



Message from our Pastor:

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.” - 2 Corinthians 13:14

It's time to flip the pages of our calendars to a new month, and with that comes fresh possibilities and a host of new goings-on here at St. Andrew.

As always, there are opportunities for worship, for service, for fellowship, and for study. I encourage you to take part in all of those important aspects of faith, so that you may grow closer to God, one another, and your neighbors.

Also during the month of May, we will be celebrating two special worship services, the Day of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. As the Great Fifty Days of Easter ends, our focus shifts from the death and resurrection of our savior, Jesus Christ, to the gift and work of the Holy Spirit.

On the Day of Pentecost, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world.

Our focus finally turns to the full expression of God: the Trinity. On Trinity Sunday, we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

These two Sundays and the scripture that accompanies them help to bring all that is on our calendar here at church into focus. Both Sundays allow us to have a more comprehensive picture of why we do what we do, along with the knowledge and comfort that whatever we do, we do with God - the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Whether we worship, serve, fellowship, or study, God is with us, supplying us with grace, love, and communion.

So come and take part in what God is doing here at St. Andrew!

Grace and peace,
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St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2024	Chairperson
Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong
Building/Grounds.....	Bob Naumann
Communications & Outreach.....	D. Ann Norris
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	B. J. Breeding
Finance & Administration.....	
Member Care	Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann
Mission	Barbara Mouton & John Jordan
Treasurer	Philip Gilbert
Nominating	Shelly Shull
Worship	Linda Grissom



Robert Sumner	10
Amy Burks	19
Bobbie Meier	24
Don Koza	26

Bob & Jackie Naumann	16
Tommy & Nellie Gates	17
Don & Shelia Koza	22
John & Joan Jordan	30

CONNECT

SUMMER SCHEDULE

MAY 8	JUNE 12	JULY 10	AUG. 14
5:30 PM BINGO	CONNECT w/ Bo Lundy Haiti Hospital	5:30 PM Movie Night	5:30 PM Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Tuesday, May 7
10:00 AM
Fellowship Hall

“People Encounter Jesus...”, Acts 9:36-43
Lesson Leader: D. Ann Norris



Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Monday, May 13

Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring
cornbread, rolls, or dessert.

Café Connect

9:30 AM

Fellowship Hall



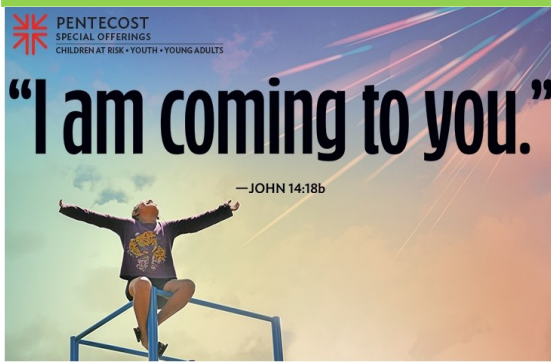
Join us every Sunday morning
for coffee, light breakfast
treats and fellowship.

CHOIR *Practice*

Wednesday

May
8th & 22nd
4:30 PM





Pentecost Special Offerings

May 19, Pentecost Sunday

The Pentecost Offering helps youth in our community begin life with a strong start —

A solid foundation of faith formed in the first third of life, from childhood through young adulthood.

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with the church of the past, continuing to inspire the church of today, and pointing us to the church of the future. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come.

Pentecost arrives 50 days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension — when Jesus ascends into heaven. Jesus and the Scriptures are making an important theological point at Pentecost. Jesus ascends and the church is born. If his mission and ministry is to continue, it is upon us, his disciples, to keep it going, and we have the Holy Spirit to lead us, who blesses us all with different gifts to be used at different times and in different ways. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith.

Our congregation keeps 40% of raised funds to initiate or support programs for young people in our community.

At St. Andrew we will be promoting the Pentecost Offering in the month of May. The offering will be taken Pentecost Sunday, May 19. As the date approaches, watch your mailboxes for more information and giving envelopes.

Presbyterian Women's Fundraiser Lunch

Presbyterian Women hosted a salad lunch following the worship service on Sunday, April 21. A variety of salads was served with desserts and drinks. Donations were accepted for this spring fundraiser which will help support PW's mission projects.

During the luncheon, Rev. Tripp Brogdon presented our member, Stacey White, with a gift from the congregation of three Bible commentaries in honor of her upcoming graduation from Dubuque Seminary where she has been a ministerial student. PW wishes her much success in her future as a Presbyterian pastor."



Congratulations Graduates!

We send our love and prayers with you both.

St. Andrew congratulates our 2024 graduates, Ella Stephens and Parker Vandine. We are proud of you and wish you the very best in all your future endeavors.



Ella Stephens is the daughter of Jeremy and Gretchen Stephens. Her grandparents are Mavis and the late Bob Stephens and Cheryl and Steve Leavelle. Ella will graduate from Decatur High School with an Advanced Academic Endorsement Diploma with Honors.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Social Studies Honor Society, National English Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. Ella is a member of the Decatur High School wind ensemble and the DHS marching band.

Ella will attend the University of Alabama in the fall where she plans to study Mechanical Engineering and will be a member of the Honors College. Ella has received the full tuition Presidential Scholarship, Alumni Scholarship, Engineering Department Scholarship and a Concert Ensemble Scholarship.



Parker Vandine will graduate from the University of Alabama in Huntsville on May 6th with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering with Magna Cum Laude honors. He was also awarded the Outstanding Student in Computer Engineering honor for his graduating class.

Parker plans to travel in May. In June he will serve the Huntsville community under the Generosity Foundation. On July 1st Parker will start full-time at Aviation and Missile Solutions. He plans to continue his education part-time with hopes of obtaining a Master's of Science degree in Electrical Engineering with a focus in Radar and Digital Signal Processing in May of 2027.

Presbyterian Women of the NAP Spring Meeting

Congratulations to Barbara Allen who was installed as PWP Moderator, along with B.J. Breeding as PWP Secretary, Linda Faulk PWP Historian and Linda Grissom PWP Together In-Service Coordinator. Others installed were Krista Lovell PWP Treasurer, Constance Malone PWP Member at Large, and Randi Harbin PWP Cluster Leader. All leaders installed will serve a two-year term.



BINGO

Join the fun on Wednesday night, May 8 at 5:30 pm for another chance to win some interesting prizes as we play Bingo. Please bring some slightly used or new items to be used for prizes. You may leave these items at the Donation Location in the Bingo bin.

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

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



We make cards that will be used to send out hope filled messages to those needing some encouragement or just a little extra “hug” to let them know how much we care about them. The only skills needed will be the ones you learned in kindergarten: cutting

and pasting! We have several paper artists in our group who will provide patterns and supplies from their overflowing stashes! No need to buy anything. We also knit or crochet shawls for Hospice and the Cancer Institute. 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.

Warm clothing, sheets, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, coats, gloves, socks, bikes, etc. are all welcome.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 1P Caring Hands	3	4
5	6 6P PEO	7 10A PW	8 4:30P Choir 5:30P Bingo	9	10	11
12 Graduates Sunday Mother's Day	13 HAD Lunch	14	15 2P Session Meeting	16 1P Caring Hands	17	18
19 Pentecost Offering 2:00P-4:00P DMC Recital	20	21	22 4:30P Choir	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28	29	30	31	

May Worship Leaders

May	5	12	19	26
Liturgists	Don Koza	Cerese Sweeley	Shelly Shull	Faye Anderson
Ushers	Stu Strong Don Foster	Bob & Jackie Naumann	Doug Coshow Harold Culbert	John & Shelly Shull
Nursery	Joan Jordan	Barb Mouton	Betty Matthews	Carol Strong
	Communion Servers	Bob Naumann, BJ Breeding, Don Koza, D. Ann Norris, Nellie Gates		