

# St Andrew Presbyterian Church

# LOAVES + FISHES

## March 2024



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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### Easter Tulips



To provide **tulips** for our Easter Sunday services, please sign up on the form located in the church foyer or email Nancy Gilmore at [nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org](mailto:nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org).



Tulips are **\$10.00** each, **available** in **various colors**, and are yours to take home after the last Easter Sunday service.



Pay online or make checks out to St. Andrew with the memo "Easter Flowers" and place in the collection plate, or mail to St. Andrew (711 West Main Street, Purcellville, VA 20132).

*If you have any questions, please call or [email Nancy Gilmore \(540-454-3219\)](mailto:nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org).*

### Easter Sunday



March 31st  
Services at

**6:30 & 10:00am**

*Egg Hunt at 11:00am*

**Our very own  
Neighborhood Learning  
Center is up for  
Best of Loudoun again!  
Please vote every day  
in both categories:  
Preschool & Childcare,  
so the NLC can make it  
all the way to the top in 2024!  
Click here to go right to voting:  
[loudountimes.com](http://loudountimes.com)**

**LET'S PUT THE NLC ON TOP!**



# March Calendar

## -----Lenten Small Groups Continue-----

Sun 3	10am	Worship service with communion*
	5-8pm	Minis & Youth Group (Minis 5-6, Dinner for all 6-6:30, Youth 6:30-8)
Thurs 7	7pm	Deacon meeting
Sun 10	11am	Committee meetings*
Mon 11	10am	Bible Bunch
Thurs 14	6:30pm	PNC meeting
Sun 17	11am	Session meeting
	5-8pm	Minis & Youth Group
Thurs 21	6:30/7pm	PNC/NLC Board meeting
<b>FRI 22</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>
Sun 24	10am	FOOD ON THE FOURTH

-----Mon 25to Fri 29-----LCPS Spring Break-----

<b>Thurs 28</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday Service*</b>
		PNC meeting
Fri 29	all day	NLC closed for Good Friday
Sat 30	7:30pm	Book Club

## -----Lenten Small Groups End-----

<b>SUN 31</b>	<b>6:30am</b>	<b>Sunrise Easter Service</b>
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Easter Service*</b>
	<b>11am</b>	<b>Egg Hunt</b>

\*child care is available infant-3 years old

**EVERY SUNDAY  
(except 3/31)**  
9-9:45am  
Church School\*  
for adults & youth  
10:00am  
Worship Service

**EVERY  
WEDNESDAY**  
6:45pm  
Choir Rehearsal  
8:00pm  
Bell Choir Rehearsal

## Lenten Small Groups Continue.....

Lent is a season of slowing down & taking time to examine our internal spiritual lives as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**You are invited to join a small group to gather weekly for one hour to share & learn with other disciples of Christ. *Prior attendance is not required & you have no catching up to do!* Join in the discussion of the book Interrupting Silence: God's Command to Speak Out, written by Walter Brueggemann, which illustrates that silence is a complex matter. The Bible is filled with stories where marginalized people break repressive silence & speak against it; we should examine situations in our own lives where we need to either interrupt silence or be part of the problem. Books are \$10.50 via check payable to Ally Fetch.**

Email [ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com](mailto:ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com) for group times & locations

**SHORT ON TIME AND/OR BRAIN  
POWER? HELP US OUT WITH THESE  
ONE-TIME NEEDS!  
ONE + DONE!**



#### **CUSTODIAL SUPPLY SOURCING**

Quite a bit of our budget goes towards custodial supplies - paper products, trash bags, cleaning supplies, etc. Help is needed finding a new vendor with friendlier prices. [laura.westfall@standrew-pres.org](mailto:laura.westfall@standrew-pres.org).

#### **WEBSITE REDESIGN INPUT**

Do you have a marketing background? Help us generate ideas for redesigning our website! [deborah.hill@standrew-pres.org](mailto:deborah.hill@standrew-pres.org).

#### **OFFICE MAILBOX FACELIFT**

We know you've seen the office mailboxes... they're from circa 1975. They desperately need a facelift - removal of current name plates, painting the whole unit, and maybe something more creative if you're inspired? [laura.westfall@standrew-pres.org](mailto:laura.westfall@standrew-pres.org).

#### **COPIER CONTRACT RENEGOTIATION**

If you have experience with office supplies and/or negotiating contracts, please help us renegotiate our annual copier contract. This is a place we can recognize some savings! [josh.shields@standrew-pres.org](mailto:josh.shields@standrew-pres.org).

#### **CABINET REPAIR**

The cabinets in the office have a few doors in need of repair. [josh.shields@standrew-pres.org](mailto:josh.shields@standrew-pres.org).



## *Session*

#### **Your Elders are:**

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

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

## *Finance*

**Financial reports are available  
on the bulletin board in  
Fellowship Hall**

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

Looking for  
your time to  
shine?

HERE IT IS!

There is a private Facebook Group called  
"St Andrew Presbyterian Church Families"  
Where TONS of photos & fun stuff is shared!  
Request to join!

### PROPERTY HELPERS

If you are handy with things around the house, or even if you're not, please help us keep with our building upkeep! One-time tasks, scheduled tasks, and committee membership needed!

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

### YOUTH GROUP

Click to sign up and feed these hungry kids!

- [Donuts for Sunday morning Bible Study](#)
- [Youth Group Dinners](#)
- [Youth Group Parent Volunteers](#)

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

### CHILDREN'S LESSONS

A few more adults are needed to help lead Sunday children's lessons during the church service. Sign up to help one Sunday and see how you like it, and then think about committing for a monthly rotation!

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

### MEAL TRAIN MEMBERS

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.

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

### ADULT STUDY LEADERS

Leaders for the Sunday morning Bible Study are needed. We provide everything you need!

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

### SUNDAY GREETERS

Can you smile? You can greet! From 9:30 - 10:05 am you greet church visitors and hand out bulletins. [deacons@standrew-pres.org](mailto:deacons@standrew-pres.org)

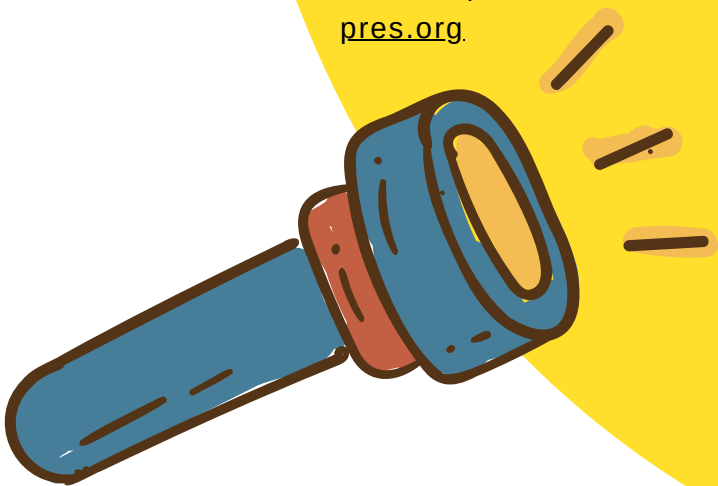
### FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

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. Sign up on the flower chart in the Narthex, or email [nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org](mailto:nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org)

### HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up to provide Coffee/Fellowship Hour snacks and coffee! See the Fellowship bulletin board near the kitchen to choose a week. [fellowship@standrew-pres.org](mailto:fellowship@standrew-pres.org)

Submissions for the newsletter are due by **Friday, March 22** [newsletter@standrew-pres.org](mailto:newsletter@standrew-pres.org)



# Pastor Nominating Committee



Remember those *PNC Candles* that show the progress of your Pastor Nominating Committee? Well, we on the PNC are learning that this process is anything but linear. At any given time we are reviewing applications while setting up/conducting interviews, and soon we may simultaneously be checking references and/or visiting applicants in person. So if every candle is a different color sometime in the future, don't fret! Just know we are working diligently to discern God's choice for the future of St Andrew, and although we do laugh a lot as a group, we take our responsibility very seriously.

*Sincerely, co-chairs Evan Read & Leslie Dragon, Amber Gillispie, Deborah Hill, Kirsten Shields, Maria Burel, and Marie Cahoon*

## **Candle colors:**

**Blue - reviewing applications**

**Green - interviews underway**

**Orange - visiting applicants**

**Red - preliminary decision made**

**Constantly changing colors means the Terms of Call are being negotiated**



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

# Bible Bunch

**2ND MONDAYS 10:00 AM  
IN YOUTH LOUNGE**

The Bible Bunch is 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.

**[nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org](mailto:nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org)**

# Property

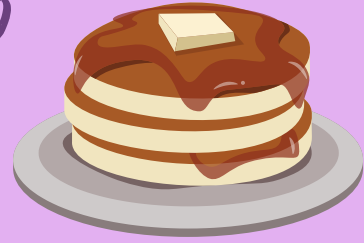
**Don't you just LOVE the new color of our entryway?  
A big THANK YOU to all the painters who gave us a refresh:**

- Marj Diehl
- Cindy Fike
- Ally Fetch





# Deacons & Fellowship



## TEAMED UP FOR OUR ASH WEDNESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Everything our Fellowship Committee does provides fun and important times to visit with our siblings in Christ! If you want to get in on this action, even if just to provide snacks after worship, there is a signup sheet located on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Or email:

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



When they are not cooking or serving pancakes and bacon, St Andrew's deacons are charged with caring for our church community. Please reach out if you or someone you know needs meals, help with errands, rides, or simply prayers.

**YOUR DEACONS ARE:**

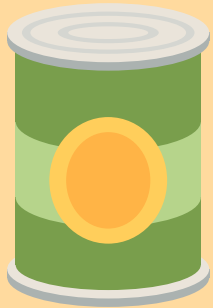
Evan Read, Katie Dunnigan, Katie Schwieger, Kim Peele, Mitch Seipt, Pat Quinn, Robin Laybourne, Marie Cahoon (Co-Chair), Sarah Sassak (Co-Chair)

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



# Plastic Bag Recycling Project

The Mission Committee is off to a great start with your help with our plastics collection towards a Trex bench for the church. The first three bags have been weighed and **we collected 64 pounds so far** towards our goal of 1000 pounds! So keep filling up those bins with clean plastic grocery bags, bread bags, Amazon bags, bubble wrap, and shrink wrap from cases of food and drink. See the signs by the bins in the entryway and Fellowship Hall for the complete list of what can be recycled. If you would like to volunteer to help weigh, photograph, and deliver bags at the store for this project, please contact Ally at [ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com](mailto:ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com).



**135 pounds of food were collected for Loudoun Hunger Relief in January! Say tuned for the results of our "Souper Bowl"!**

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



**Have you heard of the Emmys? At St Andrew we have the "Andys", created by the Deacons especially for our behind-the-scenes AV crew!**

## Envelope please..... and the Andy goes to....

For calmest under pressure when contacted about internet connection problems: **Kevin Burel**

For best backup team member: **Josh Shields**

For most likely to have bedhead while mixing audio: **Nathan Gillispie**

For best sound design, re-design, re-re-design, and general jack of all trades: **Daniel Gillispie**

For best in-sanctuary video mixing: **Amber Gillispie**

For best at completing a lap around the sanctuary while greeting everyone: **Tom Hill**

For best audio mixer with fun Sunday School stories: **Mitch Seipt**

For best at keeping in touch via text about any absences: **James Laybourne**

Tied in the Best Hair Dye category: **Nathan and James**

# Discipleship

March's theme continues with "Practice Spiritual Disciplines" and runs until Easter.



Please join us from 9:00-9:45 Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall as we dive into Scripture and learn from God's word and from one another.

**All are welcome, and each Sunday is a standalone lesson, so no worries if you haven't been able to attend before!**

- Mar 3** **Spiritual Discipline Three: Listen to God**  
1 Samuel 3:1-11, Mark 1:35-39. Bringing into focus an invitation from Jesus to converse with him, rather than view prayer solely as an opportunity to tell God things and ask God for help.
- Mar 10** **Spiritual Discipline Four: Embrace Simplicity**  
Matthew 6:19-21, Philippians 4:11-12. Creating space for the kind of transformative encounter with God that all our spiritual practices hope to enable.
- Mar 17** **Spiritual Discipline Five: Unplug**  
Genesis 2:1-3, Mark 6:30-34. Looking at ways Jesus unplugged from everyday distractions and from crowds so we are more able to see where God is active, blessing us and leading us through our daily lives.
- Mar 24** **Spiritual Discipline Six: Try Different Practices**  
Isaiah 43:19, Hebrews 4:15-16. Digging deeper to remove the dry sand covering the well and hear God's voice that is always there.

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## Youth

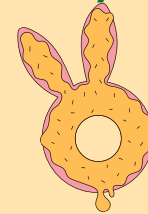
### SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH STUDY 9AM

Come join us and learn about the Bible and what it means to live a Christian life as a teen/tween in today's world.

### YOUTH GROUP GATHERINGS

In-house faith & fun: **Sun Mar 3 & Sun Mar 17**

Minis 5-6, Dinner for all 6-6:30, Youth 6:30-8



**PLUS DONUTS**

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## Children

### SUNDAY CHILDREN'S SCHOOL DURING THE SERVICE

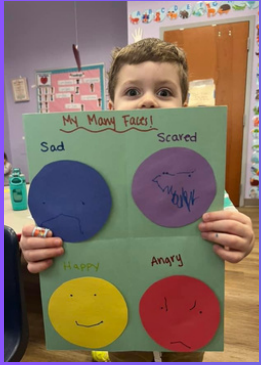
We have listened to your preferences and needs, and **Children's Church School has returned to the worship hour.** Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited every Sunday morning to hear Bible stories, do crafts, play games, and of course...have FUN!!

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





# The Neighborhood Learning Center



Learning about feelings



Valentine's Day Parties



Ms Val and her little Birds



Ms Taylor being silly with the Bunnies



Learning about tooth care with a visit from the Tooth Fairy

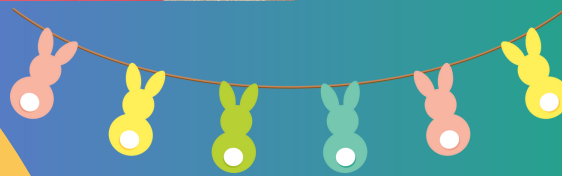


## THIS MONTH AT THE NLC...

- Every Tuesday** - Chapel w/ RevBev
- Every Thursday** - Music w/ Ms. Elizabeth

### Some special days this month:

- Mar 5: School-Age PJ Day (LCPS closed)
- Mar 6: Cat in the Hat Day with Grandpa George
- Mar 15: Everything GREEN Day
- Mar 25-28: Spring Break Camp for School Age
- Mar 26 & 27: School-Age Field Trips
- Mar 28: Class Easter Parties
- Mar 29: CLOSED for Good Friday



Staff Training Day:  
Team Building &  
Active Indoor Play Ideas  
(for bad weather days)





## 4TH SATURDAYS 7:30 PM AT 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.

- Mar 23**      **Kantika by Elizabeth Graver**
- Apr 27**      **The House of Doors By TanTwan Eng**
- May 25**      **First By Evan Thomas**
- June 22**      **The Women by Kristin Hannah**
- July 27**      **The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende**
- Aug 24**      **Sunflowers by Marta Molnar**
- Sept 28**      **Carville's Care by Pam Fessler**



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

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## Did you know?

- St Patrick's name was actually Maewin Succat, and he was from Wales, not Ireland. At the age of 16 he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. He tended sheep there for 6 years until he escaped back home. After becoming a priest and taking the name Patricius, he returned to Ireland and established the Christian church there.
- Like Christmas, Easter has roots in both Christianity and ancient pagan culture. Though it is mostly considered a religious holiday, many of our modern traditions are rooted in pre-Christian practices. Easter actually originated as an ancient pagan celebration of the spring equinox.

