

The Fishing Line

Each year the Presbyterian Church (USA) publishes a "Planning Calendar." This calendar is extremely helpful for Ministers, Elders, Deacons, and other leaders in the church to plan worship services and other events in the life of the church. Among other listings are liturgical notices which highlight various Biblical and Church related events from throughout Church history. Other listings include Presbyterian/protestant special celebrations as well as those of other faiths. Also included are certain national and world events that deserve recognition as part of our worship and mission.

The month of May has several such listings of which we hope you may become aware. The first day of May has two such listings: Mental Health Month begins as well as Foster Care Month. Both of these noteworthy life experiences deserve our thoughts and prayers.

Mental illness has many forms and because it has been stigmatized it has not received the attention needed to counter its effects on the population. Some of the more common types are: anxiety disorder; depression; bi-polar disorder; schizophrenia; sociopathic disorder.

There was a time when you saw someone walking down the street, apparently talking to no one, you could assume they may have a form of schizophrenia. However, today they may have Bluetooth buds in their ears and a cellphone in their pocket, talking to family or friends.

Depression and anxiety disorders are becoming more prevalent in the population. If left untreated with therapy and/or drugs, can cause serious problems for a person's life and with their relationships with others. The same may be said for all the other forms of mental health. Times are changing and seeking help for mental disturbances is becoming less of a stigma.

There are more than 391,000 children in foster care here in the United States. More than 19,000 in the state of Florida. There are more than 500 on waiting lists needing adults to step forward to become a Foster Parent. Unfortunately, 1 in 5 will reach the age of 18, be dropped from the foster care program and become homeless. Compared to their peers they are more likely to end up in prison at some time in their lives. Under 3% ever achieve a college degree and for females 70% will be pregnant before they turn 21 years of age.

Why are these situations important enough to be in the Presbyterian calendar? Why have we included them in this newsletter? We have just journeyed with Jesus and the disciples through the Lenten Season and Easter celebration. Life for them was filled with threats, anxiety, mental and physical stress, torture, abandonment, a cruel death, and a resurrection that left some still questioning.

As we continue our journey with Jesus, the Christ, may we become more aware of those who must endure threats, anxiety, mental and physical stress, torture, abandonment, cruel death with the uncertainty of resurrection. This is where we, the church, can make a difference in people's lives. We have been witnesses on that journey each year, and although we may have some doubts, we have a church family to support us through dark times into the light.

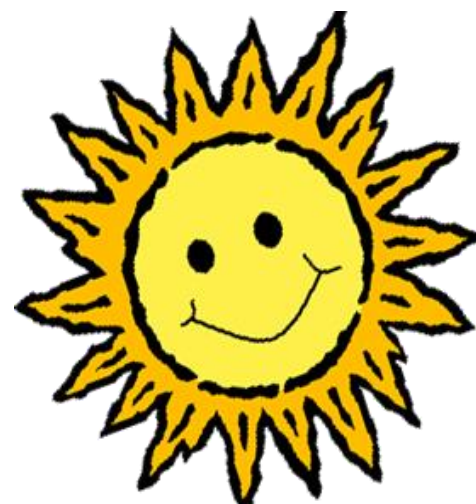
Our denomination has adopted Matthew 25, specifically Verses 31-40, as a "Mission Statement" for those churches which chose to make this part of their Church's ministry. Essentially, this passage points out that when we lift up any of those who are suffering from any of the troubles we humans are subject to, we in reality are doing this for the Christ who suffered to give us eternal life. We don't need to know all the circumstance, causes and effects, all the things that hold us back from addressing the needs of those God has put before us. We can respond in some way by uniting in prayer and responding needs God puts on our hearts to lessen the suffering in our world as Christ would have us do.

May Peace, Joy and Love be yours always, Ann & Larry



JULY

- 1 Canada Day
- 2 Communion
- 4 Independence Day
- 9 Sundaes Sunday



AUGUST

- 6 Communion
- 12 International Youth Day
- 15 Feast of the Assumption



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*Being the face of Christ
In our Community.*

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

JULY/AUGUST 2023

Secretaries

Judy Medearis

Linda Seiler

Judith Yeaton

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Stephanie Moore

Active Elders

Michele Banks – M&E

Joan Goldsmith – Fellowship

Summer Hackney – CE&F

Terry Hallihan – F&P

Stephanie Moore - Worship

Sue Ramsey – CCN

Elder Elect

Steve Shaffer – Worship

Fellowship

We hope you enjoyed the Mothers Day Tea and the Fathers Day Fish Fry in May and June, we had fun putting them together and they were a big success. Summer has arrived and the Fellowship Committee is still going strong planning a few activities - a Sundae (ice cream and all the trimmings) Sunday for after church on July 9th.

Our Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for September 10th after Church. Please plan to stay after worship service on that date for lunch and bring a dish to share with everyone. More details to follow.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer and looking forward to enjoying these several events, and perhaps a few surprises, with the entire church family. Please mark your calendars now.

Joan, Michele, Helen and Summer



*Roger Barr,
Diane Brown,
Pat Bukovac,
Kade Buchanan,
Laura Conard,
Kim Cope,
Stacie Crane,
Kathy Dahl,
Connie Davis,
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Pansy Helms,
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Jim Howe,
Marie Jean,
Kathryn Jennings,
Jeremy Johnson,
Madison Jones,
Mike and Peggy Jones,
Jennie Kendrick,
Craig Marshall,
Sue Massey, Joan
McCutchen,
Jerry & Joyce Miller,
Al Nelson,
Vicki Roberts and family,
Joan Russell,
Barbara Shaffer,
Pat Shaffer,
Susan Spranger and brother,
Bill Starks,
David Starks,
Kathy Stretch,
Pat Thomas,
Judy and Bob Wendt,
Matthew Windham,
Jack Woodcock,
Bert Yeaton III and the
Family of Pat Sundt*

WORSHIP

The church calendar is divided into several different time frames. This time of year is called Ordinary Time. That means the Sundays are designated by ordinal numbers (First Sunday, Second Sunday, etc). Ordinary Times continues until the Thirty-fourth Sunday. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green, which can be seen on our pulpit and communion table. Ordinary Time does not mean there are mundane things happening in the church.* The Spirit of God can still be felt, we still hear the Word of God, and we are still called to act in a Godly manner.

The Worship Committee is sorry to lose one of our hardest working members. Becky Slaton has been a valuable member of this committee since she became an Elder. We wish Becky and Bill all good things as they move to St. Augustine to be closer to their family.

If you would like to have a voice in how worship is conducted at St. Andrews, please join us at the next Worship Committee meeting on August 13, 2023. We meet after church in the Media Center.

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<http://richmondfpc.com/pages/worship/days-and-seasons/the-extra-ordinariness-of-ordinary-time.php>

Most sincerely in God's love,
Stephanie Moore, Chair (2023)
Kathy Dahl, Lynda Edwards,
Austin Merrill, Harry and Linda Seiler,
Linda Webb, Lydia Windham,
JR & Jody Wood and Judith Yeaton

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** – First Tuesday @ 6:00PM

Adult Sunday School – Each Sunday at 9:30AM

Adult Bible Study – Each Thursday at 11:00AM



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

As you are doing summer cleaning identify items for our Fall Yard Sale. Also, please come join us at the Trunk N Treat October 28th at 5:30pm.



July

5 Linda Stickland	15 Pat Thomas
8 Kristen Brightwell	24 Becky Slaton
10 Nancy McCall	24 Ronald Lester
10 Suzi Starkey	26 Kathy Vynanek
12 Dick Massey	28 Walter McNair

August

1 Joel Still	17 Scott Brooks-Cope
8 Gabriel Bagnola	17 Brent Hume
13 Connie Davis	30 Judy Medearis
13 Mary McNair	30 Susan Jones
17 Michele Banks	31 Marie Jean
17 Bill Slaton	

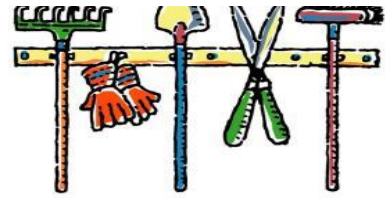


July

None

August

7 Dick & Sue Massey	17 Bill & Michele Banks
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Buildings & Grounds

It's been a busy few months for our committee. Here are just a few of the completed projects:

- Rearranged furniture in Pastors' Office,
- Replaced damaged ceiling tiles in the East Wing,
- Replaced bulbs in our street sign,
- Called Consolidated Utilities to check out alarm on pumping station when it sounded, but no issues were found (may have been a float getting tangled in the lines),
- Presented a gift card to the friend of Herman who removed the stump behind the choir room, and
- Numerous odds and ends jobs.

Upcoming projects are to replace lights in pastor's office and the faucet in the Fellowship Hall, checking into restriping the Parking Lot, exploring the feasibility and cost to install an electronic sign, having a locksmith replace the broken mechanism on the right front door, and in anticipation of hurricane season removing several dead trees in the front of the Church lawn and cutting the limbs that hangs over the Narthex.

B&G is still in the process of securing bids for the West Wing Roof replacement.

We are always in need of volunteers to keep our buildings and grounds in shape. If you have any talents that you could share with this committee, please come to our meetings the 1st Tuesday of every month at 9:30. We always welcome new ideas and new and old hands!

Next meetings are 9:30am on July 11th and August 1st.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Meet a few of our Newest Members

Steve Shaffer

Steve is Helen Cook's brother and Stephen's father. Steve is a "hair stylist" at The Village Salon at 2933 Corinthian Ave. in the Ortega area. He has been a stylist for 53 years and does hair for many of our members. If you are looking for a new stylist call Steve. He is a St. Andrews Elder Elect and enjoys reading novels and has read the Bible cover to cover twice. Steve is married to Pat and is referred to as being fair and outgoing and loves to make a joyful noise singing.

Claire Helmer

Claire was in the St. Andrews' recent confirmation class. She will be an 8th grader at Oakleaf Jr. High School this Fall. Claire's favorite activities are typical of other teenagers playing games and texting her friends using her telephone. She enjoys reading and visiting with her siblings in Yulee. She is a very good roller skater. Claire is the granddaughter of Lynda and Frank Edwards and daughter of Catherine. Long time St. Andrews' members have seen her grow from a baby into a young lady.

Finance & Personnel

May Financials reflect Income of \$8,942.93 and Expenses of \$8,445.22 yielding a positive \$497.71; Year to Date Income of \$49,529.40 and Expenses of \$44,993.69 for a positive \$4,535.71.

No additional information has been received yet from the attorney regarding monies from the Stubbs' Estate.

Monthly pest control services have resumed and the annual termite inspection completed.

F&P and B&G are coordinating removal of dead trees and tree trimming in the front section of Church property (tree adjacent to Sanctuary entrance, tree by 103rd Street, two dead trees along the property line with old Applebee's, and removal of the limbs over hanging the Narthex).

Worship and B&G will coordinate with Session on placement in the Narthex of the commemorative plaque from LakeShore.

The Church will partially fund the cost of the St. Andrew's member attending Camp Montgomery Summer Camp.

There will be no July meeting. The next meetings are August 9th and September 13th. At these meetings we will plan our annual Stewardship activities.

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

Congregational Care and Nature

Please notify any of those listed below if you hear of a special need of someone in our Church so we can address that problem. The same is true if you know of a prayer request and we will put that on one or both of our Prayer Chains, and please tell us if a visitation by some of the elders or by our pastors would be helpful.

We will be trying to provide programs in the Fall that could help our people in ways they may need. For example, Bubba Slater has a program called "Planning for Long-term Care" and that is something people our age should be educated about. We will advertise it again, when we have a definite date, but perhaps you have some friends who would benefit from an opportunity like that, and they would be most welcome to join with us at that time. We will need some definite attendees to make it worth his while to come.

We are few in numbers so in order to keep programs going, your presence does make a difference. Whether it is attendance in Church or supporting a Bible Study or caring enough to attend special events that our Church offers, your very presence gives back as much as you may receive from it. It all works together to keep it going.

CC & N Members
Susan Ramsey, Marie Jean,
Sue Massey, Steve Shaffer,
Elaine Starks & Kathy Vynanek

*A note from
the Clerk*



Join us for the
many activities
St. Andrews has
planned for the
months of July
and August.

Summer

Mission & Evangelism

M&E has been busy with the Bread Giveaway and Thrift Store. We have an exciting new opportunity to expand our Food Bank with Feeding Northeast Florida. We are in the beginning stages of completing the application and cleaning our Store Room. We are in need of more volunteers to staff this effort. If you have time to volunteer, contact the Church Office and leave your name and telephone number.

Additionally, we are always accepting donations of items to sell and canned goods to give away. Thank you always for your support.

May God Bless You All,

Michele Banks
Laura Conrad
Lynda Edwards
Judy Medearis

Christian Education

Adult Sunday School is held every Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Media Center with Judy Medearis as the leader. The group is studying The Gospel of Mark from scratch. Bible Study is lead every Thursday at 11:00am by Ann and Larry Graham-Johnson in the Media Center and in August will finish the study of I John. The attendees will select the topic for the latter part of August and September from Pastors' suggestions.

Summer Hackney

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

ARTICLES DUE

***** August 24th*****

Articles can be e-mailed to

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Or placed in the Newsletter box