



# The Fishing Line

***“I was sick and you took care of me!”*** Matthew 25:36b

We don't always consider being in a hospital or rehabilitation center as a place of loneliness. There are people all around, coming and going at all hours of the day and night, how could one be lonely under these conditions? The truth is that these along with nursing homes can be places where one can feel totally lost and alone. We all have experienced loneliness and stress at one time or another, but often this is magnified, for folks in the hospital or a nursing home.

These situations can create feelings of loneliness, being away from family and friends, and dealing with sickness, injury, and the many medical conditions that have put you in this strange place, with strange smells, strange sounds, and routines.

I have heard patients question whether anyone remembers them since they are not regular church attenders. Do people know they are in the hospital? What's going to happen to me? Who will take care of me when I leave this place?

Often those having major surgery, such as cardiac surgery, surgery of the back or spine, can experience depression, sometimes severe. It is important to notify the doctors and nurses so this can be treated.

Overall, this loneliness, feeling of isolation, a complete change of environment, can be helped by family and friends. Often, it's not what we say, but our love and concern can remind them of God's love and concern. Phone calls, visits (when possible), cards and notes can help the patient to remain connected. Scripture passages, hymns, and prayers all help to maintain the connection to those parts of a person's life from which they have been temporarily separated.

This church has an amazing ability to reach out in words and actions to those who are sick. If you are not connected to the Prayer Chain Sue Ramsey maintains, speak to Sue and stay up to date with those who need your prayers, your presence, and your loving care.

***Blessings & Peace, Ann & Larry***



## NOVEMBER

- 5 Yard Sale
- 6 Daylight Saving Time, WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering, Communion & All Saints Celebration
- 11 Veterans Day
- 15 Session Meeting
- 20 Dedication Sunday & Thanksgiving Dinner
- 24 Thanksgiving



- 3 Greening of Sanctuary
- 4 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering, Communion & 2nd Sunday of Advent
- 20 Session Meeting
- 21 Winter Begins
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00PM
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve



**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

6317 103rd Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

*Being the Face of Christ  
In our Community.*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022**

**Secretaries**

*Judy Medearis*

*Linda Seiler*

*Judith Yeaton*

**Active Elders**

*Lynda Edwards – M&E*

*Joan Goldsmith – Fellowship*

*Summer Hackney – CE&F*

*Terry Hallihan – F&P*

*Walter McNair – B&G*

*Sue Ramsey - CCN*

*Judith Yeaton – Worship*



## Buildings and Grounds Committee

Welcome back. There is a freshness in the air called Fall. We are just beginning to see tree leaves change color and feel a slight coolness in the air. Before you know it welcomed fall weather will be upon us. This type of weather makes us all want to get outside and do something in nature. So, if you get that feeling, come on down to St. Andrews and help us with the usual cleanup of tree branches or building maintenance. An hour or two working in the flower garden should satisfy your need to get outside and so something.

After a recent illness, Julia Mago, long term employee at St. Andrews, will not be returning to work as our housekeeper. Until a replacement can be found please help us keep the facility clean by emptying trash cans, sweeping and vacuuming where appropriate, keeping the rest rooms clean, and working to keep the fellowship hall in good shape.

Recently the padlocks on the breezeway gates were removed. One was found but the other one is still missing. Please be on the lookout for the missing padlock which is probably still on our property somewhere.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 1, at 9:30 AM. The following month we will meet on Tuesday, December 6, at 9:30 AM. Help us get some chores done around St. Andrews and have a little fun too. Enjoy fall!

Walter McNair

Buildings and Grounds Committee

### OUR PRAYER LIST



Rosalie Alligood,  
Joseph Brown,  
Ann Butler,  
Kade Buchanan,  
Pat Bukovac,  
John Crane,  
Stacie Crane,  
Kim Cope,  
Connie Davis,  
Rev. Ann Graham-Johnson,  
Judy Grubbs,  
Hackney Family,  
Jack Herpy,  
Jim Howe,  
Stephanie Johnson,  
Jeannie Kendrick,  
Julia Margo,  
Sue Massey,  
Linda Miller,  
Beth Moore,  
Ron Moore,  
Sherry Paul,  
Beth Ramsey,  
Sue Ramsey,  
Vicki Roberts & family,  
Fred Ross,  
Bill Slaton,  
Bill Starks, David Starks,  
Phyllis Stubbs,  
Pat Sundt,  
Pat Thomas,  
Judy & Bob Wendt,  
and  
Families Of  
Phyllis Stubbs and  
Wallace Smith

## **Care of Congregation and Nuture**

### **Personal Safety Reminders Jacksonville Sheriff's Office**

Because crime is going up all over the country, we are going to add a few safety reminders so you will not become a victim of purse snatching.

1. Carry shoulder bags with flap turned toward your body and your hand on top of purse.
2. Do not let your purse swing from your arm while walking. Carry it in front of you and/or cross-body.
3. Do not leave your purse on a grocery cart, and do not put it down on a counter.
4. Carry credit cards in different compartments in your purse.
5. When carrying large amounts of money, divide the money and put it into several places, i.e. purse, pockets, wallets, etc.

## **Fall Bazaar**

Save the date and participate in the St. Andrews Fall Bazaar. Booths are available for rent.

Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

8:00 - 1:00pm

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**Checkout our  
Thrift Shop-Hope  
Chest**

**Lots of goodies  
are for sale!**

# VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



Anyone interested in visiting and/or taking Communion to our shut-ins, contact the Office.

## Fellowship

The fall season is finally upon us and activities are being planned. As we enjoy the cooler weather and mark the end of a busy church year, we must also prepare for the future of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. A Stewardship dinner is first on our list. A dinner of lasagna, salad and dessert is to be served immediately following church services on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

On November 5<sup>th</sup> the Fall Yard Sale is to be held in the church parking lot, we hope for great weather and a good turnout, we're sure you will find something you need so plan to attend. Hotdogs, chips, soda and water will be for sale as well as many baked goods. You may also rent a space for \$10.00 if you have items to sell rather than donate. Come join the fun.

Thanksgiving is rapidly approaching and the traditional dinner is planned for the Sunday before, on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. We have much for which to be grateful so plan now to come celebrate with your church family.

The Committee  
Joan, Michele and Summer

## SALVATION ARMY

We will be doing the "barrels" again this Christmas Season. The "barrels" will be available for toys in mid-November and be picked up in mid-December. Stay tuned as to the specific dates. This gives us about 30 days to fill the "barrels" with toys. Thank you for your support of this worthy organization's endeavor to bring a little happiness into a child's life that otherwise might not happen!

Please remember the Salvation Army wants NEW toys. The children's age group is infants through 12 years old and the price of a toy should not exceed \$20 to \$25. All gifts are to be put into the barrels UNWRAPPED.

Thank you!  
Lydia Windham



## Care of Congregation and Nuture

Game Day continues to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. We begin at 1 p.m. and play until about 4 p.m. We have a variety of games available and if you do not think you know how to play a particular game, we'll either choose another or teach beginners, so that is never a problem. We would just love to see you and feel free to bring a friend! Light refreshments are available at no cost.

We have two types of prayer chains that are active. The first is a Telephone Prayer Chain. If you are on one of those, you would receive one personal telephone call about someone, in particular, who needs prayers, and you would then pass that information along to the next person in your chain. We have four telephone chains that are active, with five people on each chain. Some people choose to be on that kind of chain because they do not check their computer daily and they prefer the personal touch. I feel that this chain is more for urgent requests also. There is one limitation with that one though, and that is that if I receive a prayer request after 8 p.m. in the evening, I do not activate that one and only rely on the computer prayer chain. If anyone has suggestions about how to improve either of these prayer chains, or would like to be added or deleted, please let us know.

The Computer Prayer Chain continues to be very busy with updates about our shut-ins and requests for prayers. Please telephone 904-554-5211, Sue Ramsey, with any prayer requests.

Sue Ramsey



## F&P

The September 30, 2022 Financial Statements reflect the following:

	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$6,373.95	\$ 82,054.48
Expenses	<u>9,840.71</u>	<u>79,169.05</u>
	(\$3,466.76)	2,885.43

September was a 3 payroll month and October will be negative as well since there is a \$3,000 property insurance bill due.

A consolidated list of Sound Booth needs for the balance of 2022 and 2023 was prepared and a grant request for funding submitted to Presbytery. Dollars are needed to purchase an upgraded receiver and speaker to facilitate more than 3 microphones. Our current 3 microphones are used 1) at the lectern and 2) & 3) with one each Pastor. A 4<sup>th</sup> microphone is needed to serve as roving during events such as Advent Candle Lightings and Readings or when someone in the pews is speaking. Additionally, the current receiver cannot accommodate a 4<sup>th</sup> microphone. Also, another \$2,500 is needed to increase the number of inputs connected to the sound board.

The theme of our current Stewardship is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" focusing on deepening our relationship with God through both giving money and of our talents – "Today". "Empowering our generosity not just as financial giving but understanding the importance of seeing our giving as a lifelong spiritual discipline" – "Tomorrow". St. Andrews has also been very fortunate with the bequests from deceased members and their families – "Yesterday".

In Christ's name,  
Terry Hallihan, Chair  
Kathy Barr, Mary McNair, Linda Seiler &  
Judith Yeaton  
Pastor Larry – Advisor



### November

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Cathy Barr           | 23 Joan Goldsmith |
| 4 Jonathan Miller      | 24 Pansy Helms    |
| 12 Bill Banks          | 24 Jerry Miller   |
| 13 Jennifer Allen      | 24 Vicki Roberts  |
| 14 Donna Miller        | 29 Herman Six     |
| 20 Kandice Marie Perry |                   |

### December

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Donna Lumley    | 22 Amber Sweat     |
| 4 Stephanie Moore | 25 John Starkey    |
| 9 Lydia Windham   | 27 Priscilla Myers |
| 11 Linda Miller   | 28 Denny Roberts   |



### November

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| 4 Roger & Sherrie Smith | 29 Harry & Linda Seiler |
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### December

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| 7 Jerry & Joyce Miller   | 21 Jack & Phyllis Herpy  |
| 9 Chuck & Rachel Kersten | 24 Frank & Lynda Edwards |

## Worship



Well, we made it!! It is now officially the Holiday Season. We will be gearing up to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus once again.

But first we must notice Halloween because the first Sunday following Halloween (November 6<sup>th</sup>) is All Saints Day when we remember those members who have gone to be with our Lord in the here-after as He promised. As it stands right now we have 4 members to light candles for: Helen Balester, Shirley Haynes, Flo Six, and Phyllis Stubbs.

And we also must take notice of Thanksgiving of course. As has been our tradition, we will have a cornucopia on the Communion Table with all sorts of bounty that the Lord has provided for us.

And then FINALLY it is time for the Advent Season. Our Advent Wreath will be out starting November 27<sup>th</sup> and the readers are at the ready to bring us the good news. New Advent devotionals will be available for families to take to make the season more memorable. On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 we will "Green" the sanctuary. That means trimming the Christmas Tree, putting up angels everywhere, setting up the Manger, putting out the Christmas mailbox, and hanging up the evergreen wreaths etc. All willing helpers are most welcome as many hands make light (and fast) work. Poinsettias hopefully will be available for purchase and put out on the 10<sup>th</sup>. And just so you know – Christmas is on a Sunday this year. So that means our Christmas Eve Family service will be Saturday evening at 7:00 pm with lessons and carols and candles. Don't miss it!

Your Worship Committee wishes you all a blessed Christmas Season.

Judith Yeaton, Chair

Kathy Dahl

Lynda Edwards

Linda & Harry Seiler

Linda Webb

Lydia Windham

JR & Jody Wood

**JULIETs** (Join Us Ladies Into Eating Together) & **Romeos** – the First Tuesday each month @ 6:00pm location TBD.

**Adult Bible Study** – Each Thursday at 11:00am.



*A Note from  
the Clerk*



*St. Andrews has numerous activities in November and December. If you are comfortable, please participate with your mask and social distancing.*

*~ Summer*

## Mission and Evangelism

Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be November 20<sup>th</sup>, please plan to come and participate in our blessed celebration.

We are preparing Thanksgiving bags for give away on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please bring and place in the “food chest” by November 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> the following items for the bags:

- Stove Top Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy
- Instant Potatoes
- Shelf Stable Chicken or Turkey Stock
- Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
- Canned Green Beans or Peas

Mission and Evangelism meets every first Sunday after Worship Service in the yellow room, next meeting is November 6<sup>th</sup> and the December meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Thrift Store and Bread Give Away continue to benefit those living in the community. St. Andrews is making a difference in their lives. Income for September was \$472.50.

Lynda Edwards

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**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

**DUE**

**\*\*\* DECEMBER 15th \*\*\***

Articles can be e-mailed to  
**99gwhfth@comcast.net**  
Or placed in the Newsletter box  
in the office

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