



## ***A Message from Pastor Tripp Brogdon:***

A few months ago I went down a rabbit hole of old Dr. Seuss books. They were books that I read over and over again as a child. The illustrations were so distinctive, of course, but his way with words, his rhymes, and his humor always stood out to me. The fantasy worlds that he created seemed, at first glance, so far-fetched and so far away from the reality of human life. But the messages and quotes that came from those fantasy worlds often hit so close to home.

From *Horton Hears a Who*: “A person's a person, no matter how small.” Contrary to popular belief, there was a time when I was small, and when I was small, these words gave me a feeling of acceptance and worth in a large world.

From *The Lorax*: “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.” Challenging, but true words for kids and adults alike.

From *Oh, the Places You'll Go*: “You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!” A classic encouragement and motivator for every high school graduate taking the next step in their life.

And then comes my absolute favorite, from *Happy Birthday to You!*: “Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is you-er than you. Shout aloud, I am glad to be what I am. Thank goodness I'm not a ham, or a clam, or a dusty old jar of gooseberry jam. I am what I am, what a great thing to be.”

In light of this last quote, I do worry sometimes about how we Christians approach the season of Lent. As we so often say, Lent is a time for confessing our sin and failures, repenting, and trying to change our ways.

If we are not careful, though, our heightened awareness and emphasis on our sin during this season can cause us to disagree with Dr. Seuss. After self-reflection and confession, we may not think it's a great thing to be us, that our sin and brokenness can make us sad (instead of glad) to be who we are.

Hear this good news: our poor decisions, wrong actions, failures, and sins do not take away our value as human beings, created by God in the image of God. Our value has nothing to do with us. Instead, our value has everything to do with Jesus Christ, who loves us and saves us.

Even as we travel with him to the cross and speak of repentance during Lent, know that through it all, you are who you are: a beloved child of God. What a great thing to be.

Nothing, not even your sin, can change that.

Grace and peace,  
Tripp

**St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2023..... Chairperson**

Clerk of Session..... Stuart Strong  
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 Education & Spiritual Formation..... B. J. Breeding  
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 Member Care..... Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann  
 Mission ..... Barbara Mouton and John Jordan  
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| Betty Matthews | 3/2  | Don Breeding    | 3/21 |
| Jan Foster     | 3/10 | Shelley Vinzant | 3/23 |
| John Jordan    | 3/10 | Rev. Brogdon    | 3/23 |
| Harold Moore   | 3/14 |                 |      |
| Marilyn Hinkle | 3/17 |                 |      |

If you are not listed among the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office. We would like to celebrate with everyone.



**CARING HANDS MINISTRY  
 the 2nd and 4th Thursday  
 of each month at 1:00 PM**

The Caring Hands group knits, crochets, and makes lap blankets for those going through hospice care. No supplies needed—we have plenty.



**Presbyterian Women's Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 10:00 AM**

**Lesson: "Sabbath and Self-Care"  
 Luke 13:10-21**

**Leader: Barb Mouton**

**March Project: toiletries, socks, feminine hygiene products for the homeless women.**

# CCC FOOD PANTRY Collection the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**DON'T FORGET TO  
SPRING FORWARD**

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR  
CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR

**MARCH 11**



We will collect canned and boxed food for Easter dinners for distribution to CCC, NCC, and the Volunteer Center beginning Sunday, March 5. Food may be placed on the Donation Table by the Fellowship Hall. Please bring 1 large can or 2 small cans. Potatoes and dessert, should be boxed items, one per dinner. We plan to provide 30 dinners this year. Hams will be purchased (\$8 per dinner). Other items needed:

Canned Corn  
Canned Fruit  
Canned Yams

Canned Beans  
Boxed Potatoes  
Dessert Mix (if you bring a cake, bring a frosting)

Donations for Hams may be left in the church office or put in the offering, marked "Ham." Deadline for contributing is Sunday, March 26 at noon. We will pack food on Sunday, April 2, after the service. Volunteers welcome.

## Christian Education News

St. Andrew has three adult Sunday school classes that meet at 8:45 a.m. Classes have multiple teachers that rotate teaching responsibilities. Topics range from Bible study and theology to Christian living and contemporary issues. The Hargrave class meets in room 122; the Hoppers class meets in the library; and the Seekers class meets in the senior high room. If you are looking for opportunities to grow closer to God and your friends at St. Andrew, visit one or all of our Sunday school classes.

After the Christian Education committee met recently for a work day, we were able to take a car load of old curriculum to Love Packages ministry, which ships collected literature around the world to help spread the Gospel. Near the end of 2022, Love Packages had shipped out 1726 tons for the year. Opportunities are available for volunteers at the local warehouse in Trinity if you are interested.

In the coming weeks, the committee will be working to catalog all of the adult curriculum that was collected from individual classrooms. After this work is completed, teachers will be able to find excellent curriculum here in our church library. Just let us know if you want to use something before it is cataloged.

### Dates to Remember

Pastor Tripp will be leading a combined Sunday school class in the fellowship hall on these fifth Sundays: April 30, July 30, and October 29.

Addi will be attending CIT training (Counselor in Training) at Camp Maranatha for two weeks in July.

Don't miss our Wednesday night Connect programs:

March 8 - Bible Study, Pastor Tripp

March 22 - Christian Art, Nelda Gilbert

Elder B.J. Breeding



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.

Call or text Barb Mouton for more details or how you can volunteer.



**It's time to order flowers for Easter which is Sunday, April 9.**

You may donate in memory or in honor of someone. A sign-up sheet is in the church office with an envelope for your donations. Deadline is Sunday, April 2.

After Easter the flowers will be donated to Presbyterian Towers and Brookdale/Cedar Springs.



**One Great Hour of Sharing  
April 2, Offering**

For over 70 years, Presbyterians worldwide have been sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



You shall be called  
**"Repairers of the Breach."**  
Isaiah 58

**Please give generously to OGHS.**



I am in the process of updating our church directory. Please check your hard copy or the Instant Church Directory App to make sure information is correct. If you have a change in your information, please call or email me as soon as possible. I would like to have the new directory out by March 15.

***"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." Jeremiah 29:11***

***"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain." Hebrews 6:19***



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## March Worship Leaders

| March      | 5                             | 12                     | 19                               | 26                         |
|------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Liturgists | Nellie Gates                  | John Jordan            | Samantha Simmons                 | Shelly Shull               |
| Ushers     | Betty Matthews<br>Barb Mouton | John & Shelly<br>Shull | Sylvia Newbill<br>Andrew Simmons | Dave Ellerbe<br>Stu Strong |
| Nursery    | Carol Strong                  | Barb Mouton            | Betty Matthews                   | Jane Lowery                |

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| 5—2nd Sun-<br>day of Lent<br>Communion          | 6<br>9a Coloring<br>Group  | 7<br>10a Pres. Wom-<br>en | 8<br>4:30p Choir<br>5:30p Bible<br>Study        | 9<br>1 PM Caring<br>Hands  | 10 | 11<br> |
| 12—3rd Sun-<br>day of Lent<br>SPRING<br>FORWARD | 13                         | 14                        | 15<br>2p Session                                | 16                         | 17 | 18  |
| 19—4th Sun-<br>day of Lent                      | 20<br>9a Coloring<br>Group | 21                        | 22<br>4:30 PM Choir<br>5:30 PM Christ<br>in Art | 23<br>1 PM Caring<br>Hands | 24 | 25  |
| 26—5th Sun-<br>day of Lent                      | 27                         | 28                        | 29  | 30                         | 31 |   |

