

St Andrew Presbyterian Church

LOAVES + FISHES

September 2023

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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

September Calendar

Mon 4		Church Office & NLC CLOSED for Labor Day
Thur 7		Deacons Meeting
Sun 10	9:00-9:45 am	Sunday School for ALL AGES Kickoff!*
	10:00 am	Bible Presentation to 3rd-5th graders*
	~11:30 am	CHURCH PICNIC @ Franklin Park - bring a side or dessert to share
Mon 11	10:00-11:30 am	Bible Bunch - Youth Lounge. All Welcome!
Tues 12	6:30 pm	New Member Class - Fellowship Hall
Thur 14		Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Meeting
Sun 17	11:30 am	Session Meeting - Fellowship Hall
	3:00-5:00 pm	Minis & Youth Pool Party @ Gillispie's house
Tues 19	6:30 pm	New Member Class - Fellowship Hall
Thur 21		NLC Board Meeting - Fellowship Hall
		PNC Meeting
Fri 22		Newsletter Deadline
Sat 23	10:00-12:00 pm	Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event - Fellowship Hall
	7:30 pm	Book Club - meets @ member houses
Sun 24		Food on the Fourth
Tues 26		Presbytery Meeting - virtual
Thur 28		PNC Meeting

Choir meets every Wednesday at 6:45 pm; Bells meets every Wednesday at 8:00 pm

**childcare provided*

A NOTE FROM YOUR EDITORS...

We hope the newsletter, though it hasn't yet been released on time (ahem), is providing ways to connect with the goings on at St. Andrew, and with one another. Let us know what you want to see in upcoming issues!



Your editors,
Ally Fetch & Deborah Hill

Submissions due
Friday, September 22
newsletter@standrew-pres.org

Front Entry Redecorating

Have you got an eye for color? What about picking furniture? We will be hosting visits from potential pastors for St. Andrew and we need to put our *BEST FOOT FORWARD!*

We need a few folks to help come up with redecorating ideas for the main church entry - think paint, a few pieces of furniture, plants, etc. After the ideas receive approval, additional people will be needed to help execute!

Please email Ally Fetch if you are interested in helping with an eye for design! ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org



Discipleship

We are excited to offer two adult study groups each Sunday morning. Both meet in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 - 9:45 am. Children's classes meet at the same time, AND there is nursery care for infants-age 3!

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

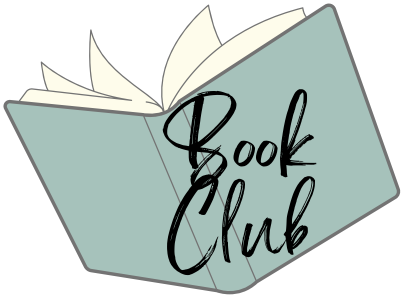
Each week a new difficult conversation is courageously discussed in a purely Christian context. How do we, as Christians, face things like gun violence, poverty, racial tensions, cancel culture... How do we follow Jesus' lead and example in today's world?

discipleship@standrew-pres.org



Curriculum is based on practices Jesus did and taught us to do as faithful followers. Written for people of all ages who wish to live out their faith, this curriculum examines where these practices can be found in the Bible and how they have been used in Christian faith then and now.

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.

- Sept 23 A Soldier's Play by Charles Fuller
- Oct 28 Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby VanPelt
- Dec 2 Tom Lake by Ann Patchett
- Jan 27 The Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

bookclub@standrew-pres.org



BRUNCH BUNCH IS NOW BIBLE BUNCH!

The Bible Bunch meets the 2nd Monday of every month in the Youth Lounge. They are following the Presbyterian study, "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts" by Olive Mahabir. Within the pages of this study, Olive Mahabir invites you to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

brunchbunch@standrew-pres.org

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

The PNC has finalized the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) (formerly the Ministry Information Form or MIF) and it has been presented to Session for comment and approval. Once it has final approval, the MDP will be posted and the next steps will be to review incoming resumes. Please continue to pray for the PNC members that they might hear and follow the Spirit's leadership in this exciting next step in finding St. Andrew's new pastor.

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

Ruling elders, together with ministers of word and sacrament, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.

session@standrew-pres.org

Your 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

Security Task Group

The St. Andrew Security Task Group continues to work to improve building security. Here is the latest update:

- In addition to the external cameras installed a few months ago, several additional external cameras have been purchased and will be installed in coming weeks.
- A monitor to view those cameras has been installed and is up and running.
- Internal data storage devices have been installed and are up and running.
- A new entry system for the front doors has been purchased and will be installed in coming weeks.

securitytaskgroup@standrew-pres.org

Mission

**FOOD ON THE 4TH
(SUNDAY):
SEPTEMBER 24**

Suggested monthly
donation: Dry Beans

*97 pounds of food were
collected during July for
Loudoun Hunger Relief!*

RISE AGAINST HUNGER PACKING EVENT SAT, SEPT 23

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.

Volunteers age 5 and older are needed to help pack 10,000 meals in two hours. Many hands make light work for this fun service opportunity. [Click to sign up!](#)



Neighborhood Learning Center

2023 Summer in Review:

- ☀ 16 Water Days
- ☀ 33 Field Trips
- ☀ 44 Campers
- ☀ 124 Camp T-Shirts
- ☀ 136 Sunscreen Permission Forms
- ☀ 1,026 Cups of Ice Cream



Children & Youth

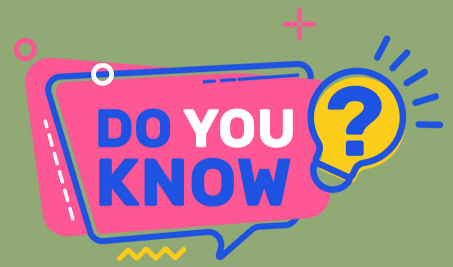


CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Children's classes ages 4 through 5th grade, and our Middle/High School class start at 9 am Sunday mornings!

Children's Church will be returning during service for PreK-2nd grade only. Children 3rd grade and older are invited to stay in worship.

We are starting off our Sunday School year with Following Jesus. Come and see what it's about!



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!

DO YOU HAVE A LITTLE TIME TO HELP WITH AN OFFICE TASK?

We need someone to spend a couple of hours scanning some documents from physical handouts to electronic format.

Volunteer whenever is convenient for you, and use the copier in the office. Let Kirsten Shields know if you can help!

kirsten.shields@standrew-pres.org

POOL PARTY

**SUNDAY,
SEPT 17,
3-5 PM**

Gather at the Gillespie's house for a pool party!!

MINIS & YOUTH

Property

Do you know how to....

- Change a light bulb?
- Change an air filter in an air handler?
- Replace a door stop?
- Pull weeds?
- Sweep stairs?

ALL skill levels are needed to help keep our facility running smoothly. Our building is a gift. It is a place where we come to worship God, study His word, help those in need, and fellowship with one another.

Please speak with Josh Shields if you are able to help with a one-time task, if you want to adopt a flower bed, or if you have a specific skill set (painting, dry wall, pulling cable, simple plumbing like running toilets, etc.). THANK YOU!!

property@standrew-pres.org

Worship

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



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Deacons

Do you have a prayer request? Need a meal for your family because of illness? These are two of the many ways the St. Andrew Deacons support our congregation.

Please email the Deacons if you are able to:

- **Be a greeter on a Sunday morning!** From 9:30-10:05 am you greet church visitors and hand out bulletins.
- **Be a member of the Congregational Care Meal Train Team!** This group is on-call when someone in the congregation needs meals to help them through a challenging time.

Your Deacons: Evan Read, Katie Dunnigan, Katie Schwieger, Kim Peele, Mitch Seipt, Pat Quinn, Robin Laybourne, Marie Cahoon (Co-Chair), Sarah Sassak (Co-Chair)

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.



fellowship@standrew-pres.org

Did you know?

- September is the only month with the same number of letters in its name as the number of the month (9). (Bet you're checking!)
- A full moon in September is called Corn Moon. Why Corn Moon? Because it traditionally coincides with the time of the year when corn is harvested in North America. The names of the full moons were originally used by Native American tribes to keep track of the seasons and were later adopted by colonial Americans.

**Your mom
before
church**

**Your mom
when you
arrive at
church**

