



## A Message from our Interim Pastor

Dear Friends:

IMPORTANT DATES below because we have kicked-off our intentional re-envisioning process! The first town hall was both successful and challenged. Who knew after two years, hybrid meetings would sometimes fail? All of us, right?

Never fear. A summary of the event is available. A recording of the event is available. And if you want to contribute to the conversation, there's a survey form that follows the same outline of the event so you can participate. Please email me at [Beverly.friedlander@standrew-pres.org](mailto:Beverly.friedlander@standrew-pres.org) to get the links or documents.

Going forward the same options will be available—face-to-face; online; and written responses.

You may wonder why the links are not simply published

and there is a request for you to ask for the links to these options. By making this an “invitation only” process, we are able to hear from our actively engaged St. Andrew family as we discern our call. We are able to provide some safe internal space to discuss difficult themes of our life together in a way that minimizes the chances of trolling. I know—some of you just said—who would troll us? Experience has taught me that question actually has very specific answers that I hope you do not experience. Hence my caution comes from lived reality. I hope you can trust the process on this one. If you want to talk about it—call me.

So we are going to be very busy in AUGUST—  
**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Aug 7, 14, 28 at 9:00 am Bible Study/Hybrid via teams: *What is a Church?*

Aug 8 – 12 VBS

Aug 13 Church Yard Workday/Mulch Day

Aug 14 Town Hall with light supper 5-7:30 pm

5:00 *Skeletons in our Closets—Oh My!* 6:00 dinner/table talk 6:30 *The NLC Story*

Aug 21 Church Picnic

Aug 28 5 pm Town Hall (pending confirmation of interpret-er availability) *CAT Results Interpretation*

**SIGN-UP FOR One (1) SMALL GROUP** at the church or via email to [Beverly.friedlander@standrew-pres.org](mailto:Beverly.friedlander@standrew-pres.org)

Aug 29-Sep 1 Town Hall Small Groups *A Time for Everything* 90 minutes with stretch break

8/29 10:30 am

8/29 online only 7 pm

8/31 5:30 pm (brown bag)

9/1 hybrid 7 pm

These small groups will be exactly the same agenda so you only attend one. A minimum of five participants per group will be required to hold the session. You will be asked not to share the agenda or conversations until after the last meeting on September 1st so everyone begins their meeting from the same “no preparation” moment. The small groups’ theme, *A Time for Everything*, is based on Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 and Isaiah 43: 9 and Jeremiah 29: 11.

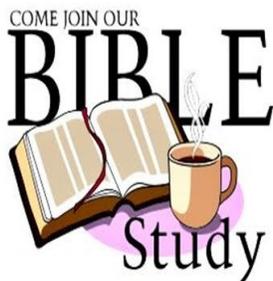
I am enjoying all our conversations. If group participation is not your thing, ask to meet with me and one or two elders to share your hopes for the church.

God is doing a new thing—don’t miss the chance to participate in discerning the way.

Peace,

Rev Bev

### ADULT MINISTRIES



#### The St. Andrew Book Club

The St. Andrew Book Club will meet on August 27th. The book under discussion is *Trinity* by Leon Uris. 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 Brunch Bunch meetings are on summer break, resuming in the fall. Contact Ann Paciulli at [annpaciulli@gmail.com](mailto:annpaciulli@gmail.com) for more information.

### TRUSTEES

Please join the trustees and NLC families to help spread mulch on the playground and accomplish other tasks on August 13th.

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

# FILL THE BOX



Suggestions for donations are:

Canned Meats – Tuna and Chicken

Dry Beans

Peanut Butter

Cereal, Granola Bars, Shelf Stable Milk and Diapers



Almost half of all childhood deaths worldwide occur in children with malnutrition. Without the right nutrients, the brain cannot develop properly, resulting in long-term effects on learning abilities. 720+ million people across the world don't receive enough nutrition to lead an active, healthy life, or provide for themselves and their families.

These facts are shocking. Overwhelming. But organizations like Rise Against Hunger are working towards achieving the United Nation's Sustainable Goal #2 of Zero Hunger. So how is Rise Against Hunger accomplishing this goal?

**Safety Nets** - While long-term food security projects take root, communities facing hunger still need to meet their basic needs today. Safety net programs provide nourishment as well as education, skills training or health services that support the difficult journey out of poverty.

**Crisis Relief** - From droughts to floods, in conflict zones and transitioning political situations, food is often the most immediate need. When everyday access to food, wages and market systems are destroyed in the wake of emergencies, Rise Against Hunger works through a network of in-country partners to address these needs.

**Agriculture & Income-Generating Initiatives** – Rise Against Hunger bolsters agricultural production and incomes through programs promoting improved agricultural methods, business skills and

market access. With training and access to quality seeds and fertilizers, farmers can increase production and harvest a variety of nutritious crops. By supporting fish and livestock production, pathways to diversifying diets and improving nutritional outcomes are created. Through income generating activities Rise Against Hunger helps individuals increase their earning potential and consistent access to food.

The St. Andrew Mission Committee has made this year's mission focus hunger and food insecurity. As one of our projects, we are partnering with Rise Against Hunger for a packing event – and **we need your help to package 10,000 meals**. This is a fantastic (and fun!) family event with children welcome. **Donations are also welcomed** to help offset St. Andrew's cost of meal supplies. Please indicate "Rise Against Hunger" on your memo line.

**Saturday, September 10**

**1:00 – 3:00 pm, with help needed before and after for setup/breakdown**

**St. Andrew's Fellowship Hall**

**[http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/  
StAndrewPurcellville2022](http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StAndrewPurcellville2022)**

***Thank you for volunteering to help our global neighbors!***

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Food Truck Party VBS is based on Matthew 6:11: “Give us this day our daily bread.” This verse reminds us that everything we have comes from God – but it also calls us to turn to God in prayer for our daily needs. This VBS theme has “Chefs” learn important lessons about God’s ability to provide. Chefs are guided each day by the food truck’s Top Chef to learn about the daily special – a familiar prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.

Please join us on August 8 through 11 at 5:30 for a meal and fun.

Before school starts, please join us for Backpack Blessings on August 21<sup>st</sup>. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to our worship service. Students will receive a small gift and a blessing for the new year! CYM has been working hard on finalizing Fall programming. Check out the calendar below for some save the dates! If you are interested in volunteering with CYM, please contact Jessica Randall at [Jessica.randall@standrew-pres.org](mailto:Jessica.randall@standrew-pres.org)



**ST ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH PRE-SEASON!**

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
SUN. AUGUST 21 BACKPACK BLESSINGS (IN SERVICE!)	SAT. SEPTEMBER 10 MEAL PACKING
SUN. AUGUST 21 CHURCH PICNIC	SUN. SEPTEMBER 11 FALL PROGRAMMING KICKOFF
SUN. AUGUST 28 SUNDAY SCHOOL'S PARENT & VOLUNTEER MEETING (AFTER CHURCH)	WED. SEPT 14 KIDS WITH PURPOSE
SAVE THE DATES: KIDS WITH PURPOSE (WEDNESDAYS) OCT. 12   NOV. 16   DEC. 14	SUN. SEPTEMBER 18 YOUTH GROUP'S PARENT & VOLUNTEER MEETING/DINNER AND MINIS/M5/H5 YOUTH GROUP
	SUN. SEPTEMBER 25 SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNION REFRESH

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## MISSION COMMITTEE



## St Andrew Day at JK Community Farm

Six members of the St. Andrew congregation turned out on Saturday morning, July 20th. It was a beautiful sunny and not too hot day. They picked squash, tomatoes, and two kinds of peppers that will be donated to alleviate hunger in

# July Mission Committee Disbursements

The National Capital Presbytery serves as a catalyst for mission by connecting congregations with common local, national, and international mission interests. This year it is working specifically in the areas of racism and reconciliation. We continue to support the National Capital Presbytery with a donation of \$1000.

As discussed on page 2, we are planning a Rise Against Hunger event in September. With so many people in the world lacking food due to war or climate issues, this project will have an immediate impact. We have designated \$2000 toward the purchase of food for the event.

## Artist Needed!

The Mission Committee would like to beautify the wooden box in the main church entry used to collect food donations for Loudoun Hunger Relief. If you would like to **Paint The Box** with artwork to not only beautify but also make the box's purpose known at a glance, please contact

Marj Diehl at [marj.diehl@standrew-pres.org](mailto:marj.diehl@standrew-pres.org) or Dee Treptow at [dee.treptow@standrew-pres.org](mailto:dee.treptow@standrew-pres.org).



## Loudoun Hunger Relief Results

In the month of July, the St. Andrew congregation and Neighborhood Learning Center families donated 71 pounds of food to Loudoun Hunger Relief. It is very rewarding to deliver the food to LHR each month. Their needs are still great so let's do all we can to Fill The Box!

## DEACONS

Mark your calendars! Our church picnic is back! Join us Sunday, August 21st at the Hillsboro Pavilion at Franklin Park after service until 1:30 pm. Come for fellowship, fun, and games. Deacons will be hosting main dishes like burgers, hot dogs, and chicken. Deacons will also be bringing paper products and beverages for all. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Have any questions? Contact the deacons: [deacons@standrew-pres.org](mailto:deacons@standrew-pres.org). Hope to see you there!



## SESSION NEWS

A congregational meeting was held after the church service on July 24th to nominate the final two members of the church's nominating committee. George Macdonald agreed to serve on this committee for another year

and Sarah Read filled out the remaining spot on the committee. Both candidates were accepted unanimously. Reverend Beverly accepted the resignations of Jason Massey

from the session and Rick Gondela as a trustee and thanked both of them for their service on these committees. As pictures below, an ordination and installation of deacons

also took place on July 24th. Robin Laybourne is a member of the class of 2024 and Katie Schweiger the class of 2025. James Laybourne is a current youth deacon.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Happy Anniversary this month to:*
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|--|---------------------|
| 1 Michael and Lora Reles               | 10 Sally Gehl       |
| 6 Tyler and Kara Marquardt             | Hanna Lutz          |
| 7 Eugene Evans and Karla Knickerbocker | 11 Tony Noerpel     |
| 12 Mat and Melanie Curtis              | 12 Chris MacWhorter |
| Bruce and Claudia Kirk                 | Brian Sullivan      |
| 14 Hans and Stacy Newton               | 13 Lynn Krepich     |
| Terry and Katie Schwieger              | 14 Clark Seipt      |
| 16 George and Rhonda Phillip           | 15 Kirsten Blake    |
| 18 Zack and Emily Henderson            | 16 Reagan Fike      |
| 19 Chris and Robin Laybourne           | 17 David Roberts    |
| 30 Daniel and Amber Gillispie          | 18 Nancy Aiello     |
| 31 Mark and Andie Broshkevitch         | Jason Massey        |
|  | 22 Rebecca Falter   |
| <i>Happy Birthday this month to:</i>   | Zoe Sowers          |
| 1 AT Ntantang                          | 23 Kent Carneal     |
| 5 Annabelle Macdonald                  | Lisa Massey         |
| Dee Treptow                            | 24 Grace Newton     |
| 6 Colin Falter                         | 27 Kim Peele        |
| Jenna Henderson                        | 28 Liam Mitchell    |
| Carolyn Wagers                         | Brad Morell         |
| Betty Willis                           | Gunner Ronan        |
| 7 Bruce Kirk                           | Matt Wilburn        |
|  | 30 Jordan Davis     |
|  | 31 Matt Davis       |

## LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

### We lift up our concerns

We grieve with the family of Gene Thomas, who died on July 12th. We are thankful for his years of faithful attendance at St. Andrew and his work on the Board of Trustees. Prayers for the Ratke family on the loss of Jen's mother in June and Joe's uncle in July

### Concerns

We pray for Natausha S's grandmother, who is recovering from a fall and for all who are stepping in to care for her grandfather while she recovers. We pray for our new sexton, Mike, who had a stroke but is well on his way to full recovery. We bless those who have stepped up to take care of his duties while he is recovering. Prayers for Mark B and his family for his mother who is in hospice.

### Joys

Marie C's grandson, Robert, born on July 1st, the happiness of summer break, the work being done by the General Assembly. We are joyful for the work of the trustees and Chris B for accomplishing the task of repaving and restriping the church parking lot.



### NLC

Twenty-eight children off to kindergarten next fall.

### World

Prayers for all communities in our country and the world affected by gun violence. Continued prayers for the people of Ukraine. Prayers for those affected by the flooding in St. Louis and Kentucky. We pray for all who are affected by long Covid.

## 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](mailto:ngilmore5@verizon.net), or sign up on the calendar.



### August Flower Calendar

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

### September Flower Calendar

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

## Staff Changes

Please note that Natausha Sorrell has resigned her position. We appreciate the ministry service she offered as our Administrative Assistant and wish her God's blessing on her next endeavor. Please be sure to copy Beverly on ministry announcements. If you would like to volunteer for a Day at the Office, please email [Beverly.friedlander@standrew-pres.org](mailto:Beverly.friedlander@standrew-pres.org).

If you know someone interested in a part-time ministry opportunity, please give their name and contact info to Beverly, or to Priscilla (elder, HR Committee).

Additionally, our sexton is back from sick leave and we

celebrate his recovery. He is currently on light duty so the Trustees are welcoming anyone who wants to learn to drive that fancy lawn mower, wield the light-saber commonly called a trimmer, or get some whole body workout time with a push mower. This workout plan has your name on it! Contact Randy Dragon to join the club.

THANK you to all the people who are sharing in these duties. I (Beverly) know of Randy, Leslie, Josh, Erik, Kim, Joe...and I am sure I have failed to mention others (forgive me!).



Welcome to Natalie Martz, who joined the congregation of St. Andrew on July 24th.



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Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month