

# St Andrew Presbyterian Church LOAVES + FISHES

October 2024



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



## TRUNK OR TREAT

Wednesday,  
October 30  
5:30 - 7pm

Hot Dogs

MOON BOUNCES!

PRIZES!

Popcorn & chips,  
CIDER

More than 720 million people worldwide don't receive enough nutrition to lead healthy lives or provide for themselves & their families.



# Rise

AGAINST HUNGER

October 19, 2024

Setup at 8:30am,  
packing starts 10am  
at SAPC

We're packing 10,000 meals in two hours, so we need YOU! Anyone can help: individuals, families with children ages 5 & up, civic groups, scout troops, and student organizations.

Let's Da This!

Visit this link to register as a volunteer:  
<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/StAndrewPresbyterian2024>

Wear your costume (nothing scary or gory, and no weapons), bring your treat bag, and come trick-or-treat at the decorated car trunks in our parking lot!

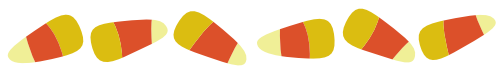
Click here to sign up to decorate a trunk, volunteer your time, make a donation .... Or just come for the fun!

Bring a canned food donation!

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# October Calendar

Thurs 3 6p Deacon meeting  
 Sun 6 9a Sunday School\* for adults and youth  
 10a Worship service\*  
 6-8p MS/HS Youth  
**Sun 13** 9a Sunday School\* for adults and youth  
 10a Worship Service\* **Pastor Appreciation Sunday**  
 Minis (4th & 5th grade) after the service  
 Committee meetings after the service\*



Mon 14 all day Church office and NLC closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day  
 Thurs 17 6:30p NLC Board meeting

**Sat 19 8:30a RISE AGAINST HUNGER SET-UP**  
**10a MEAL PACKING**



Sun 20 9a Sunday School\* for adults and youth  
 10a Worship service\*  
 Session meeting after the service  
 Mon 21 6-8p MS/HS Youth  
 10a Bible Bunch

**Fri 25 5p NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: submit to newsletter@standrew-pres.org**

Sat 26 7:30p Book Club  
 Sun 27 9a Sunday School\* for adults and youth  
 10a Worship service\* FOOD ON THE FOURTH



**Wed 30 5:30-7p TRUNK-OR-TREAT!**

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



LHR is requesting:

- whole grain breakfast cereals
- low-sodium canned veggies
- healthy breakfast bars
- healthy snack items
- cooking oil (not Costco size!)



**FOOD ON THE 4TH SUNDAY OCT 27**

**loudoun hunger relief**



There are blank cards in the Narthex for you to send a note to one of our siblings in Christ. You can mail the card or leave it for the Deacons to mail.

To join the AV Team and help behind-the-scenes at worship services, contact Tom at [hillkid@earthlink.net](mailto:hillkid@earthlink.net)

To greet people coming in on Sundays, contact: [deacons@standrew-pres.org](mailto:deacons@standrew-pres.org)

To join a small "steering group" to handle property-related decision-making and expense approvals, mostly accomplished via email and virtual meeting, contact [josh.shields@standrew-pres.org](mailto:josh.shields@standrew-pres.org)

To provide any kind of flowers for worship services, contact: [nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org](mailto:nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org)

To help with property management in any way, contact: [property@standrew-pres.org](mailto:property@standrew-pres.org)

To provide refreshments after any worship service, contact [fellowship@standrew-pres.org](mailto:fellowship@standrew-pres.org)

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

To help with any of the jobs below,

let Josh know at [josh.shields@standrew-pres.org](mailto:josh.shields@standrew-pres.org) or 703-867-8679

- 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)
- 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

# HIGH SCHOOL Retreat - Fall 2024



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:



### What:

Retreat for high schoolers only that centers on **leadership development**. The Retreat uses large group, small group & worship activities to engage youth around the PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 vision of service, justice, mission & love. Spoiler Alert: Youth have amazing gifts and super important roles to play when it comes to service, justice, mission & love!



### When:

**Friday, Nov 22 - Sunday, Nov 24**  
We'll leave after school on Friday and return early afternoon Sunday. This is the weekend before Thanksgiving.



### Where:

One of our favorite places, of course: **Massanetta!** This camp and conference center is located near Harrisonburg, VA - just under 2h from Purcellville. SAPC Middle Schoolers attend Massanetta's middle school camp each summer.



### Who:

SAPC Youth currently enrolled in **Grades 9-12.**



### Why:

**We love our youth! Opportunities for them to grow as leaders, learning from & with others, are invaluable - especially during these high school years!**

We've seen the impact of Massanetta's programs in the past and are thrilled to offer participation in this new High-Schoolers only retreat. Retreats like this add value to the Youth Group experience. In addition, we believe that the tenets that the Matthew 25 initiative emphasize are critically important in today's hurting world. We are excited for our Youth to learn more. The conference's theme "Keep Awake!" emphasizes the urgency of this work.



**SIGN-UP DEADLINE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4!**

CLARK: 571.289.0336 KIRSTEN: 703.725.9488



# Discipleship

## 2024-25 SAPC Youth Group Adult Opportunities



←Feed Our Hungry Teens!



←I Volunteer as Tribute!



←Background Check to Ally:

Legal first name, Legal last name, Your Email  
Ally\_fetch@tnlcenter.com

# Youth

## MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

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



# Sunday Morning youth study

Grade 4 - HS

**9am in the youth lounge**

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 4TH-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!).*

# Discipleship

Please reach out if you are willing to help!

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

## Sunday School

### Pre-K - Grade 3

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.



## Adult Sunday School

### 9am in Fellowship Hall

Gather for study of the week's lectionary readings!

- Oct 6: Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26:1-12; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
- Oct 13: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
- Oct 20: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
- Oct 27: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Welcome, Pastor Amanda, TJ, and Emmy!



# Session

Ally Fetch, Discipleship  
 Daniel Gillispie, Finance  
 Deborah Hill, Communications  
 Josh Shields, Property  
 Kyle Hottinger, HR  
 Lillian Brewer, Worship  
 Marcia Owens, Clerk of Session  
 Priscilla O'Donnell, HR  
 Stephen Fike, Treasurer

[session@standrew-pres.org](mailto:session@standrew-pres.org)



Debra Gutenson  
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 Susan Cassutto

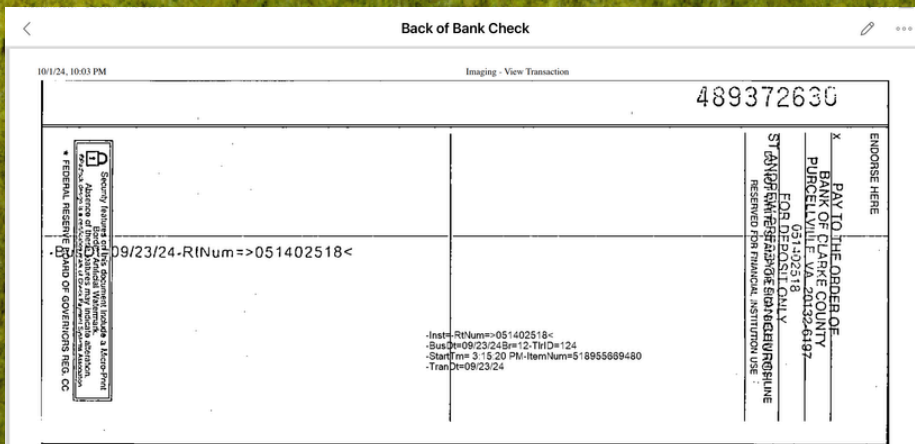
[deacons@standrew-pres.org](mailto:deacons@standrew-pres.org)

# Finance



Our financial situation is generally A-OK, however, over the last several months we have been the subject of mail fraud. The police are involved. Like several other churches in the community, we had one or more people steal mail from our mailbox and in some cases, they deposited checks written to the church into their own accounts.

Sally Brenton and myself (Daniel Gillispie) have deposited every check received by the church for the last several years. Each of those checks that we deposit has a stamp on the back of the check like the one in the picture below.



*If you have mailed a check to St Andrew since May, please check the photo of the back of the check available online and make sure the back of each check is stamped. If your check was not stamped, please let me know so we can investigate further.*



birthday party for  
Pre-K teacher  
Ms Daisy



# Your NLC



sensory play with the Ducks



The Frogs and Bees had fun even on a rainy day!



Dance class for the 3s & Pre-K



learning letters in  
the Bird Nest



# Bible Bunch

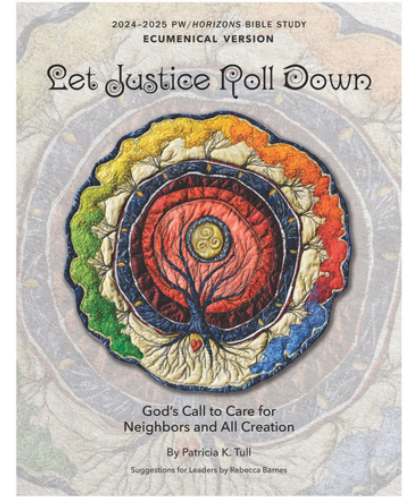


Meets monthly on  
2nd Mondays at 10am  
Sept-June at SAPC  
in the Youth Lounge

Contact Nancy at  
[nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org](mailto:nancy.gilmore@standrew-pres.org)  
for more info

- 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.

Oct 21, 2024	Lesson 2
	<i>(3rd Monday)</i>
Nov 11, 2024	Lesson 3
Dec 9, 2024	Lesson 4
Jan 13, 2025	Lesson 5
Feb 10, 2025	Lesson 6
Mar 10, 2025	Lesson 7
Apr 14, 2025	Lesson 8
May 12, 2025	Lesson 9
	<i>(final lesson)</i>
Jun 9, 2025	Lunch at noon



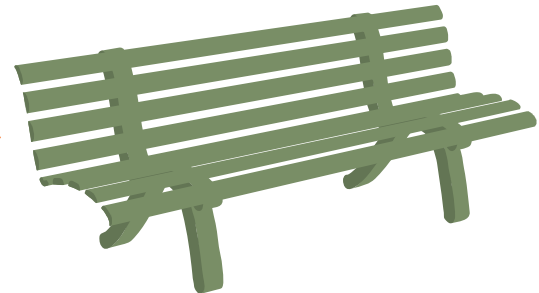
## PLASTIC RECYCLING CHALLENGE

Trying to turn all of this:

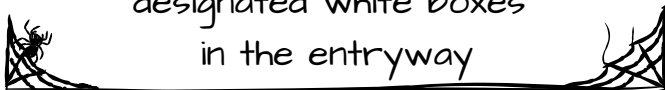
- plastic shipping envelopes
- case overwrap
- newspaper sleeves
- ziploc bags (clean)
- dry cleaning bags
- grocery bags
- bread bags
- cereal bags
- produce bags
- bubble wrap



Into THIS:



Please drop off your plastic in the  
designated white boxes  
in the entryway





# Book Club



- Oct 26** On Call (autobiography)  
by Anthony Fauci
- Dec (TBD)** I Am Not Sidney Potier  
by Percival Everett
- Jan 25** All In (autobiography)  
by Billie Jean King
- Feb 22** The Glass Maker  
by Tracy Chevalier

**4TH  
SATURDAYS  
7:30 PM  
AT MEMBERS'  
HOMES**

[bookclub@  
standrew-pres.org](mailto:bookclub@standrew-pres.org)



## Did you know?

Voodoo is a religion based in West Africa and practiced throughout Haiti and the Caribbean, Brazil, the American South, and other places with an African heritage.

Many people who follow the voodoo religion today believe zombies are myths, but some believe zombies are people revived by “zombie powders,” which contain tetrodotoxin, a deadly neurotoxin found in pufferfish and some other marine species. Used carefully at sub-lethal doses, tetrodotoxin may cause zombie-like symptoms such as difficulty walking, mental confusion and respiratory problems. High doses of tetrodotoxin can lead to paralysis and coma. This could cause someone to appear dead and be buried alive – then later revived.

Zombies appeared in literature as far back as 1697 and were described as spirits or ghosts, not cannibalistic fiends. They arrived on the film scene around the same time as their monster peers, Frankenstein and Dracula, with the 1932 release of “White Zombie”. But it wasn’t until 1968 that zombies acquired a cult following of their own with the release of “Night of the Living Dead”, directed by George Romero.



