



Politics these days, Black Lives Matter, White Lives Matter. Name your poison. How about just plain old life matters? It seems obvious to most of us that all life matters.

Ideas matter too. These days we seem to be caught on the horns of a dilemma. Truth seems to be under siege. What is “true for you may not be true for me,” is the buzz of Post-Modern thought. But there’s one thing that’s true for most of us: Gun violence is out of control. Mass shootings have become an almost daily occurrence. Shooters target school kids, people shopping for groceries, you name it. No place is off limits.

Pastor Jim Black sent me a carton with the caption appearing below a newscaster on a TV screen stating: “Our coverage of last night’s shooting will continue after we update you on another mass shooting that occurred this morning but before that I’m told that we’re about to go live to one of our affiliates on the scene of an active shooter situation that’s unfolding...”

It’s not so much funny as it is profoundly disturbing. Because sadly it appears to have become the norm.

I have guns and I support the right to keep and bear arms. My father was a life time member of the National Rifle Association. When I was a kid, we attended hunter safety programs that were hosted by the NRA. Hunter’s safety made sense and it still does. The right to keep and bear arms entails responsibility.

What doesn’t make sense is how gun abuse has gotten out of control. Most gun owners remain law abiding citizens. In 1949, when the NRA started those hunter-safety programs it was generally agreed that all life was sacred. Guns might reasonably be used for self-defense, but to take life indiscriminately was unthinkable.

The solution? As people of faith, we should always start with prayer. None of the proposals for curbing gun violence are adequate. Registering guns may be a step in the right direction but it is not a solution since most shooters use someone else’s guns. Limit magazine capacities? Not sure about that one either. Outlaw guns completely? I don’t want to give up my guns and am not sure that I would if it was mandated. Come to think of it, this epidemic of gun violence is a symptom of a disease on the soul of our nation. Prayer is the place to begin.

Pastor Marc



M A Y

- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 9 Mother’s Day
- 18 Session
- 23 Pentecost
- 30 Hot Dogs Outside After Worship
- 31 Memorial Day



J U N E

- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Session
- 20 Father’s Day
- 21 Summer Begins



**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

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*Being the face of Christ  
In our Community.*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**MAY/JUNE 2021**

**Secretaries**

*Judy Medearis*

*Linda Seiler*

*Judith Yeaton*

**Active Elders**

*Michele Banks – CE&F*

*Lynda Edwards – M&E*

*Summer Hackney – CE&F*

*Terry Hallihan – F&P*

*Bonnie McNally – CC&N*

*Walter McNair – B&G*

*Judith Yeaton – Worship*

## **Finance & Personnel**

Our March financial reports reflect Income Year to Date of \$23,617.31 and Expenses of \$27,763.89 yielding a Deficit of (\$4,146.58) which will increase with our large May property and liability insurance bill (\$3,206.95).

With COVID-19 we are continuing in person as well as on-line worship services. The majority of our expenses are constant - utilities, insurance, salaries and the like. We need you and your contributions to pay these expenses and to support our ministry and mission in the community. Your tithes and contributions may be sent directly to Cathy Barr (7731 Mariner St. Jacksonville, FL 32220-3473).

The balance of 2021 Meetings will be held at 10:00am on June 9th, August 11th, September 15th, October 13th and December 8th. Those interested in learning more about Church finances are welcome to attend.

Terry Hallihan (Chair), Cathy Barr, Phyllis Herpy,  
Mary McNair, Judith Yeaton and Linda Seiler

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## **On-Line Worship**

Those who do not attend in-person Worship are welcome to join us via on-line each Sunday at 10:30am. The link is posted under Worship on [www.sapcjax.org](http://www.sapcjax.org) by 10:00am each Sunday as well as sent via email. If you have not been receiving the Sunday emails with the link and Bulletin, please contact Terry Hallihan @ [99gwhfth@comcast.net](mailto:99gwhfth@comcast.net) to have your email added to the list and receive the weekly link.

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## **Congregation Care & Nurturing**

Those interested in joining CC&N contact Bonnie McNally to assist CC&N in mailing "birthday", "thinking of you" and "get well" cards and making telephone calls to "shut-ins" and members of our Church family.

Bonnie McNally

## **OUR PRAYER LIST**



*Pam Altwater,  
Jill Anderson,  
Elaine Austin, Diane Baylor,  
Diane Brown, Mark Browne,  
Kade Buchanan,  
Diane Carr,  
Kim Cope, Connie Davis,  
Mary Ann Dean,  
Jim Edgar, Lynda Edwards,  
Rebecca Edwards,  
Jerry Fernandez,  
Janet Fowler,  
Lydia Graham,  
Brian Hackney,,  
Karen Hardy,  
Jack & Phyllis Herpy,  
Jeanene Hiett,  
Robert Horn,  
Lisa Jones, Liz Jones,  
Donna Kirksey,  
Bonnie McNalley,  
Linda Miller,  
Charleen Pavlakovich,  
Yolanda Raftice,  
Flo Six,  
Miriam Story, Kathy Stretch,  
Phyllis Stubbs,  
Betty Tanner,  
Yie Teh, Pat Thomas,  
LeoLine Young and  
Family of Johnnie Merrill*

## WORSHIP

The Worship Committee has been busy these past two months preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter. We did not have a Sunrise Service this year as very few people were interested in coming out that early. However the breakfast was well attended as was the Easter service at 10:30. We had a whopping 45 people in church that day! It was so good to see some members that we had not seen in many, many months. Now we move forward into May and June in which we celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day, respectively. We also purchased a new camera which made all the difference in the focusing and lighting in the pulpit area. We also have started up the choir again and could use new members to join and help sing. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is Pentecost so wear your red clothes and come to church to celebrate Christ's ascension to Heaven.

The Session voted to "gently" relax one of the COVID-19 prohibitions on passing the offering plate. Starting the first Sunday in May we will have ushers wearing gloves pass the plates and then bring the offerings to the Communion Table during the singing of the Doxology as previously done. The pews will still be taped off as before but bit by bit we will inch back to "normal".

Yours in the service of Christ,

Judith Yeaton, Chairman  
Kathy Dahl  
Lynda Edwards  
Joan Goldsmith  
Austin Merrill  
Harry & Linda Seiler  
JR & Jody Wood

## VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



Please keep our Shut-Ins in your prayers and check-in on them by calling and/or writing.

**JULIETs** (Join Us Ladies Into Eating Together) & **Romeos** – On hiatus due to COVID.

**Adult Sunday School** – Each Sunday at 9:15AM but on hiatus due to COVID.

**Adult Bible Study** – Each Thursday at 11:00AM via Zoom



## St. Andrews Church's Flea/ Thrift Shop – "Hope Chest" & Bread Give-Away

A special thanks to all volunteers and those who donated items for the April 24<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale which brought in \$321. Remember to stop by and check-out our Bread Give-Away & Thrift Store on Wednesdays between 8:00am – Noon.



### May

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 11 LeoLine Young |                     |
| 13 Chuck Kersten | 21 Rachel Kersten   |
| 15 Scott Haynes  | 23 Valerie Boardman |
| 19 Janet Fowler  | 23 Phyllis Herpy    |

### June

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| 8 Meredyth Hume         | 19 Pat Sundt      |
| 12 Flo Six              | 21 Ron Moore      |
| 15 Brett Christiansen   | 29 Katlin Starkey |
| 18 Kenadie Christiansen |                   |



### May

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| 10 Ron & Stephanie Moore |                             |
| 18 Todd & Jennifer Allen | 28 Joseph & Helen Ballester |
| 20 Herman & Flo Six      | 31 Scott & Shirley Haynes   |

### June

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| 1 Scott & Suzanne Brooks-Cope |                         |
| 5 Michael & Susan Jones       | 19 Joe & Janet Fowler   |
| 14 Jim & Virginia Black       | 24 Bert & Judith Yeaton |



## *Buildings & Grounds*

Greetings from the Buildings and Grounds Committee!

Welcome spring and summer. After getting started with a wet couple of months the rain continues. Each time we go through a couple of dry weeks it rains again. Although we thank God for the rain, it seems to come at an inopportune time for our committee. By now everyone has noticed the remains of the tree cut down earlier this year are still here. Due to wet grounds, the removal truck got stuck. Hoping to get out of the predicament, everything was unloaded on the spot and has remained there until dryer weather prevails. Hopefully, it can be removed in a few more weeks depending on the rain.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, projects we will be working on this year include working on roof leaks, removal of the remaining playground swing poles, cleaning out the west end storage room, air conditioner repair in the yellow classroom, and replacement of the picnic table bench in the back yard. We have also started working on the flower garden in front of the office.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 4, at 9:30 AM. The following month we will meet on Tuesday, June 1, 9:30 AM. Come join us for good exercise and good fellowship. We should have plenty to do.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Walter McNair



*A Note from  
the Clerk*



Join us on-line for live streaming or if you feel comfortable join in person observing social distancing and mask wearing.

Summer

## *Mission & Evangelism*

We have begun this year with clear hearts and minds by continuing our services with the Hope Chest and bread and food give-a-way each Wednesday 9-12pm following our COVID 19 guidelines.

M&E committee is continuing our mission of helping members as well as the community in many ways.

Although the church is still broadcasting Sunday services we also are welcoming anyone who would like to join us live. Masks MUST be worn while on the church property.

We are continuing Hope Chest sales for clothes, shoes, purses, undergarments, socks and more. We also have racks of clothing. There will be signs for social distancing and mask wearing.

The Hope Chest total for March was \$467.00. With the help of our giving congregation we were able to provide Easter Bags of food to 6 families on March 31. They appreciated the gift.

One Great Hour of Sharing was collected on April 4 in the amount of \$225.00.

May 23 is Pentecost Sunday. Members will be asked to wear red. There is also a special offering used for Children at Risk, Youth and Young Adults. 40% of funds is kept by the congregation and 60% goes to Presbyterian Mission Agency

M&E committee meets every first Sunday of the month in the yellow room.

Please keep safe and pray for all our leaders.

Lynda Edwards

### **CE & F**

*Adult Sunday School remains on hiatus until further notice.*

*Fellowship has several things planned for the upcoming months. On Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have a "Hot Dog Lunch" outside on the lawn after Worship. Our Annual Picnic will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you all for your continued cooperation in these trying times. We are thinking of other events for the summer. Hope to see you.*

*God Bless & Keep You,  
Michele and Summer*

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**JULY/AUGUST  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
DUE**

**\*\*\* JUNE 23rd \*\*\***

*Articles can be e-mailed to  
Terry Hallihan:*

**99gwhfth@comcast.net**

*Or placed in the Newsletter box  
in the office*

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