

A Message from Pastor Tripp Brogdon:



As I am writing this, Bonita is still in the office with me working. By the end of this week, though, she will have worked her last day here at St. Andrew after almost ten years. Ever since she announced that she would be retiring, folks around the church have been wondering, "What are we going to do now?" Bonita leaving has forced us all to really take stock of all she does for us each and every week. She is not one to brag on herself, but there are so many things here at St. Andrew that run as smoothly as they do because of her. On top of that, she does all of her important work behind-the-scenes and without fanfare.

As I have reflected on working with Bonita, I have found myself so grateful for these three and a half years I've gotten to know her... her unwavering faith, her commitment to following Jesus, her heart for those who are lost, her dependability, her work ethic, and her sense of humor. I can just hear her reading this and saying, "What is this? A eulogy? Stop it."

So yes, I am grateful for her, and I am grateful for you all, too. I have seen your unwavering faith, too. I have seen your commitment to following Jesus, your heart for those who are lost, your dependability, your work ethic, and yes, your sense of humor, too! I have seen so many of you answer Christ's call of service, and you have done so largely behind-the-scenes and without fanfare.

So many of you have clothed the naked by donating items and fed the hungry by preparing and serving food. When someone is sick, you make food and you send flowers. When someone passes away, you do the same for their family. You coordinate, you cook, you decorate, and you give of your time for a reception dinner or brunch. You create informative and fun programming to help grow the congregation's faith. You give so generously from your heart and your wallets. You create slides for worship, operate the cameras, control the sanctuary's audio. You play music and you sing. You walk through the sanctuary and pray over every pew, the pulpit, the choir loft in the early Sunday morning hours. You edge, trim hedges, cut the grass, change the light bulbs, paint the rooms, and make repairs when needed. You design and coordinate a solution to a sinkhole on the property. As Presbyterians, you endure many committee meetings and Session meetings to ensure that the kingdom of Christ is proclaimed.

That list is not exhaustive at all, but it does show that much of what you do goes unseen and underappreciated. Know that God sees you, and know that you are appreciated by the whole church for the ways in which you live out your faith.

Make sure to thank Bonita for her years of service and work before she goes, and also take the opportunity to thank all of those here at St. Andrew for their service and work, too. And then, thank God for all of those gifts that exist here on the corner of Danville and Vestavia.

Grace and peace,
Tripp

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2023..... Chairperson	
Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong
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Member Care.....	Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann
Mission	Barbara Mouton and John Jordan
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Barb Mouton	3-July
Addi Zeiher	9-July
George Hilleary	13-July
Ella Stephens	21-July
Betty Brandon	29-July



Shelley & Jeremy Vinzant
July 11
Turner & Betty Matthews
July 18

Recycle for Habitat for Humanity



Did you know we have a recycling program here for your tin cans, aluminum foil disposable pans, and aluminum cans that help build houses!

Just bring your cans in (please rinse food cans) and place in the appropriate boxes or bring them by the bag and place them in the kitchen. We will take them to the recycling facilities and donate the money to Habitat for Humanity.

Thanks for the precious memories!



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.



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.

Member Care Committee

Shepherd group meetings are being scheduled. The Elder for each group provides members with details. Feedback from these meetings last year was very positive, and we hope everyone can participate as these groups meet again.

Revised Shepherd Lists are now available in the foyer. The list has been updated to include new members and regular visitors.

Faye Anderson, Chair

Hands Across Decatur

Beginning July 10, we will be providing lunch for Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen every month. We will need lots of volunteers to help us coordinate this effort.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for Monday, July 10. We will serve hot dogs, chips, and dessert. We need people to prepare food, serve, and clean-up.

If we all do a little, we can accomplish this mission!



CONNECT

MOVIE NIGHT
Wednesday @
JULY 12, 5:30 PM

Come and join the fun!

On June 8, the CATS traveled to the Freight House for Lunch. We enjoyed fellowship, lots of laughs, and delicious food. The next outing will be in the Fall, details will be provided later. If you did not join us this time, we look forward to having you join us the next time.



What Makes a Worship Service?

The vast majority of our worship services at St. Andrew follow a pattern that we are all familiar with. Even without a bulletin or screens, most of us would be able to follow the service fairly easily. If you have visited other PCUSA churches in different places, you have probably noticed that this is usually true. Have you ever wondered why?

The Directory for Worship of the PCUSA describes the theology that underlies our worship services. It gives us a pattern for connecting our worship with Christian life, witness, and service. As we have just begun our liturgical season called the Season after Pentecost (formerly called “ordinary time”), when the liturgical color remains green except for a few special Sundays until December, this is a good time to look more closely at what, when, and why we do what we do during our Sunday morning services.

The PRELUDE marks the BEGINNING of our worship services, as people take their seats, pray in silence or listen to music. The prelude is the first act of worship. It invites worshipers to transition from their busy lives into a sacred place of communion with God. The prelude is not a “performance”. It is an offering to God and an invitation to seek God’s presence.

The CALL TO WORSHIP is typically drawn from sentences of scripture and is a greeting in the name of Jesus Christ or the triune God. It is often in the form of a responsive reading.

The HYMN has been an important part of worship since the early Christians sang the psalms. Over the years, the Church has added other hymns and spiritual songs, accompanied by varied instruments. The first hymn is usually a hymn of praise to God.

The GATHERING PRAYER gives thanks and praise to God, expresses joy in Christ’s presence, and calls for the gifts of the Spirit to be poured out upon the congregation.

The CONFESSION begins with a Call to Confession, an invitation to confess the reality of our own sin and brokenness, asking for God’s saving grace. The PRAYER OF CONFESSION includes the singing of a prayer (hymn) for grace. The declaration of pardon/forgiveness proclaims the good news of God’s mercy and offers the ASSURANCE OF PARDON in Jesus’ name. A song of praise such as “Glory be to the Father” (Gloria Patri) and the PASSING OF THE PEACE may follow.

The PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION calls on the Holy Spirit to bring power to the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God’s word. This is a distinctive mark of the Reformed tradition. It precedes the reading of the scripture(s) and the sermon.

Musical responses, either between the scripture readings or following the sermon, give the congregation an opportunity to reflect on what they have heard. Choir ANTHEMS and HYMNS are chosen to support and/or respond to the scriptures and the sermon.

The AFFIRMATION OF FAITH is drawn from scripture, creeds, confessions, or catechisms. In the Affirmation of Faith, the congregation responds to the proclaimed Word by affirming their faith in God.

The PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE include prayers for God’s world, the mission and ministry of the universal church and local congregation, peace and justice, leaders and peoples of all nations, those who suffer, and for healing, wholeness, compassion, and reconciliation. The Lord’s Prayer is often included.

The OFFERING and OFFERTORY music serve as a sign of gratitude for God’s grace to us. We respond with a PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION.

The SENDING includes a Hymn of Commitment, a Blessing, and a Charge to the congregation. We are sent out to live the gospel, blessed in the name of the triune God, and charged to go forth as agents of God’s mission in the world, to love and serve the Lord in daily living. The POSTLUDE provides a transition from sacred worship back into our daily activities, with renewed courage, energy, and commitment.

Next Sunday morning, let’s think about each part of the service and its purpose, and thank God for the gift of worship!

Linda Grissom



School Supplies NOT NEEDED

We have learned that Austinville School has been blessed with enough supplies from Amazon this year. So, we are collecting the following for the teachers:

- Hand Sanitizer
- Clorox Wipes
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels.

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Worship Leaders

July	2	9	16	23	30
Liturgists	John Jordan	Ceil Hydrick	Don Koza	Linda Grissom	Bob Naumann
Ushers	John & Shelly Shull	Stu Strong Dave Ellerbe	Don Foster Cerese Sweeley	Bob & Jackie Naumann	John & Shelly Shull
Nursery	Joan Jordan	Shelly Shull	Jackie Naumann	Carol Strong	Barb Mouton
Communion Servers	July 2: John Jordan will assist Rev. Brogdon				



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Collect food for CCC	3	4 July 4 1776 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10 HAD Lunch PEO 6p	11	12 4:30 PM Choir 5:30 PM CON- NECT Movie Night	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Session 2p	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 4:30 PM Choir	27	28	29
30	31					