

The Chronicle

JUNE 202



What a joyous Sunday we just celebrated, St. Andrew! We remembered Pentecost when the gift of the Holy Spirit descended down upon Jesus' followers. On that day, the church was born, and it continues with us, with the Spirit's help, guidance, comfort, and challenge. The sanctuary was adorned in red, and flames atop candles reminded us of the movement and passion of the Holy Spirit. We also welcomed four new members into our church family, Sheila and Don Koza and Linda and Roger Faulk. Their joining in our congregation's membership is a reminder that the Spirit is still among us, moving in and through us as we work to be the church that we were called to be.

A few weeks back, the five of us sat down for a New Member class, where we reviewed some history, theology, and polity of the church. One of the things that has stuck with me since meeting with them is a section in the PC(USA) Book of Order concerning what it means to be a member of the church. It was a great reminder and challenge to me as we read through it, and I believe it will be the same for you, as well. Concerning the Ministry of Members (G-1.03.04):

"Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- · proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life.
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment, caring for God's creation.
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful."

It can be hard to live up to all of that, and it may be intimidating to consider that all of that is how we define membership in the church. But fear not! This isn't about living up to impossible standards. Rather, it is about challenging ourselves to bear fruit through the Holy Spirit within our church family. So my challenge to us, today and beyond, is to see ourselves and our neighbors in the list above, and to remember that God is giving us the strength and courage to live into the joy and privilege of being a member of the church!

Grace and peace, Pastor Tripp

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2021	Chairperson
Clerk of Session	Stuart Strong
Worship	Linda Grissom
Member Care	Nellie Gates
Education & Spiritual Formation	Turner Matthews
Mission	Barbara Mouton
Communications & Outreach	Harold Culbert
Treasurer/Administration	Philip Gilbert
Finance	Greg Vogel
Building/Grounds	Bob Naumann
Nominating	TBD

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Ed & Barbara Wyle 6/8
Harold & Teresa Culbert 6/20



Thank you!

Thank you for contributing your empty aluminum cans. We were able to donate \$100 to Habitat for Humanity.

Continue to bring your cans and help serve the community.



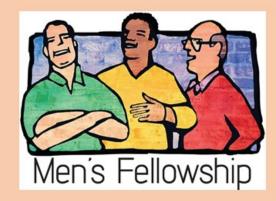


Sheila & Don Koza



Linda & Roger Faulk

Welcome to Roger and Linda Faulk and Don and Sheila Koza. They have been attending and participating with St. Andrew for several months online so it is finally good to meet them in person and worship together. You may remember that Sheila and Linda both sang during our virtual services.

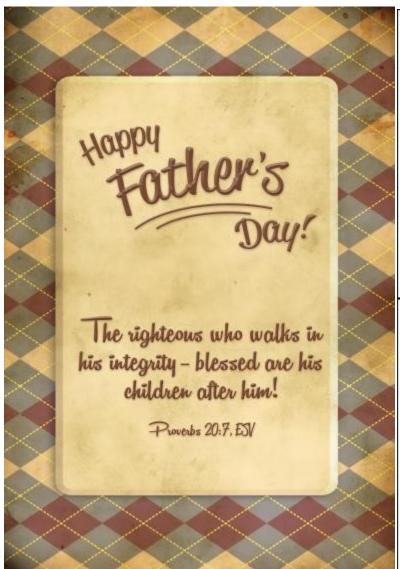


NAP Men's Meeting Grace Pres., Madison Monday, July 19 6:00 PM

Sign-up on the bulletin board by Sunday, July 11 or see Tom Meier for dinner reservation. Meet at St. Andrew at 4:45 PM.

Worship Teams

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Harold Culbert	Stu Strong	Bob Naumann	Barb Mouton
Dave Ellerbe Bob Naumann Jackie Naumann	John Newbill Sylvia Newbill Betty Matthews	John Shull Shelly Shull Don Foster	Stu Strong Cerese Sweeley Harold Moore
Betty Matthews Nellie Gates	Cheryl Ellerbe BJ Breeding	Joan Jordan Barb Mouton	Barb Wyle Betty Matthews
_	Dave Ellerbe Bob Naumann Jackie Naumann Betty Matthews	Dave Ellerbe Bob Naumann Jackie Naumann Betty Matthews Cheryl Ellerbe	Dave Ellerbe Bob Naumann Jackie Naumann Betty Matthews Cheryl Ellerbe John Shull Shelly Shull Don Foster Betty Matthews Cheryl Ellerbe Joan Jordan









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.

Hands Across Decatur

Mission Statement: Hands Across Decatur (H.A.D.) was founded in 2012 as a volunteer organization for people who want to donate their time and their servant hands, feet and hearts to benefit the homeless and those in crisis in Decatur, Alabama and surrounding areas. In 2015, God made a path for us to provide assistance on a greater scale to a largely "forgotten community" - the homeless and near homeless. Our purpose is provide a path forward to self-sufficiency for our homeless and those in crisis.

We are a non-profit 501C3 organization. We do not receive grants, federal funding, state funding, or local government funding and are supported 100% by community donations.

Hands Across Decatur Path Forward Center has expanded. We are now located at 1025 Fifth Ave. SE and have added showers, laundry facilities, larger Soup Kitchen, medical care, social services, GED (library, reading, math, and life skills), and social skills for employment, job placement assistance, and distribution of necessities for daily living. We also added a Community Warming/Cooling Center—a first for Decatur—anyone in crisis is welcome.

We need volunteers to separate clothes and donations for easy access and distribution. An hour or a more a week would help us greatly. It all starts with ONE — Be the ONE!

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

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

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Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am Facebook: St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Decatur AL

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The Coloring Group will continue to meet during the summer. June meetings will be Mondays, June 7 and 21, at 10:00 am. Everyone welcome! Bring a friend! We have supplies!



The Caring Hands Ministry will meet during the summer on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Our next meeting is June 10th. Come, bring a friend, no skills required, we can teach you. We are making prayer shawls and lap blankets for those in hospice care and The Cancer Institute.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESTART!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 11, 8:45 am so you won't miss Sunday School.

Hargrave Class: "The book of Jonah" by Dr. Sarah Richter

Hoppers Class: A variety of studies taught by class members

Seekers Class: "Feasts of the Bible" by Sam Nadler

Classes are also available for children and youth. A nursery will be provided.

The Presbyterian Home for Children at Talladega has a thrift store. It's located at 975 Ashland Hwy in Talladega. They now have a new website where they are selling some of their items. The website is www.newpurposesaleboutique.com. Phone 256-268-7505. More information may be found on-line or in the latest report located in our narthex.