



Ministry Spotlight - May Events

The Presbyterian Women met on May 16th for their final book study and a potluck lunch. Many thanks to all who led the group study, brought refreshments, and volunteered to make PW meetings special this year.



A group of fourteen St. Andrews members and friends toured the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, a Hindu Temple in Lilburn, on May 23rd. Ashley Lewis, who facilitated the audio tour, led the group through the stories of the Mandir. Several people visited the Gift and Book shop and bought some snacks and sweets, which are all made there on the campus of the Mandir. After touring the temple, many participants stayed for lunch at the Shayona Cafe, also run by volunteers and staff of the Mandir.





From the Pastor

This time of year is full of transitions. As Spring turns to Summer, we crank up the A/C and pack away sweaters. If you are involved in education, this time of year means wrapping up one school year and looking forward to a break before whatever is next.

On May 21st, we marked a couple of transitions for folks in our congregation. We celebrated with our high school graduates and gave them blankets to remind them that the love of God and this community go with them.



We marked Lynda Robinson's departure with Bread for the Journey. As she moved to Arizona to be near family, we gave her a loaf of bread in thanksgiving for all she has done as a part of this family and as a symbol of our prayers sustaining her on her way.



Soon we will say goodbye to Ashley Lewis. She has served as our Coordinator for Congregational Vitality, a newly imagined position, for the past year. Starting while I was on sabbatical, she jumped right in to get to know the St. Andrews community and help support the congregation, particularly with Education and Engagement. But soon, she will be moving to North Carolina. We will send her off with our prayers in worship on June 11th. We are also planning a farewell gathering that you can read more about in this newsletter.

While we are sad that these folks are “leaving” St. Andrews, we know they are each going on to something new and exciting. While we celebrate with them, it is sad for us to say “goodbye.” But it’s easier to say goodbye when we know that they go with God. Did you know that’s the literal meaning of the word “goodbye?” The English word “goodbye” is an old contraction of the words “God be with you.” Goodbye means, “I’m giving you to God.” In Spanish, it is *adios*, and in French, it is *adieu*- both mean literally “to God” - they’re more direct. Every faithful goodbye is a giving of the one we love into the arms of God.

-Camille

Summer Sermon Series

Join us in worship this June, July, and August for a new series: Family Reunion. This Summer we will explore the story of Abraham’s family through the generations and find lessons of hope for our own.



June 4 God’s Perfect Family
Matthew 28:16-20 Genesis 1:1-2:4a

June 11 A Painful Shortcut
Romans 6:1b-11 Genesis 21:8-21

June 18 Between the Verses
Rev. Jody Andrade
Hebrews 11:1-3, 11 Genesis 18:1-15

June 25 Light of Grace

July 2 An Unthinkable Trial
Romans 6:12-23 Genesis 22:1-14

July 9 A Biblical Romance?
Romans 7:15-25a
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

July 16 Sibling Rivalry: Part I
Romans 8:1-11 Genesis 25:19-34

July 23
8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 30 Sibling Rivalry: Part II
Romans 8:26-39 Genesis 29:15-28

August 6 Holy Wrestling
Romans 9:1-5 Genesis 32:22-31

August 13 Forgiveness in the Family
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Genesis 45:1-15



Lemonade in the Shade

Sundays after worship in June and July, join us for a St. Andrews Summer tradition: Lemonade in the Shade. We’ll gather in the courtyard after worship for a cool glass of lemonade and some treats.

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[Click this link](#), or [contact the church office](#) to sign up for a date to help and bring lemonade and treats. There are two slots for each Sunday in June and July and each slot is to bring lemonade and treats for 25-30 people, so no one will have to set up or provide the lemonade/treats by themselves.

Planning Meeting & Save the Date

Join us on Zoom next Thursday at 7:00 pm for a planning meeting to begin organizing the annual Back-to-School Carnival. All who would like to help the carnival happen are invited to attend! [Click here](#) for the Zoom link.



Our Back-to-School Carnival will be held on Saturday, August 12. Mark your calendars and be on the look out for the chance to sign up for volunteer spots.



Is Your Garden Blooming?

Do you have flowers from your garden to share this Summer? Would you like to pick up a bouquet from the store? You too can sign up to bring flowers to church on an upcoming Sunday and dedicate them in honor or in memory of someone special to you.

Please [sign up with this link](#) to bring flowers this summer. Then you sign up, there is a place on the website to add your dedication for the bulletin.

Flowers this Sunday, June 4th, are roses from our church campus and are dedicated with many thanks to all of the volunteers who keep St. Andrews fixed up and looking beautiful.

Day Trip

With summer upon us, it is time to head inside where it is cool, so our next outing is

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through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange

June Birthdays

- 1 J.C. Edwards, Robert Hall
- 2 Jan Kopic
- 3 Craig Kubik, Ed Weaver
- 4 Deanna Hall
- 7 Jonathan Brilling, Jonathan Powell
- 10 Emily Russ
- 11 Ramona Creagh
- 17 Judy Cunningham
- 20 Laura Moore
- 22 Jackie Harper, John Brooke, Nancy Reichmann
- 26 Al Smith
- 27 Sandy Bond
- 30 Adam Forrester, Jared Kubik, Corinna Papotto

June Anniversaries

- 3 Bob & Grace Reardon

Tuesday, July 11th. We're heading to the David J. Spencer CDC Museum. We will learn the story of the CDC from the lens of a CDC expert.

Different exhibits will be highlighted based on the docent's expertise and preference. Then, everyone will have a chance to enjoy some independent exploration during the 2-hour tour. We have reserved the time slot of 10:00 am to noon. We'll go to lunch after the tour at a location yet to be determined. If you want to reserve a spot, please email [Pat Baker](#). ALL reservations must be made no later than June 30th. A complete listing of all attendees will be sent to CDC one week before the tour, so please decide as soon as possible if you will attend.

If you have a place in the Atlanta area that you think would make a great day trip, please contact Pat or catch her at church. She is always open to suggestions.

Items for the Nursery

With the nursery up and running, we can always use additional toys, books, activities etc. for babies and toddlers. If you have gently used items that would enhance our Nursery, please drop them in the Narthex in the specified basket.

Ongoing Collection Projects

The Presbyterian Women are continuing to collect personal hygiene items for NETWORKS Cooperative Ministries. Needed items include adult diapers, poise pads, maxi pads, and tampons. Please bring items to the collection box in the Narthex.

Caring for Creation is continuing to collect eyeglasses in the Narthex. Please bring in any glasses that you no longer need. Items accepted include prescription glasses, lenses, sunglasses, reading glasses, and broken glasses.

Farewell Lunch for Ashley Lewis

On Tuesday, June 6th, you're invited to attend a farewell get-together for Ashley Lewis, the Coordinator of Congregational Vitality. All are invited to enjoy some conversation and quality time with Ashley before her last Sunday on June 11th. This casual, drop-in lunch will take place at Bell Street Burrito, 4053 Lawrenceville Hwy, Tucker, GA 30084, at 12:00 pm.

Ashley will also be in worship on Sunday, June 11th.

- 5 Ron & Betty Weber
- 6 Jeff & Marianne Pattillo
- 9 Arch & Pat Baker
- 11 John & Carol Snarey
- 13 David & Molly Darnell
- 16 Jack & Phyllis Jennings
- 19 Paul & Karen Burns, Bob & Pauline Weaver
- 21 Tom & Mary Evans, David & Kjersti Lukens
- 22 John & Nancy Reichmann
- 23 Ted & Peggy Heffner
- 26 Jeff & Lisa Bunce
- 27 Doug & Patsy Cannon
- 30 Charles & Nancy Mills, Basil & Laura Papotto

Nursery Volunteers

One volunteer is needed each week to help in the nursery. [Click this link](#) to sign up.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

There are spots available for upcoming dates to bring food to Clifton. For more information or to sign up, [click here](#). This ministry is a very easy thing to do while maintaining your social distancing since meals are dropped off on Clifton's front porch after calling ahead to let them know when you are coming.

A group is gathering on the 4th Sunday of the month after worship to make lunches for Clifton. If you are interested in helping, [contact Phyllis Bearden](#).

Our congregation feeds the men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on the fourth Sunday of every month.

Are You Intimidated?

Serving at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries
by Phyllis Bearden

If you think you have to make a big meal or possibly interact with people you don't know, do you avoid those situations? Confession here: I was so intimidated at one point about providing meals for the homeless that it made me anxious. Some really great St. Andrews people mentored me and coached me along until I became the one making sure a meal for the clients of Clifton Sanctuary Ministry would be provided.

You don't like to cook? You doubt you could cook for 15 people? Do you worry about interacting with formerly unhoused people? We can coach you through it all. For starters, you don't have to cook a big meal. All that needs to be done, once a month, is to figure out a menu and get people to provide an item. For instance, on May 28th we took chicken casseroles provided by two people, and Stouffers helped us out there. One person donated bagged salad, one brought rolls, and dessert was the leftover cookies from the graduation celebration.

To be honest, I do like to cook, and I was able to bring up three boys who didn't starve. But cooking a large dish used to be intimidating for me until I figured out I didn't have to be the only one cooking. I've been part of meals that are baked chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs, and when I go solo, there is always pizza.

The first times that I went to the Journey night shelter, I was amazed at how naturally some people could sit down and have a meal and conversation with people less fortunate. Now I realize we are all people, fortunate and unfortunate. Some people are talkative and friendly and some people are not. Some people have marvelous stories to tell, and others are great at listening.

On a personal note, as I have been on my Christian journey, I see that more and more people believe that we as Christians need to listen to the Holy Spirit to be the "hands and feet" of Christ. Providing a meal and thirty lunch bags on the fourth Sunday of each month feels like the right thing to do, in partnership with friends and the Holy Spirit. My prayer is more people will become involved and feel the blessings I have. The Mission Ministry, Mike Bearden, and I, his fortunate wife, are here to help you be a part of the mission of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Call 404-580-8679 or email, pbearden47@bellsouth.net. We have five more Sundays that need commitments to help.

New Building Families Specialist

We are sharing our office space with Sheree Wyatt, a Specialist with Thornwell's Building Families program. We will keep you posted when she offers parenting series and other programs. Please say hello, if you see her around our campus.

Greetings All! I am so excited to be a part of the team and appreciate each and every one of you for allowing me the opportunity to serve the community! My name is Sheree Wyatt, and I am a Licensed Master's Level Social Worker (LMSW) in the State of Georgia. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Clark Atlanta University. I also obtained my Master's Degree in Social Work from Savannah State University. I have served in



the field of Mental Health, Behavioral Health Services, and Social Work for over ten years. I strive to help children and families feel supported and empowered. I aim to help children and families view themselves as change agents in their own lives. I am located in the Administrative Building and can be reached via phone at 770-843-5336 or by email at swyatt@thornwell.org for any questions or additional information.

PDA: Disaster Relief and More

Did you know that Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to more than just tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, fires and floods? They also aid refugees and asylum seekers, as well as respond to incidents of public violence, like mass shootings.

When you are not sure what to do besides offering thoughts and prayers, supporting PDA is a way to do more. [Click here](#) to contribute directly to their efforts. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:
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P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

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