



Friends,

As we enter the season of Lent this month, we are called to a time of reflection and renewal. This year, our journey will be guided by the theme “God on the Move,” a sermon series that explores the dynamic and transformative nature of Jesus’ ministry.

Jesus didn’t stay in one place for long. His earthly ministry was one of moving from one place and encounter to the next. He also moved through every part of the human experience, encountering everything from temptation, to joy, to suffering, and even death. This series will hopefully help us reclaim the movement of Jesus’ ministry from temptation to condemnation, through his teaching and miracles, and finally through the story of his death and resurrection. As we encounter the life and ministry of Jesus, we cannot stay the same. We ourselves are moved to grow and change as followers and imitators of the gospel.

Our Lenten journey will explore the following themes and scripture selections:

"God Moves... In the Desert" - Luke 4:1-13

"God Moves... Past All Obstacles" - Luke 13:31-35

"God Moves... Over the Fence" - Luke 13:1-9

"God Moves Us... to Empty Ourselves" - John 12:1-8

"God Moves... to the Cross" - Luke 19:28-40

The comforting truth of Lent is that as we delve deeper into our own self-examination, we find that we are not alone. God is still on the move in our lives, walking with us every step as we travel the road to Easter. God’s movement in Jesus’ life inspires and propels our own spiritual growth.

Join us each Sunday as we explore these powerful moments in Jesus’ journey. May this Lenten season be a time of profound transformation as we witness “God on the Move” in our lives and in the world.

Grace and peace,

Tripp

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2025	Chairperson
Clerk of Session.....	Stuart Strong
Building/Grounds.....	
Communications & Outreach.....	
Education & Spiritual Formation.....	B. J. Breeding
Finance & Administration.....	Don Koza
Member Care.....	D. Ann Norris & Jackie Naumann
Mission.....	Barbara Mouton & John Jordan
Treasurer.....	Philip Gilbert
Nominating.....	Shelly Shull
Worship.....	Linda Grissom



Betty Matthews	2
Jan Foster	10
John Jordan	10
Harold Moore	14
Marilyn Hinkle	17
Don Breeding	21
Shelley Vinzant	23
Tripp Brogdon	23



CCC FOOD PANTRY

Collection the 1st Sunday of the month.



- Items Needed Most**
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| 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.

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



HOMELESS
Ministry

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.



Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Monday, March 10th

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

CHOIR *Practice*

Wednesday

March
5th & 26th
4:30 PM



Bible Study Drop Box

Is there a topic you've always wanted to know more about? Is there a question you've always been hesitant or scared to ask in church? It can be anything! You can now ask it anonymously through a drop box located on the table right outside the office. Each month during our Wednesday CONNECT Bible Studies in 2025, Tripp will choose one of your questions as the topic, so ask away!

You are invited to
 Presbyterian Women's Spring Luncheon
 "Soup, Salads, and Sweets"
 Sunday, March 16 at 11:00 AM

Let's say good-bye to winter with good food and fellowship as we help support PW's global, national, and local mission projects. Donations will be accepted. See you there!



**Welcome new members,
 Gillian Buttgereit and Lynn Panter!**

Upcoming Church Events

CONNECT

March 5 – Ash Wednesday service

March 26 – Bingo

BINGO

We are excited to announce our upcoming Bingo night on Wednesday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of games, laughter, and interesting prizes, which we hope you will help donate. Look around your house and bring items that you think others might consider a **prize**. Please place those prizes in the marked container at the Donation Location. Bring your friends and family. Everyone is welcome.

Chat n' Chew Lenten Study

If you are looking for an opportunity to grow spiritually, ask questions, and connect with others in a meaningful way, join us for a Lenten Bible study, which Rev. Tripp will lead on March 17, 24, 31, and April 7. Bring a sack lunch and join us in the fellowship hall from 11:30am-12:30pm each day. Feel free to bring a friend or family member.



CONNECT

MARCH SCHEDULE

MARCH 5

5:30 PM
Ash Wednesday
Service

MARCH 26

5:30 PM
BINGO



Chat "N" Chew

Lent Bible Study

March 17th, 24th, 31st
and April 7th

11:30am–12:30pm

In the Fellowship Hall

Bring your own lunch.

Action Team Refresher & Reminder

We will have a short refresher & walkthrough on Wednesday, March 26th from 5:15p-5:30p for all new and current Team Members. We'll wedge it in between Choir Practice & The Wednesday Connect. See you then and again, Thank You for your participation. WC

Blessings,
WC



MEET THE CHOIR

Nelda Gilbert

I was born in Scottsboro, Alabama into a family of six children. We were a musical family and always at church. My father was the piano player for a small Baptist church and he convinced me to sing my first solo at six years old.

In high school I sang in youth choirs (approximately 30 teens), a youth ensemble (9 teens), and a gospel choir. I've been in the choir at Covenant/St. Andrew for approximately 28 years. So I guess you could say I like music.

I graduated from Scottsboro High School, Northeast State Junior College, and U.A.H.

My degree is in Art with a minor in Art History.

Philip and I have been married for 44 years and members of St. Andrew since 1987.

I have served on many committees, taught Sunday School, and taught P.W. lessons, etc.

I am currently serving on the Worship Committee, the Nominating Committee, and rotate teach Sunday School in the Hoppers Sunday School class, oh yeah, and I'm still singing!

(This column is an introduction to the members of St. Andrew's choir. We hope you have enjoyed getting to know a little more about us! If you enjoy music and love to sing, we invite you to come to one of our practices for a visit. Our normal practices are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 4:30 in the sanctuary. A Bible study or a program usually follows choir practice at 5:30 in the fellowship hall.)

Volunteer Opportunity

Starting on Thursday, March 13 from 10 to 12, Barb Mouton is looking for volunteers to write dates on pantry items at Hands Across Decatur. This is mostly a sit down job writing expiration dates in readable font with a black Sharpie. Please call Barb if you are interested at 256 476-6094. Bring your own Sharpie and reading glasses because the finding the dates isn't always easy



Easter Dinner Collection

Our yearly Easter meal collection has begun! A designated area at the Donation Location is set up for the items. Deadline is **Sunday, April 6th**. We will be accepting donations to purchase the hams in the church office. Make check payable to SAPC. The donation food list for one meal is as follows (2 cans of any size per meal).

2 Canned Corn	2 Canned Fruit
2 Canned Green Beans	1 Boxed Potatoes
2 Canned Candied Yams	
1 Boxed Dessert (if a cake, bring frosting)	

This Easter we will be providing Easter dinner kits for 50 families. Each kit will consist of an 8-10 pound spiral cut ham and all the groceries needed to prepare a home-cooked family dinner. The hams are already ordered. We will begin collecting the groceries at the Donation Station outside the Fellowship Hall as well as cash donations to cover the cost of the hams and additional groceries on March 10. The last day for donations will be Sunday, April 4. The cost of each ham will be approximately \$20-\$24. If you prefer us to purchase the groceries for you, the cost for groceries for one meal is approximately \$20. If we have any surplus money after all the costs are met, we will buy and distribute additional meals.

ADAM HAMILTON
Author of *Half Truths and One*
**CHRISTIANITY
 AND
 WORLD RELIGIONS**
 REVISED EDITION



QUESTIONS WE ASK ABOUT OTHER FAITHS

Seekers Sunday School

The Seekers Sunday school class invites you to join us in the senior high room as we begin Adam Hamilton's study, *Christianity and World Religions* on March 30, 8:45 a.m. During the study, we will be examining four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and comparing the beliefs of each with those of Christianity.

Everyone is welcome.



**Ash Wednesday
Service
Wednesday,
March 5th
5:30 PM**

Join us as we prepare for the
season of Lent.



Presbyterian Women's Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2025
at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Lesson: "Economic Climate Justice"
Leader: Jan Foster
All Ladies Welcome!



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.



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.



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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 10A PW	5 4:30P Choir 5:30P Ash Wednesday	6 1P Caring Hands	7	8 Move clocks forward
9 1st Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving time	10 HAD Lunch 1P CE Meeting	11 2:00P Member Care Meeting	12	13 11A DAR	14	15
16 2nd Sunday of Lent PW Fundraiser Lunch	17 11:30A-12:30P Chat "N" Chew	18	19 2P Session Meeting	20 1P Caring Hands	21	22
23 3rd Sunday of Lent 2P-5P DMC Festival Winter Recital	24 11:30A-12:30P Chat "N" Chew	25	26 4:30P Choir 5:30P Bingo	27	28	29
30 4th Sunday of Lent	31 11:30A-12:30P Chat "N" Chew					

March Worship Leaders

March	2	9	16	23	30
Liturgists	Nellie Gates	Barb Mouton	Harold Culbert	Faye Anderson	Linda Grissom
Ushers	D. Ann Norris & Harold Culbert	Don Koza & Don Foster	John & Shelly Shull	Dave Ellerbe & Barb Mouton	Bob & Jackie Naumann
Nursery	Barb Mouton	Shelly Shull	Carol Strong	Betty Matthews	Joan Jordan
Communion Servers	Bob Naumann, Shelly Shull, John Jordan, Stu Strong & Nellie Gates				