



“Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak.” - Acts 2:2-4, CEB

Pentecost is upon us! At Pentecost, “God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty *ruach* (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power — the unseen power of God — moved among them and gripped them.”

That power quickly and energetically spread throughout the people that day. The Spirit was indeed contagious, spreading from one person to the next.

As most of you know, this past week I caught something else that was contagious: COVID. As I was trying to contain the symptoms, I was prescribed some medicine to help. As much as I appreciate medicine, one of the first things I always do is to look at the possible side effects. For one medicine, it read: “ Side effects include nervousness or shakiness, headache, throat or nasal irritation, and muscle aches. More serious — though less common — side effects include a rapid heart rate (tachycardia) or feelings of fluttering or a pounding heart (palpitations).”

My first thought was, “Wait, this is supposedly going to *help* me?” Thankfully, it did... even if I did worry a bit about possible side effects.

Now that I think about it, maybe Pentecost needs to come with a warning label, too.

The Holy Spirit: side effects include improved eyesight to witness God’s work in the world, improved hearing to better listen for the cries of the world, an enlarged heart to love folks more and more, the removal of brain fog for improved clarity and understanding. Effects also include increased energy, enthusiasm, and unity.

With the contagious nature of the Holy Spirit, I don’t mind if those side effects come with the wind and the breath of God. I hope you don’t mind, either, because on Sunday, the Spirit is coming as a mighty *ruach*... a gift to you and me.

Grace and peace,
Tripp

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2022..... Chairperson

Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong
Building/Grounds	Bob Naumann
Communications & Outreach	Harold & Teresa Culbert
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	B. J. Breeding
Finance & Administration	Turner Matthews
Member Care.....	Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann
Mission	Barbara Mouton
Treasurer	Philip Gilbert
Nominating.....	TBD
Worship	Linda Grissom
Comptroller	Tommy Gates



Bill Heim	June 1	Jeff Gilbreath	June 20	Harold and Teresa Culbert June 20
Jamie Heim	June 5	Rita Abbott	June 20	
Nelda Gilbert	June 7	Sandy Baldwin	June 26	
Linda Grissom	June 15			
Linda Livingston	June 19			



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.

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



*"The Lord corrects those He loves,
just as a father corrects a child in
whom he delights." Proverbs 3:12 NLT*

CCC FOOD PANTRY

Collection the 1st Sunday of the month.



Items Needed Most

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.



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.

Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Eight of our Presbyterian Women attended the Spring Gathering of the North Alabama Presbytery on Saturday, April 23, with Rev. Tripp Brogdon of Decatur-St. Andrew and Commissioned Elder Stacey Nelson of Decatur-Westminster as worship leaders. Second Mile Preschool was the recipient of our offering that day, and Bill McDowell, the founder of Second Mile Development, was there to receive the offering and give his appreciation. In the business portion of the day, Moderator Joyce Pettis Temple (Fellowship) passed the stole of that leadership role to Barbara Allen (Decatur-St. Andrew) who began her two-year term. Congratulations Barbara Allen on your appointment as Moderator.



Pentecost Offering June 5, 2022

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 youth 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.

Dot Art (Pointillism), June 29,



Dianne Hart, sister of Tommy Gates, will be with us on Wednesday, June 29 to teach a class on Dot Painting, which is based on Pointillism, a form of Impressionist painting. Dianne is an accomplished artist and has won second place in a local art show with her painting in this medium.

Participants will have an opportunity to create a Fourth of July painting to take home. All supplies will be furnished, and no experience in painting is expected nor required. Please come out on June 29 at 5:30 p.m. to participate in this fun evening.



Lydia Matthews is a graduate of Decatur High School. She is the daughter of Meredith and Scott Matthews and the granddaughter of Betty and Turner Matthews. Lydia is ranked 3rd in her class of 224 students. She will attend the University of Virginia where she will major in Political Science with future plans of attending law school.

Due to postponing the Session Meeting, highlights from the meeting on June 1 will be in the July newsletter.

Entrance Beautification Project

The Buildings and Grounds Ministry team recently proposed, and had approved by the session, improvements to the landscape at the church's south entrance.

Building & Grounds chair, Bob Naumann, led the project and asked Linda Livingston and Harold and Teresa Culbert to help with the design of the plant layout and selections.

Selected shrubs are primarily evergreen and should provide some bloom from mid-spring to frost. The new beds include: 15 Soft Touch hollies, 2 Liberty Hollies, 1 Tamulekeyama Japanese holly, 1 Nikki Blue Hydrangea, 5 Hardy Gardenia Azaleas, 5 Formosa Azaleas, and 3 Encore Autumn Empress Azaleas. The beds were completed with a new layer of mulch.



Before



Artist Rendering



After



Linda Livingston, Teresa Culbert, Bob Naumann, and Harold Culbert

Thanks Team for a Job Well Done!

CATS on the Move Again!

Thursday, July 25

Cook's Museum in Decatur and Lunch

Meet at the church at 9:30 AM

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board



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June Worship Leaders

June	5	12	19	26
Liturgists	Linda Grissom	Nellie Gates	Barb Mouton	Stu Strong
Ushers	Harold Culbert Harold Moore	Cerese Sweeley Don Foster	Stu Strong Dave Ellerbe	Barb Mouton Betty Matthews
Nursery	Betty Matthews	Jane Lowery	Joan Jordan	Shelly Shull



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2:00 PM Session 4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM Hymn Sing	2	3	4
5 Communion Pentecost Offering	6 6:00 PM PEO	7	8	9 1 PM Caring Hands	10	11
12 Trinity Sunday	13	14 NAP Mtg.	15 1:00 PM Finance Mtg 4:30 PM Choir	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23 1 PM Caring Hands	24	25
26	27	28	29 4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM Dot Art Class—no supplies needed	30		