

# St Andrew Presbyterian Church

# LOAVES + FISHES

## JUNE 2023

### A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS...

Dear St. Andrew Friends,

Welcome to *YOUR* new newsletter!

The day we first met to discuss what should be included in the Loaves and Fishes reboot, we tried to answer the question - what is the PURPOSE of the newsletter? What we came up with were two main goals: Information and Community.

We hope this monthly newsletter will provide you the information you need to help keep you connected to all the great happenings at St. Andrew. We also hope it will nurture the feeling of community for which St. Andrew is known.

***This is our "skeleton" of a first issue, and we need you to help us bring these dry bones to life!*** Please let us know what you like and what we can improve. And please send us submissions! Read a book that inspired you and you want to provide a review? Had an experience that reminded you of God's grace in your life? Took a photo you would like to share with your church family? This is *YOUR* place to share!



Your editors,  
Ally Fetch & Deborah Hill

Submissions due

**June 23**

[newsletter@standrew-pres.org](mailto:newsletter@standrew-pres.org)

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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

[www.standrew-pres.org](http://www.standrew-pres.org)

# June Calendar

Sat 10	9:00 am	Decorate for VBS
Sun 11	11:00 am	Committee meetings after worship* Youth car wash fundraiser
Mon 12-Fri 16	5:30 pm	Family Dinner; VBS programming 6:00-8:00 pm
Thur 15	6:30 pm	PNC meeting
	7:00 pm	NLC Board meeting
Mon 19		NLC & Church office closed for Juneteenth
Thur 22	6:30 pm	PNC meeting
Thur 22-Sun 25		Middle School Youth trip to Massanetta
Fri 23	5:00 pm	Newsletter deadline
Sat 24	7:30 pm	Book Club
Sun 25	10:00 am	Food on the Fourth (Sunday)
Thur 29	6:30 pm	PNC meeting

\*childcare provided

## Summer Sermon Series

Roamin' with the Romans: Where in the world is SAPC and the PCUSA?

Are you travelling this summer? Wanna share pictures from your vacation or staycation? Maybe a trip you've already taken continues to make you smile. We are recruiting 10 - 13 contributors for a 5 minute intro to the spot that brought/brings you renewal, refreshment, and a new spirit! For more information or to volunteer, contact [RevBev](mailto:RevBev@standrew-pres.org) at [beverly.friedlander@standrew-pres.org](mailto:beverly.friedlander@standrew-pres.org)

## Making Connections



We are...  
**MISSIONAL**  
**PASTORAL**  
**PROPHETIC**



<https://thepresbytery.org>

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

# June

## ANNIVERSARIES

- |    |                     |    |                     |
|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Scott & Kathy Z.    | 21 | Bob & Jill K.       |
| 7  | Matt & Rebecca F.   | 24 | Jeff & Christine G. |
| 8  | Chris & Christie H. | 25 | Lynn & Mike K.      |
| 9  | Eric & Emily G.     |    | Brian & Kristin S.  |
| 14 | Jeff (& RayAnne) K. | 26 | Chris & Tami Y.     |
| 18 | Randy & Leslie D.   | 30 | Chris B. & Katie C. |
|    | Dave & Bonnie M.    |    |                     |

## BIRTHDAYS

- |    |               |    |            |
|----|---------------|----|------------|
| 3  | Teresa W.     | 16 | George C.  |
| 4  | Alex & Ada K. | 17 | Susane N.  |
| 9  | Tom M.        | 18 | Kathi H.   |
|    | Sophie R.     |    | Geoff K.   |
| 11 | Julian B.     |    | Jeff M.    |
| 13 | Mat C.        | 21 | Michael L. |
| 14 | Deb M.        | 25 | Chris L.   |
| 15 | Sarah R.      | 27 | Andy M.    |
|    |               | 30 | Malloch H. |



## Marie's Famous Apple Dip

Once upon a Session meeting, Marie C. brought a fruit dip to keep the Elders fueled. The Elders were enamored and so began the quest for the recipe... Here is the **fruit** of Marie's labors.

- 1 package Cream cheese
- 2 Tbsp Milk
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 2 Tbsp Brown sugar
- 1 tsp Cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp Nutmeg

**Beat together.**  
**Dip fruit such as strawberries, apples, pineapple, etc.**  
**Yum!**



## Discipleship

### BIG QUESTIONS & FRUIT OF THE VINE

#### Summer Small Group!

Consensus agrees Sunday after Worship is a good time to meet at local wineries to discuss some big questions in our lives... (Details TBA)

- WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO LIVE A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP?
- WHY DOES GOD LET BAD THINGS HAPPEN?
- ....?

## Mission

### FOOD ON THE 4TH (SUNDAY):

**JUNE 25**

Suggested monthly donation: Peanut Butter

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER IN SEPTEMBER!**

# SMALL GROUPS

## Book Club

**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.

June 24     Run by Ann Patchett  
July 22     The Samurai's Garden by Gail Tsuiyama  
Aug 26     The Heart's Invisible Furies by John Boyne  
Sept 23     A Soldier's Play by Charles Fuller

[bookclub@standrew-pres.org](mailto:bookclub@standrew-pres.org)

## Brunch Bunch

**NEW NAME COMING SOON!**

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

[brunchbunch@standrew-pres.org](mailto:brunchbunch@standrew-pres.org)

# PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Your PNC continues to work diligently and deliberately on its charge of finding SAPC a new pastor. After standing the committee up and electing officers, we have undertaken the immense task of completing the Ministry Information Form (MIF)-the document which serves as our job description. While it is only a few pages, it asks deep questions which require time, care, and thought to answer appropriately.

While the PNC's charge is confidential, it is not secret. If you have questions, comments or concerns please share them with any member of the committee so we may address them directly. In the mean-time, there is one thing everyone can do to support our efforts. Please pray for us. Your prayerful support will be the guidance, love, and support we need to reach a successful end.

### 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.

There is no June Session meeting.

Anyone may attend Session meetings!

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



The Elders are:

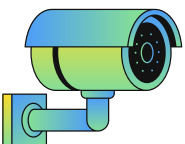
Ally Fetch, Discipleship  
Clark Seipt, Youth (part of Discipleship)  
Daniel Gillispie, Finance  
Deborah Hill, Communications  
Josh Shields, Property  
Lillian Brewer, Worship  
Marcia Owens, Clerk of Session  
Priscilla O'Donnell, HR  
Stephen Fike, Treasurer

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# SECURITY TASK FORCE

In the wake of violence around the country, several parents shared concerns regarding security at the NLC. Those concerns were heard and spurred a concerted action by St. Andrew's Session which appointed a Security Task Group to immediately audit current building security and both suggest and implement improvements. Some of the actions taken so far include:

- Purcellville Police were invited and came to visit our facility and walked through to become familiar with our layout so they can better respond in case of emergency, and to give us suggestions on security improvements.
- St. Andrew applied for a federal security grant available to nonprofits including churches. Notification of awards will be made in July.
- Exterior cameras are actively being upgraded and new ones installed.
- A new access system for the front doors is being evaluated, as are new procedures for building access.
- NLC staff, church staff, and church volunteers are undergoing ongoing training on new and current security procedures. A combined St. Andrew/NLC Security Procedure Manual is being drafted.
- The front doors are locked and monitored during Worship services.



[securitytaskgroup@standrew-pres.org](mailto:securitytaskgroup@standrew-pres.org)

# THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEARNING CENTER

[www.tnlcenter.com](http://www.tnlcenter.com)

In July, the NLC celebrated 27 pre-K students who graduated and will be heading to Kindergarten in the fall. Seven of those children have been with us since they were infants!



Following Graduation, the entire school enjoyed the NLC's annual Spring Picnic in front of the church. Several hundred attendees had a fantastic time visiting, eating an amazing potluck, and the kids enjoyed a moon bounce, face painter, and balloon twister.

## SUMMER CAMP!

June 12th is the first day of NLC summer camp! Around 25 campers, age rising 1st through rising 5th graders, will enjoy a summer of ADVENTURE, with multiple field trips weekly and a ton of fun during in-house days.

## DID YOU KNOW?

The NLC has 120 children in the building every day, Monday-Friday year round?

AND, we have a waitlist of over 160 children!

# Children & Youth



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**MONDAY-FRIDAY, JUNE 12-16**

Dinner for the whole family at 5:30pm! VBS starts at 6pm! VBS is for children age 4 to rising 5th grade.

[Click to register.](#)

Volunteers still needed!

**St. Andrew's Middle School Youth are headed to Massanetta Springs Youth Camp again this summer!**



Psalm 23 starts:  
"The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want..."

Many of us have heard this phrase, but what do these words really mean to us?

**Welcome Home** will examine Psalm 23 in a deeper way & explore these familiar words through keynote, recreation, workshops, & youth encounter groups.

Last Year's  
Massanetta Crew!



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

**June 22-25, 2023**

**For students completing Grades 5-8!**



# Property

During May, the Trustees ended their elected service and property management has now rolled over to the Property Committee. The Church and NLC are immensely grateful for the amazing work the Trustees have offered through the years and hope that church members might find a moment to thank some of those who have served tirelessly to keep our buildings and grounds functioning and improving.

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Please stop by the Property Committee table on 2nd Sundays or email Josh Shields at [josh.shields@standrew-pres.org](mailto:josh.shields@standrew-pres.org) if you are interested in lending 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](mailto: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.

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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](mailto:nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org) to sign up.

[worship@standrew-pres.org](mailto:worship@standrew-pres.org)

# Finance

REPORT COMING  
NEXT MONTH



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# Your Deacons are:

Evan Read

Katie Dunnigan

Katie Schweitzer

Kim Peele

Mitch Seipt

Pat Quinn

Robin Laybourne

Marie Cahoon (Co-Chair)

Sarah Sassak (Co-Chair)

[deacons@standrew-pres.org](mailto:deacons@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.

**SUNDAY,  
JUNE 18**

R'Beer & Pretzels to celebrate Fathers Day!

**SATURDAY,  
JULY 15,  
7 PM**

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

**AUGUST**

GAME NIGHT! Details to come!

# Did you know?

- The Season after Pentecost, also called Ordinary Time, begins the day after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent.
- June is the month with the longest daylight hours of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. June was most likely named for the Roman goddess Juno, patroness of marriage and the well-being of women.



Proverbs 17:22:

“A joyful heart is good medicine....”

