

From the Pastor ...Rev. Dr. Darryl Goldman



Join us for our Kirkin' O' the Tartan service on October 29!

This year marks the 500th anniversary of one of the most important events in history, the Protestant Reformation. 500 years ago a professor nailed 95 theses to the Wittenberg, Germany, church door, and by that single act, changed the world.

He changed the way we worship. Luther made Christianity a faith about the living by doing away with purgatory. Before Luther, Christians used to spend a lot of their time, a lot of effort and sometimes a lot of their money, on masses for the dead, to get their relatives released from purgatory.

Soon, French theologian John Calvin got interested in Luther's work. Calvin's Reformation zeal (temperament?) got him in trouble with the French Church and he ran for his life to Switzerland. It was there that a Scottish fellow, named John Knox, went to study under Calvin and returned to Scotland where he sparked the Reformation there.

Presbyterian churches derive their name from the Presbyterian form of church government which is governed by representative assemblies of elders. Most Reformed churches are organized this way, but the word Presbyterian, when capitalized, is often applied uniquely to churches that trace their roots to the Scottish and English Presbyterians. Eventually, the Presbyterian Church became synonymous with "The "Kirk" (Church) of Scotland", and remains the national Church of Scotland.

At St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, we combine our Reformation Sunday Celebration with a Kirkin' O' the Tartan Service. What is The Kirkin' of the Tartans? It simply means: Kirkin', from the Scots' word kirk which means church, in this usage it means "blessing." Tartans are the traditional plaid emblems of Scottish clans represented in unevenly spaced colored lines and rectangles on woven wool cloth.

Worshippers gathered over 65 years ago on Sunday evening, April 27, 1941, in Washington, D.C., at a special service led by Peter Marshall, famed pastor (1935 - 1949) of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Attended by members of the St. Andrew Society of Washington, D.C., the 1941 service had Scottish airs (tunes) as a prelude to the service.

Designed to raise funds, this Kirkin' service sought to aid Scottish churches during the early days of World War II, as well as the British war effort, by providing a mobile kitchen. This initial, simple Kirkin' service later evolved into what is today the Kirkin' o' the Tartan held in many American churches.

In some churches persons with Scottish heritage call out their family names but today, we mainly bless all the families of the church while remembering our colorful heritage.

For our 500th Anniversary celebration, we will be commemorating our rich church heritage with the pastors and congregations from First Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian churches, special music, a bagpiper, and Scottish Earl, Mr. J.K. Huggs in full Scottish uniform.

Come join us and bring a friend!



Hank Livingston 10/5
Joyce Boyd 10/8
Cheryl Ellerbe 10/12
Lee Zeiher 10/15
Leslie Matthews 10/21
Barbara Wyle 10/27
Dave Ellerbe 10/28
Kay Hilleary 10/28

Hank & Linda Livingston 10/5

Page Turners will continue reading Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance for October to give everyone a chance to read it. Discussion questions will be emailed shortly. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. In the library.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY FEED THE NEED SCHOOL BACKPACKS



To continue with our theme of **Helping Children at Risk**, your Mission Ministry Team is going to be partnering with several churches in the community to provide food through the City-Wide Backpack Food Program again. This is for children who may not otherwise have enough to eat over the weekend. A plastic bag is filled with food and the school puts these bags in their backpack each Friday. If you prefer, we will gladly accept monetary donations. Leave your check in the envelope provided or bring cash to the office during the week.

We are excited to continue this mission again and need your support and continued prayers. Thank you to everyone who helped last year feed the need in our schools--you did a great job!

Food Suggestions:

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| instant oatmeal | individual cereal boxes |
| cereal/granola Bars | Pop Tarts |
| Ramen Noodles | canned soups |
| canned dinners (spaghetti, chili, stew) | boxed dinners |
| canned or pouches of tuna or chicken | microwave Mac 'n cheese |
| Individual packaged snack crackers | small boxes of raisins |
| microwave popcorn | individual pkg. fruits |
| fruit roll-ups/snack packs | |

Everything must be non-perishable. Packing date Oct. 18 at 5:30p.

Picnic Fun at Rhodes Ferry Park on September 10





You don't want to miss these Christian novels!

The Artisan's Wife by Judith Miller. This is the story of a woman struggling to manage a family tile business in 1876. While her brother intends to help her learn the ropes, she secretly wants to sell the business. Her plans take a rough road over the years. Does she have what it takes to take risks?

The beauty of forgiveness and new beginnings comes to light in a West Virginia town with hidden depths.

A Conspiracy of Ravens, A Lady Trent Mystery by Gilbert Morris. Lady Serafina Trent's sleuthing skills are put to the test in a Victorian mystery about dysfunctional families, mischief, murder, and who is heir to a sizable estate. Very fast moving and will keep you on your toes!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew will meet on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 PM in the church fellowship hall. Our Bible study is "In Community with the Living God," led by Nelda Gilbert and Linda Grissom will be the hostess. All ladies are invited. Please join us.



Weekly Wednesday Activities

- 6:00 pm Potluck Supper**
- 6:30 pm Classes for ALL ages**
- 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal**



Dear St. Andrew Family,

Thank you so much for sending mother the beautiful birthday cards. You helped to make her 100th even more special! She keeps the cards in a box beside her chair, and I see her looking at them throughout the day. What a treat for her!

Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

*Anita Hamblen 100 Years Young
September 11, 2017*

Betty Matthews

Peacemaker Guest

Potluck Supper at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 PM

We will have Paola Schellenbaum with us on Wednesday, October 4, who is one of this year's international peacemakers. Paola is a cultural anthropologist, trained in Italy and the United States. A member of the Waldensian Methodist church, she lives in Turin, Italy. She is a member of the National Commission on Families and writes for the weekly newspaper.

She will be speaking to us about her experiences working with the refugee crisis throughout the Humanitarian Corridor as people flee dangerous situations. Her church is also involved in the Mediterranean Hope Project which has welcomed over 700 refugees from Syria.

NOTE: Paola is allergic to milk and milk products so please label your dish on that Wednesday if they contain dairy. Please join us with our sister churches on October 4.

North Alabama Presbyterian Men Meeting

Monday, October 23, 6:00 PM

Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Huntsville

The North Alabama Presbyterian Men will meet for a quarterly meeting on Monday, October 23. This Meeting will be at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, 3406 Meridian St. N. Registration will start at 5:30PM with a Dinner and Program to start at 6:00PM. The Speaker will be Mr. Marvin Brangan, Moderator of the National Presbyterian Men's Council. Please make your reservation with Tom Meier or call Fellowship Presbyterian Church by Wednesday, October 18 (phone 256-539-2418).



Blessing of the Pets

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
6:00 PM

On October 18th, at 6 PM, we will be having our annual "Blessing of the Pets" event, which will take place beneath the drive-through at the front of the church. In this brief service, we witness to God's and the church's love, care and concern for creation. Bring any pet that's part of your family to this delightful event.

Since we will be eating outside and expect visitors, please bring extra **finger foods** (anything that can be eaten without utensils) to share with our guests as well as **your chairs**. Also, please bring your drinks if you want anything other than bottled water which will be furnished.



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN SERVICE
OCTOBER 29, 2017**

**Joint Sunday School with First
Presbyterian and Westminster
at 8:45 am
at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
Shortbread & Coffee at 9:30 am
10:00 Joint Worship Service
with Jim MacRae, Bagpiper**



Soup, Salad and Sandwich Lunch following the service.

Watch your Weekly each Sunday for a history of the protestant reformation and the Kirkin' O' Tartan (Blessing of the Family) and more information regarding the dinner.

CCC Needs Supplies and Volunteers

The CCC Soup Kitchen needs: #10 size canned vegetables, sugar, strawberry jelly, bleach, blue Dawn, gallon size ranch dressing, ketchup, macaroni noodles, 5 lb. grits, butter, frozen biscuits, and sausage patties.

Volunteers are needed to wash dishes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm and serve breakfast on Friday mornings.

If interested in any of these volunteer positions or if you have questions, please call Angela Ellis, CCC Soup Kitchen Director, at 256-606-5252.



Reformation Day



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion DMC* 1-4p	2 CATS to Shiloh Mili- tary Park	3 7 pm Pres. Women	4 Noon—Brown Bag Lunch 6:00p Supper 6:30p Peace- maker 7:30p Choir	5 1-4p DAR	6	7
8 1-4p DMC	9  Columbus Day	10	11 6:00p Supper 6:30p Classes 7:30p Choir	12	13	14 1-4p DMC
				Bonita on Mission Trip		
15 1-4p DMC	16	17	18 5:30p Backpack 6:00p Blessing of the Pets 7:30p Choir	19	20	21 1-4p DMC
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22 1-4p DMC	23	24 10 am Page Turners	25 6:00p Supper 6:30p Classes 7:30p Choir	26	27	28 10a-noon DMC
29  REFORMATION -Sunday- 1-4p DMC	30	31				



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OCTOBER VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE



	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/22	10/29
Liturgists	Turner Matthews	Greg Vogel	B. J. Breeding	Shelly Shull	Ceil Hydrick
Ushers	John Abbott Stu Strong John Newbill Harold Moore J. Brandon, alt.	Don Foster Turner Matthews John Shull Ed Wyle F. Webster, alt	Doug Coshow Dan Watt Bob Naumann Ceil Hydrick George Hilleary, alt.	Dave Ellerbe Harold Culbert Greg Vogel Jim Boyd, alt.	Fate Webster John Brandon George Hilleary Jim Boyd Betty Matthews
Children’s Message	None/Communion	Rev. Goldman	Ceil Hydrick	Rev. Goldman	Earl. J. K. Huggs
Nursery	Shelly Shull	Terri Morris	Barbara Wyle	Sherrie Nelson	Cheryl Ellerbe
Wednesday Host	10/4 Sweeleys	10/11 B. J. Breeding	10/18		
Communion October 1	Preparers: Linda Grissom	Communion Intinction: Turner Matthews			