

St Andrew Presbyterian Church

LOAVES + FISHES

JULY 2023

Summer Sermon Series

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS SAPC?

This summer we are enjoying vacation stories of the saints of SAPC as we are *Roamin' with Romans*. Romans is the book no one wants to study because it is “theology,” and “too complicated.” But the Romans Paul wrote this letter to were a metropolitan people, full of entrepreneurs, soldiers, merchants, bankers, politicians, families simply trying to understand their world, realize their dreams and make sense of the religious options before them.

The Jews who had become followers of Christ wanted their converts to become like them—Jewish followers of Christ. The Jews who did not follow Christ rejected the followers as heretics. The pagan Romans who worshipped the temple gods rejected them all.

Is any of this starting to sound like our world—a lot of “I’m right-you’re wrong,” and “what difference does it make what anyone believes,” thinking. Who needs that today? Not me. I’m over the divisiveness of this kind of thinking.

What I do know is people experience moments of holiness when they get away from it all. Paul met that holy moment on the Damascus Road. Standing in the backyard after a hurricane-induced blackout, seeing the number of stars, was a holy moment for me. Where in the world have you, SAPC, met the holy? Let’s roam a little, and let the letter to the Romans help us understand what we have seen and heard that makes us one and gives us peace.

Rev. Beverly Friedlander – Interim Pastor

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Vision

CHRIST IS CALLING
ST. ANDREW
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO BE A BEACON OF
PEACE AND LOVE WHERE
EVERYBODY BELONGS

Mission

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
CHRIST, WE ARE BEING
TRANSFORMED THROUGH
THE COURAGEOUS AND
HEALING WORK OF
RECONCILIATION

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July Calendar

Sun 9	11a	Committee meetings after service*
Tues 11	6:30p	PNC meeting
Fri 14	5-7p	Children & Youth Family Pool Party at Franklin Park
Sat 15	7p	Cannons baseball game (tailgating before)
Sun 16	11a	Session meeting after service
Mon 17	6:30p	PNC meeting
Thurs 20	7p	NLC Board meeting
Fri 21	5p	Newsletter deadline
Sat 22	7:30p	Book Club
Sun 23	10a	Food on the Fourth (Sunday)
Mon 24	6:30p	PNC meeting



*childcare provided

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS...

Here we go with volume two of our own “great experiment.” We have received a bit of feedback and a few submissions. Please keep both coming ... this newsletter belongs to all of us!



Your editors,
Ally Fetch & Deborah Hill

Submissions due
July 21
newsletter@standrew-pres.org

Making Connections



We are...
MISSIONAL
PASTORAL
PROPHETIC

<https://thepresbytery.org>



www.pcusa.org

ANNIVERSARIES

July

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Erik & Sarah S.
- 8 Manny & Susane N.
- 9 Kevin & Maria B.
- 22 Karl & Pat Q.
- 30 Mitch & Clark S.

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| 1 Mitch S. | 14 Sandra M. |
| 2 James L. | 15 Kerry B. |
| 6 Mark B. | Lillian B. |
| Ryan M. | 17 Kyle H. |
| 7 Adam B. | 18 Katherine C. |
| Gabe C. | 19 Sam S. |
| 11 Olivia B. | 29 Colin B. |
| 13 Katie S. | 30 Liz H. |

Ms. Nicole's Taco Salad

Ms. Nicole has been the NLC Cook since the Center opened 12 years ago. Parents & kids alike love her food, as evidenced by this comment from our annual Parent Survey: **“[S]end us the recipes [because] my kids eat more there than at home!”**

- 1 lb Ground beef
- 1 bag Shredded yellow cheese
- 2/3 bag Crushed Doritos
- 1 pkg Taco seasoning
- 1/2 head Shredded lettuce
- Ranch dressing As needed

Cook beef & drain. Add 1 pkg taco seasoning and as much water as the package calls for. Cook according to package. Mix chips, lettuce, cheese, and meat in a bowl. Add Ranch and mix til moist.

Discipleship

Discipleship is a big order and we don't always feel up to the job, but God equips us! Let's share our own thoughts and experiences about the *question of the day* while we enjoy time together over a casual cup of wine, soda, or bottle of water. Bring your own chair/blanket so we can gather on the pasture.

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE IN TODAY'S WORLD TO BE A FOLLOWER OF JESUS?

Optium Cellars

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
12 - 2 PM**

18050 TRANQUILITY RD,
PURCELLVILLE

Children (and dogs) are welcome!

Contact Ally F. with any questions! ally.fetch@nlcenter.com

SMALL GROUPS



**4TH SATURDAYS
7:30 PM @
MEMBERS' HOMES**

This book club has been meeting for over 20 years! At each meeting there is an assigned book for a discussion led by volunteers. Meetings rotate among members' homes. For more information, text or call Zoe Sowers at 703-629-4964.

July 22 The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsuyiyama
Aug 26 The Heart's Invisible Furies by John Boyne
Sept 23 A Soldier's Play by Charles Fuller

bookclub@standrew-pres.org



Bible
Bunch

**BRUNCH BUNCH IS NOW BIBLE
BUNCH!**

The Bible Bunch is a monthly Bible study group that meets during the week. They are taking their regularly scheduled summer break, with more details coming in the fall. Stay tuned!

brunchbunch@standrew-pres.org

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Happy July! Your Pastoral Nominating Committee continues to be hard at work navigating the process of preparing the job posting for our new pastor. As Evan shared with the congregation in June, it is a journey full of adventure, challenges, and joys. The committee continues to engage in deeply thoughtful and spiritual conversations around how best to represent St. Andrew's identity, needs, mission, and vision through the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) (formerly the Ministry Information Form or MIF). We are working closely with St. Andrew's leadership and committees to fit all the puzzle pieces together, including the recent changes in the Church Youth Ministry program. Please keep in mind we are here to serve the community, and will continue to provide updates. That said, feel free to reach out to any member of the community if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Co-Chairs:

Evan Read & Leslie Dragon

Amber Gillispie
Deborah Hill
Kirsten Shields
Maria Burel
Marie Cahoon

*To contact any PNC
member, use this
formula:
first name.lastname
@standrew-pres.org*



SESSION

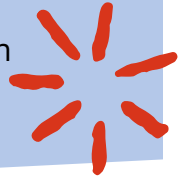
Session meets after worship
on the third Sunday of every month.
Anyone may attend Session meetings!

Each Elder is a Chair of a committee
or has a Session position.



The Elders are:
Ally Fetch, Discipleship
Clark Seipt, Youth (part of Discipleship)
Daniel Gillispie, Finance
Deborah Hill, Communications
Josh Shields, Property
Lillian Brewer, Worship
Marcia Owens, Clerk of Session
Priscilla O'Donnell, HR
Stephen Fike, Treasurer

session@standrew-pres.org



SECURITY TASK GROUP

During June, the Security Task Group volunteered a long Saturday to install four new exterior security cameras. As part of this project, they relocated the IT equipment from the Church Office to a more suitable site. The following weekend, several members of the team along with volunteers from an NLC family, ran new wires throughout the building to improve the WIFI signal for the NLC which was affected after the hardware migration.

Work continues on next steps in improving building security including choosing security film for the front doors and windows with color approval by Session, evaluating a new door access system for the front doors, and drafting internal documentation and training.

securitytaskgroup@standrew-pres.org

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PACKING EVENT IN SEPTEMBER - DATE TBA

Rise Against Hunger is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives, and responding to emergencies. Targeting remote, last-mile communities within hunger pockets designated serious or higher by the Global Hunger Index, we work with local leaders to harness the strengths of their communities and tackle their own food and nutrition security challenges with agency, dignity and resilience.

Mission

FOOD ON THE 4TH (SUNDAY): JULY 28

Suggested monthly donation: Low Sodium Soups (*under 350mg/serving*)

78 pounds of food were collected during May for Loudoun Hunger Relief!

AIRBORNE FELLOWSHIP

BY TOM HILL

When I heard that Kevin Burel got his private pilot's license, I proposed that he use a trip to First Flight Airport at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina as a cross-country destination. He liked the idea and so did Josh Shields, his instructor. After several months of searching for a day that all of us (and the airplane) were available, June 17th turned out to be the day which dawned a little misty in the Leesburg area, but good enough for the flight.



We flew west over Purcellville, letting me get pictures of my house from the air. Texting Deborah to say we were overhead, she replied saying "I can hear you!" Then it was time to head southeast. Our flight path took us over Williamsburg and the local military bases there. We saw a total of 6 aircraft carriers in various stages of assembly and disassembly. Kevin, the Reserve Naval Officer, gave us a tour of the visible ships.



First Flight Airport is a short runway with a small parking area for your plane and the Wright Brothers Memorial visible from it. We landed, tied the plane down, and then walked the grounds where humans first took flight. The monument itself is on a hill overlooking the land where the world changed. As we walked from the monument into the museum, a ranger asked a crowd of people if anyone had flown in, and we got to raise our hands. After walking the length of the longest flight on December 17th, 1903 (852 feet) we walked back to our plane and flew away.

A cross-country flight requires a stop at three airports, so we visited two more: one for lunch and another just to pick up a stamp in a collector's book of Virginia airports. Josh even gave me the yoke for a while on the way back, so I got a little flying time. We are looking to make trips to other locations and airports to repeat a great day. If you know someone who is a private pilot, check with them to see if they've flown in to First Flight Airport. If they haven't, offer to split the cost of going there. It's a lot of fun!



NEIGHBORHOOD LEARNING CENTER

Thank you for helping the NLC be one of the TOP 3 Preschools and Childcare Centers in Loudoun County!!

2023
BEST OF LOUDOUN
Loudoun Times-Mirror
FINALIST

The Neighborhood Learning Center
Best Preschool

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"Grandpa George" reading to some of his weekly friends!

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Summer Camp is in full swing with 25 campers each week!!



Children & Youth

POOL PARTY

FRIDAY,
JULY 14,
5-7 PM

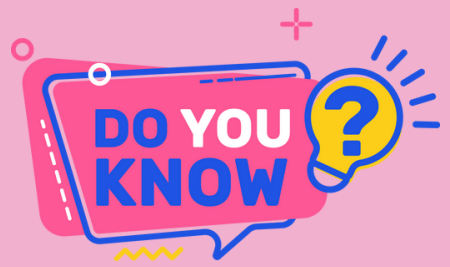
Bring a picnic dinner and let's meet at Franklin Park Pool! Kids can swim, adults can hang out! Meet inside and we will stake a spot to gather. **ALL AGES!**



SATURDAY,
JULY 15,
7 PM

Cannons Game! Let's all meet up and sit together to cheer on our Cannons baseball team!

ALL AGES!



There is a private Facebook group called "St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Families" where TONS of photos and info and fun stuff is shared?? Request to join!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023



WANTED

Children's Worship Bag Help!

We need several more volunteers to help keep the bags filled & maintained.

A quick and easy way to provide service and blessing to our children!

ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com

What do YOU want to see in the Children's Worship Bags?

Email Ally and let her know your ideas!

KID INPUT NEEDED!!

ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com



Massachusetts 2023 Middle School School Retreat



Property

A lawn care company has been engaged to keep our grounds trim and neat. **A thank you of epic proportions to everyone who came to help mow and edge over the past several years!!**

We are grateful to the many hours of meetings and negotiations given by members of our Property team that went into having a new roof installed on the Sanctuary. The new skylights include UV protection to better care for our pews that have been sunburned over the years. After installation, two of the skylights cracked and were replaced by the very responsive roofing company. An additional skylight has now cracked and is in the process of being repaired, as well.



More hands are needed in order to make the work light! Please stop by the Property Committee table on 2nd Sundays or email Josh Shields at josh.shields@standrew-pres.org if you are able to lend a hand around the building and grounds, whether for a single, one-time task, taking over a routine maintenance task such as changing lightbulbs, or if you wanted to be part of the committee to find out what's going on and how you can help over time. Thank you!!

property@standrew-pres.org

Worship

July 2nd - Worship on the Lawn & Picnic!

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and join us on the field for worship and communion. Don't forget to pack a picnic lunch for your family to enjoy after the service.

Are there special moments during the year you celebrate or memorialize? A wedding anniversary, birthday, death of a loved one? Or are there times you are simply filled with joy and you thank God for his goodness? Consider signing up to provide flowers for a worship service! Flowers can be store bought, delivered by a florist, or **picked from your own garden (we have vases)**. You can even donate an artificial display to be used throughout the year! Sign up on the flower chart in Fellowship Hall, or email Nancy at nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org to sign up.

worship@standrew-pres.org

Finance

REPORT COMING SOON



finance@standrew-pres.org

Your Deacons

Do you have a prayer request?
Need a meal due to a family illness?

These are one of the many ways the SAPC Deacons are here to support you!

Contact one of the deacons you see below through deacons@standrew-pres.org if you have a need of support.

Evan Read

Katie Dunnigan

Katie Schwieger

Kim Peele

Mitch Seipt

Pat Quinn

Robin Laybourne

Marie Cahoon (Co-Chair)

Sarah Sassak (Co-Chair)

*to contact any
Deacon individually,
use this formula:
firstname.lastname
@standrew-pres.org*

Fellowship

Please sign up to provide Coffee/Fellowship Hour snacks and coffee! See the Fellowship bulletin board near the kitchen to choose your week.

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JULY 15,
7 PM**

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AUGUST 19

GAME NIGHT! Details to come!

fellowship@standrew-pres.org

Did you know?

- The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4, 1776. That's actually the day it was formally adopted by Congress.
- Americans typically eat 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day, enough to stretch from D.C. to Los Angeles five times.

When you've already started eating and somebody says, "Let's Pray."

