



*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting...all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit” - Acts 2:1-2, 4a*

It seems like just yesterday we were preparing for our first Sunday back in person for Palm Sunday. We then celebrated joyfully as we became witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection on Easter morning! It has been such a pleasure to see a sanctuary full of the people of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

For so long, we have worried and wondered about when it would be safe to return. Then we had to consider what we were to do to keep everyone safe, and even today those conversations are continuing. There have been so many things to consider when it comes to balancing everyone’s safety with the overall health and life of the congregation.

We have focused intensively on ourselves for a long time, and for good reason. That’s why I think that Pentecost this year, May 23rd, will be coming at a great time in the life of St. Andrew. We will focus on the Spirit’s moving that empowers the church’s mission in the world and its testimony of Christ’s saving work.

Cláudio Carvalhaes, Professor of Worship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, says that Pentecost is “a time of being both uprooted and deeply grounded.”

Pentecost forces us to look beyond ourselves, even though we have primarily focused on just us lately. While it can feel unsettling, it is the Holy Spirit, like a flame or a mighty wind, that calls us from inward to outward thinking and actions.

We still have a few weeks left in Eastertide, and so I encourage you as you continue worshipping the risen Christ, to keep Pentecost on your radar. All we believe about Jesus’ death and resurrection leads us to Pentecost, where we recognize God’s sending of the Holy Spirit to aid us in our role as the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

My prayer is that we take the message of Easter and Pentecost to heart, following God’s lead here in Decatur and beyond. May it be so!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Tripp

**St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2021 ..... Chairperson**

Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong
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Mission .....	Barbara Mouton
Communications & Outreach .....	Harold Culbert
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Nominating .....	TBD

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**MAY**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Bub Bridges	5/1	Bob & Jackie Naumann	5/16
Robert Sumner	5/10	Tommy & Nellie Gates	5/17
Ed Wyle	5/15	John & Joan Jordan	5/30
Amy Burks	5/19		
Bobbie Meier	5/24		
Jane Porter	5/29		



Hasn't it been wonderful to be back in the sanctuary with our church family! I have never seen so many smiling faces (even with masks, your smiles were obvious) or heard as many excited voices as I did on Palm Sunday. Just as Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we entered St. Andrew together with joyful hearts after twelve long months.

But the best part is this—during those long, frightening months we never gave up hope. We stayed together in spirit. We carried on with worship in our homes on Sundays, prepared our own communion, and tuned in for wonderful "where is Tripp this week?" devotions on Wednesday. I think we can all agree that Tripp and his technical skills kept us together in spirit! Our social-distanced supper in September and the afternoon worship service in October, on the church patio, gave us a small sample of what we had been missing since the church closed in March. Then, on Christmas Eve with candles flickering, many of us entered the sanctuary one family at a time, after nine and a half months, for a brief time of personal communion. These moments strengthened our belief that things would be okay. As we continue to cautiously plan worship for the near future, let us remember that things will not go back to normal immediately. However, we will always do our best to plan meaningful services that are safe and welcoming for all. Thank you, the congregation, the Restart Team, the Session and Tripp for your guidance and support. See you in church this Sunday!

Linda Grissom  
Worship Chair



St. Andrew's Communications and Outreach team recently designed and purchased banners and mounting brackets for the light poles at both entrances to the church. The banners welcome and invite the community to worship with us at St. Andrew. We want to extend a special thanks to Bob Naumann, W. C. Sweeley, and Pastor Tripp for installing the banners.

Harold and Teresa Culbert,  
Co-chairs, C and O Ministry Team



### POSITIONS AVAILABLE ON THE MISSION COMMITTEE.

St. Andrew needs members to join the Mission Committee. Our job requirements include having a big heart for helping those in need. Creativity and knowledge of the needs of our community are invaluable. In return, you will receive no pay, no vacations, and no retirement package. What you will receive is the satisfaction that you have truly made a difference in lives made hard by hunger, homelessness, poverty, and need. We also offer a great working environment headed by the greatest boss ever-Jesus Christ. If you are willing to help, please contact Barb Mouton by phone or text at 256 476-6094 or email to [barbmouton35603@gmail.com](mailto:barbmouton35603@gmail.com).

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Tuesday, May 4, 10:00 AM

"The End of Lament"

Isaiah 25:6-10; Revelation 21:1-8

Leader: Cerese Sweeley

ALL ladies are invited to join us the first Tuesday of each month.





# HOMELESS *Ministry*

Canned Food  
Toiletries  
Men's clothing  
Women's Clothing  
Underwear  
Socks  
Antiseptic ointment  
Insect Repellent  
Travel size shampoo  
Bar Soap / Deodorant  
Tissues  
Aspirin

More items listed in the donation area.



## **Are you looking for a chance to socialize and do something fun? Join the Coloring Group!**

We have a group for those who like to create works of "art" and fellowship with other believers. We will be using color books for adults to make pictures, so no true artistic ability is required. And you don't even have to have your own supplies, we will have extras, so come join us, give it a try, and see some friends.

We meet every other Monday. Our next meeting is May 10 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Shelly Shull for more information. 256-340-9560



## **CARING HANDS MINISTRY**

**We knit or crochet shawls & cut & tie lap blankets for Hospice and the Cancer Institute.**

**We meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month.  
Next Meeting is May 13 at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**

**ALL ARE WELCOME! No skills needed, we will teach you.  
Donations for supplies are appreciated.  
An envelope is available in the office.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Pres. Women 10:00am Restart Team 1:30 pm	5	6	7	8
9 <b>Mother's Day</b>	10 Coloring Group 10:00 am	11	12	13 Caring hands 1:00 pm	14	15
16	17	18	19 Session 10 am	20	21	22
23 <b>Pentecost Offering</b>	24 Coloring Group 10:00 am	25	26	27 <b>Office Closed</b> Caring Hands 1:00 pm	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					



Join us:  
Sunday Worship 10:00a  
(in person and on-line)

Wednesday Bible Study 6:00p  
(on-line)

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### Pentecost Offering May 23, 2021

With a foundation in faith built in the early years, our youth can teach us something about leading movements for change in their own communities and in the world. Gifts to the Pentecost Offering are helping to provide opportunities for the youth to grow and share in their faith in Christ.

What happens to your gifts?

- ◆ 40% stays with St. Andrew to develop and support programs in our church
- ◆ 25% supports Young Adult Volunteers serving in communities around the world and growing as leaders through Christian service.
- ◆ 25% supports ministries with youth, including the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- ◆ 10% is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens.

The gifts we share will help young people learn important lessons about life and faith. And children, youth, and young adults can teach us new things and help us shape our faith too.

Information and offering envelopes will be arriving at your home soon.

**Please give generously for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.**

#### Funny Bulletin Quotes (From GodUpdates)

Announcement about a missionary, Ms. Bertha Belch, from Africa speaking at Calvary Memorial Church in Racine. "Come tonight and hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa!"

"Ushers will eat latecomers."