

From the Interim Pastor: Ready, Set, Go!



Take a deep breath because October is upon us and it's going to be a busy one. I hope each one of you can attend the following events because your presence is a gift to all of us. So, here we go:

Oct. 2 and 9: Come hear guest speakers on Wednesday night from 6-7 PM talk about keeping our brains active and our bodies healthy. Covered-dish supper at 5:30 in the fellowship hall; speakers at 6 in the sanctuary. Area churches have been invited to hear these speakers, so if you see a stranger, please welcome them to St. Andrew. If you need a ride, please let the church office know.

Oct. 6: World Communion Sunday. Prepare your hearts to receive the Lord's Supper, knowing that Christian sisters and brothers around the world are communing with you. Let ALL come to the Lord's Table!

Oct. 20: THE BIG EVENT! Come celebrate as St. Andrew marks a huge milestone: paying off the mortgage. What a sign of God's blessing and the faithfulness of so many people over the years. You will see old friends and meet some new ones. The schedule follows:

4:30 PM: Worship in the sanctuary

5:00 PM: Burning the mortgage on the church patio

Supper: Catered by Swamp John's with a choice of three entrees

Music: Mark Petty on the steel drums

Watch for your invitation and please come celebrate. If you need a ride, let us know. We don't want anyone to miss this gathering. To God be the glory!

Oct. 20 (again): Kick Off of Stewardship Season. What better occasion to plan your giving for the next year as you thank God for providing for the resources to pay off God's building. Giving is a sign of gratitude for all God has given us.

Oct. 27: Reformation Sunday. Bring earplugs, if you'd like, because the bagpipes will be returning to mark the annual remembrance of our history as Protestant Reformed Presbyterians. Shortbread will be available after Sunday School, before worship!

Oct. 27 (again): Called Congregational Meeting immediately following worship. Please stay after worship to elect new elders, new Nominating Committee members, and approve new church bylaws. Watch for information.

Our study of Paul's *Letter to the Philippians* will continue October 16 so be thankful for the love of God expressed through Jesus Christ in all circumstances and strive for the beautiful unity found in "one body and one mind" in Christ here in this community of faith.

Blessings,

Pastor Rosemary

NOTE: An audio and written copy of each week's sermon is available on the website at www.standrewdecatur.org.

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2019.....Chairperson	
Clerk of Session	Philip Gilbert
Worship	Nellie Gates
Member Care	B. J. Breeding
Education & Spiritual Formation	John Jordan
Mission	Greg Vogel
Communications & Outreach	Ceil Hydrick
Administration, Finance & Property	Turner Matthews/Ed Wyle
Building/Grounds.....	Bob Naumann
Nominating	Dan Watt
Comptroller.....	Tommy Gates



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



Hank & Linda Livingston	10/5
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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY!

5:30 PM Potluck Supper
6:00 PM Bible Study/Children's Classes
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal



From the Library Staff

Thank you for your donations. However, we have no more shelf space. We are in the process of purging and cleaning shelves. Please do not donate any more books until further notice. Free books are available on the table in the narthex.

SESSION UPDATES FROM SEPT. 18 MEETING

- 1) Membership status for St. Andrew now stands at 76 following Joanne Wheat being accepted into active church membership by letter of transfer along with Shelley Vinzant by reaffirmation of faith.
- 2) The balance on the church's mortgage is now at approximately \$8,000 after having made the August payment. The projection of paying off the mortgage in October 2019 remains on track.
- 3) The proposed church bylaws were tentatively approved by the session. The bylaws will now be submitted to the congregation for final approval at the congregational meeting scheduled for Oct. 27.
- 4) The session approved the inclusion of the Health/Weather/Safety Plan into the Policies and Procedures Manual.
- 5) An update of the PNC was received.

Committee Reports:

- Administration –We had approximately 20 to 25 members attend the CPR / Defibrillation Training given on Sept. 8 following the church service.
- Buildings & Grounds – We are prioritizing and seeking quotes for several long-term capital needs.
- Communications and Outreach –Committee tasks being performed as associated with the Mortgage Burning event and the pole hangers and banner sets will be procured that will be affixed to the light poles at each church entrance.
- Finance – Turner Matthews presented a suggested procedure for the budgeting process in developing the 2020 budget.
- Member Care – B.J. Breeding summarized the committee's actions in support of the mortgage burning event and went over the invitation list for that event.
- Mission – It was noted that Doug Marshall, President and CEO of Presbyterian Home for Children, will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 10.
- Worship Team – Several items of note were mentioned; namely, that Reformation Sunday / Kirkin' O' Tartans is scheduled for October 27th. There will be no Hanging of the Greens service this year.

Next stated meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, at 4:00 P.M.

NORTH ALABAMA MEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 5:30 Registration, 6:00 Dinner, 6:30 Meeting
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN OF DECATUR

Mark Mueller, Director of Development, The Outreach Foundation
Ladies invited too!

If you wish to attend the dinner, please contact Tom Meier.



CARING HANDS MINISTRY

(Shawls & Lap Blankets for hospice and hats for children this winter)
2nd & 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm

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

Prayers for Wholeness



Since the pastor will be out of town on the first Sunday of October, the opportunity for communal Prayers for Wholeness will be offered Sunday, Oct. 13, during worship. This is a time when those who would like to be prayed for and/or anointed with oil are invited to come forward. The congregation is asked to pray for these individuals as well. If you cannot get to church but would like prayers for wholeness, please let the pastor know, and she and a member of the Prayer Team will gladly come to your home. The power of prayer is a precious gift from God and a beautiful gift to give each other.



MORTGAGE BURNING CELEBRATION! OCTOBER 20 AT 4:30 PM

4:30 PM Celebration Service
5:00 PM Burning of the Mortgage
Dinner from Swamp John's provided



Mark Petty will be here to play the Steel Drums.

Your invitation will be mailed the first week of October. Please RSVP by Sunday, October 13, so we can give our caterer a final headcount. We hope you can join us!

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Ps. 103:1

"Remember the wonderful works He has done!" Ps. 105:5a

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, October 1, at 10 AM in the fellowship hall.

Lesson: "Words of Love: Don't Trivialize My Name"
Exodus 20:7 and Matthew 7:21-23

Lesson Leader: Nelda Gilbert
Hostess: Linda Grissom

ALL ladies are invited to join us.

PW is collecting clothing to donate to Columbia Seminary's Mission Haven in Decatur, Ga. Mission Haven provides housing for our missionaries back on furlough. Their Clothing Closet provides them with suitable and seasonal clothing for their stay here or to take back with them to the mission field. Interview clothing in small and large sizes for both men and women is especially needed. Please place items in the Donation Location.

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Please continue to keep the PNC in prayer as this team of faithful volunteers give countless hours searching and praying for the next called pastor for St. Andrew. Let them know you are praying for them and that they have your support. Team members are Harold Culbert (chair); Faye Anderson; BJ Breeding; Joan Jordan; Turner Matthews, and Stu Strong.

October Upcoming Events

READY, SET, GO!

- Oct. 1: 10:00a Presbyterian Women's Meeting
- Oct. 2: 5:30p Potluck Supper
6:00p Brain Health
and youth activities
7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 7: 8:00a CATS Trip
- Oct. 9: 5:30p Potluck Supper
6:00p Beautiful Successful Aging & activities
7:00P Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 10: 1:00p Caring Hands
- Oct. 16: 5:30p Potluck Supper
6:00p Philippians Study
and youth activities
7:00p Choir
- Oct. 20: 4:30p Mortgage Burning
Celebration Service
5:00p Burning of Mortgage
with dinner following
- Oct. 23: Articles for the November
SAC due
5:30p Potluck Supper
6:00p Philippians Study and
activities
7:00p Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 24: 1:00p Caring Hands
- Oct. 27: Reformation Sunday
Annual Congregational
Meeting following worship
- Oct 28: 5:30p NAP Men's Dinner
and Meeting at 1st Pres.
Decatur
- Oct. 30: 5:00p Trunk N Treat
5:30p Potluck Supper
6:00p Understanding Autism
7:00p Choir Rehearsal



Wednesday Wisdom

Each Wednesday at 6:00 PM

October 2

BRAIN HEALTH—USE IT OR LOSE IT

Marsha Farrell, BSN, M-BC, CHPN. Marsha Care Consulting, LLC

October 9

BEAUTIFUL SUCCESSFUL AGING

*Pam Frazier, Integrative Nutrition Health Coach—
Emmaus Wellness*

October 30

UNDERSTANDING AUTISM

Laura Frederick, M.S., MFTA, The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center

November 6

ELDER LAW

*Connie Glass, CELA—Elder Law Firm
of Connie Glass, PC*

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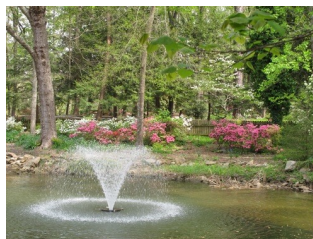
Questions? Call 256.355.6310 or churchoffice@standrewdecatur.org

C.A.T.S. (Casual Adults Traveling Society) MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Meet at the church at 8 AM

**Noccalula Falls Park
Gadsden, AL**

**Cost \$4 for Seniors and
Lunch**



Please sign up in the office by Wed., Oct. 2.

Health/Weather/ Safety Plan

The initial Health/Weather/Safety Plan has been approved by the St. Andrew Session for inclusion in the Policy and Procedure Manual and is now being implemented. Since the congregation was last informed of the plan, interested members have been trained by the Decatur Police Department on the best ways to respond to an intruder; the Fire Marshal has visited and examined the building; and a First Responder has instructed about twenty-five people on how to use the defibrillator and administer CPR. Security cameras have been installed, a weather radio is in the office, and new First Aid kits are in the kitchen, office, and nursery.

The Task Force has done its job. Now, what do *you* do? In the event of an intruder, fire, or tornado, do not panic. Follow the instructions of the pastor or of an Action Team member who will identify himself and *stay in the sanctuary* unless otherwise instructed to leave. If you have a child in the nursery, the nursery worker also has been trained and has a plan for that child's safety.

In the event of a health issue, again, follow the instructions of the pastor or of an Action Team member. Do not crowd around the sick person, but allow those who have been trained access to him/her. **If you do not wish to be resuscitated, you must have a copy of a Do Not Resuscitate order on file here at the church or the EMT's will try to resuscitate you per Alabama Law.** A DNR order is different from a Living Will. Any questions about a DNR order should be directed to your doctor.

In the event of upcoming inclement weather, the elders will contact you should the church close for meetings, fellowship events, or worship.

This plan is a beginning. It will be adapted to cover Wednesday nights and other functions as the new minister and session see fit. Any changes will be communicated. On behalf of the session and the pastor, thank you for trusting us with your safety and for your cooperation.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED OCT. 6 on World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by many Christian denominations around the world on the first Sunday of October. This celebration promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation. It focuses on the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The tradition began in 1933 by Dr. Hugh Thomas Kerr, who was the minister of a Presbyterian Church. Dr. Kerr first conceived the idea of a worldwide observance of communion while he served as moderator of the General Assembly in 1930. This observance, he hoped, would bring churches together in a service of Christian unity in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information and, above all, know the importance of the Church of Jesus Christ, and how all congregations are interconnected one with another. World Communion Sunday was then adopted throughout the Presbyterian Church in 1936, and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches) endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

On the same Sunday, we collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Your gifts will help more people experience the freedom and dignity that Christ wants for everyone. Let us offer the peace of Christ at all times and however we can.

50% of this offering will stay with our congregation & community
and 50% will be for global ministries of peacemaking and reconciliation.

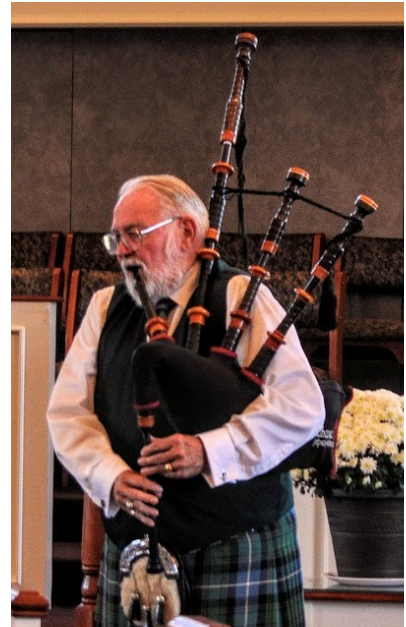


**REFORMATION SUNDAY
KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN SERVICE
OCTOBER 27, 2018**

**Sunday School at 8:45 am
Shortbread at 9:30 am
Worship Service at 10:00 am
Mr. Jim MacRae, Bagpiper**

The Protestant Reformation occurred in the 16th Century, splintering Catholic Europe, setting in place the structures and beliefs that define religion in the Modern Era.

Reformers like Martin Luther, John Calvin and Henry VIII challenged Papal authority and the Catholic Church's ability to define Christian practice. In 1517, Martin Luther is said to have nailed the "95 Theses" to the door of the Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The key ideas were that the Bible should be the sole source of spiritual authority and humans may reach salvation by faith and not by deeds. With the help of the new invention of the printing press, the Bible was available to the common people for the very first time in languages they could understand. Before that, they relied on the priest's interpretation of Latin. After a period of 30 years of wars and disturbances, peaceful co-existence between Catholicism and Lutheranism in Germany was finally established. It is estimated that Germany lost 40% of its population during these wars.



The children and youth are collecting your loose change (and more) for the "No Kid Hungry" project this school year. You may add your change each Wednesday to the box in the fellowship hall. Banks are also available in the narthex for you to take home and fill if you like.

Help us change a kid's life!



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Rev. Rosemary McMahan, Interim Pastor
Sunday School 8:45 am
Worship Service 10:00 am
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OCTOBER

MINISTRY TEAMS

OCTOBER	6	13	20	27
Liturgists	Nellie Gates	B.J. Breeding	Nellie Gates	Philip Gilbert
Ushers	Volunteer B. Mouton B. Matthews D. Foster	S. Strong E. Wyle J. Shull S. Shull	S. Shull J. Naumann C. Sweeley S. Newbill	G. Vogel H. Moore J. Newbill H. Culbert
Nursery	J. Naumann	B. Wyle	S. Newbill	J. Shull
Wednesday Host	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23
Communion Oct. 6	Preparer: Linda Grissom	Communion by Intinction: Greg Vogel and Nellie Gates		

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY POTLUCK SUPPERS
 Set-up plates, plastic ware, drinks, and serving spoons. Clean-up kitchen after the meal. Grab a friend and volunteer!
 Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.