



# The Fishing Line

*St. Andrews Presbyterian Church*

*Services on Sunday Mornings at 10:30*

*Church Office: (904) 771-1596*

*September/October 2018*

## Labor Day

Labor Day is a U.S. national holiday held the first Monday every September. Unlike most U.S. holidays, it is a celebration without rituals, except for shopping and barbecuing. For most people it simply marks the last weekend of summer and the start of the school year.

The holiday's founders in the late 1800s envisioned something very different from what the day has become. The founders were looking for two things: a means of unifying union workers and a reduction in work time.

The first Labor Day occurred in 1882 in New York City under the direction of that city's Central Labor Union.

In the 1800s, unions covered only a small fraction of workers and were balkanized and relatively weak. The goal of organizations like the Central Labor Union and more modern-day counterparts like the AFL-CIO was to bring many small unions together to achieve a critical mass and power. The organizers of the first Labor Day were interested in creating an event that brought different types of workers together to meet each other and recognize their common interests.

Labor Day came about because workers felt they were spending too many hours and days on the job. The common misconception is that since Labor Day is a national holiday, everyone gets the day off. Nothing could be further from the truth.

While the first Labor Day was created by striking, the idea of a special holiday for workers was easy for politicians to support. It was easy because proclaiming a holiday, like Mother's Day, costs legislators nothing and benefits them by currying favor with voters. In 1887, Oregon, Colorado, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey all declared a special legal holiday in September to celebrate workers.

Within 12 years, half the states in the country recognized Labor Day as a holiday. It became a national holiday in June 1894 when President Grover Cleveland signed the Labor Day bill into law. While most people interpreted this as recognizing the day as a national vacation, Congress' proclamation covers only federal employees. It is up to each state to declare its own legal holidays.

If you work all the time and never really take a vacation, start a new ritual that honors the original spirit of Labor Day. Give yourself the day off. Shut off your phone, computer and other electronic devices connecting you to your daily grind. Then go to a barbecue, like the original participants did over a century ago, and celebrate having at least one day off from work during the year!



S E P T E M B E R

- 2 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering & Communion
- 3 Labor Day
- 9 Called Congregational Meeting
- 18 Session Meeting



O C T O B E R

- 7 WSCO Food Collection, Good Samaritan Offering & Communion
- 8 Columbus Day
- 16 Session



**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

6317 103rd Street  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

*Being the Face of Christ  
In our Community.*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018**

**Secretaries**

*Donna Kirksey  
Judy Medearis  
Judith Yeaton*

**Active Elders**

*Michele Banks – CE&F/M&E  
Summer Hackney – CE&F/M&E  
Frankie Hawkins - CCN  
Bonnie McNally - CCN  
Mary McNair – BFS&P  
Elaine Mechelke – B&G  
Linda Miller – CE&F  
Diane Parker – Worship  
JR Wood – B&G*



## *Buildings & Grounds*

B&G has had a busy summer! Replaced 3 air conditioners thanks Mike (Merritt heating and Air)! Put up a security fence around new air conditioners, thanks B&G crew especially Ron Moore. Replaced one exterior door 3 more to go! Replaced 3 LED lights in youth room with one spare left! Thanks Gregg Six! Also getting choir room fixed after tree limb fell thru roof, having tree removed at a cost, please help in the offering plate if you can! Also put in security cameras, thanks Dick, and did other repairs!

Thanks to Marie Jean for helping with flower beds. Another thanks to Bill for all his day to day work around the church, also to Walter for all his help, sign and other work!

Thanks to all who helped with Church cleaning while Julia was out, you are the best and God Bless Julia!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have a GREAT Committee!!!!!!

Glory to GOD and his ROCK!  
JR and Elaine



### September

10 *Walter & Mary McNair*

25 *Jim & Linda Miller*

### October

4 *John & Suzi Starkey*

6 *John & Pat Eubanks*

19 *Brian & Summer Hackney*

### OUR PRAYER LIST



*Bill Allen, Diane Bailey,  
Diane Baylor,  
Pat Bukovac,  
Carolyn Copeland,  
Connie Davis,  
Joyce Doty,  
Jerry Hallihan,  
Sheryl Harmon,  
Sandy Hunt,  
Lee & Lona Hofsted,  
Marion & Frances Kelly,  
Dale Kerup, Katy Lilly,  
Joan Mallard,  
Ray Massey, Sue Massey,  
Laura McElhane,  
Johnny McNally,  
Sue Mikels, Joyce Miller,  
Priscilla Myers,  
Merri Kay Nelson,  
Julie Normal,  
Bart Parramore,  
Charleen Pavlakovic,  
Tim Pierson, Ralph Ramsey,  
Vickie Roberts, DiAnne Scott,  
Larry Scronce,  
Charles Severance,  
Vivian Sims, Butch Stafflenio,  
Ralph Story,  
Jack Strickland,  
Bill Strubbe Jr., Phyllis Stubbs,  
Pat Sundt,  
Clarence Sweat,  
Betty Tanner,  
Robert Tarkinson, Sam Taylor,  
Louise Thornton, Heath Towers,  
Margie Waller,  
Penny Waller, Don Wight  
and  
Families and Friends of  
Rick Davis*

# VISITS TO OUR SHUT-INS



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

**JULIET** (Join Us Ladies Into Eating Together) First Tuesday each month @ 6:00pm location TBD.

**Adult Bible Study** – Thursdays @ 11:00am in the Youth Room

## BFS&P

### Financial Report

July 2018- Income: \$9,481.76, Expenses: \$9,195.45 = Positive \$286.31

July YTD - Income: \$61,152.20, Expenses: \$59,651.55 = Positive \$1,500.65

Thank you for your continued financial support and attendance at SAPC! Without YOU, there would be no SAPC!! Although salary costs are currently down (still searching for Part-Time Stated Supply Minister), we still have bills!! Utilities, insurance, building maintenance and committee work continues!!

Next BFSP Meeting - September 26. 10 am

### Part-Time Pastor Committee

Currently the committee is not reviewing any prospects. But God has already picked our new Part-Time Pastor and in His timing, we will find him/her! A 'job' in the PCUSA is referred to as a "Call from God" it is more than a job or career -- it is a calling.

Please continue to pray for our Part-Time Pastor Committee and our congregation throughout this process.

If you have questions or concerns about the search process, feel free to contact the Part-Time Pastor Search Committee (Mary McNair, Linda Miller & Frankie Hawkins).

Mary McNair

## September & October Sermons

Rev. Daniel Graham will be preaching on 4 Sundays – 2 in September and 2 in October. Listed below are the Sundays, sermon topics and related scriptures:

September 9<sup>th</sup> : “Just Tell ‘Em”  
Isaiah 34:4, 5; James 3:1-13 and Mark 7:31-37;

September 16<sup>th</sup>: “Patron Saint” Isaiah 52:7-10; Romans 10:14 and John 1:35-51;

October 21<sup>st</sup>: “A Theology of Death”  
Psalm 90:1-17; Deuteronomy 34:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:11-13 and John 14:1-6; and

October 28<sup>th</sup>: “Scared as Hell” Isaiah 38:17-20; Jude 24, 25 and Luke 13:22-30;

Godspeed,  
Rev. Daniel Graham

## Fall Bazaar

Save the Date and Participate in the St. Andrews Fall Bazaar. Booths will be available for rent.

Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

## Thrift Shop

**Come in and checkout our goodies for sale.**



### September

11 Loriane Nelson  
13 Hunter Jones  
14 JR Wood  
16 Diane Baylor  
16 Kristie Christiansen  
16 Judith Yeaton  
18 Jody Wood  
22 Bonnie McNally  
26 Summer Hackney

### October

1 Phyllis Stubbs  
2 JP McCall  
5 Tessa Roberts  
6 Frank Edwards  
8 Michael Banks  
12 Sue Massey  
17 Teresa Sweat  
20 Joyce Miller

## **Worship**

The Worship Committee has been having a relaxing summer other than securing pastors for each Sunday morning. Our big story was the Three Church Progressive Dinner. That was SUCH a HUGE success!!!! St. Andrews started off with the salad course as well as some new tidbits that Summer Hackney found. They were a huge success too. We served 53 people at our church. Then we went on to Lake Shore and they served chicken (fried or grilled) and meatloaf, potato salad and baked beans. Very good as well. Last we went to Murray Hill and they had a smorgasbord of desserts – 3 pies, pineapple upside down cake, chocolate dream whip dessert, fresh strawberries, all kinds of cheesecakes and more that I couldn't fit on my plate. Everyone who attended said they had a very good time. Fellowship abounded and it sounds like we just may do it again.

The Worship Committee meets on the second Thursday of the month at 12:00 noon following Bible Study class. All our members at present attend the Bible Study so this is very handy. We are always looking for new members to help with "everything worship", especially now that it is time to prepare for the fall holidays – all of them. World Wide Communion Sunday is the first Sunday in October and the Worship Committee finds breads from other countries for the altar that day. November brings All Saints Sunday (the 4<sup>th</sup>) when we remember our members who have passed away during the year. More to follow in the next Newsletter but we're getting our roller skates on to be ready.

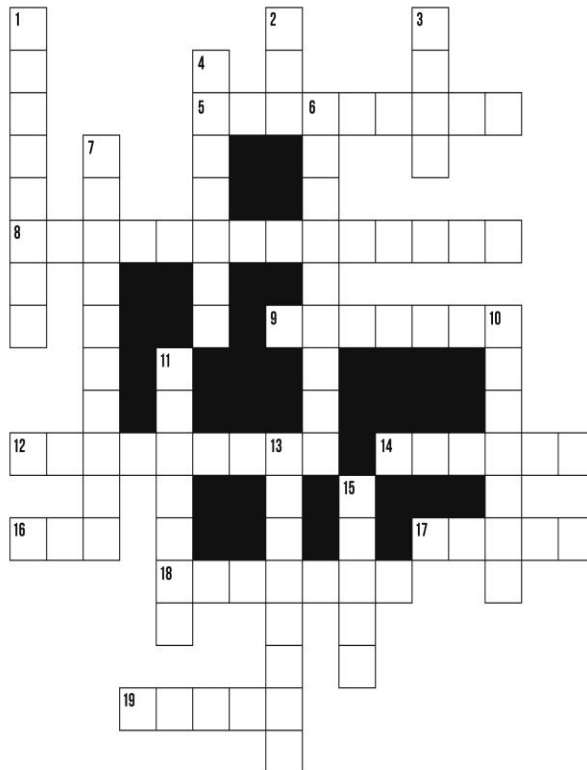
As you can see there are lots of things to do! We could use your help. If you are interested, please contact Diane Parker (Chairman), Lynda Edwards, Sheryl Harmon, Judy Medearis, or Judith Yeaton. We'd love to have you.

Yours in Christ,

Judith Yeaton

# Puzzle!

Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Complete this crossword that emphasizes the natural phenomena of God's created world.



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| 1. windy snowstorm                             | 12. mass of snow, earth or rocks sliding down a mountain |
| 2. thick, obscuring mist                       | 13. the degree of moisture in the air                    |
| 3. frozen rain pellets                         | 14. a spring that spews boiling water and steam          |
| 4. an area's normal weather conditions         | 15. condensed water vapor in the atmosphere              |
| 5. sudden electrostatic discharge in the sky   | 16. frozen water   |
| 6. violent tropical storm                      | 17. deluge   |
| 7. shaking of the earth's crust                | 18. when day and night are of equal length               |
| 8. northern lights                             | 19. frozen dew or vapor                                  |
| 9. partial or full blockage of the sun or moon |  |
| 10. wearing away of the soil                   |  |
| 11. large mass of snow and ice                 |  |

Answers: 1. blizzard, 2. fog, 3. hail, 4. climate, 5. lightning, 6. hurricane, 7. earthquake, 8. Aurora Borealis, 9. eclipse, 10. erosion, 11. glacier, 12. avalanche, 13. humidity, 14. geyser, 15. cloud, 16. ice, 17. flood, 18. equinox, 19. frost



## Columbus Day

It's been 526 years since the Italian explorer Christopher Columbus "sailed the ocean blue/in fourteen hundred and ninety-two." Since then, there have been thousands of parades, speeches and statues commemorating Columbus, along with a critical rethinking of his life and legacy.

But the question remains, how did a man who never set foot on North America get a federal holiday in his name? While Columbus did arrive in the "New World" when he cast anchor in the Bahamas, he never made it to the United States.

This is in contrast to Juan Ponce de Leon (who arrived in Florida in 1513), Alonso Alvarez de Pineda (whose ships arrived in what's now known as Corpus Christi Bay in Texas in 1519) and fellow Italian Giovanni da Verrazzano, who reached New York Harbor in 1524.

So why Columbus Day? Until the mid-1700s, Christopher Columbus was not widely known among most Americans. This began to change in the late 1700s, after the United States gained independence from Britain. The name "Columbia" soon became a synonym for the United States, with the name being used for various landmarks in the newly created nation (see the District of Columbia, Columbia University and the Columbia River).

While Italians had always been a part of American history, it wasn't until the 1820s that Italian immigrants began moving to the United States in sizable numbers. The largest wave of Italian immigration occurred between 1880 and the start of World War I in 1914.

When President Benjamin Harrison became the first president to call for a national observance of Columbus Day, in honor of the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival. Harrison's proclamation directly linked the legacy of Columbus to American patriotism, with the proclamation celebrating the hard work of the American people and Columbus equally:

"On that day let the people, so far as possible, cease from toil and devote themselves to such exercises as may best express honor to the discoverer and their appreciation of the great achievements of the four completed centuries of American life."

Harrison's proclamation is notable in that there are no real references to Columbus' life, work or nationality. Instead, it was very specific to the 400th anniversary of Columbus' journey and how far America as a whole had come since then.

## The Challenge to Live

*And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."*

John 8:11

It is so easy to tell others how to live, to add our two cents' worth of advice as to how a person should live his or her life. There are times when, despite all our good intentions, we want to fix other people and their problems.

At the end of the encounter with the woman, Jesus simply says to her that he does not condemn her and bids her to go live a life pleasing to God. He makes no attempt to fix her. Instead, Jesus holds out a challenge to her. The challenge is for her to make the effort hereafter to live the life of loving god. Could it be that is what God really wants from us –to make the effort?

If she chooses to take up that challenge, she will realize the grace of God is there to help. The challenge is also to us! In the rush of living, we are also challenged to make the effort to please God. And yes, God is with us!

*I accept the challenge, Lord, for I know that you are with me to help me. Amen*

Paul A. Douglas Walfall

Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta

## Directory Updates

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*A Note from  
the Clerk*



*St. Andrews has  
numerous activities in  
September and October.  
Please bring your family  
and friends and  
participate.*

*~ Summer*

## Christian Education

The room has been painted thanks to JR, Jody and Michele. In late September an opening gathering will be planned to celebrate.

### Welcome to Jeanene

Jeanene was born in Central City, NE and moved to Grand Island, NE as a young child where she became a member of the 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church and remained there until she married. After her marriage to Jerry they moved to North Fork, NE where their two children were raised in the Presbyterian Church. They were married for 56 years before Jerry passed. Jeanene's son lives in Jacksonville and her daughter in south Georgia.

Jeanene and Jerry moved to Georgetown, FL from Nebraska after the birth of their first grandchild. Jeanene knew she could not be in Nebraska that far away from her grandson. Then they moved to Stuart, FL. When her daughter started a family, Jeanene and Jerry moved to Georgia to be near those grandchildren.

Jeanene has four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren (oldest is 10, one 8, 3 are five and the other is a one year old) all of whom keep her young.

Jeanene loves to read and do needle work as well as any type sewing. She also enjoys word puzzles.

Her 1<sup>st</sup> grandson is a Marine and has been for 16 years. He and his family just returned from a 3 yr deployment in Japan where their 2 children thoroughly enjoyed living and experiencing the Japanese culture with its politeness and family traditions.

Please welcome Jeanene into the St. Andrews Family!

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**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES  
DUE**

**\*\*\* NOVEMBER 19th \*\*\***

*Articles can be e-mailed to  
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*Or placed in the Newsletter box  
in the office*

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