

## ***From the Interim Pastor:***

### Remembering Who We Are



During this month of July, I notice that many churches in our presbytery are doing something different for the summer, going from two services to one or planning a sermon series or holding joint worship with other churches. It's summer time, and the living is easy, right? (Actually, I have never found summer time to be any easier than any other time of the year!) But in keeping with this motif, I would like to use the four Sundays of July to preach about worship and about why what we do helps us remember who we are.

Since July 7 is Communion Sunday, the focus of that worship will be on The Lord's Supper. Why is it a sacrament and how would we be different if we did not celebrate it? How does it help us remember who we are?

On July 14, the focus will be on the Prayer of Confession. Some churches prefer not to use such a prayer since it possibly makes people feel badly about themselves, but our Reformed Tradition values such a prayer because it helps us remember who, and whose, we are.

On July 21, we will look at our Affirmation of Faith. While some denominations do not feel a need for the use of Creeds and Confessions, we do. Why is that, and how does affirming our faith together each Sunday help us remember who we are?

On July 28, our focus will be on the Offertory and the Blessing and Sending that ends each worship service. We will look at how those two acts of worship are related and how, again, each one reminds us of who we are.

The world with all its noise is a busy and distracting place. It is easy to become forgetful in all the hustle and bustle and daily concerns of life. I hope these messages will be meaningful to you, and if you know someone who might be interested in hearing them, please invite them to come along.

Enjoy your summer!

Blessings,

Pastor Rosemary

*NOTE: An audio and written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at [www.standrewdecaturn.org](http://www.standrewdecaturn.org).*

### St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2019

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Barb Mouton	July 3
Addi Zeiher	July 9
George Hilleary	July 13
Ella Stephens	July 21
Betty Brandon	July 29



Turner & Betty Matthews July 18

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

#### REGISTER NOW

Saturday, July 13

9:00 am– 3:00 pm

Ages 4—12 yrs.

#### **“Roaring River Rampage”**

Our day of activities will include: live Bible stories, crafts, science projects, music, recreation and food! Our day will end with a water activity so bring a towel and change of clothes if you like.

Bring coins for our mission project: No Kid Hungry!

Bring a friend! Don't miss this fun day!



**CALLING ALL KIDS!**  
**VBS is coming**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 13**  
**9:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**AGES 4 – 12 YRS.**





**CARING HANDS MINISTRY**  
**(Shawls & Lap Blankets for Hospice)**  
**2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm**

The Caring Hands ministry meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in the church library. You don't have to know how to sew or knit to be a part of this ministry, we will teach you.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Donations for yarn, fleece material, needles, labels, etc. are appreciated. An envelope is available in the office.

**Blankets, Shawls, and Mats for the Homeless were blessed on Sunday, June 16 (photo).**

The ladies have been hard at work the past few weeks / months. The Monday group met each week during the winter to weave plastic mats for the homeless. A total of seven have been made and all but three have been distributed.

The new Caring Hands group that has been meeting the past few weeks have been very busy making shawls and lap blankets. We have made a total of 27 shawls and 13 lap blankets. Some have been distributed. These will be given to the sick, homebound, hospice patients, and those needing some encouragement during hard times.

**We'd love to have you join us each time, but if you can't, join us when you can!**

If you have any questions, please contact our compassionate leader, Barb Wyle.

(Not pictured: Fran Vogel, Jan Foster, Jackie Naumann, Donna Moore, and Bonita Smith)



**CHURCH COOKOUT!**  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 6:00 PM**  
**AT ST. ANDREW**

**The Member Care Team will furnish the hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments and drinks.**



**You need to bring toppings for burgers and hot dogs, side dishes, and dessert.**  
**(Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.)**

**After supper there will be games, both indoor and outdoor, for all. Bring your favorite board or card game, or join the youth in ping-pong, volleyball, basketball, or badminton.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 	5	6
7 Communion	8	9 10:00 AM Computer Class	10 9:00 AM VBS Walk Thru	11 1:00 PM Caring Hands	12	13  VBS 9A-3P
14	15 <div>Office Closed</div>	16	17 2:00 PM Session <div>Office Closed</div>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 6:00p Cookout 6:30p Games 7:30p Choir	25 1:00 PM Caring Hands	26	27
28	29	30	31			



## Pictures

The C.A.T.S. (Casual Adult Traveling Society) visited the Veterans' Memorial and Museum in Huntsville on Friday, June 21.



## A letter from Maranatha Camp

From Addi Zeiher:

Dear St. Andrew Congregation,

Thank you for helping pay just to give Hope and I this amazing opportunity. We had so much fun and met amazing counselors and new best friends. We loved it. We didn't want to come home!

Trust me, we had our fun. (Like me having sugar rushes and staying up in our room for hours!) We laughed, cried (I hurt myself, and we didn't wanna leave.)

Thank you, Addi

*(Barb, Chuck, and Lee enjoyed the week too! Thanks! Barb)*

## North Alabama Presbytery Meeting Summary – June 11, 2019

First Presbyterian Church (FPC) Cullman.

St. Andrew Commissioner: Ceil Hydrick

This meeting was one of the best NAP meetings I have attended. It was the right mixture of joyful worship and presbytery business. This was followed by a nice luncheon. We were done and headed home by 1:30pm.

The Rev. David Palmer and the members of Cullman FPC were gracious hosts and made sure to welcome us, serve us lunch, and guide us through the facilities.

Below are some summary items of note from the meeting:

- David Hunsicker and Alison Kling both preached sermons during the meeting. Mr. Hunsicker was approved for ordination and installation as Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. Alison Kling was approved for ordination as Stated Supply at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Huntsville.
- Mrs. Sarah Jane Nixon was certified as ready to receive a call following her completion of her M. Div. degree. She has since completed the degree and accepted a call from a church in Virginia.
- The Sa-Rang Korean fellowship was chartered by the presbytery to become a congregation in North Alabama Presbytery.
- The Executive Commission is planning church safety workshops for the fall to be held by geographical cluster.
- The Peacemaking committee will be welcoming a pastor from Russia on September 18-25. Churches are asked to provide speaking opportunities to the committee.
- Camp Maranatha is having a successful summer with about 500 kids attending. Through a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club, 100 kids received scholarships to attend.
- The Youth and Adult Ministry team reports that the Youth trip to Montreat is full for the first time in several years. They are also planning a back to school retreat for 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade for the weekend of August 9-11. The cost will be \$85 and include ropes course and waterfront activities. The theme will be "Say What? Words Matter".

A training workshop on how to be a welcoming church was presented. The following points were made:

- Websites are important and should be informative with directions, dates, times, etc.
- The first 10 minutes of a visitor's presence at your site are the most important and can determine if they will return.
- Neat landscaping and building make a good first impression.
- Appropriate signage for locating sanctuary, nursery, restrooms, etc. is important.
- Greeters should be engaging and friendly without being overbearing. A greeter ministry is important.
- A welcome center with materials and staffed by a person that can answer questions is helpful. It can be a cart on wheels that is rolled out for worship services.
- Nametags should be worn.
- A clean, safe nursery with well-trained attendants is important for families with children.
- Announcements should be shifted from insider based to visitor based. No "alphabet soup". For example, Presbyterian Women instead of PW. Instead of saying meet at Sally's house, be sure to identify Sally in the congregation and have people talk to her if they need directions, more information, etc.
- Church bulletins should be informative.

## News from the Member Care Ministry: The Shepherd and the Flock

Being an elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) requires more than simply making decisions about whether to replace a roof this year or next or manage the finances. It also requires being a shepherd, a spiritual caregiver to his/her flock that is composed of you, the church members and friends. As our Book of Order describes: *God calls the Church to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, caring for one another, sharing joys and sorrows, providing support in times of stress and need, and offering admonition, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Relying on Christ's grace and the Spirit's gifts, the church seeks to shepherd its members through times of danger and death, illness and loss, crisis and celebration, struggle and sin. Ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament have particular responsibility for the exercise of pastoral care within the community of faith.*

Because St. Andrew does not have deacons, the pastor and the elders assume the role of shepherd. They are here to provide support, care, and prayer to this particular flock, and the way this Session is doing so is by creating Shepherd Groups. Each elder has a group of 5-6 members/families under his or her care. The elders' responsibilities are to reach out to the flock, to let them know they have an elder-shepherd, and to be present when needed and as requested.

You will find the Shepherd Groups below and on the bulletin board. Please note who your shepherd is and if you do not know the person, ask the pastor to introduce you. While the pastor tries to be available to everyone, she is part-time and lives out of town, so please do not hesitate to contact your shepherd. Questions? Contact Pastor Rosemary or B.J. Breeding (Chair, Member Care).

<u>BJ Breeding 256-345-5242</u> John & Rita Abbott 256-353-2731 Marilyn Hinkle 256-773-0919 W.C. & Ceresee Sweeley 256-351-1441 Sharon Thomson 256-751-0090 Harold & Teresa Culbert 256-350-0664	<u>Turner Matthews 256-585-0174</u> Doug & Jean Coshow 256-340-1836 George Hilleary 256-353-9629 *Jane Porter 256-351-4197 Dave & Cheryl Ellerbe 256-686-0800
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## July Worship Leadership

JULY	7	14	21	28	
Liturgists	Philip Gilbert	Ceil Hydrick	Bob Naumann	Samantha Simmons	
Ushers	D. Coshov C. Ellerbe B. Naumann J. Naumann	H. Moore D. Foster T. Meier B. Mouton	G. Vogel J. Newbill S. Newbill B. Matthews	D. Foster S. Shull W.C. Sweeley C. Sweeley	
Nursery	Joan Jordan	Barb Mouton	Jackie Naumann	Barb Wyle	
Wednesday Host			July 24-Cookout Bob & Jackie		
Communion July 7	Preparer: Nellie Gates	Intinction Communion Servers: Philip Gilbert, Greg Vogel and Nellie Gates			