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From the Pastor

Take every opportunity to open your life and home to others. (Romans 12:13)

I've heard it said that sociologically speaking, American lives changed significantly when cars became widely available. Specifically, the culture of neighborhoods changed when we started building homes with garages and carports. With the widespread use of air conditioners in the South, large front porches went away and backyard decks took their place. People could conceivably never have to make contact with their neighbors-just park the car in the garage and stay inside until it's time to leave again the next day.

But the hunger to connect with others and for a place to belong has not gone away. A few years ago Kristin Schell was a busy mom who had just moved into a new neighborhood in Austin, Texas. She found herself desperate to slow down and connect. She had the hunger and initially thought she might need to plan events to meet neighbors and create community. Almost by accident, she found her answer. Schell put a turquoise (because it's her favorite color) picnic table in her front yard.

Schell realized that you can't be what you can't see. She felt called to love her neighbors, but couldn't figure out how to love them because she couldn't see her neighbors. When she put that picnic table in her front yard and spent some time out there she could see her neighbors. She talked to folks walking their dogs or going for a jog. She got to know her neighbors. Strangers became friends as they sat in the shade together. Community was formed that extended far beyond that picnic table.

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G2G Kids Choir begins October 1st

St. Andrews Glory to God (G2G) Kids choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, October 1st from 3:00-4:00 pm. All kids, Pre-K thru 5th Grade, are welcome. 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.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, following

Before long this became a movement. Turquoise tables are popping up all over the country, on busy city streets, in well-manicured suburban subdivisions, on dusty small town roads, and in church yards. The table is an invitation to slow down and connect.

Soon we'll have our own turquoise table on the lawn of the church, out front near our sign by the rec center. I plan to go out there some days to read and write. Stop by if you want. We don't really know what will happen with this. We're not going to schedule volunteers to staff it, or create elaborate programs to make sure it gets used. We're just going to invite people to slow down and connect. People might sit there while they wait for their class at the rec center. Parents of preschoolers might stop and talk at the table after morning drop off. Perhaps folks will find their way from the table to our little free library, our labyrinth, or even in to worship. At our last session retreat we talked about our desire to connect with the community, to invite people in, and to extend hospitality. This is a pretty easy way to do some of that.

Our plan is for the youth to prime and paint the table early this month, and to install it at their meeting on October 15th.

Schell was guided by scripture throughout the process of finding community and connection in her own front yard. As a member of a Presbyterian church in Austin she believed that she had a call, but wasn't sure what it was. Romans 12:13 says, "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." That particular verse kept playing in her head. She prefers a more modern translation: "Take every opportunity to open your life and home to others." Hospitality can be hard, but it doesn't have to be. It can be as easy as slowing down, sitting down, and connecting with others.

In her book, *The Turquoise Table*, Schell reflects, "We were created to be in community by a God who loves us extravagantly. God loves all of us, each and every one. In order for us to even get a glimpse of what that kind of majestic love looks like, we have to experience it through connection with others. So God gave us one another."

If you'd like to learn more about Schell and this movement, visit her website at www.theturquoisetable.com. I look forward to taking a book, a pitcher of water, and maybe even a bowl for the thirsty dogs out on a walk with their humans, and seeing what kinds of connections I can make. I hope you will, too.

Peace,

Harvey, Irma, and Maria gifts can made online [click here](#).

Camille

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.

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.

Youth News

Service - The youth served dinner at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on Sunday, September 24th. Six of our youth and five adults came out to serve a taco bar to the residents. They also toured facilities and talked with several residents over dinner. The youth will be serving again on October 22nd. Meet at 4:00 in the youth lounge. [Contact Steve](#) for more info.

Sunday Youth Meetings

Parents of our youth group are invited to sign up for a date this year to bring dinner to one of our regular Sunday meetings. Additionally, any members who

Camille

From the Treasurer

In September, our income was \$32,225.85, and our expenses totaled \$33,082.05. The year-to-date figures are \$310,288.57 income and \$309,335.49 expenses. Thus, we have a year-to-date surplus of \$953.08, which is good for this time of the year (i.e., end of summer).

For comparison, a year ago at this time, we had a deficit of \$7,499.

Currently, we have a mortgage balance of \$433,213.01. We have \$117,325.87 in our mortgage fund, and a monthly payment of \$4111. Therefore, we have funds on hand to cover over 28 months of payments.

Let me know if you have any questions.
Al Smith, Treasurer

Annual BBQ



October 1: It's an annual St. Andrews tradition...a shared meal of delicious pork and chicken, prepared by SAPC grill masters in our own barbecue pit. Join your church family around the table in Heffner Hall after the 10 AM service for fellowship and great food. Bring your favorite dessert or cook-out side to share. If you'd like to volunteer to help, [click here](#) to contact Paige McKay Kubik.

Super Heroes vs. Villains 5K fun run/walk Oct. 14 will Support St. Andrews Youth

In past years, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church has staged

wish to bring dinner for our youth on a Sunday evening are welcome to do so. Stay for a bit and play a game with us! [Follow this link to sign-up.](#)

Save the Date: St. Andrews is getting group tickets to the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday, December 20th. It will be the Atlanta Hawks v. Pacers at 7:30 pm. A link to sign up for tickets is coming soon. Everyone is welcome to this all-church fun night.

An Invitation from The 39ers

For any who might not know, 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 October 2nd, we will meet at Red Lobster at Noon, and would welcome any and all who would like to join us. (3937 Lavista Rd, 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.

Potpourri Sunday School Class

The Potpourri Sunday School Class is studying the book *Paul and the Galatians* by Stroble through October 22nd. Then they will begin a study called *Presbyterians and Mormons: A Study in Contrasts* by the Theology and Worship Ministry Unit, Presbyterian

a 5K/10K Peachtree Qualifier race called Race for Grace (R4G) The church used this great race to raise money for our youth missions, and Eric's Fit Lab, a local fitness center, has always supported our efforts. This year the church is unable to stage Race for Grace (R4G) so Eric's Fit Lab is helping us out by donating 10% of the profits from the Super

Heroes vs. Villains 5K, Saturday, October 14, 7:30 a.m. at Eric's FitLab, 4985 LaVista Road in Tucker. The church and the youth group are



so grateful and they will be there to support Eric. [Click here to sign up.](#) You'll have a good run or walk using the R4G course through the neighborhoods behind the church, you'll meet some neighbors and lots of community sponsors. You can have lots of fun competing as your favorite super hero or villain, and Eric always throws a fun party with lots of music and excitement!

If you are not a runner or walker, [contact Phyllis Bearden](#), or [Steve Sankey](#), or [Paige Kubik](#), to volunteer to help the youth and their parents the morning of the race. Be at our St. Andrews youth booth and talk about our church and our great teenagers. The more the merrier for this wonderful engagement with our Tucker community.

Community Mission Service Opportunity

The newest community mission for our SACP 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 SACP 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 guests/residents during the meal. No clean-up is needed. It

Church (USA). For more information see the [Sunday School web page](#).

Questions: Contact [Mike Bearden](#) 404-660-8234

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](#), SAPC Missions Ministry, 404-660-8234

October Birthdays

- 2nd Mary-Alice Rodes
- 4th Wynn Kallay
- 5th Emma Pattillo
- 7th Jenny Allen, Jacob Ayuk
- 8th Laura Papotto
- 9th Charlton Allen
- 14th Penny Bellinger
- 15th Susan Mahaffey
- 17th Erin Johnston,
Robert Evans
- 19th Catherine Wood
- 20th Clyde Wentz
- 22nd Caroline Johnston
- 30th Paige Kubik

October Anniversaries

- 1st Cheryl Anderson &
Pat Creasman
- 4th Jeff & Rachel Nelson
- 6th Ed & Linda Weaver
- 14th J.C. & Carrie Edwards
- 23rd George & Monica Komi
- 28th Ray & Jill Jarvis

Donate to St. Andrews just by 'Smiling'

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Special Offering - October 1st

We will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 1. Fifty percent of the collection goes to PCUSA to support worldwide peace efforts. Twenty-five percent funds efforts of the Atlanta Presbytery. St. Andrews Mission Ministry will designate the remaining twenty-five percent for a cause that promotes peace within our community.

This special offering allows PCUSA to promote peace in violent areas such as South Sudan. John Khamis, a peacebuilding specialist who is one of 220,000 South Sudanese living in a Uganda refugee camp, can thus continue his work to encourage cooperation among rival ethnic groups.

This offering also funds special projects across America, including a joint effort by a San Francisco church, the local presbytery, and PCUSA to put together \$20,000 in seed money to help impoverished, war-battered refugee families find safety and experience the power of Christ's love in the world.

Locally, St. Andrews donated its portion of the 2016 collection to New American Pathways, a Christian non-profit that helps approximately 5000 refugees per year rebuild their lives and achieve long-term success.

Now more than ever, the Church must champion Christ's message of peace and love. Please give generously to the Peace and Global Witness Offering.

Ministry Fair, October 15



begin shopping. Then, every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation to St. Andrews. Giving is that easy!

News from St. Andrews School

Greetings,

Fall is definitely in the air and we welcome the cooler weather. Our teachers have planned wonderful activities for the children to celebrate the change in seasons. The aroma of homemade applesauce recently filled the school, and the classes enjoyed this special cooking project.

I would like to inform you that one of our long-time Lead Teachers, Jeannie Fletcher will be retiring on October 6, 2017, after over 31 years here at St. Andrews School. Mrs. Fletcher will be truly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

The school will hold our Scholastic Book Fair September 25th -29. Our annual Open House and Picnic is planned for September 28th from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm. We are looking forward to a fun time with all of our school families.

Many thanks to Paul Burns and his team, for making the playground a much safer place for the children of SAS. We appreciate you and all that you do.

Regards,

Ann McKinney, Director

After the 10 am service, come for cookies and coffee in the youth lounge. This is an opportunity to learn more about the many ways to engage in service and fellowship at St. Andrews. Whether you serve dinner to men residing at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, help care for our little ones in the nursery, or lend your landscaping talents to beautify our grounds, there's a way for everyone to use their talents in service while working together and getting to know other church members.

Kirking of the Tartans

On October 29th, we are celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, and celebrating St. Andrews Annual Kirking of the Tartans. While our members come from a wide diversity of countries and ethnicities, the Presbyterian Church traces its roots back to Scotland. So, we will celebrate with special music including bagpipes and a shortbread reception after the worship service in Heffner hall. We hope you will join us in Worship.



For more about the history of the Kirking of the Tartans in America, please see [this article here](#).

For more information about the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation and a short video, [please click here](#).

Upcoming Events

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