

Happy New Year



O SING UNTO THE LORD
a new song;
FOR HE HATH DONE
marvelous things.

PSALM 98:1, KJV

St. Andrew Elders & Ministry Leaders 2025.....	Chairperson
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
Comptroller	Tommy Gates



Mavis Stephens	4
Nellie Gates	4
Stu Strong	5
Bob Naumann	8
Donald Foster	8
John Shull	10
Cerese Sweeley	23

Café Connect

Opens at 8:00 AM

Fellowship Hall

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



Presbyterian Women's Meeting

Happy New Year to all! May your year be filled with blessings and happiness. It is still not too late to participate in Presbyterian Women. We will meet on January 6, at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. B.J. Breeding will be leading our lesson, "The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor" (Mark 12:41-44). The main idea of the lesson is "joy in Christ is more than happiness; it can change challenging circumstances into faith-filled, even joyous times." Sounds like a good lesson to begin a new year! Come join us on January 6, at 10:00 AM.



Presbyterian Women's Christmas Lunch

The members of PW enjoyed food and fellowship at Fulin's restaurant for their annual Christmas lunch.

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.



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.



CARING HANDS MINISTRY

Meets January 15th
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.

Caring Hands

This past year Caring Hands, lead by Ceil Hydrick, has concentrated on making and sending greeting cards. Ceil estimated that we have distributed well over 400 cards with many more made and on hand to send out. Caring Hands made special request cards for PW like Easter cards and others. We started sending cards to St. Andrew members and visitors but soon reached out to our community. Cards from St. Andrew were made to put in Thanksgiving Holiday meals and Holiday Hope Chest boxes. Thank you cards were made for HAD to send out and assorted cards were made for the residents of Presbyterian Towers to use. With prices increasing for greeting cards, this really has helped everyone. Ceil organized a card making class at Presbyterian Towers. Barb Wyle and others have crocheted many dishcloths and washcloths for HAD and for our own church kitchen. Everyone is invited to join us in the library on the first and third Thursday of the month at 1:00. No special skills or supplies are needed. You can bring your own sewing or craft project to work on. Being part of this group is a stress free hour full of creativity and conversation.

The St. Andrew “Folders” enjoyed their annual Christmas party complete with Christmas Crackers, crowns and doughnuts.



Missions

The Mission Committee is happy to report that it has spent every cent of our 2025 budget. With most committees, saving money is a virtue but with Missions it is our goal to help as many of God's people as we can.

Our committee met all of the giving goals we decided on at the beginning of the year. We also agreed that any money left at the end of December would be divided up and distributed to our local and international charities. Thanks to the generosity of St. Andrew's congregation and the dedicated work of our Mission Committee, we were able make life a bit better for many in 2025 and to do even more in 2026.

CHOIR *Practice*

Wednesday

January
7th & 14th
4:30 PM



Hands Across Decatur Soup Kitchen

Monday, January 12

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

Members “Decked the Halls” for the 2025 Christmas Holiday.



Christmas Caroling 2025

Some of our wonderful choir members went caroling to spread Christmas cheer for some of our congregation at their homes!



CONNECT

JANUARY SCHEDULE

JAN. 14

**5:30 PM
CONNECT
w/Linda Grissom
“Everyday Expressions
Found in the Bible”**

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We’re all familiar with the expressions “the patience of Job” and “a doubting Thomas” and can probably identify their origins in the Bible. Even some movie titles like “The Grapes of Wrath” and “Chariots of Fire” have biblical roots, but we may not know where to find them in the Bible.

On Wednesday, January 14th we’ll find, throughout the Old and New Testaments, the biblical sources and circumstances that gave birth to some of the hundreds of expressions we use every day.

Thanksgiving Dinners 2025

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to purchase an additional 6 turkeys and all the fixings. We provided a total of 57 dinners to families in our community so they could gather around their own dinner tables and enjoy Thanksgiving dinner in their own home.

Christmas Brunch 2025

Thank you to all who brought food and to all who decorated a table. The wonderful food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.



Holiday Hope Chest

Thanks to everyone who helped make Christmas more special for children in Morgan County by wrapping a shoebox, filling one with toys, or making a donation to Holiday Chests. This year, lead with enthusiasm by Barb Wyle, St. Andrew was able to donate 48 boxes full of joy!

WISHING YOU A
**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 31
and Thursday, January 1.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 New Year's Eve—church office closed	2	3
4	5	6 10A PW	7 4:30P Choir	8	9	10
11	12 HAD Lunch	13 10:30A Finance Committee Meeting 1P CE Meeting	14 4:30P Choir 5:30P CONNECT Bible Study w/Linda Grissom	15 1P Caring Hands	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January Worship Leaders

January	4	11	18	25
Liturgists	Linda Faulk	Ceil Hydrick	Cerese Sweeley	Stu Strong
Ushers	Shelly Shull & Barb Mouton	D. Ann Norris & Betty Matthews	Sylvia Newbill & Bob Naumann	Don Koza & Harold Moore
Nursery	Lynn Panter	Shelley Shull	Barb Mouton	Betty Matthews
Communion Servers		Linda Faulk (L), Bob Naumann, John Jordan, Robert Sparks, & Linda Grissom		