

Message from your Staff:

2023 has been a great year at St. Andrew! We can't wait to see what God has for us in 2024! We love you and are praying for you.



The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Lamentations 3:22-23

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

CONNECT

JANUARY SCHEDULE

JAN. 10

JAN. 24

**4:30 PM Choir
5:30 PM CONNECT
With Rev. Tripp**

**4:30 PM Choir
Bingo Night**

JANUARY Birthdays

Mavis Stephens 4
Nellie Gates 4
Stu Strong 5
Bob Naumann 8

Donald Foster 8
John Shull 10
Ceresee Sweeley 23

Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, January 21st
Following the service**



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

**Tuesday, January 2
10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall**

**"A Person with Leprosy", Luke 17:11-21
Lesson Leader: B.J. Breeding**

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 and 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.

Please remember the homeless will need items for cold weather. Warm clothing, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, coats, gloves, socks, bikes, etc. are welcome.

Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Did you know...

200-275 people are fed hot, nourishing meals provided 4 days per week by volunteer cook teams, or daily volunteers?

30-50 meals are provided to the Alabama Department of Corrections Work Release Road crew?

280 sack lunches "to go" get the unhoused community through until the next meal?

200 survival bags are distributed with food intended to last each person a couple of days; 100 toiletry kits are distributed; 50 showers; 13 Trauma Support Group participants; 25 computer room users?

Without you, our community, Hands Across Decatur would not exist and our unhoused and underserved would continue to feel like "invisible", "worthless", "hopeless", and "throwaway" citizens.



Habitat For Humanity

Thank you to all who participated in saving aluminum cans, foil, and cooking pans. I recently took in our recyclables and had 343 pounds of aluminum! In the last 2 trips we have turned in just under 650 pounds! We were able to give Habitat for Humanity \$210.00! Please continue to donate. All metal is recyclable.

Bob Naumann

Salvation Army



This December, Mission Committee Co-Chairs Barb Mouton and John Jordan presented a \$2,000 check to the Salvation Army for the Homeless Shelter that they are working to re-open. St. Andrew is leading the way in Decatur by serving our homeless population as the first church to contribute to the Salvation Army's effort to provide shelter for those in need."

Happy New Year ♡ *Happy New Year* ♡ *Happy New Year*

Seekers Sunday School Class:

Beginning Sunday, January 7, the Seekers class will be watching and discussing Season 2 of "The Chosen", the television series about the life and ministry of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join us each Sunday at 8:45 in the senior high room.

Connect:

January 10 – Bible Study, Pastor Tripp

January 24 – Bingo night

Bingo Night:

Hey, Bingo fans! Let's play. Join us for a fun night of Bingo on Wednesday, January 24 at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Invite your neighbors, and bring a slightly used item that you would like to share as a prize for the games. You might be surprised at some of the great prizes that you can win. Hope to see you then.

Member Care

One of the joys of the Christmas Season is the time we spend with family and friends. We had that time at our Christmas Brunch. The Fellowship Hall was filled with sounds of laughter, delicious smells from an abundance of food, and beautiful decorations on every table. It was a special time. Thanks to everyone who brought food and to those who decorated tables and the piano.

The first order of business for the new year is to remove the decorations and store them for next year. The decorations remain up during the Advent season which ends on January 6, so we will remove the decorations on Monday, January 8 at 9 am. If you are available, please join the committee to help with this task.

2023 Christmas Brunch





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Church Office Closed New Year's Day	2 10A PW 6P CC	3 9:30A-1:00P Garden Club (Bobbie Meier)	4	5	6
7	8 6P PEO HAD Lunch	9 6P CC	10 4:30P Choir 5:30P CONNECT w/Rev. Tripp	11 1P Caring Hands	12	13
14	15 Church Office Closed MLK Day	16 6P CC	17	18	19	20 10A DMC
21 Congregational Meeting	22	23 6P CC	24 4:30P Choir 5:30P Bingo	25 1P Caring Hands	26	27
28 2P DMC Auditions	29	30 6P CC	31			



January Worship Leaders

Jan	7	14	21	28
Liturgists	John Jordan	Shelly Shull	Ceil Hydrick	Don Koza
Ushers	Betty Matthews Harold Culbert	Doug Coshow Barb Mouton	Cerese Sweeley Dave Ellerbe	Stu Strong Don Foster
Nursery	Jackie Naumann	Betty Matthews	Shelly Shull	Carol Strong
	Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, Shelly Shull, John Jordan, Barb Mouton, Linda Grissom		