



No disrespect to the other three seasons, but Fall has always been my favorite. The brutal heat and humidity of the summer finally gives way to cooler evenings, the leaves turn beautiful colors, college football is in full swing, pumpkin spice donuts reappear, and Halloween is just around the corner. I love so much about Fall....well, except for the inevitable request from someone asking if I would be Lurch from the Addams Family for

Halloween. Better than Frankenstein's monster, I suppose. "You rang?" Ah, the joys of being tall!

On top of the excitement of a new weather season, October brings with it two important Sunday worship services for us at St. Andrew. They bookmark the month on the first and fifth Sundays, October 3rd and October 31st.

—On October 3rd, we will gather around the communion table for World Communion Sunday. It's this Sunday that we join Christians all over the globe in partaking of God's feast for all who believe. Persons of different races, languages, and cultures will all celebrate as one people: God's people. Along with sharing in the Lord's Supper, we will also be collecting for the PC(USA) Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. 25% of the offering will stay with us to aid in our own peacemaking and reconciliation efforts in Decatur, 25% will go towards programs in North Alabama, and 50% will go towards world-wide work through the Presbyterian Mission Agency. We hope that you will join us in celebrating both occasions!

—On October 31st, we will celebrate All Saints' Day, remembering and giving thanks to God for those who have gone before us. While the Presbyterian Church does not recognize official saints, we instead honor the ordinary, holy lives of believers and loved ones we've lost. During the service, there will be time and space to give thanks for those close to us who have died. *If you would like for someone to be included in this time of worship, please let Bonita or me know so that we may recognize them.*

As you can see, there is a lot going on in worship this October. We hope that you will be there to celebrate, to remember, and to praise God throughout it all!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Tripp

<u>St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2021</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
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	Nellie Gates



OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Hank Livingston	10/5	
Joyce Boyd	10/8	Happy Anniversary!
Cheryl Ellerbe	10/12	Hank & Linda
Jacob Shull	10/13	Livingston
Lee Zeiher	10/15	10/05
Leslie Matthews	10/21	
Barb Wyle	10/27	
Dave Ellerbe	10/28	
Linda Faulk	10/30	

WORSHIP NOTES

As we begin a new month, we at St. Andrew have so much to be thankful for. Worship services have continued each Sunday without Covid forcing us to shut our doors. This is because you, as a congregation, have continued to respect and follow the guidelines set by the CDC and St. Andrew's Restart Committee. You have also been vaccinated to protect not only yourselves, but your fellow church members, friends, and families.

October brings us five Sundays of worship services filled with music, prayer, and scripture. October 3rd is World Communion Sunday, when we will celebrate the Lord's Supper along with our fellow Christians around the world. On the last Sunday this month, All Saints Day, we will honor and remember those in our congregation who have passed away during the last two years.

For the time being, the choir will continue to sit, socially distanced, on the fountain side of the sanctuary. This gives the choir members more space than they would have sitting in the choir loft.

Join us in October as we worship God together.

Linda Grissom



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, October 5
10:00 am in the fellowship hall.

Leader: Linda Grissom
Lesson: "Tamar", Genesis 38

"What My Grandmothers Taught Me"
Learning from the women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus.

The mission project for this month is collecting socks for the Hands Across Decatur Ministry (the homeless). We need men's and women's socks.
Thank you for your participation with us. Place items at the Donation Location.



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 use coloring books for adults so no true artistic ability is required. We have plenty of supplies.

We meet every other Monday. Our next meeting is October 11 at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Shelly Shull for more information. 256-340-9560.

Join Presbyterians
worldwide to help
people experience
the freedom and
dignity that Christ
wants for everyone.

Let us offer the peace
of Christ at all times,
in all ways. If we all
do a little, it adds up
to a lot!



Peace &
Global
Witness
Offering

Sunday,
October 3

CCC FOOD PANTRY

Collection the 1st Sunday of the month.



Items Needed Most

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| Grits/Oatmeal | Soup |
| Hamburger Helper | Crackers |
| Peanut Butter | Canned Greens |
| Canned Fruit | Pasta |
| Canned Veggies | Pasta Sauce |
| Dried Beans | Rice |

Please leave items in shopping cart.

Being a Christian is Like Being a Pumpkin



John 15:16—God picks you from the patch and brings you in.

II Cor. 5:17—Then He washes all the dirt off of you.

Romans 6:6—He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, fear, hate, and greed.

Psalms 71:23—He carves you a new smiling face.

Matthew 5:16—And He puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see.

CARING HANDS MINISTRY

2nd & 4th Thursdays each month, 1:00 PM

ALL ARE WELCOME! No skills needed, we will teach you.



Have a laugh!

God: You are a crow

Crow: Nice!

God: A group of birds is called a flock.

Crow: A flock?

God: You know, birds of a feather flock together.

Crow: Not ringing any bells.

God: (sigh) It means you stick together.

Crow: (happy gasp) Velcrows!

Highlights from the September 15, 2021, Stated Session Meeting

The following items are highlights from the September 15, 2021, Stated Session Meeting:

- 1) The minutes of the Stated Meeting of July 21, 2021, and the Called Meeting of August 8, 2021, were approved.
- 2) Our membership as of August 31, 2021, is at 77 with the death of Jane Porter on August 7, 2021.
- 3) Greg Vogel was selected to be our Elder Commissioner to the October 19, 2021, zoom meeting of North Alabama Presbytery.
- 4) Philip Gilbert reported that August YTD income is about \$6900 below budget, but our spending is approximately \$22k below budget, so we continue to be in very good shape. The Mission team will be meeting to consider how to best utilize the resources we have, since the pandemic resulted in increased reserves for the church. If you have any suggestions, please contact Barb Mouton, Chair of Missions.
- 5) Nellie Gates reported that all is going very well as we continue to meet in person and take appropriate measures for members' safety.. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments to our policies as required. The next meeting of the Restart Team is on October 6, 2021.
- 6) Bob Naumann advised us that the Building and Grounds committee will be installing piping to carry away water from downspouts to prevent erosion in the area around the south sanctuary entrance, where the tree was removed. After that is done and the ground is sloped appropriately, plants will be added for beautification.
- 7) Turner Matthews reported that restarting Wednesday evening activities will be put off until the first of the year due to COVID.
- 8) Nellie Gates has agreed to be the Chair of the Nominating Committee and they are working to find candidates for office for next year.

The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session

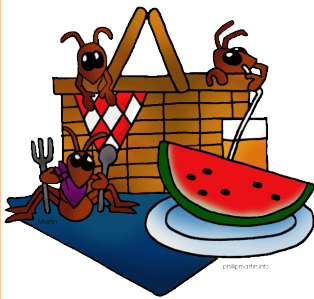


Holiday Hope Chest Project Christmas Shoeboxes for Morgan County

Shoe boxes are available on the table in the narthex. Please take an instruction page with gift tags attached. A list of suggested items are on the back side of the instruction page.

All boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 5.

Church Picnic—Sunday, October 17



Since St. Andrew is a fellowship loving community, Member Care has scheduled a picnic for October 17, 4:00 PM on the church patio. However, this activity has not been finalized. You must read your Mid-Week Touch to get the final notice.

This activity will depend on the COVID numbers nearer the date. Plans are to have hamburgers and hot dogs, potato salad, slaw, and the fixings. The meals will be provided by the Member Care ministry team. We will eat on the patio to maintain our social distance, but still enjoy each others company. In the event of rain we will

reschedule. Let us pray that a positive and safe fellowship time can be enjoyed by all of St. Andrew.

The Restart Team would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in helping us maintain the safety of St. Andrew during this trying time of COVID. Wearing a mask is sometimes a pain and not what we would like to do, but St. Andrew is a safer congregation by wearing our masks and social distancing. We have had to make changes to our worship service, Sunday schools, and meetings, but you all have been gracious enough to follow the suggestions outlined by the Team. One of these days we can see our welcoming smiles, pats on the back, and handshakes that are a part of us. Continue to pray for your church leaders as these difficult decisions are made. Bless your heart, as you bless ours.

Restart Team
Nellie Gates

“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matt. 7:7-8 (NRSV)



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October Worship Leaders

October	3	10	17	24	31
Liturgists	Bob Naumann	Linda Grissom	Stuart Strong	Linda Grissom	Harold Culbert
Ushers	Jackie Naumann Don Foster	Stu Strong Greg Vogel	Jackie Naumann Cerese Sweeley	John Newbill Sylvia Newbill	John Shull Fate Webster



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3 Communion Sunday Peace & Global Witness Offer.	4 PEO Mtg.5-9pm (Meier)	5 PW 10 am	6 Restart Mtg. 2 pm	7 Bonita Out DAR 10:30 am (Foster)	8	9
10	11 Bonita out Coloring Group 10 am	12 Bonita Out	13	14 Caring Hands 1 pm	15	16 DMC 10 am (Thompson) Sanctuary
17 PW Offering Church Cook-out 4 pm	18 PEO Mtg.5-9pm (Meier)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Coloring Group 10 am	26	27	28 Caring Hands 1 pm	29*	30 DMC (Grubbs) 8a-noon
31 All Saints Day						