



Message from our Pastor:

St. Andrew,

As I hope you are aware, your Session began a season of discernment in January in which we have been praying, reflecting, and listening to God.

The Session is called, among other things, to be spiritual leaders of this congregation, and so they are living up to that calling by helping determine who God is calling St. Andrew to be and what God is calling St. Andrew to do as we move into the future.

It is difficult work, but it is important and holy work. But that work, at the end of the day, cannot be completely done by them. You, the congregation, have an important role to play, as well!

With that in mind, ***you are invited to a church-wide catered lunch on Sunday, July 14th immediately following the worship service.***

After enjoying some great food together, I will give you all an update on our visioning work and give you a chance to ask any questions you may have. We will then end our time together with some conversations at our tables about your hopes and dreams for St. Andrew moving forward.

This is an essential step in our visioning process as we hear from you, the congregation. If we hope to discern God's will for our beloved church, whatever that may be, then we must be united in our vision and efforts.

In preparation for our lunch and discussion on the 14th, I'd like to share a selection of scripture with you that has been our anchor through this process. I hope that it will be that for you, as well.

*"So when God wanted to prove for certain his promise to his people could not be broken, he made a vow. God cannot tell lies! And so his promises and vows are two things that can never be changed. We have run to God for safety. Now his promises should greatly encourage us to take hold of the hope that is right in front of us. This hope is like a firm and steady **anchor** for our souls." -Hebrews 6:17-19a*

Whatever is ahead of us, we take hold of the hope that is right in front of us, like a firm and steady anchor.

Thanks be God,

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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.....	Don Koza
Member Care	Faye Anderson & Jackie Naumann
Mission	Barbara Mouton & John Jordan
Treasurer	Philip Gilbert
Nominating	Shelly Shull
Worship	Linda Grissom



Barb Mouton	3
Addi Zeiher	9
George Hilleary	13
Ella Stephens	21
Betty Brandon	29



Shelley & Jeremy Vinzant	11
Turner & Betty Matthews	18

CONNECT

SUMMER SCHEDULE

JULY 10

5:30 PM
Movie Night

AUG. 14

5:30 PM
Ice Cream Social
and Hymn Sing

Shoeboxes for kids



Holiday Hope Chest In July

Barb Wyle has obtained shoeboxes from the Holiday Hope Chest Volunteer Center. They need to be wrapped. If anyone wants to take some home to wrap, contact Barb Wyle. If you would like to donate shoe boxes, please leave them on the Donation Table in front of the Fellowship Hall.

Café Connect

8:00 AM to 9:50 AM

Fellowship Hall

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



Volunteers are needed to assist with the refreshments. A sign-up sheet with details is posted on the bulletin board. If you have any questions contact any member of the Member Care Committee.

CHOIR *Practice*

Wednesday

July
10th & 24th
4:30 PM



School starts August 7 this year! The mission team is once again collecting school supplies. Austinville Elementary is our chosen school to support. It is a Title One school so student supplies are received from the government. Last year we collected teacher classroom supplies which were very much appreciated as these supplies come out of the teachers pockets a lot of the time. Leave donations in the bin at Donation Station by the Fellowship Hall.



Needed teacher supplies:

Paper towels

Kleenex

Chlorox wipes

Dry Erase markers

Healthy (bulk) snacks for kids that may not have one.

Any and all school supplies for students are also welcome.

Thank you from the Mission team,
Joan Jordan

Thanks to all of you who donated food or served lunch at HAD in June!

Hands Across Decatur will be closed July and August. We will resume meals in September. The Mission Committee will be looking for ways to help Decatur's homeless population endure the summer heat. Ideas are welcome.



Movie Night
Wednesday, July 10
in the Fellowship Hall
at 5:30 p.m.

A Man Called Peter is based on the life of preacher Peter Marshall, who served as chaplain of the United States Senate and pastor of the New York Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., before his early death. The movie is adapted from the 1951 biography of the same name, which was written by his widow, Catherine Marshall.

Drinks and popcorn will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks or sandwiches (and cushions) since the movie will run about two hours. Invite your friends and neighbors for this special time of fellowship.



MEET THE CHOIR

(So that visitors, new members, and even long-time members of St. Andrew get to know us a little better, this column will feature a different choir member each month. If you love singing and may be interested in joining with us, visit any one of our choir practices. You're always welcome!)

Addison Owens Zeiher (Addi) is the youngest member of the St. Andrew choir. She has been in choir for one year. Addi proudly says, "I was born and raised at St. Andrew." She is also an "honorary" member of Presbyterian Women because she began attending the meetings as an infant, sitting in a high chair playing with toys or "reading" quietly. Her grandmother, Barb, brought her many times. Through the years, Addi has also participated in a variety of church programs. We have certainly enjoyed watching her grow up!

Addi not only sings soprano beautifully, she also plays French horn and mellophone in the Decatur High School marching and concert bands. Addi says, "An interesting fact about me is that my mom and I both played French horn!"

This summer Addi is a counselor at Camp Maranatha in Scottsboro, something that she has looked forward to doing for a long time. Check out Camp Maranatha's Facebook page to see some great pictures of campers and counselors having an exciting time!

L. Grissom

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.

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



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JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Rev. Tripp off	2	3	4 Church Office Closed	5	6
7	8 1P CE Meeting 2P Session/ Vision Meeting	9	10 4:30P Choir 5:30P Movie Night	11 Hank Livingston's 1P Visitation 2P Memorial Service	12	13
14 Visioning catered lunch following worship	15	16	17 2P Session Meeting	18 1P Caring Hands	19	20
21	22	23	24 4:30P Choir	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

July Worship Leaders

July	7	14	21	28
Liturgists	Linda Grissom	Harold Culbert	Stu Strong	D. Ann Norris
Ushers	John & Shelly Shull	Bob & Jackie Naumann	Harold Moore & Barb Mouton	Harold Culbert & Doug Coshow
Nursery	Joan Jordan	Jane Lowery	Carol Strong	Shelly Shull
	Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, BJ Breeding, Don Koza, D. Ann Norris, Linda Grissom		