

St Andrew Presbyterian Church

LOAVES & FISHES

September 2024



Vision

Mission

CHRIST IS CALLING ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO BE A BEACON OF PEACE AND LOVE WHERE EVERYBODY BELONGS

AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE BEING TRANSFORMED THROUGH THE COURAGEOUS AND HEALING WORK OF RECONCILIATION



October 19, 2024
Setup at 8am,
packing starts 10am

The Saint Andrew Mission Committee is again partnering with Rise Against Hunger for a meal packing event next month! This is a fun family event with children welcome! Details coming later in September.

Visit this link to register as a volunteer:

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StAndrewPresbyterian2024>

PASTOR
AMANDA'S FIRST
DAY IS SEPT 9TH,
HER FIRST
SERVICE IS
SEPT 15TH



The long wait is almost over! Pastor Amanda, TJ, and Emmie are finally in Virginia! Keep refreshing your email and checking Facebook for details about their move-in days!

TO HELP WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR, GO TO:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044FACA922ABF85-51183618-welcoming?useFullSite=true#/>



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September Calendar



Sun 1 10a Worship service*
 Thurs 5 7p Deacon meeting
 Sun 8 10a Worship service*
 Committee meetings after service
Church workday after service - please lend a hand!

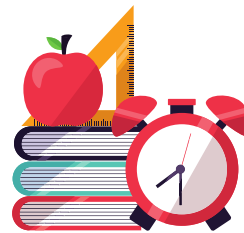
Mon 8 - Fri 13 all day **Pastor Amanda & Family Move-In Days! Keep checking your email to see how you can help**

Mon 9 10a Bible Bunch
all day **Pastor Amanda's first day on the job!**



Sun 15 **9a** **First day of Adult Sunday School**
10a **Pastor Amanda's first worship service***
10:15 a **First day of Sunday School for kids**
Picnic after the service w/ moon bounce!
Bring a side or dessert to share
6p-8p **Youth MS/HS Kickoff w/ pizza! Parent meeting 7:30p**

Fri 20 **5p** **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
 Thurs 19 6:30p NLC Board Meeting
Sun 22 **9a** **First day of Youth Sunday School; Adult Sunday School**
 10a Worship service*: **FOOD ON THE FOURTH**
 Session meeting after the service
 Sat 29 7:30p Book Club



**child care is available infant-3 years old*

Newsletter submissions are due by **Friday, September 20** to newsletter@standrew-pres.org

**FOOD ON THE
 FOURTH
 SUNDAY,
 SEPTEMBER 22**



loudoun
 hunger relief

Loudoun Hunger Relief is requesting **LOW SODIUM CANNED VEGETABLES** this month. Thank you for helping feed our neighbors in need!

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday October 19

Rise
 AGAINST HUNGER

Meal-Packing

set up 8am

packing starts 10am

The upcoming Rise Against Hunger meal-packing event is both super meaningful and super expensive. It costs us \$4200 for the supplies to assemble 10,000 meal packets to be shipped overseas. If you would like to earmark a donation for this worthy cause, please note that on the memo line of your check or online donation. Thank you!

Finance



The children and youth lead the way by collecting \$170 in coins during Vacation Bible School! The Mission Committee is dedicating \$1,000 of its annual budget to RAH, as well.



Session

session@standrew-pres.org

Ally Fetch,
Discipleship

Josh Shields,
Property

Daniel Gillispie,
Finance

Lillian Brewer,
Worship

Stephen Fike,
Treasurer

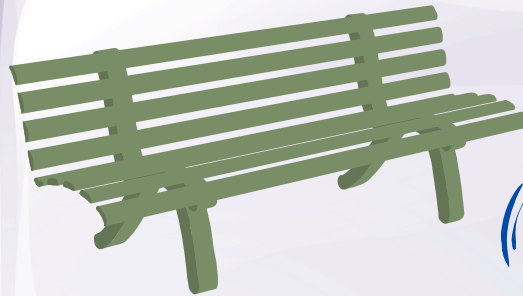
Marcia Owens,
Clerk of Session

Deborah Hill,
Communications

Kyle Hottinger

PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Bring plastic bags to
recycle - we earn a
bench when we have
1,000 lbs!



We only have til
mid-January to
collect another 500
pounds!!

Drop off in the
designated white boxes
in the entryway

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

- PLASTIC SHIPPING ENVELOPES
(LIKE FROM AMAZON)
- CASE OVERWRAP
(LIKE FROM A CASE OF WATER)
- NEWSPAPER SLEEVES
- ZIPLOC BAGS (CLEAN)
- DRY CLEANING BAGS
- GROCERY BAGS
- BREAD BAGS
- CEREAL BAGS
- PRODUCE BAGS
- BUBBLE WRAP



Book Club

4TH SATURDAYS
7:30 PM

AT MEMBERS' HOMES

Sept 28 selection:
Carville's Care

by Pam Fessler

bookclub@standrew-pres.org

Property

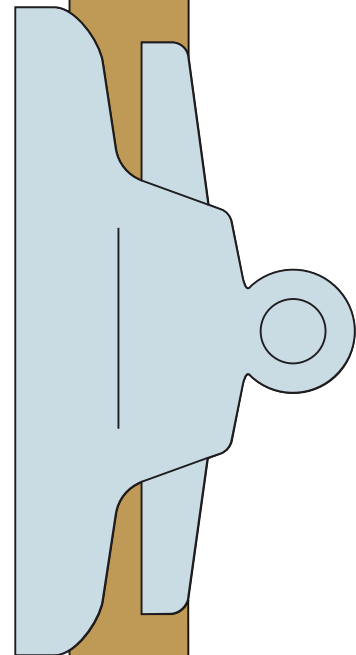
Church Workday Sunday, Sept 8th, after worship.
Please stay to lend a hand!

**WILL YOU PLEASE ASSIST WITH ONE OR MORE OF
THESE PROJECTS, EVEN IF ONLY A LITTLE BIT?**



Please let Josh know at josh.shields@standrew-pres.org or 703-867-8679

- Assist with administering the electronic bulletin board system
- Coordinate for quotes to replace exterior area lighting and supervise work
- Complete installation of camera system (3 exterior cameras, 3 interior cameras still need to be placed)
- Coordinate purchase of new furniture for church office
- Leak-check toilets and/or replace parts where necessary
- Obtain quotes for changes to kitchen AC system or for AC upgrade in kitchen
- Continue installation of door access/entry systems
- Research options to replace basement water fountain with water bottle fill station
- Research options for beverage vending machine installation
- Clean dryer vent
- Trim some low hanging tree branches or help with some basic landscaping projects
- Replace HVAC filters on a monthly basis
- Other small "odd jobs"!



A small "steering group" to handle property-related decision-making and expense approvals. Mostly accomplished via email and virtual meeting. Email josh.shields@standrew-pres.org if interested

To greet people coming in on Sundays, contact:

deacons@standrew-pres.org

To provide refreshments after a worship service, contact:

fellowship@standrew-pres.org



**WAYS TO
HELP
AT ST.
ANDREW**

To provide any kind of flowers for worship services, contact:

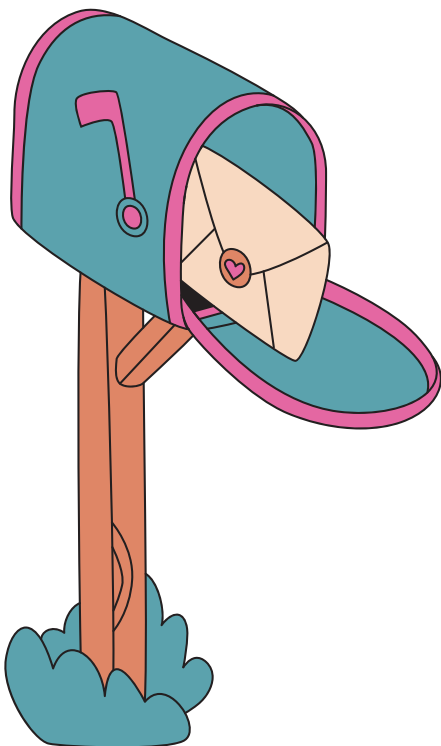
nancy_gilmore@standrew-pres.org



To help with property management in any way, contact:
property@standrew-pres.org

Thank You!

There is a private Facebook group called "St Andrew Presbyterian Church Families" where TONS of fun stuff and photos are shared!



Do you like receiving notes in the mail?

There are blank cards in the Narthex for you to send a note to one of our siblings in Christ. Let's help take care of each other by letting our friends know we are thinking of them and praying for them as they go through life's ups and downs. You can mail the card or leave it for the Deacons to mail. It is always fun to receive mail that isn't a bill or an advertisement!



The Neighborhood Learning Center Summer Camp Stats:

- 142 Summer Camp T-Shirts
- 54 Summer Campers
- 28 Field Trips
- 10 Weeks of Camp
- 5 Days of Vacation Bible School
- 4 Trips to Franklin Park Pool
- ONE GREAT SUMMER



AND ONE GREAT GROUP!



BREAKING NEWS

The NLC is now a child care subsidy provider & VQB5 member!

What is Child Care Subsidy?

The Child Care Subsidy Program assists families in paying child care costs. If you are eligible and are approved for services, the Subsidy Program can pay a portion of your child care costs directly to the child care provider.

Why be a child care subsidy vendor?

Part of the NLC mission statement is, “provide quality and affordable child care.” As a subsidy provider, we can better meet our mandate to provide affordable care to families in our area and to our staff children. It also allows us to participate in VQB5.

What is VQB5?

Virginia’s Quality Birth to Five System (VQB5) helps prepare all children for kindergarten by ensure that all children have quality teaching and learning experiences that meet their unique needs.

What are the requirements for being a part of these programs?

Lots of things! First, all of the NLC staff must complete mandatory training:

- Ten hour Virginia Preservice Training, and annual 4-hour annual renewal
- CPR & First Aid Certification
- 16 hours annual continuing education

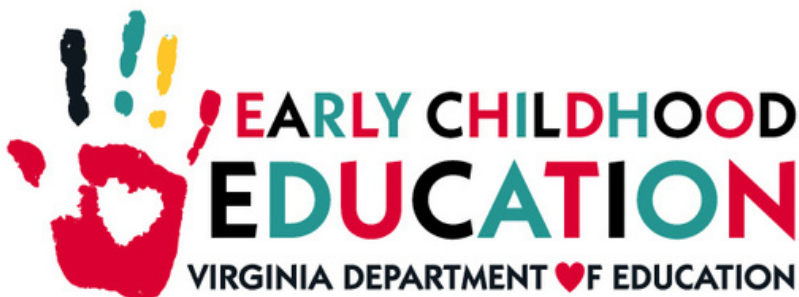


The quality of teacher-child interactions is measured in a developmentally-appropriate way with the use of the CLASS tool. VQB5 sites are required to complete two types of CLASS observations: local and external observations.

Quality is measured through the use of a comprehensive curriculum that aligns with Virginia’s early learning and development standards.

Why be a member of VQB5?

Being a VQB5 member elevates us to even higher standards of care and learning for all our children. Also, RecognizeB5 is an important component of VQB5 that provides direct financial incentives to support retention of teachers.



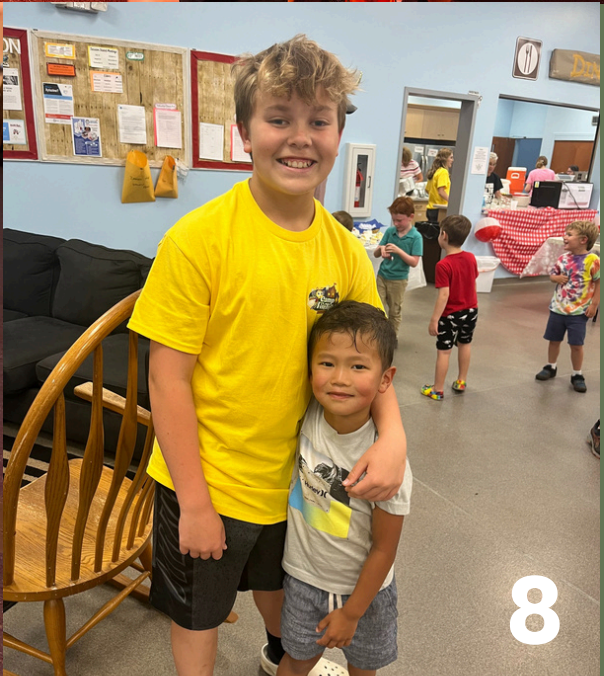
For more information about the Virginia Child Care Subsidy program, visit [Child Care Virginia](#)
For more information about VQB5, visit the [Virginia Department of Education](#)



A FLASH
BACK TO
VBS 2024!



THANK YOU to
everyone who
made VBS
possible...and
AMAZING!!



Please reach out if you are willing to help!

- Elementary school - Sarah Sassak (sarah.sassak@standrew-pres.org)
- Middle/High School - Kirsten Shields (kirsten.shields@standrew-pres.org) or Clark Seipt (clark.seipt@standrew-pres.org)
- Adult - Ally Fetch (ally.fetch@standrew-pres.org)

Discipleship

Sunday School

Pre-K - Grade 3

FIRST DAY SUNDAY, SEPT 15

Kids start worship sitting with their families. After the children's moment, they will head downstairs to enjoy a time of story, exploration, crafts, and learning about Jesus' love for them.

We will use the Follow Me! curriculum again this year with September focusing on "Make Peace." Stories will include Jacob & Esau, and Jesus & the Canaanite woman.

Sunday Morning youth study

Grade 4 - HS

FIRST DAY SUNDAY, SEPT 22, 9 am

Come hang in the Youth Lounge for some fun Bible time! The dads of the youth lead the group in discussions about life, God, and how we are called to live as Christians in today's world. And...donuts!!



MINIS WITH-5TH

2nd Sundays, right after worship for 45min- 1 hr

FIRST DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

Have some lunch, play some games, learn about God's love, and hang with your friends!

Please note that all parents will be asked to sign up to help once or maybe twice during the year (more if you would like, of course!).

Youth

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

1st & 3rd Sundays, usually 6-8 pm

FIRST DAY SUNDAY, SEPT 15

****This Sunday there is a**

MANDATORY parent meeting @7:30 pm

Come for dinner, games, discussion, and fellowship with your church friends! And we LOVE when you bring your other friends to come join the shenanigans!

SAVE THE DATE - Nov 22-24 - HS Massanetta Retreat

Church Picnic Sunday, Sept 15 following worship! Bring a dessert or side to share, St. Andrew will provide the burgers and dogs. There will be a moon bounce for the kids, sidewalk chalk, yard games, and awesome people!!

Adult Sunday School

FIRST DAY SUNDAY, SEPT 15, 9 am in Fellowship Hall

Gather for study of the week's lectionary readings!

- Sept 15: [Proverbs 1:20-33](#), [Psalm 19:1-14](#), [James 3:1-12](#), [Mark 8:27-38](#)
- Sept 22: [Proverbs 31:10-31](#), [Psalm 1](#), [James 3:13-4:3](#), [7-8a](#), [Mark 9:30-37](#)
- Sept 29: [Esther 7:1-6](#), [9-10](#), [9:20-22](#), [124:1-8](#), [James 5:13-20](#), [Mark 9:38-50](#)

Bible Bunch

Meets monthly on
2nd Mondays at 10am
Sept-June at SAPC
in the Youth Lounge



- Member-guided fellowship, study and prayer, using the Presbyterian Women Horizon Bible Study.
- The 2024-2025 study is *“Let Justice Roll Down: God’s Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation”*
- Author Patricia K. Tull encourages exploration of justice issues related to environmental damage and healing. Churches are invited to consider what they are doing and can do to promote environmental justice in our communities.

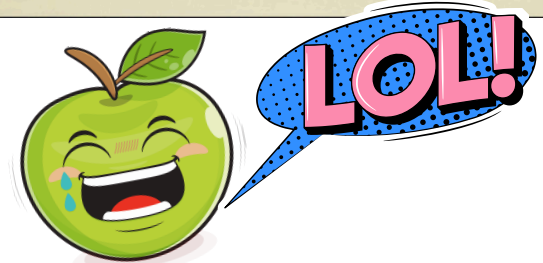
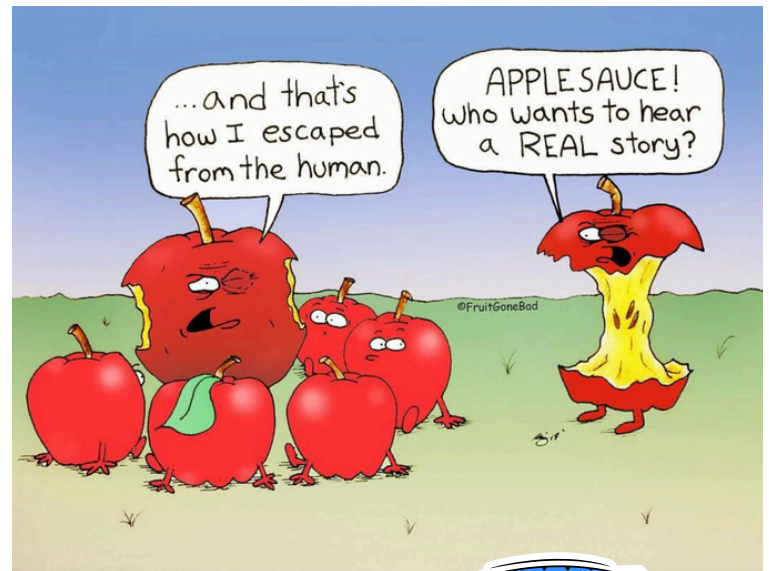
Contact Nancy at
nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org for more info

Monday, Sept 9 - Lesson One

Monday, Oct 21 (this is the only meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month) - **Lesson Two**

Did you know?

- On the American frontier, families were often responsible for housing and providing for teachers if they wanted their children to attend school. Because apples were an abundant crop, students would bring teachers apples as a form of sustenance and a token of appreciation.
- In the 1920s, “apple polishing” was used as a common slang term for trying to win favor or suck up to a teacher.
- The staff for this newsletter consists of two people, Ally & Deborah. Ally just celebrated her birthday on September 4th! If you see her, wish her a belated happy birthday.



- Bing Crosby may even have played a role in solidifying the connection between teachers and apples. The crooner sang on a hit duet in 1939 called “An Apple For The Teacher.”