



Message from our Pastor:

St. Andrew,

Hear these words from our holy scripture:

"Now faith, hope, and love remain—these three things—and the greatest of these is love." - 1 Cor. 13:13

"Everything should be done in love." - 1 Cor. 16:14

"Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience... And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity." - Col. 3:12,14

"We have known and have believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them." - 1 John 4:16

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." - Eph. 4:2

"Above all, show sincere love to each other, because love brings about the forgiveness of many sins." - 1 Peter 4:8

"May the Lord cause you to increase and enrich your love for each other and for everyone in the same way as we also love you." - 1 Thes. 3:12

"Love each other like the members of your family. Be the best at showing honor to each other."
- Romans 12:10

"Love doesn't do anything wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is what fulfills the Law." - Romans 13:10

"Hate stirs up conflict, but love covers all offenses." - Proverbs 10:12

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these." - Mark 12:30-31

"This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you." - John 15:12

I wonder what God is trying to tell us?

Grace and peace,
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St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2023		Chairperson
Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong	
Building/Grounds	Bob Naumann	
Communications & Outreach	Rev. Tripp Brogdon	
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	B. J. Breeding	
Finance & Administration	Turner Matthews	
Member Care.....	Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann	
Mission	Barbara Mouton & John Jordan	
Treasurer	Philip Gilbert	
Nominating.....	Shelly Shull	
Worship	Linda Grissom	



John Brandon	Sept. 11
Jacob Shull	Sept. 13
Carol Watt	Sept. 24
Joan Jordan	Sept. 24
Teresa Culbert	Sept. 28
Robert Lawton	Sept. 29



John & Betty Brandon
September 23

CONNECT

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

**SEPT. 13
5:30 PM**

Bible Study

**SEPT. 27
5:30 PM**

Movie Night

"A Beautiful Day in the
Neighborhood"

Never look down
on others –
unless you are
lifting them up



**Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen
Monday, September 11**

The menu is white chili. Please sign up on the
bulletin board to bring desserts and cornbread.



Congratulations!

Stacey Nelson has officially become a Candidate for Ministry in the PC (USA)! She was examined at the Aug. 15 Called Presbytery Meeting of North Alabama Presbytery and was unanimously received as a Candidate. Please continue to pray for Stacey as she continues her journey to ordination.



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

"Elizabeth's Sacred Encounter"

Luke 1:1-24: 39-45

Speaker: Linda Grissom

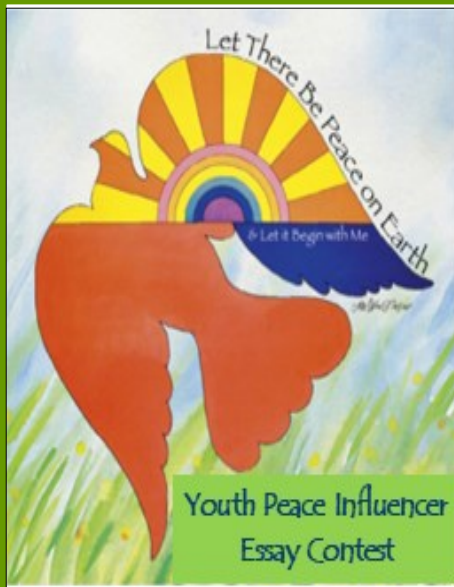
Tuesday, September 5
10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

North Alabama Presbyterian Women Fall Gathering

**Maranatha Camp and Conference Center
Scottsboro, AL**

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

**Registration and Coffee Meet-n-Greet
with Rev. Brandon Miles 9:15-9:50 a.m.**



Calling all High School Youth in North Alabama

What: A Youth Peace Influencer Essay Contest

Sponsored by: The Kenneth Wayne Gillon Foundation,
Rev. Linda and Mr. David Post, Trustees
Endorsed by: The North Alabama Presbytery Peacemaking
Task Force

Awards: -First Place \$500—Second Place \$250
Third Place \$100

Deadline for essay submissions is September 20, 2023.
Winners will be notified by October 1st and awards will be
issued at that time. Additional information is located in the
church office.

CATS Luncheon At Logan's Roadhouse Thursday, September 21, at 11:30 AM

Hello St. Andrew Presbyterian CATS! We have a reservation
in "The Garage" (a private dining room) at Logan's Roadhouse
on the Beltline. The room is large, so we hope you will join us.
Logan's requires:



- 1) Deadline for a final count is noon, Monday, Sept. 18.
- 2) **All participants** must be **present** prior to seating (so, please, arrive by **11:15....**)
- 3) An automatic 20% gratuity is added to each guest check.
- 4) Individual guest checks will be provided.

Sign-up sheet is in the church office.

Shoeboxes for kids



Holiday Hope Chest Project

The Holiday Hope Chest Project is underway for the 2023
Christmas season!

The Volunteer Center of Morgan County provides
Christmas boxes for children from low-income
households. Here's how you can help; preassemble a box,
donate items to fill a box or give a monetary
donation. More information can be found at the table set up
in front of the Fellowship Hall. Boxes must be turned in by
Monday, December 4th.



Join Us for Movie Night
Wednesday, Sept. 27
5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall
Everyone Welcome!

Fun Facts About Popcorn

1. Popcorn is over 5000 years old.
2. The first commercial popcorn machine was invented by Charles Cretors in 1885.
3. Nebraska produces the most popcorn in America, around 250 million pounds per year.
4. Microwaveable popcorn was invented by Pillsbury in 1982.
5. Popcorn is a healthy GMO-free and gluten-free snack.
6. January 19th is National Popcorn Day.
7. The hull of some varieties of popcorn shatters when it pops so it looks hull-less.
8. Popcorn can reach up to 3 feet in distance when popping.
9. In 1949, popcorn was temporarily banned from movie theaters for being too loud of a snack.
10. During the World War II sugar shortage, Americans ate 3x more popcorn.
11. America's Favorite Gourmet Popcorn pops our popcorn at 400°F, which is the ideal temperature for popping popcorn.
12. The unpopped popcorn kernels at the bottom of a popcorn bag are called old maids.
13. Popcorn kernels are 4% water, and the water causes popcorn to pop when heated up.
14. Popcorn has three common shapes: rice, South American, and pearl. Pearl is the most popular popcorn shape.
15. In the 1800's, popcorn was often eaten as a cereal with milk and sugar.
16. Popcorn is a popular North American Christmas tree decoration. Popcorn is threaded onto a string and used as garland.
17. When popcorn pops in a round shape it is called mushroom popcorn and popcorn which pops in unpredictable shapes is called butterfly popcorn.

With these fun facts, you can impress your friends while enjoying a bag of popcorn and drinks and watching "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood", based on the life of Mr. Rogers.



Member Care

Shepherd groups are meeting. If your group has not met yet, plan to attend when it is scheduled. These gatherings provide an opportunity to fellowship--eat, share, and laugh--with other members in a small group.

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.



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 at 1:00PM.

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



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.

As you begin to do fall cleaning and changing to warmer clothing, please remember the homeless who will need items for cold weather. Warm clothing, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, coats, gloves, socks, bikes, etc. are welcome.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 PW 10a Civic Chorus 6p	6	7	8	9
10	11 HAD Lunch PEO 6p	12 10a PW Fall Meeting, Maranatha Civic Chorus 6p	13 Choir 4:30p CONNECT 5:30p	14 1:00p Caring Hands	15	16
17	18 Color Group 9a Final sign-up day for CATS lunch	19 Civic Chorus 6p	20 Session 2p	21 CATS Lunch at Logan's 11:30a	22	23
24	25	26 Civic Chorus 6p	27 Choir 4:30p Movie Night 5:30p	28 1:00p Caring Hands	29	30



September Worship Leaders

Sept	3	10	17	24
Liturgists	Faye Anderson	BJ Breeding	Cerese Sweeley	Barb Mouton
Ushers	Betty Matthews Barb Mouton	Cerese Sweeley Betty Matthews	John & Shelly Shull	Bob & Jackie Naumann
Nursery	Carol Strong	Barb Mouton	Betty Matthews	Jane Lowery
	Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, BJ Breeding, John Jordan, Barb Mouton, Linda Grissom		