





## Assistance

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, following Harvey, Irma, and Maria gifts can be made online [click here](#).

If you prefer to mail a check, you may send it to:  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
PO Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700

You may also call Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST), at 1-800-872-3283 and donate by phone. For updates, please go to [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org).

Or text "PDA" to 20222 to give \$10 to the General Relief account.

Please join us in praying for courage for those who are suffering; wisdom and diligence among agencies and individuals assessing damage and directing relief efforts; and for generosity to flow as powerfully as rivers and streams, as we respond to the deep human needs left in the wake of the recent storms.

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## Parents Night Out December 3rd

Parent's night out will be from 5-7 pm Sunday December 3rd. There will be pizza, movies, games. We will watch children who are potty-trained through 5th grade. Check in will be in Heffner Hall.

No cost! Donations accepted to pay for food.

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## Presbyterian Coffee

Thank you to all who have already pledged and turned in Time and Talent covenants. It's not too late to make your commitment to share your gifts and financial support of the ministry of St. Andrews. If you'd like to turn in a pledge electronically/virtually please contact our [Financial Administrator](#) or by [visiting our website](#). Additional information about our 2018 budget and generosity campaign is available in the narthex or by contacting the church office by phone 770-938-2833 or [email](#).

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## Hawks Game

Join us for a fun night out at the Atlanta Hawks Game on Wednesday, December 20th. Tickets are \$20. \$25 for a ticket and a t-shirt. For more information, [click here](#). To sign-up online, [click here](#). Order tickets by November 12th.



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## Community Mission Service Opportunity

The newest community mission for our SAPC congregation is providing dinner for up to 30 men on the 4th Sunday of the each month at [Clifton Sanctuary Ministries](#). Clifton Sanctuary has been open 365 days a year, for more than 27 years, it has offered a place of rest, shelter, healing and support to the homeless men of Atlanta; it's the oldest shelter in Atlanta operating in a house of worship.

How you can get involved: Sign up a group, family or group of friends below as the "evening host team" to provide a meal for up to 30 men w/serving utensils, dessert, and drink (plates, glasses, silverware, napkins, ice and containers for any leftovers you want to leave are available on site) when SAPC serves on the 4th Sunday of each month. Set up begins at 5:00 pm and meals are served at 6:00 pm. You are invited to eat and talk with the

## Project

Food is essential to our lives. And yet, as consumers we've lost ties to the people and land that sustain us. Profit-driven corporations have created a food system that threatens our health, our planet's health and the livelihoods of small farming families around the world. Through the Presbyterian Coffee Project and Equal Exchange Co-op St. Andrews is connecting us to small farmers who produce the coffee, tea and chocolate we enjoy. Join us as we journey toward health for our bodies, our planet and others who share this world with us. Purchase coffee, tea and chocolate for your needs and gifts. Find order forms in the narthex or contact Mary Evans, 770-493-9489.

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## Potpourri Sunday School Class

The Potpourri Sunday School Class has begun a new study called *Presbyterians and Mormons: A Study in Contrasts* by the Theology and Worship Ministry Unit, Presbyterian Church (USA). For more information see the [Sunday School web page](#). Questions: Contact [Mike Bearden](#) 404-660-8234

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## Presbyterian Women

Please join the PW in the Meeting Room at 10 a.m. on November 12th, and again on December 14th for Bible Study, fellowship and a light lunch. They are currently studying the book of Hebrews. Contact Jackie Harper with questions or for more information. 770-934-3463

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guests/residents during the meal. No clean-up is needed. It is done by the "guest/resident team" for the night.

[Click here](#) to sign up to serve. More details are available on the sign-up page. For questions contact: [Mike Bearden](#), SACP Missions Ministry, 404-660-8234

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## Youth News

**Turquoise Table** The youth are installing the turquoise table November 5th during dinner time. We have had a lot of fun putting it together and hope St. Andrews can use it to connect with our neighbors.

**Sunday School Re:Form Traditions:** Come to the high school room during the Sunday school hour to learn about the reformed tradition. The session will start with a video, have an activity and discussion. These are the topics:

**November 5th** Was the Reformed tradition really started by a control freak (John Calvin)? Isaiah 43:11-13

**November 12th** If God has already predestined me to heaven or hell, why does it matter what I do? Ephesians 1:3-14

**November 19th** What's so great about doing things decently and in order? Luke 10:25-28; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-14

**November 26th** Are we reformed or reforming? Kings 19:11-13; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 13:8

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## An Invitation From The 39ers

The 39ers is a group of folks who like to meet, eat and have fellowship together. This year we will be lunching at local restaurants. On November 6th, we will meet at O'Charley's at Noon, and would welcome any and all who would like to join us. (2039 Crescent Centre Blvd., Tucker) We will carpool from the office side of the church, if that is more convenient. The carpool will leave at 11:45. Future meetings are planned for the First Monday of the month. Please contact Charles Mills 678-654-6828 or Sarah Slusher 770-939-9546 with any questions.

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## News from Building Families

Two Fun Activities Around the Dinner Table for the Month of November:

**Gratitude Conversation Starters by Terri Thompson**

## November Birthdays

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Blasingame,  
Louis Todd
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pat Zrolka, Kyle Dayoub
- 8<sup>th</sup> Carolyn Krutoy,  
Janet Shiver
- 10<sup>th</sup> Heather Morse
- 11<sup>th</sup> Sharon Shenkman
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mary Evans
- 14<sup>th</sup> Betty Weber
- 16<sup>th</sup> Luke Williams
- 17<sup>th</sup> Tami Phillips
- 18<sup>th</sup> Jill Jarvis
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Doug Cannon,  
Shannon Maloney
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jermaine Ayuk
- 25<sup>th</sup> Peggy Heffner
- 26<sup>th</sup> Marianne Pattillo,  
David Shiver

## November

### Anniversaries

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Paige & Craig Kubik
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sue & Dennis Ritchie
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Deanna & Robert Hall
- 27<sup>th</sup> Marsha & Peter Ashby

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## Donate to St. Andrews just by 'Smiling'

If you are like most people, you do some shopping on Amazon. Now, when you shop at AmazonSmile, a portion of the purchase price will be donated to St Andrews. [Smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) is the exact same thing as Amazon.com - you use the same Amazon account that you currently have and everything else stays the same. On your first visit to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) you will to select a charitable organization that will receive donations from eligible purchases, before you begin shopping. Then, every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation to St. Andrews. Giving

How often do you talk about gratitude with your kids? I try to make gratitude an ongoing conversation at our house. I don't ever want my girls to take our wonderful life for granted. Even though we have had some trials and some not-so-good days, we are still very fortunate. It's not always easy to have that conversation and sometimes I'm at a loss. I don't want to ask the same questions every day. That's an easy way to get everyone to lose interest! I want to get my girls thinking and looking at all areas of their life. I want them to look at the little things, not just the big picture. So, I started brainstorming and jotting down questions. When I was done, I had a set of Gratitude Conversation Starters to use to get us talking. Attached are a list of questions you can print, cut, and place in a jar in the middle of your table. Every day, when you are around the table together, take turns picking a paper out of the jar and asking one another the questions.

### Gratitude Pumpkin

Put a pumpkin in the middle of the table. Buy a different colored marker for each person in the home. Every night at dinner, have each person take turns writing something they are thankful for on the pumpkin. On Thanksgiving Day, read each other's aloud to one another.

Hoping you have a beautiful month together.

Say Spencer, LCSW  
Thornwell Building Families Program  
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404-550-3149

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## News from St. Andrews School

Greetings from St. Andrews School,

The month of October was filled with excitement and fun as we enjoyed the beginning of fall, and the beauty of this time of the year. The classrooms and hallway are displayed with an array of wonderful artwork the children have created to reflect this colorful and vibrant season.

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week, the children enjoyed a special visit from the DeKalb County Fire Department, and learned all about fire safety. The highlight of their day was being able to hear the sirens and seeing the bright red flashing lights on Fire Engine Number 5.

The school's weekly chapel will be held on Friday mornings at 10:00 am, instead of Wednesdays until further notice. Families are always welcome to join us as Pastor Steve leads the children and staff in bible stories, songs, and prayers each week.

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## Upcoming Events

Please click here see [our calendar](#) for all our upcoming events.

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On October 31st, we held our annual costume parade around the perimeter of the church courtyard. The parade was followed by classroom parties. As you can imagine, the children were very excited about being able to dress up as their favorite characters.

Thanks to all of the members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church for your unwavering support of the school. May God continue to bless you, as you have so richly blessed us by your many acts of kindness.

In Christ,  
Ann McKinney  
Director St. Andrews School

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## G2G Kids Choir Continues

St. Andrews Glory to God (G2G) Kids choir will resume rehearsals on Sunday, November 5th. We will meet in the choir room from 3:00-4:00 pm. There will be music, crafts, mission projects, and snacks for kids pre-k to fifth grade.

We've changed the day we meet, and done a little retooling on our format, but we still are committed to our kids learning to sing and lead in church worship. We are gearing up for the Advent and Christmas season, and we are adding a mission project for the month of November.

Our kids will be helping our new mission, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, by assembling Toiletry Bags. By putting together a plastic bag that contains a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap and shampoo, our kids will help new guests as they arrive at Clifton in need of shelter and a new beginning.

Any child is welcomed! We hope to see lots of kids this Sunday at 3 p.m. and into the Advent season

There will be singing, a craft and a snack. Meet in the Choir Room. Come make a joyful noise with us! [Contact David Lukens](#) for more information or to sign-up to help.



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## Thank you from the family of Trudy Dickinson

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. St. Andrew's was a blessing to Trudy for most of her adult life. Over the years Trudy

received so much love and support. Services were always meaningful to her and she enjoyed participating in various activities, in particular Friday night bridge and the 39ers. As her health declined she appreciated every phone call and card she received.

We are grateful for those who were able to visit her while in hospice. These kindnesses continued after her passing with the beautiful service conducted by Rev. Camille LeBron Powell and music by Ed Weaver. Trudy's extended family including her sister, nieces and nephews were made to feel most welcome at the lovely reception. The food was delicious and provided in a warm atmosphere of remembrance of Trudy. We would also like to thank members for the donations made in her name to the church.

Sincerely,  
Adele, Craig, Evan and Audrey Dickinson

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### **Former Member Passes Away**

Gerry (Geraldine Garrison) Weir, 98, died peacefully on Tuesday morning October 3, 2017, with family present. She had been an active member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of Tucker from 1989 to 2004 when she moved to Stanardsville, Virginia to live with her daughter. She was a resident of the Renaissance Assisted Living, in Stanardsville for the past two years. [Please click here](#) for an article in the Standardsville newspaper.

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### **New Child Protection Policies**

The session adopted two documents for the protection of children, youth, and at-risk adults at its October 15th meeting. The "SAS Safe Children Policy" updates our written policies to reflect the practices and procedures the school already has in place. "The Miriam Project" is a child protection policy created by Second Presbyterian Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. We have adapted it to be used by St. Andrews in its ministries with children, youth, and at-risk adults. More information to come about dates for teacher training next year.

Both of these documents came together from the work of many people.

The Miriam Project: Thanks to Marcia Noble for the many hours she spent adapting The Miriam Project for St. Andrews and in making the subsequent revisions. Thanks to Penny Bellinger for consultation on wording and legal advice. Thank you to Jill Jarvis and Patsy Cannon for their work in reviewing the multiple drafts that led to the final document. Thank you to Camille Powell and the Elders on session for their input and

final edits. Special thanks to Camille Powell and Linda LeBron, one of the consultants who worked on the original Miriam Project.

SAS Safe Child Project: Thanks to Stephanie Train for taking the lead in rewriting the previous policy. Thanks to everyone who helped review the policy: The St. Andrews School Board- Jill Jarvis, Patsy Cannon, Ann McKinney, Vicki Mealor, Deanna Hall, Susan Fambrough, Diane Eubanks.

You may find a complete copy of the new St. Andrews policy [by following this link.](#)

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