

Message from our Pastor:

If you've been up to the church lately, you will have probably heard (and seen) a whole host of cicadas. How might they relate to our faith journeys? I got a kick out of this wonderful church sign this past week, and it may have some insights for us!



I applaud Step 1 of shedding our old selves. This echoes Ephesians 4:22, where we are called “to put away our former way of life, our old self.” Hey, maybe cicadas can teach us about our lives of faith! This is a great goal to set for this summer!

Steps 2 and 3, while made for humorous effect, also have some important truths within them. As we struggle with how to live in a broken world, filled with sickness, death, turmoil, greed, and violence, sometimes we may need to just go outside and scream... to voice our frustrations... to cry out. Take a look at the Book of Psalms for a long line of faithful folks who expressed themselves in this way.

As for going to sleep for 17 years, I'd be lying if that didn't sound nice on certain days! I've always wondered what it must be like to hibernate like a bear (or a cicada, I suppose). When we get tired, it sure would be nice to rest for a while, but it would also give us an opportunity to escape all that makes us go outside and scream!

While that may seem ideal, that's not what we've been called to do as followers of Christ. When we shed our old selves, we are also “to be renewed in the spirit of our minds and to clothe ourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness” (Eph. 4:23-24). That doesn't involve us sleeping in ignorant bliss while the troubles of the world pass us by. Instead, we are called to be awake and to be witnesses to the resurrection power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

So the next time you hear a cicada, my hope is that you might just set a new goal for yourself this summer... to shed your old self, to cry out, to rest when needed, and to be a witness for the world.

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



Bill Heim	1	Jeff Gilbreath	20	Harold & Teresa Culbert	20
Jamie Heim	5	Rita Abbott	20		
Nelda Gilbert	7	Sandy Baldwin	26		
Linda Grissom	15				
Linda Livingston	19				

CONNECT

SUMMER SCHEDULE

JUNE 12

JULY 10

AUG. 14

5:30 PM
CONNECT w/
Bo Lundy
Haiti Hospital

5:30 PM
Movie Night

5:30 PM
Ice Cream Social
and Hymn Sing

CONNECT

Please join us on Wednesday, June 12 as Bo Lundy shares about Haiti and the Haiti Hospital. Bo Lundy is from Huntsville and has visited Haiti many times. He will be sharing his firsthand knowledge of Bombardopolis, a city in northwest Haiti, and Haiti Hospital which is in Bombardopolis.



Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Monday, June 10

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

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

June
12th & 26th

4:30 PM



Combined Sunday School

Pastor Tripp will teach a combined Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 23 at 8:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Stated Session Meeting

The following items are highlights from the May 15, 2024, Stated Session Meeting:

- 1. The May Stated Session Meeting was held on May 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**
- 2. The meeting was opened with a devotional led by Faye Anderson.**
- 3. Linda Grissom was elected to be our Commissioner to the Summer Meeting of NAP at Faith Presbyterian Church in Huntsville on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.**
- 4. The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of March 20, 2024 were approved.**
- 5. April year to date income was \$257 more than budgeted and expenses were \$3,669 more than budgeted. Our checking and saving accounts increased by \$4,145 as of the first quarter of the year.**
- 6. Bob Naumann has obtained quotes for updating / repairing our church signs and for filling cracks in our parking lot. At this time, we will wait to do anything with the signs, because the price was so high. We will probably have the cracks in the parking lot filled in August. In addition, the 4 newly planted Yoshino cherry trees are doing well.**
- 7. B. J. Breeding announced that the summer Connect programs will be: Bo Lundy and the Haiti hospital on June 12, Movie Night on July 10 and an Ice Cream Social with a hymn sing on August 14.**
- 8. Faye Anderson told us that the coffee time on Sunday mornings has been expanded and there is a sign-up sheet for those willing to bring food for the coming weeks. Our cookout will be on September 25 and the theme this year will be western.**
- 9. Mission projects are doing well. We collected \$915 for the One Great Hour of Sharing and our efforts with HAD continue to be fruitful. HAD has a new kitchen manager, Jonathan, and the facility looks good with new flooring.**
- 10. Linda Grissom reported that the team is developing guidelines for outside groups wishing to use our facility and set expectations for them if they need our AV help and we are purchasing new banners for the sanctuary to replace those that are showing wear.**
- 11. Rev. Brogdon led us in our fourth installment of the Session Visioning and Discernment process that we are working on this year. This session dealt primarily with considering how we can celebrate both positive and negative perceptions of our programs and operations as a church community.**

The next Stated meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 2:00 pm.

Stu Strong, Clerk of Session

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 6P PEO	4 6P DMC	5 10A Mission Comm. Meeting	6 1P Caring Hands	7	8
9	10 HAD Lunch	11	12 4:30P Choir 5:30P CONNECT w/ Bo Lundy, Haiti Hospital	13	14	15
16 Father's Day	17 Jennifer off all week	18 Church Office Closed	19	20 1P Caring Hands	21	22
23 Combined SS	24 Rev. Tripp off all week	25	26 4:30 Choir	27	28	29
30 Rev. Tripp off						

June Worship Leaders

June	2	9	16	23	30
Liturgists	John Jordan	Barb Mouton	Bob Naumann	Nellie Gates	BJ Breeding
Ushers	Dave Ellerbe Betty Matthews	Don Koza Cereese Sweeley	Harold Moore Barb Mouton	Stu Strong Don Foster	Doug Coshow Shelly Shull
Nursery	Jackie Naumann	Shelly Shull	Jane Lowery	Joan Jordan	Barb Mouton
Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, Shelly Shull, John Jordan, Barb Mouton, Linda Grissom				