



**St. Andrew,**

**As we step into a new month, our church calendar invites us on a journey through some important celebrations of our faith. In June, we'll navigate from the hope-filled transition of Ascension of our Lord, into the vibrant celebration of Pentecost, and then arrive at the glorious mystery of Trinity Sunday.**

**Our journey begins with Ascension Sunday. This isn't a story of Jesus leaving us! When Christ ascends to God's right hand, he isn't abandoning us; he's taking his rightful place as Lord of all creation. This act makes way for an even more intimate presence: the Holy Spirit. Ascension assures us that Christ's ministry now extends everywhere, calling us to be his hands and feet in the world.**

**A week later comes Pentecost, the moment of promised empowerment! The Holy Spirit descends upon the disciples, filling them with divine courage and enabling them to boldly share the good news. Pentecost reminds us that we are never alone in our faith journey or our mission. The Spirit equips us with the gifts and energy we need to be Christ's presence in a world desperate for hope.**

**Finally, we come to Trinity Sunday, a day we dedicate to embracing the mystery of God, three persons in one. After witnessing Christ's glorious ascent and experiencing the Spirit's empowering descent, Trinity Sunday invites us to reflect on the very nature of the God who enacts these movements. It's about a God who is relational, active, and gracious.**

**As we journey through these sacred weeks, my prayer is that we will see them as a continuous story of God's presence, empowerment, and relational nature.**

**Come and worship! You are invited to join us each Sunday as we celebrate:**

**June 1st: Discover how Christ's ascent ensures his enduring presence.**

**June 8th: Wear red and celebrate the Holy Spirit's power!**

**June 15th: Explore the mystery of our Triune God.**

**Grace and peace,**

**Tripp**

<b>St. Andrew Elders &amp; Ministry Leaders 2025.....</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
Clerk of Session.....	Stu Strong
Building/Grounds.....	Stu Strong
Communications & Outreach.....	Rev. Tripp
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



Bill Heim	1
Nelda Gilbert	7
Linda Grissom	15
Linda Livingston	19
Jeff Gilbreath	20
Rita Abbott	20
Sandy Baldwin	26



Harold & Teresa Culbert	20
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## CCC FOOD PANTRY

### Collection the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Monday, June 9th

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



## 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! All supplies are provided. We also knit or crochet shawls for Hospice and the Cancer Institute. No skills needed; we will teach you.



## Presbyterian Women's Lunch

The Presbyterian Women enjoyed lunch at Logan's after their last meeting before summer break. PW will resume meeting in September. All ladies are welcome!



**Morgan County**  
CHILD ADVOCACY  
CENTER

Want to learn more about the Child Advocacy Center and how you can help the CAC and the children of Morgan County? Join us on Wednesday night June 25th at 5:30 p.m. Misty Cowger, Executive Director, will be our guest speaker.

## Combined Sunday School

We are pleased to announce that Pastor Tripp will lead a combined Sunday school class in the fellowship hall at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 29. You are invited to join us for a meaningful and uplifting lesson.

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



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.

## Café Connect

8:00 AM to 9:50 AM

Fellowship Hall

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



**40%** of the Pentecost Offering stays with this congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community.



**25%** supports Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) serving around the world.

**25%** supports Ministries with Youth.

**10%** is devoted to children at-risk to improve education and provide safe havens.

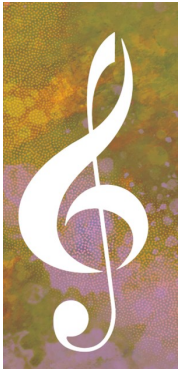


The Pentecost Offering helps guide young people in Christian formation from their earliest years to young adulthood.



June 8, 2025





## MEET THE CHOIR

### Nellie Gates

I grew up in a small town in Northwest Alabama called Sulligent. It was a quiet town where everyone knew you and looked after you. It also made it hard to get by with anything because your parents would know about it by the time you got home. My family attended First Baptist Church because there was only one other church (Methodist) inside the city limits. My dad was a deacon and mother worked with the youth. Fortunately my home was a place where kids could feel comfortable congregating. Since there were not too many youth activities in the city, church was the most active involvement. I was involved in all the services, even speaking on youth Sunday and when in high school, a part of the choir. Following graduation from high school, I attended Mississippi State College for Women (now MUW) earning a BS in social science and psychology. Next came the University of Alabama with a Masters in Social Work. This allowed me to secure a job as District Social Worker with the Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Decatur Branch, where I spent 19 years. Next came Athens State and a degree in secondary education and FSU with a Masters in Social Science Education. This led to work at Decatur General Behavioral Medicine Center as lead teacher for 8 years. The final work load was at the North Central Alabama Mental Health Center as a children's therapist doing the At Risk Students for Hartselle City Schools. During all this time, I met and married Thomas Gates fifty years ago (May 17). Since Bethany Presbyterian Church wanted him to be an elder, I felt it was best I join the Presbyterian Church. Since then I have taught Sunday School, been an elder, served on various committees, helped with Vacation Bible School, played ladies softball, and occupied a seat in the choir. It has been a pleasure to serve at St. Andrew. Tommy and I enjoy traveling and visiting niece and nephews. Marking things off my bucket list, balloons in Albuquerque, seeing the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, Hawaii, Alaska, Niagara Falls, 49 states and one territory, and various other activities.

(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!)

# CHOIR *Practice*

Wednesday

June  
11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 PM



From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3



## CONNECT

### JUNE SCHEDULE

**JUNE 11**

5:30 PM  
**CONNECT**  
Bible Study

**JUNE 25**

5:30 PM  
**CONNECT**  
w/Misty Cowger  
Children's  
Advocacy Center



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## JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Jennifer off	6	7
8 Pentecost Offering	9 HAD Lunch Jennifer off	10 Jennifer off	11 4:30P Choir 5:30P CONNECT Bible Study	12 Jennifer off	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 10A DMC Meeting
22	23	24	25 4:30P Choir 5:30P CONNECT- Children's Advocacy Center Misty	26	27	28
29 Combined Sunday School w/ Rev. Tripp	30					

## June Worship Leaders

June	1	8	15	22	29
Liturgists	Stu Strong	Cerese Sweeley	Faye Anderson	Barb Mouton	Harold Culbert
Ushers	Cerese Sweeley Harold Moore	Betty Matthews Doug Coshaw	Don Koza Don Foster	John & Shelly Shull	Stu Strong Dave Ellerbe
Nursery	Barb mouton	Joan Jordan	Shelly Shull	Carol Strong	Betty Matthews
Communion Servers	Faye Anderson, B.J. Breeding, John Jordan, Stu Strong, & Linda Grissom				