her insight and organizational skills to this ministry with a love for this church's care of one another, showing up and doing the work. Likewise, Deborah, the secretary, has embraced the call of the ministry of care and been a key member of the board in making sure we not only knew what we did, what we planned to do, but also in accomplishing the things we purposed. Nathan and James have been doing an amazing job in the ministry of the worship streaming. We are looking forward to the ways they help build this new and ever-changing ministry.

Thank you to trustees rotating off: Josh Shields, Erik Sassek, and Lisa Van Alstyne. I cannot even begin to put a sentence to the work these people have done. Every day, one of these good

folks gets a call and shows up to take care of a need, from computers to yards to light-bulbs. We are grateful especially for Erik's time as a custodian, too; and for the extra time Josh has put in configuring our computer software needs and onboarding yours truly to all things techy at the church. Please note also that Ryan Pickney has also decided to step away from active service on the trustees. His service as a trustee will be missed but we look forward also to what God has planned next for him.

What if I made a list of all those who needed and deserved a thank you? Can you imagine how long the list would be? It is dangerous to start one like this because inevitably someone will be missing or perhaps think they were not really recognized. And that worry is not about stroking egos.

It is a question we are all trying to answer: Does anything we do here in St. Andrew Presbyterian Church make a difference in the lives of others? Please, take time to tell each other, these who are rotating off their current assign-

ment, and anyone else, here at SAPC, and in your daily lives, thank you. Try to be specific about what you are grateful for. Everyone needs that gratitude spoken out loud now and then.

As we begin, in the transition visioning process, to ask how St. Andrew feeds your spirit with divine grace and love, what do you think Jesus would thank SAPC for accomplishing? How do you participate in it? Can the new session, deacons, and trustees help you fulfill that calling more fully?

I can't wait to hear your answers. Let's talk about it.

Peace,

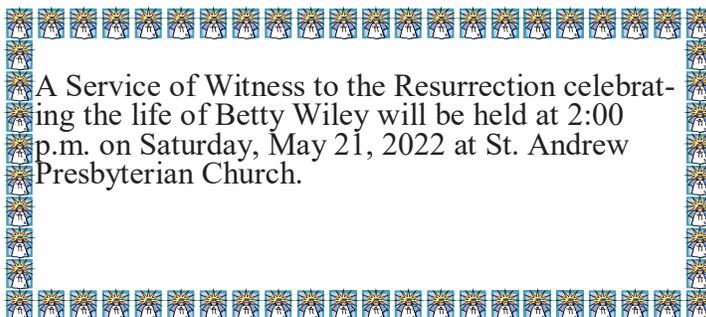
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### New Office Hours

The office at St. Andrew will be staffed from 9am to 1pm, Monday through Thursday, beginning May 2nd. Stop by to meet our new Office Manager and Communications Director, Natausha Sorrell.

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **25th of each month**. The next deadline is MAY 25th. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at [sbrenton@rstarmail.com](mailto:sbrenton@rstarmail.com).



A Service of Witness to the Resurrection celebrating the life of Betty Wiley will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

## Report from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, 04/21/2022

The drive organized by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission for collection of gently used and new coats, new blankets, thick socks, and gloves, yielded, from Loudoun County alone, 10 truckloads of the requested items, to be shipped to Poland for distribution to Ukrainians. St. Andrew Presbyterian, thank you for

your contributions of: 48 (yes – 48!) pairs of thick socks, to warm cold feet, 16 coats, six beautiful, soft and warm blankets, and two pairs of gloves (no doubt hard to find – so thank you!). For the very limited time that was available to respond to this request, what a wonderful response.

### Mission Committee Expenditures for April

With their Haitian partners, Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH) concentrates on healthcare, education and community development. The programs are based in Jacmel in southern Haiti. They serve 500,000 people in the region.

CCH operates a Primary Care and PT-Rehab Clinic staffed by Haitian medical professionals. There is also a Surgical Clinic operated by teams of US surgeons, nurses and anesthesiologists. They provide pro bono surgical care.

CCH Education programs promote student learning through teacher professional development, child wellness, and safe, learning environments.

CCH helps communities by focusing on their unique needs. Some communities may benefit from livestock raising programs. Others may need better water quality maintenance. Still others may benefit from conflict resolution guidance.

The Mission Committee allocated \$500.00 for CCH at their April meeting.

Loudoun Abused Women Shelter (LAWS) has been one of the organizations we have been supporting for many years. For domestic violence and sexual assault victims, they supply emergency shelter, legal services and child advocacy. They also operate The Resourceful Woman thrift store. \$500.00 has been allocated for LAWS.

Mobile Hope is another local organization we have partnered with. We have helped organize their thrift shop in past Serve Sundays. The group supports youth up to 24 years old who are at risk and helps them learn to be self-sufficient. They can provide emergency shelter, clothing, and transportation help with bus fares, donated bicycles and cars when appropriate. Also they supply case management and mentoring. \$500.00 has been allocated for Mobile Hope.

## Serve Sunday 2022

Serve Sunday, April, 24th was a glorious, sunny and warm morning. Our blessing into the hands of the community for service sent us off to Wheatland Farms, to paint the top rails of arena fencing, plant native plants at the Chapman-DeMary Trail, and provide services needed at Mobile Hope.

Most unfortunately, the opportunity to paint the top rails at Wheatland Farms had to be canceled at the last minute (that morning, in fact!), as their water pump broke, and they had no water to serve the farm facilities. Our dedicated volunteers were ready to pivot to another activity, and we who were already at the Chapman-DeMary Trail, were surprised and pleased to see extra hands. The maintenance of the Chapman-DeMary Trail depends on volunteer hours for its ongoing maintenance, and there was a lot of work to be done. The trail is transitioning to all native plants, and large areas of daffodils had to be removed to make way for native varieties of plants. The pollinator garden needed to be trimmed down,

and weeds needed to be removed from paths. A safety issue for hikers also needed attention, and we were fortunate to have brave teens to cut thorny brambles from the path so that hikers would not suffer the consequences of a thorn attack! Thank them for their work. We have been invited back for next year, and anytime in between that someone would like to volunteer.

Mobile Hope is always glad to have help from SAPC. Hygiene kits were assembled for distribution, and eager helpers cleared the facility of clutter by breaking down cardboard boxes to make room for even more donations. It was noted that food donations were needed, and food collected from the donation box in the narthex will be shared between Mobile Hope and Loudoun Hunger Relief.

Many thanks for the participation in this annual event of giving, a demonstration of our Joy in the love of Christ and desire to show this joy with loving, helping hands.

Let's do it again next year!

### FILL THE BOX



*Thank you for supporting our partners.*

*Suggestions for donations are:*

*Canned Tuna and chicken,  
Peanut Butter, Dry Beans,  
Healthy Cooking Oil*

*Diapers, Healthy Snacks, Granola bars,  
Macaroni*

## WORSHIP

**Thank you** to all who participate in worship! Of note, thanksgiving to the whole A/V team, the choir, and those who serve as liturgists and greeters.

Lillian Brewer is the new chairperson of the Worship Team. Thank you to Anthony Semaio for his leadership, music, and love for worship as he rotates off the role of chairperson. The Worship Team will meet Wednesday, May 4th. If you would like information about this ministry, please contact Beverly or Lillian.

Thank you to the deacons and members who made the services of marriage and memorial meaningful offerings from the people of SAPC unto our Lord and for the nurture of our members and friends. This month, on May 21, 2022, we will remember Betty Wiley and celebrate her life and faith and Christ's faithfulness to her. The service will be at 2 pm.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Thank you** to Clark Seipt, George Macdonald, Jennifer Ratke, Priscilla O'Donnell and Anthony Semiao for serving in this ministry of discerning God's call upon the members of St. Andrew and helping people to their, "Yes, Lord."

The newest elders and deacons were nominated and approved by voice vote of the congregation on May 1st. The elders of the class of 2025 are Priscilla O'Donnell, Ally Fetch, and Marcia Owens. In addition Lillian Brewer is replacing Lottie Kohl in the class of 2024.

The newest deacons are Marie Cahoon, Kim Peele, and Katie Schweiger. Maria and Kim have graciously agreed to stay on as deacons for another term after their current term expires.

The elders and deacons will be installed into office on May 22, 2022.

The Nominating Committee serving from May 2022 to May 2023 include Frank Diehl and Kate Goddard. There is still one position to be filled.

## TRUSTEES

**THANK YOU** in all caps. Since we are struggling to find the people God has called to serve in the next class of trustees, it is clear we all know how much you do! It may be behind the scenes, and without glamour, and sometimes without enough gratitude. Nevertheless, we are grateful for your labors.

The trustees have refurbished the Trinity House, and it is prepped for our next renters. Session approved renting it with the anticipation of discussing the possibility of using it for housing (short or long term) for the new pastor. Since their arrival is not imminent, renting the house is good stewardship of the property.

There is still room on this committee for a dedicated congregation member. Please prayerfully discern if that person is you.

# TRANSITION

Time to talk. In 2019 you participated in the Congregational Assessment Tool survey. You will be receiving this survey again this month. Change is so rapid in today's world and a three-year window between surveys is common; and, with the interruptive force of the pandemic, an essential part of discerning the future call of St. Andrew is taking our temperature now. Since our interim pastor has been here for about seven months, and we have somewhat settled into a hybrid worship experience, with new opportunities being explored for our mission and growth, the Session would like your input. When you receive the survey, you will have about two weeks to complete the 35 minute questionnaire. Please do so.

In addition, after the Session has received the results in June, we will plan and enjoy a series of small group and town hall conversations to review your input and share insights, hopes, and concerns. At the end of this period, we will gather to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.



## FINANCE

First Quarter (Q1) 2022

Income:	Expenses:	
Total Income budgeted for the year \$ 549,550	Total budgeted for the year	\$ 549,545
Income received for Q1 \$ 135,686	Expenses in Q1	\$ 209,697
YTD percentage received <b>25%</b>	YTD percentage expended	<b>53%</b>

The primary reason for the having expended over half of the yearly budget is in buildings and grounds expenses of snow removal (tends toward Q1 and skews percentages); and we have shifted \$150K into the Maintenance Reserve, which appears on the income/expense statements as an expense, but the money remains available in our accounts (thus skewing the percentage amount in our statement).

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church has been blessed by a donation from the estate of Mrs. Betty McNair. This beloved disciple of Jesus Christ provided unrestricted funds of \$350,000 to the church. On your behalf the Session is grateful for this generosity. The funds are secured in the memorial account as we prayerfully discern the use of the funds for the glory of God. We will keep you informed of decisions as they proceed.

**Thank you** all for your faithfulness to fulfilling your pledges and unpledged giving. Among the ministries that have been supported are regular youth events, and their upcoming summer retreat, worship investments to support the in-person and online experiences, children’s ministry, confirmation curriculum, and financial support to local and denominational missions.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY

**Thank you** to all the adult disciples who serve our children throughout the ministries of the church. Welcome back, Jessica. The kids enjoyed a successful Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th provided by the members of the church.

With the nursery opening up, please take time to consider whether God is inviting you to take a turn in the nursey with our paid caregiver. We must have two adults at all times. Even if your kids are grown and gone, or you never had or don’t have children, you may be the face of love that Christ intends to show our little learners. Wanna rock a baby? Love hearing small voices learn to sing Jesus Loves Me? This is your ministry. Contact Jessica for information.

The Confirmation Class continues through Pentecost when we will welcome our newest members into Christ’s body. Please add Cameron, Hailey, Mia, Sam, and Tucker to your prayers as they complete their time of study.



## FELLOWSHIP

**Thank you** for beginning our Lenten journey with a wonderful pancake supper.

Fellowship is beginning to plan opportunities for us to be together just for fun. If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry, speak to Leslie Dragon or Lorna Howard.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

**Thank you** to the new team: Priscilla O’Donnell, Marcia Owens, Ally Fetch, Kevin Burrell, and Chris Henderson.

We are delighted to have hired a new Office Manager and Communications Director, Natausha Sorrell, who will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm, starting on May 2nd. Stop by and give her a warm St. Andrew welcome.

We have also hired a Nursery Caregiver, Priscila Garduno, who will care for our youngest disciples on Sundays from 9 am to noon, and Ann Marie Paisley, who will be our backup Nursery Caregiver (currently employed in the NLC). Be sure to say “Hi and welcome,” even if you have no children in need of this ministry.

## NLC

**THANK YOU NLC Staff! You make us all smile.**

Teacher Appreciation Week is the first week of May. Be sure to say your own thanks to our great teammates.

Another successful quarter of serving children and their families as we continue to be fully enrolled and have a waiting list of 138 children. The end of year celebration is May 20th. Summer Camps are now registering and are nearly full.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Happy Anniversary this month to:</i>	17 Georgia McGranahan
1 Josh and Kirsten Shields	19 Melanie Anderson
23 Don and Ally Fetch	20 Mike Wagers
Milt and Nancy Gilmore	23 Leslie Dragon
25 Tom and Deb Moler	Kim Yager
31 Mike and Carolyn Wagers	24 Zack Henderson
<i>Happy Birthday this month to:</i>	Davis Willis
3 Don Fetch	28 Melanie Curtis
George Macdonald	30 J.C. Barnes
Eric Groo	Ashley Lutz
8 Emily Groo	Bryan Lutz
10 Susan Milich	31 John Barbagallo
12 Lorie Faubert	
Ryleigh Sullivan	

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### We lift up our concerns

#### Sorrows

We grieve with the family of June Hutchison upon her death on April 13th, but are thankful for the beautiful service of resurrection on April 24th at St Andrew. We join Kimball Peele in mourning the loss of his cousin Priscilla King Peele in North Carolina. We express our condolences to Mike and Dawn following the death of their young adult child. Our sympathies to the Fornino family on the death of their husband and father. Greg has been a long-time scout leader and has impacted many lives connected to the church as well.



#### Concerns

Marj Diehl shares concern for a midwife friend, who has been part of training midwives in Haiti for a decade, regarding gang fighting in the neighborhood of her clinic, Heartline Maternity Center. Prayers for the safety of women who are to deliver their babies there, as well as the staff. Priscilla's friend Joanie's father has been diagnosed with bone cancer. A friend following the recurrence of lung cancer.

#### Joys

The marriage of George Cassutto and Susan Johnson on April 23rd at St. Andrew. The very generous gift of the late Betty McNair, long-time faithful member of St. Andrew.

#### NLC

Dorothy, celebrating the birth of her baby but dealing with health issues; Shante's health concerns.

#### World

Community Coalition for Haiti staff both here and in country as they face uncertainty and unrest. We pray for our world in this time of war and especially for the people of Ukraine.



## Flower Calendar



There is a new location for the flower sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider providing flowers for Sunday worship to allow your church family to share in your joys or concerns.

If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday services, please call or email Nancy Gilmore at 540-454-3219 or [ngilmore5@verizon.net](mailto:ngilmore5@verizon.net), or sign up on the calendar.

Thanks to all who provided flowers for our Easter Service. Our Sanctuary looked beautiful.

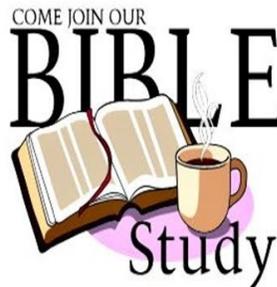
### May Flower Calendar

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

### June Flower Calendar

5th	Open	12th	Open
19th	Open	26th	Open

## ADULT MINISTRIES



Peace Like a River by Leaf Enger. We would love to have you join us. Please contact Zoe Sowers for additional information @ 703-629-4964 or to be added to our email list.

#### Brunch Bunch

The next meeting is scheduled May 9th. Contact Ann Paciulli at [annpaciulli@gmail.com](mailto:annpaciulli@gmail.com) for more information.

#### The St. Andrew Book Club

The St. Andrew Book Club will meet on May 28th. The book under discussion is

## BIG NEWS for Little Ones We have a space just for you! NURSERY

Infants to four-year-olds will be cared for 9:00 am until 12:00 pm in the "Bunny" Room. Children's Church for five-year-olds through 5th grade begins after the Word with Children during worship.



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Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month