



Loaves & Fishes

SAINT ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 2022

NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JUNE 25TH



A Message from our Interim Pastor

Dear Friends,
 If you've been praying for God to come and save us, the Pentecost celebration is an answer to your thoughts and prayers.
 Jesus came; worked and healed and played and prayed; made friends and enemies; and called people to love and justice and peace-making and kindness and communion. Many believed he was the one sent to save us—the answer to thoughts and prayers.
 He was wrongly convicted of capital crimes and executed by the state and died.
 He was resurrected (that is, he rose bodily from death to new life in his own skin and spirit—not exactly reincarnation but re-incarnation). Many believed this proved he was the savior sent to save us.
 He spoke to his followers and told them to love one another, and they would not

see him again. But, he would send a helper.
 Pentecost.

The promised gift comes in the form of a spirit like fire in the soul, inspiring the followers who believed Jesus would come again to finally save us. Forever save us.

All they got was a fire-branded hope that pushed them to try to live like Jesus. They loved and healed and worked and played and prayed and celebrated rituals like Jesus. They invited others to join them.

But they never saw Jesus again. The one sent to save sent a new and empowering spirit to do what he had done.

So if you are thinking and praying, be careful. You might get what you asked for—a new fire-branded spirit that makes you the answer to someone's prayer for God to send a savior.

You are not the replacement for God's chosen One—you

are the One's ambassador, sent in the name of Jesus. Or the name of love if you prefer.

Or peace, or healing, or community-building fellowship, or any word of salvation to those whose thoughts and prayers are asking.

We God-fearing, Jesus-loving, Spirit-filled disciples are the agents of transformation we've been praying for.

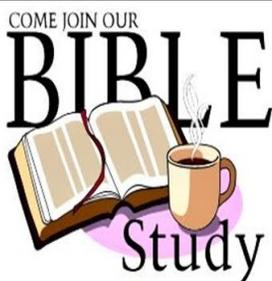
Let's get off our pew-sitting bottoms, pull on our big-child of God-shoes made for spreading the good news, and

move our feet. The world, whether it knows it or not, is begging for the body of Christ to be the holy death-defeating bringers-of-peace we were made to be.

Prayer- Today, dear God, let the fire of your Spirit fill and move me to be your good news to someone else. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Peace,

Rev Bev



The St. Andrew Book Club

The St. Andrew Book Club will meet on June 25th. The book under discussion is Trustee from the Toolroom by Neville Shute. 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 June 13th. This will be the last meeting before our summer break. Contact Ann Paciulli at annpaciulli@gmail.com for more information.

The deadline for each issue of *Loaves & Fishes* is the **25th of each month**. The next deadline is JUNE 25th. Please send your submissions to Sally Brenton at sbrenton@rstarmail.com.

FILL THE BOX



Suggestions for donations are:

*Whole Grain Cereal,
Rice, Dry Beans,
Macaroni and Canned
Fruits and Vegetables*

*Diapers, Personal
Items and Healthy
Snacks*

Thank you for supporting our partners.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

In partnership with PCUSA, the Special Offerings connect the efforts of Presbyterians from across the nation with people all over the world through four different offering seasons throughout the year.

St Andrew Friends, we came to the end of the first of the Presbyterian Church Four Special Seasons on Sunday, April 17th, Easter Sunday. With great rejoicing for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we all joined in generous giving for the One Great Hour of Sharing. The donations of \$575.00 have been sent to PCUSA for distribution to the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Self-Development of People Program. Distributions will be based on the areas found to be in greatest need.

We have entered the second Special Season, the Season of Pentecost. The weeks prior to Pentecost are a time of preparation for the apostles to share the good news of Jesus' resurrection. June 5th celebrates the day of Pentecost, the day that God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit, freeing all from preoccupation with themselves, and freeing all to serve their neighbor, and love all people.

The Special Offering on June 5th, the Pentecost offering, will be used to focus on the needs of children, youth and young adults at risk. The Presbyterian Church USA supports ministries involved with these youngsters in need, and provides the service of advocacy for them as well. Sixty percent of our donations are going to Presbyterian Mission Agencies serving youth and young adults and the remaining 40% will be used by St. Andrew for congregational ministries with children and youth

May we share our blessings for this special ministry through the PCUSA Pentecost Special Offering on June 5th.

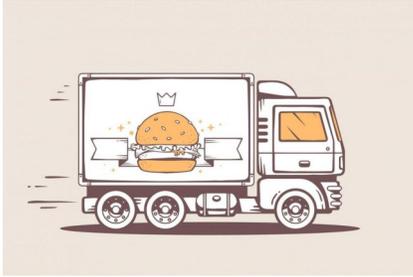
Help fill the **Loudoun Hunger Relief** Box! With the rising food prices, LHR needs our help as much as ever and with summer school vacation coming, more children will be eating at home instead of eating at school. In April and May we delivered just over 100 pounds of food to them. Let's see if we can get that up to 200 pounds for the month of June. LHR is always in need of dry beans, whole grain pasta, rice, whole grain cereal, canned meats (tuna or chicken), healthy cooking oil (e.g. olive oil), peanut butter, low sodium soups, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Another of our community partners, JK Community Farm, supplies thousands of pounds of fresh vegetables to LHR, so in addition to filling the box, you could volunteer at the farm and help LHR in two ways.



May Mission Committee Disbursements

In May the Mission Committee has sent \$500 to Loudoun Hunger Relief in anticipation of increased need throughout the summer. Mobile Hope is also experiencing greater needs and so we have sent \$1000 to them. We are supporting the Neighborhood Learning Center with a \$1500 donation. And we continue to fulfill our pledge to support National Capital Presbytery with a \$1000 donation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The dates for St. Andrew's Vacation Bible School have been set. We will meet on August 8th through August 12th from 5:30 until 8:00 pm and dinner is included. The theme is Vacation Bible School (VBS) Food Truck Party Bible Storyteller: On a Roll with God. Volunteers are needed to help with this fun week of evening activities. The cost is \$10 per child or \$20 per family. Signup can be accomplished with a paper registration available in the church office or using the Google form.

Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference



Massanetta Springs is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in covenant relationship with the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. This synod serves the churches located in North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia's panhandle, D.C. Maryland and Delaware. With offices in Richmond, the staff of the Synod celebrates the work of the center and encourages others to utilize its services faithfully.

Massanetta's Middle School Conference transforms the faith journey of hundreds of middle schoolers from all around the country. Every aspect of this conference is crafted with middle schoolers in mind. Conference activities like keynote, recreation, encounter groups, and workshops are centered on the theme of the summer. We promise it will be one of the best things your youth do all year!

St. Andrew middle schoolers are attending the conference from June 21st through 24th this year. If you are interested in having your youth attend or if you have already signed up, please attend an informational meeting after worship on June 11th at 11:15.

"It's like SUMMER CAMP with your YOUTH GROUP - but you sleep in dorms with AC!"

June 21-24, 2022

For students completing Grades 5-8!

Big Group Games. Energizers. Mega Slip-n-Slide. Gaga Pit. Small Group BreakOuts. Large Group Worship. Prayer Labyrinth. Nighttime Celebrations. Snack Shop. Meet Other Youth Groups. Back Home Devotions. Free Time. Cafeteria. Live Music.

Cost is \$295 per person, all-inclusive. Must register by April 1. Space is Limited!

Sunday School and nursery are looking for volunteers! Please email jessica.randall@standrew-pres.org if you would like to help out.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE



The St. Andrew Choir enjoyed returning to worship this spring. The Choir will be on summer break from June 19th through August st. The choir will host one "Summer Sing" for anyone who would like to join the choir for the morning. Listen to church announcements for the date, announced soon. We will

rehearse an easy anthem from 8:45 am - 9:45 am before the service, and lead worship at the choir loft. Come out and enjoy singing with a big group, or "test drive" being a part of the choir! We are always looking to welcome new singers to the group from high school age and up and all skill levels.

It was a joy to welcome the musical skills of the confirmands on June 5th, 2022. They worshiped with heart, body, spirit, and instruments. If you play an instrument, we would love to find opportunities for you (all ages) to participate in worship. Stay tuned for our next instrumental worship Sunday in the fall.

During the summer, there are opportunities for singers and instrumentalists to share special music during worship. Contact Zack if you would like to sing a song or play a piece of music.

Pictures courtesy of Kevin Burel



Reverend Beverly examining this year's confirmands during the church service on June 5th, 2022.

NLC

Flag Day is June 14th. If you have a US Flag to be retired, you may drop it off and it will be properly retired by American Legion or the Boy Scouts.

Please note: The NLC will be closed on June 20, 2022 in observance of Juneteenth.

Registering now for Summer Camps and new classes.

Do you have any questions about the NLC?

Ally Fetch is available by email to answer any questions you many have!

ally@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com



The congregation welcoming our newest members; the confirmation class of 2022.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Happy Anniversary this month to:*
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| 7 | Matthew and Rebecca Falter | 14 | Deb Moler |
| 8 | Chris and Christie Hagert | 15 | Lucia Pull |
| 9 | Eric and Emily Groo | | Sarah Read |
| 18 | Randy and Leslie Dragon | 16 | George Cassutto |
| | Dave and Bonnie Milam | 17 | Susane Njomo |
| 21 | Bob and Jill Kurtz | 18 | Kathi Hottinger |
| 24 | Jeff and Christine Goerges | | Geoff Kohl |
| 25 | Mike and Lynn Krepich | | Jeff Mitchell |
| | Brian and Kristin Sullivan | | Dave Parker |
| 30 | Chris and Katie Buttrick | | Jack Parker |
- Happy Birthday this month to:*
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| 1 | Diane Ryburn | 21 | Karen Yurish |
| 3 | Teresa Wilburn | 22 | Lauren Combs |
| 6 | Jeff Kauffman | 25 | Chris Laybourne |
| 9 | Tom Moler | 26 | Samuel Reles |
| | Sophie Read | 27 | Craig Greco |
| 10 | Thaddeus Edwards | 30 | Will Brown |
| 13 | Mat Curtis | | Malloch Henderson |

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We lift up our concerns

We grieve with Suzanne W and her family on the death of her mother, Lee Smidt. We grieve with Jen W and her family on the death of her father. We grieve with the Shank family on the death of husband and father, Ralph Shank. We grieve with family and friends of Kevin G. who died from complications due to Covid.



Concerns

Prayers for Rev Bev's friend and colleague, Marilyn W. on her breast cancer diagnosis. Prayers for a friend undergoing bone marrow biopsy. Prayers for adult children caring for aging parents and for those whose parents are in hospice care or who have died. Prayers for families coping with Covid.

Joys

Graduates of the NLC: 28 children going into Kindergarten. Deacons who have supported the events around weddings and memorials. Trustees and others how have cut grass and mopped up water; thanksgiving for no mold after the flood in the basement—no mold, new or old. Thanks to Josh, Kirsten, Amber, Ryan, Kate, Geoff, Ally, Mitch for emergency support when the rains came down and the waters came up. Prayers for the new officers: Elders Ally, Marcia, Priscilla and

Lillian; Deacons Marie, Kim, and Katie S; Nominating Committee Kate G and Frank. Thanks for the service of those officers retiring (once an elder or deacon, always an elder or deacon): Elders Kevin B and Lottie Kohl; Deacons Deborah H, Pamela S, Nathan G and James L; Trustees Erik S, Josh S, and Lisa V. Prayers of joy for our confirmands Mia B, Cameron F, Haley S, Tucker E, and Sam S and their mentors Lottie K, Robin L, and Eric S. Thanks for the work of BreAnn, custodian, whose last day is June 3rd and to Boo, custodian, who resigned upon our finding a replacement. Prayers of thanks to the Session's approval to seek a full-time sexton in light of these resignations.

NLC

Twenty-eight children off to kindergarten next fall.

Flower Calendar

There is a flower calendar in the church entry way for 2022. If you would like to provide flowers for Sunday services, please call or email Nancy Gilmore at 540-454-3219 or ngilmore5@verizon.net, or sign up on the calendar.



June Flower Calendar

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

July Flower Calendar

3rd	Open	10th	Open
17th	Open	24th	Open
31st	Open		

HELP WANTED

Session has approved the position of full-time sexton in light of the resignation of our current custodians. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position, please contact Priscilla O'Donnell, the head of the Human Resources committee.



THANK YOU ST. ANDREW

We have received a \$500 donation from St. Andrew's. Thanks to all of you for your partnership and support in this vital work of meeting our neighbors' basic need for food.

Trish for LHR



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World

Prayers for the safety of the women and staff at Heartline Maternity Center in Haiti. Prayers for the staff of Community Coalition for Haiti, in country and here. Prayers for the families involved in the

shooting in Buffalo, NY: 10 dead, 3 wounded; the families at Geneva Presbyterian church in Laguna Woods, Ca: 1 dead, 5 wounded; the families at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX: 21 dead; for all victims of mass shootings.



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Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month