



Ministry Spotlight: OACM Trip by Pat Baker

"What do you need?" and "What'll ya have?"

Nineteen members and friends of St. Andrews visited the Center for Inclusive Design & Innovation (CIDI) and Georgia's Assistive Technology Act(AT) Program- Tools for Life, on Georgia Tech Campus, February 22nd. After visiting the center, we headed over to a downtown Atlanta institution: The Varsity, for lunch.



At the CIDI we learned all about the beginnings of the center and the history of the Assistive Technology Act from 1988 to present day. Tools for Life is Georgia's AT Act Program. The mission of this program is to provide Georgians of all ages and disabilities the opportunity to gain access to and acquisition of assistive technology devices and service so they can live, learn, work, and play independently in the communities of their choice. After learning all about the background we headed into the Tools for Life visitors center and were able to try out the tools that make all aspects of life easier. Those tools included ones for hearing, vision, safety, food prep, feeding, gaming, communication, aging & dementia and even a robot or two. I think that if you talked to folks who attended they will tell you about their favorite tool, personally for me it was the robotic cat.

We entered The Varsity to the words "What'll ya have?" and I noticed that most of us had hotdogs, onion rings and an orange drink or frosted orange. It was all so greasy and quite an indulgence which I loved! I could hear conversation all around the room of the wonderful memories of visiting the varsity as children or adults before or after a GA Tech football game.

If you were unable to go with us, you'll have an opportunity to visit the CIDI on your own on April 17, 2024 as they recognize National Assistive Technology Awareness Day. They are hosting a "Come and Play with Us" event during lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.





From the Pastor - Holy Week

As we continue through the season of Lent, I hope you will join us for our special worship services during Holy Week. The week begins with Palm and Passion Sunday on March 24th. In worship, we'll wave palms and shout "Hosanna!" as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We will celebrate the sacraments of baptism and communion and then turn toward the passion of Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28th at 6:30 p.m., Heffner Hall

We will gather around tables to worship, share a meal, and remember the acts of Jesus during Holy Week. Our worship will include prayer, scripture, songs, a simple dinner, and the celebration of the Lord's Supper woven together. We call this day "Maundy Thursday," from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "mandate" or "command." We remember that is the day when Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another. All ages are welcome.

Good Friday

March 29th at 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

As a nod to the traditional "Stations of the Cross," this service invites you to walk "the way of sorrows" to the cross through the eyes and experiences of one of Jesus' closest disciples, Peter. This service will continue highlighting Peter's role in the crucifixion narrative as we follow Jesus to his death with Peter as our companion. By focusing on Peter, we are invited to imagine how we might have acted and behaved had we been there as one of Jesus' followers and friends. Following the narratives from John 13-19, we will engage, confess, and lament through prayer, scripture, reflection, silence, and song.

When the service is over, it will still be incomplete until Easter. You will be invited to continue the journey through Holy Week as you depart. You will be given prayers and suggested scripture readings to guide your devotions between Good Friday and Easter. Then, you are invited to return on Easter morning to celebrate the glorious resurrection.

Easter Sunday – March 31

8:30 am Worship in the Garden

You are invited to gather in the courtyard early in the morning for an outdoor Easter worship service. In the event of rain, we will gather under the shelter of the covered breezeway.

9:00 am Easter Fellowship & Egg Hunt, Courtyard

Easter Breads is a St. Andrews tradition sharing fellowship, coffee, and pastries on Easter morning. We will also have crafts and activities for the children, including an egg hunt. Please plan to join us, and if you are able, bring your favorite pastry or bread to share.

Flowering of the Cross, Courtyard

We invite you to bring flowers from home or your yard, make a flower, or use the flowers available at the church to adorn the cross in the courtyard. This sixth-century tradition of flowering the cross is an especially striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life that emerges from Christ's death on Good Friday.

10:00 am Worship

We'll celebrate the resurrection and sing "Alleluia" in worship together, meeting in the Sanctuary and on YouTube Live.

We hope you will join us for Holy Week and Easter.

-Camille

HOLY WEEK

ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 24 Palm/Passion Sunday Worship, 10 am

March 28 Maundy Thursday Simple Supper &
Worship, 6:30 pm

March 29 Good Friday Worship, 7:30 pm

March 31 Easter Worship in the Garden, 8:30 am
Easter Breads & Egg Hunt, 9:00 am
Worship, 10 am



Columbia Professor Presents History of Presbyterianism at St. Andrews

Associate Professor of Religious and Cultural History, Rev. Dr. William Yoo of Columbia Theological Seminary will present his recent work, *What Kind of Christianity* at St. Andrews on May 5th. Yoo's study assesses the Presbyterian church's complicity in slavery and anti-black racism over the 19th and 20th centuries. You can hear some of the book's themes in Yoo's plenary address at the recent Matthew 25 summit [here](#). [Yoo's presentation starts at 1:15:30] We'll be reading "What Kind of Christianity" together through the month of April, with Sunday afternoon book discussions at 4:00 pm on April 14, 21, and 28. Discounted copies of the book are available for \$15.00 in the church office. For more information [contact LaVerne Byas-Smith](#).

Treasurer's Report

Jane Thomas, Treasurer

In January, our income was \$25,668.50, and our expenses totaled \$29,899.26. So, we are in the red by \$4,230.76. It is not unusual for us to be in the red in January.

Currently we have a mortgage balance of \$55,981.90. We have \$20,148.98 in our mortgage fund, and a monthly payment of \$4,111. Thus, we have funds on hand to cover 5 months of payments.

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Easter Flower Dedications

If you would like to dedicate an Easter flower in memory or in honor of a loved one, there are dedication forms in the Narthex and [available here](#). Please note on the form if you plan to take the flower with you on Easter Sunday, or if it is a dedication only.

Flowers are \$10 each. Put "Easter flowers" on the memo line, if paying by check. March 17th will be the last day for sending in dedications.



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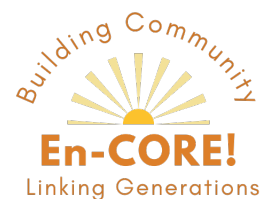
LaVerne Byas-Smith

Breakfast at St. Andrews School on Valentine's Day was abuzz with excitement. The students and the teachers squealed with delight as they opened their love gifts from St. Andrews church members who fulfilled their wish lists of toys and equipment for their classrooms. En-Core volunteers had solicited the wish lists back in the fall. Leading up to Valentine's Day, they revisited the lists and appealed to church members to donate towards the purchase of the items.

The teachers requested dolls and musical instruments: drums, chimes, even a glockenspiel. Several wanted building toys, and a climbing toy. One teacher listed a teepee. A single member donated THREE! Now three classrooms enjoy the hideout of a teepee. All of the items prove to enrich the children's learning experience and enhance their imaginative play. But for us at St. Andrews church, fulfilling the wish lists demonstrates our embracing the School with the Love of Christ. We are Loving in real, tangible ways, our closest and littlest neighbors.

THANK YOU, ST. ANDREWS, for your generosity in donating every item on all the teachers' wish lists!

Wrapping and delivering the gifts to the school gave En-Core volunteers such delight.





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](#).

Giving

Online giving applies to your pledge just the same as a paper check. Secure online contributions can be made by clicking [this link](#), or checks can be mailed to: SAPC, 4882 Lavista Rd, Tucker, GA 30084

Collection Project

The Presbyterian Women are continuing to collect adult diapers, poise pads, maxi pads, and tampons at meetings and in the Narthex which will go to NETWorks. All are invited to participate.

NETWorks is Celebrating 20 Years

NETWorks is celebrating 20 years of ministry this Spring. Their Annual Golf Invitational will be on May 6th, with an early bird discount through April 7th. [Click here](#) for more information, to volunteer, or to sign up to play.

[Click this link](#) for ways to volunteer and donate to NETWorks.

March Birthdays

- 1 Julie Todd, Richard Russ
- 3 Pauline Weaver
- 6 Landon Millican
- 8 Phyllis Bearden
- 9 Cassie Westbrook, Abigail Lukens
- 10 Carol Snarey
- 11 Robbie Floyd
- 12 Lisa Bunce
- 14 Cindy Weimer
- 15 Bob Weaver
- 18 Lynn Medlin
- 19 Tom Evans
- 20 Sarah Slusher
- 21 Carol Gordon
- 22 Arch Baker
- 25 Ted Heffner

March Anniversaries

- 20 David & Mary McCowen
 - 23 Mike & Phyllis Bearden
 - 26 Dave & Mary Jentoff
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Notes from the Session

The Session and Diaconate met for our annual joint meeting on February 11th, 2024 in the youth lounge. The currently serving Deacons and Elders were joined by our newly elected Officers. After opening the meeting with prayers, we shared a luncheon and fellowship.

After the luncheon, the floor was opened for each of the newly elected officers to share their faith stories with the current officers. As usual, the stories were personally informative and inspirational. Following the presentations, a motion to affirm our new officers was approved unanimously.

I think it is safe to say that this is the favorite meeting of the year, and we invite the congregation to join with us in joy and prayer for the continued leadership of our Session and Diaconate.

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: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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