

St Andrew Presbyterian Church

LOAVES + FISHES

May 2024

Hello NLC & SAPC Communities,

The St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Pastor Nominating Committee continues to diligently work through the discernment experience. As we recently passed the one-year anniversary of the date we started, you may be wondering if there is an end in sight.

While we continue to move forward in our discernment, we can share some details that we hope will provide some helpful context around our work. To date, we have reviewed nearly 120 resumes, out of which we invited seven candidates for further consideration. Of the five of whom accepted our invitation, we have narrowed the field of candidates to two finalists. We have hosted both for in-person visits which consisted of tours of Loudoun County, the church, and NLC, as well as several group meetings. Our conversations were fruitful, frank, and fulfilling.

While we need to continue to maintain a level of confidentiality about the candidates, we can share that both are well suited to lead and support SAPC into its next chapter. They have a keen grasp of what it means to be a solo pastor at a church like ours, extensive background working in Christian education and youth ministry, a nuanced understanding of the relationship between a church and its childcare center, a brilliant perspective in making the Gospel more accessible in a modern-age, and a collaborative and inclusive leadership style.

With the visits completed, our next step is to debrief and discuss which candidate we think and feel God is calling to SAPC. As you might imagine this will continue to take some time as we work through the many aspects of each candidate, spend time in thoughtful prayer and reflection, and offer the official call.

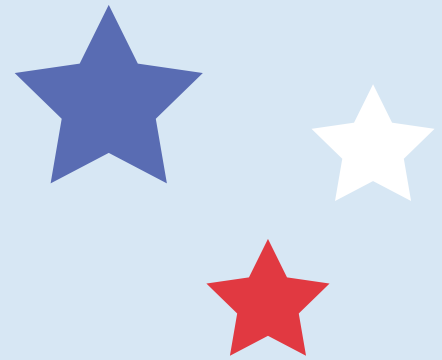
Your continued support, love, and prayer is deeply appreciated.



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May Calendar



-----**Mon 6- Fri 10** ----- **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Tues 7	6:30p	PNC meeting
Weds 8	7/8p	Choir/Bell practice
Sun 12	9a	Sunday School for youth*
		Coffee & Conversation for adults*
	10a	Worship service with Communion
	11a	Committee meetings*
Mon 13	10a	Bible Bunch
Weds 15	7/8p	Choir/Bell practice
Thurs 16	6:30p	NLC Board meeting/PNC meeting
Fri 17	4:30p	NLC Pre-K Graduation
	5-6:30p	NLC Family Picnic
Sun 19	9a	Sunday school for youth*
		Coffee & Conversation for adults*
	10a	Worship service
	11a	Session meeting*
	5p	Minis (4th & 5th grade)
	6p	Dinner for Minis & Youth
	7p	MS/HS Youth Group
Weds 22	7p	Choir practice
Thurs 23	6:30p	PNC meeting
Fri 24	5p	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Sat 25	7:30p	Book Club
Sun 26	9a	Sunday School for youth*
		Coffee & Conversation for adults*
	10a	Worship service
Mon 27	all day	NLC & church office closed for Memorial Day
Thurs 30	6p	PNC meeting



**child care is available infant-3 years old*

Mission

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

Vision

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



\$870 was sent to Presbytery for One Great Hour of Sharing. The next special offering is for Pentecost. Collection dates are May 19, 26, and June 2. 40% stays local, 60% goes to Presbytery. Mission is looking into the non-profit "Upside Down Moments" to receive the local funds.

Mission



A luncheon is planned for the NLC during Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you notes written during Serve Sunday will also be distributed.



A successful Serve Sunday:

- 50 Kitchen Kits were assembled and delivered to Loudoun Hunger Relief
- School supplies were sorted at Mobile Hope
- Repairs and maintenance were done on the Chapman DeMary Trail.

There are more giveaways in the St Andrew entryway! This time there are Lyme Disease and Tick Awareness Kits, courtesy of the Loudoun County Health Department. They are the green bags in the basket by the Health Department brochures. Inside each bag are tick removal kits (sized to fit in a backpack or travel case), info on how to carefully remove a tick, and a set of small tweezers. Good for a hiking trip!

There is also Lyme Disease prevention information - what to look for on your skin and when to see the doctor - as well as a brochure of "Ticks and Mosquitoes Fast Facts".



LOOK



ONGOING NEEDS

SUNDAY GREETERS

From 9:30 - 10:05 am: greet church visitors and hand out bulletins. deacons@standrew-pres.org

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Provide flowers for a worship service: 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

CHILDREN'S LESSONS

Help lead Sunday children's lessons during the church service: Sign up to help one Sunday, see how you like it, then think about committing for a monthly rotation. sarah.sassak@standrew-pres.org

PROPERTY HELPERS

Help us with our building upkeep and look good for prospective pastors: One-time tasks, scheduled tasks, and committee membership needed property@standrew-pres.org

HOST A COFFEE HOUR

Provide snacks after a worship service: sign up on the bulletin board near the kitchen or email fellowship@standrew-pres.org

YOUTH GROUP

Help provide food for: Sunday morning Bible Study, Youth Group dinners, and/or parent volunteers clark.seipt@standrew-pres.org



ONE-AND-DONE OPPORTUNITIES

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

WEBSITE REDESIGN INPUT

Do you have a marketing background? Help us generate ideas for redesigning our website! deborah.hill@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

Finance

Please consider making a one-time \$50/household member Per Capita donation

What is Per Capita? Per Capita is the designated dollar amount that is asked of each member of the Presbytery Church (USA) as a yearly voluntary contribution. Per Capita is collected by the Presbyteries.

What does Per Capita pay for? Per Capita is used to pay for the essential administrative operation of the three governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA): Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly.

Why am I being asked to pay instead of St. Andrew's general fund?

After paying for the building and our staff, this \$8,500 annual bill is St. Andrew's single largest expense. In order to help us continue to fund mission, celebrations, and everything else that happens at the church without having to draw on savings, members are requested to pay their own per capita.

What does the NCP Per Capita pay?

Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Committee on Ministry, presbytery resources, presbytery operations and personnel expenses (see operating budget for more detail). NOTE: All of the support and guidance we receive as we search for a new pastor is paid for by funds ultimately received through Per Capita.

I want to help - how do I pay my Per Capita? Just like any other donation, you can write a check with "Per Capita" in the memo line, or you can make an online donation and specify "Per Capita as the memo/designation.

finance@standrew-pres.org

Thank you

Year-To-Date (YTD) through March 2024

Actual total income:	\$154,928.76
Actual Expenses:	(\$130,804.88)
Net income:	\$24,123.88



Book Club

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

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.

4TH SATURDAYS 7:30 PM AT MEMBERS' HOMES

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PET FOOD BAGS

OR THESE

- ✗ Degradable/compostable bags or film packaging
- ✗ Pre-washed salad mix bags
- ✗ Hot dog or meat wrap packaging
- ✗ Six-pack rings
- ✗ PPE- Gloves, masks, or protective wear
- ✗ Pool covers
- ✗ Lamination film
- ✗ Silage and hay bags
- ✗ Vinyl shower curtains or tablecloths
- ✗ Bedding or linen packaging
- ✗ Shiny, crinkly films like floral wrap
- ✗ Backyard ice rinks

DON'T SEE YOUR ITEM ON THE LIST?

Try these tests to see if your plastic is acceptable or not.

See if the package will stretch when you pull it. If yes, it can be included. If it tears like paper, then please don't put in the bin.

Is the package shiny or does it make a crinkly/crunchy sound in your hand? If yes, do NOT recycle in the NextTrex® bin.

Plastic Bag Recycling Project

WHAT TO BRING:



FROM THE GROCERY STORE

- ✓ Produce & bread bags
- ✓ Grocery bags
- ✓ Cereal box
- ✓ Ice bags



FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Case overwrap



FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Drycleaning bags
- ✓ Plastic shopping bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap

195 pounds of plastic collected to date!

To help weigh, photograph, and deliver bags for this project, please contact Ally at ally.fetch@tnlcenter.com.

Fellowship

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



Deacons

If you or someone you know needs meals, help with errands, rides, or simply prayers, please reach out to:

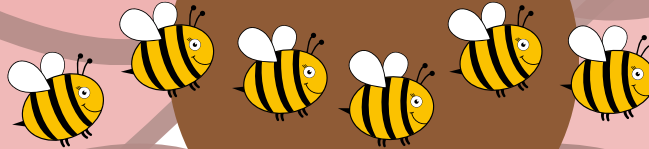
Evan Read, Katie Dunnigan, Katie Schwieger, Kim Peele, Mitch Seipt, Pat Quinn, Robin Laybourne, Marie Cahoon (Co-Chair), Sarah Sassak (Co-Chair)

deacons@standrew-pres.org

Submissions for the newsletter are due by

Friday, May 24

newsletter@standrew-pres.org



There is a private Facebook group called "St Andrew Presbyterian Church Families" where TONS of fun stuff and photos are shared!

Session

Ally Fetch,
Discipleship

Daniel Gillispie,
Finance

Stephen Fike,
Treasurer

Deborah Hill,
Communications

Josh Shields,
Property

Lillian Brewer,
Worship

Marcia Owens,
Clerk of Session

Kyle Hottinger

session@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

Adult

Who wants to go see a movie?

Let's avoid some of the summer heat and head to the movies! If we have enough interest, we can get group tickets. After the film is over, we can grab a soda and have a casual discussion about what we watched - or just hang out! A few movies in the running this summer: Kinds of Kindness, Horizon: An American Saga, Possum Trot, and Project Artemis. Let Ally know if you're interested!

Discipleship

Sunday Mornings

Grab a seat and let's enjoy Coffee and Conversation!
9-9:45 am

Children

SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE SERVICE

Ages 4 through 5th grade are invited every Sunday morning during the worship service, after the Children's Time, to go downstairs and hear Bible stories, do crafts, play games, and of course...have FUN!! sarah.sassak@standrew-pres.org

Youth

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH STUDY 9AM: WITH DONUTS

YOUTH GROUP: Sun May 5 & Sun May 19
Minis 5-6p, dinner for all 6-6:30p, Youth 6:30-8p

clark.seipt@standrew-pres.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 24-28, 6-8 PM

The VBS team this year is led by Laura Westfall, Clark Seipt, Marcia Owens, and Sarah Sassak. They have been meeting and planning and getting hyped about an A-MAZING VBS!!

Committees are being asked to sign up to provide dinner one evening that week. Let Laura know which night you prefer and what type of food you would like to provide so we can make sure there's not too much duplication.

Email laura.westfall@standrew-pres.org if you want to **volunteer** to help lead a rotation, assist with decorating, or help where needed - we **CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!!**



The Neighborhood Learning Center



Soccer Stars!



Practicing holding pencils with new pencil grippers

THIS MONTH AT THE NLC...

Every Tuesday - Chapel w/ Grandpa George

- Some special days this month:
- May 1: Pre-K Graduation Photos
- May 6-10: Teacher Appreciation Week!
- May 13: Pre-K Field Trip to Wegmeyer Farms
- May 17: Pre-K Graduation at 4:30pm, ALL-SCHOOL PICNIC 5-6:30PM
- May 27: NLC closed for Memorial Day

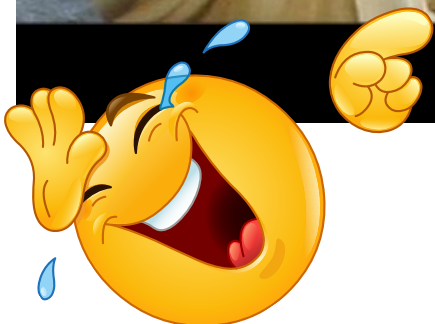
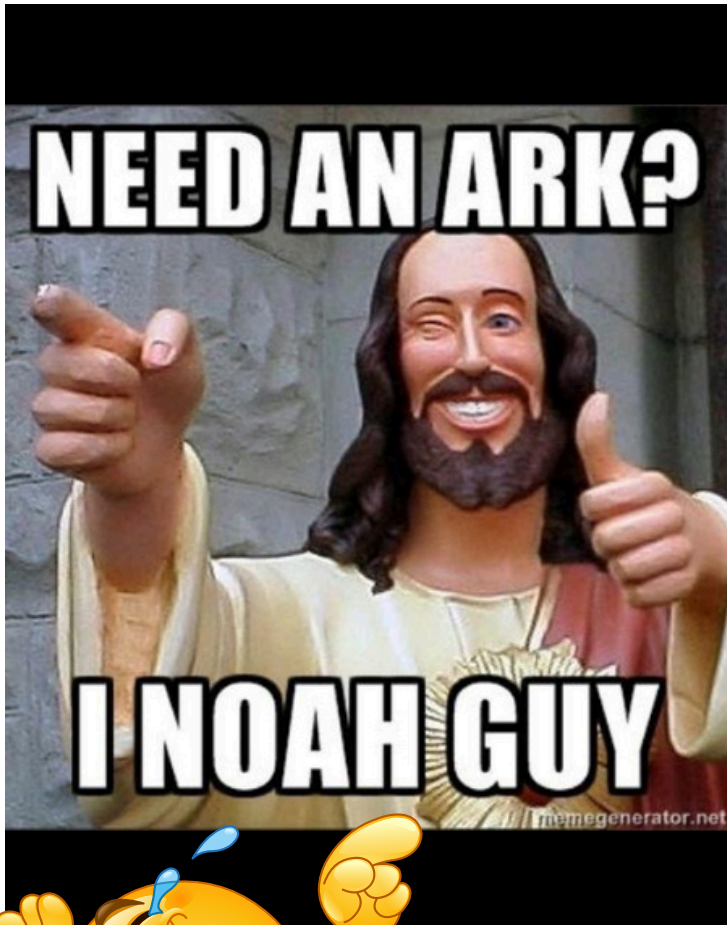
Extracurriculars:
Wee Little Arts
Soccer Stars
Mercier School of Dance



School-agers catching the partial eclipse!

An NLC parent has had a new idea:

Now that Covid is (mostly) in the rear view mirror, she would like to know if any parents are interested in getting together on the regular - maybe a weekly coffee, or a Bible study? Perhaps hanging out in the Fellowship Hall at St Andrew after drop-off or before pick-up? Or maybe somewhere local, like Petit LouLou or Doppio Bunny? It can be whatever you make it! Send your thoughts and ideas to Deborah.hill@tnlcenter.com to coordinate with interested NLC staff and parents.



Did you know?

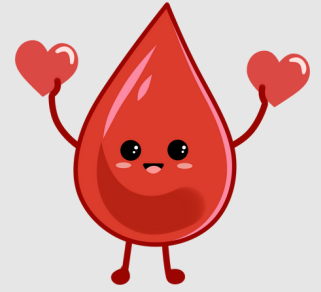
- On Armed Forces Day we celebrate the men & women currently serving in the armed forces.
- On Memorial Day, we remember those who have lost their lives in the service of our country.
- To celebrate those who have served but are no longer military members, you have to wait until Veteran's Day on November 11th.



Have you ever thought of donating blood?

Did you know:

- Every 2 seconds someone in the US needs blood and or platelets.
- Blood and platelets cannot be manufactured, they can only come from volunteer donors.
- One donation can save more than one life.
- Only about 3% of age eligible donors donate blood yearly.



What is needed?

Approximately 29,000 units of red blood cells are needed each day in the US.
Nearly 5,000 units of platelets and 6,500 of plasma are needed each day.

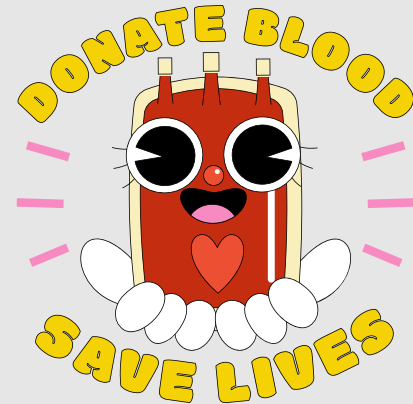
Who needs blood, platelets and plasma?

People who have:

- Been in an accident leading to severe injury or burns
- Are undergoing cancer treatment
- Have a chronic illness, such as Sickle Cell Disease

Who may donate blood?

- People over the age of 16 and weigh at least 110 pounds
- 16-year-olds with parental consent
- Adults in general good health with no untreated medical conditions
- Most medications, prescription or over-the-counter, are not disqualifying, although there are drugs that do permanently or temporarily disqualify, such as blood thinners, HIV preventative or treatment medications. A comprehensive list is available on the American Red Cross blood donation website.
- Donations may be given every 56 days



Who may donate platelets?

- People over 16 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds
- 16 year olds require parental consent
- General good health with no untreated medical conditions
- Donations may be given every 7 days

How long does it take to donate?

Whole blood: the visit takes about 1 hour, the actual collection only 8 – 10 minutes

Platelets: the visit takes about 2 + hours, the actual collection about 90 minutes to 2 hours

Where can I donate?

- Red Cross schedules whole blood donation sites frequently in our area.
- Dates and times can be found at: <https://www.redcrossblood.org>
- Red Cross has a platelet donation site in Frederick Md, their dates and times are available by calling 800-733-2767
- INOVA LOUDOUN donation schedules can be found at: <https://www.novablood.org/donateblood>
- there is a donor site at: 45745 Nokes Blvd. # 160, Sterling, VA phone: 866-256-6372
- Children's National Hospital, Washington, DC: To schedule, call 202-476-5347



Thanks to Marjorie Diehl for all this info



