



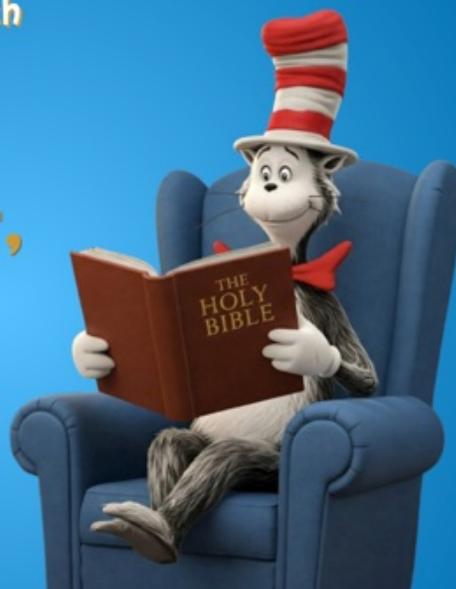
Ministry Spotlight: Brunch Church

On Sunday May 18th we celebrated our teachers and graduates at Brunch Church in Heffner Hall. Children sang, graduates were honored, we said goodbye to beloved members, heard great news about our preschool, and had a precious baptism. All of us felt very blessed that morning. Many thanks to everyone who brought delicious brunch food, helped set up and clean up, and planned this special worship service.



St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

**Summer with
the Psalmist,
Dr. Seuss,
and God**
Starting in June!



From the Pastor

Psalms may be the most contemporary book in the whole Bible because people today can identify intimately with the expressions of

trust, hope, lament, and praise found there. The writers of the psalms were people just like us, with thoughts, feelings, doubts, and affirmations. Just like us, they found themselves in situations of grief, disbelief, despair, joy, and fulfillment. The details of life for the writers of the psalms were undoubtedly different than the concrete details of our own, but so much about the human condition is the same. Love for and trust in God for us, as well as doubt and disbelief, are like what the psalmists knew. Relationships with others that bring love and commitment, as well as separation and pain, are not unlike what the psalmists experienced. The psalmists wrote their songs and prayers as poetry. Their prayers of praise, lament, trust, thanksgiving, intercession, and petition in song are still a resource for us in our times and lives of faith.

In addition to scripture, other works of art can inspire and encourage faith formation. You all know my love for children's books. I thought I might explore the stories of one of the world's most beloved children's authors—Dr. Seuss, AKA Theodor Geisel. His imaginative and entertaining stories capture the human condition, too, even though he disguises them in furry characters with funny names and bizarre behaviors.

This summer, we will explore the theology of the Psalmist, Dr. Seuss, and God. We'll begin on June 1st with *The Lorax*, who speaks for the trees, and Psalm 24: *The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. The world and all the people who live in it, belong to God the Creator.* How do the words of the Psalmists, the warning of the Lorax, and our call as Caretakers of God's gift of this planet and all creation and creatures shape our worldview on climate change and the dangers of ignoring it? Each week, we'll enter into conversation with a psalm and a Dr. Seuss book. Join us as the creativity and wisdom of Dr. Seuss bring the meaning and the relevance of the Psalms to life.

Summer with the Psalmist, Dr. Seuss, and God

<u>June 1</u>	<i>The Lorax</i>	Psalm 24 (Ephesians 1:3-14)
<u>June 8</u>	Pentecost	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (Acts 2:1-4)
<u>June 15</u>	<i>Green Eggs & Ham</i>	Psalm 34 (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)
<u>June 22</u>	Guest Preacher	
<u>June 29</u>	Light of Grace	

Other Dr. Seuss books we'll explore this summer: *The Butter Battle Book*; *The Sneetches*; *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*; *Oh, The Places You'll Go!*; *I Had Trouble Getting in Getting to Solla Sellow*; *Yertle the Turtle*; *Horton Hatches an Egg*; and *Oh, the Thinks You Can Think*.

Camille

Summer Fun in Tucker

This summer our SAPC family will be gathering at the city of Tucker's Summer of Fun movies and concerts. Pack a picnic or visit the food truck and look for our St. Andrews banner. The first event is a concert by The Chairmen of the Board on June 6th at 7:00 pm. Next, is the movie on June 26 *The Wild Robot*.

[Here's the link](#) to all the movies and concerts as well as the Celebration of Independence on July 3rd. Mark your calendars and plan to join us this summer!

Treasurer's Report

Joan Barnes, Treasurer

In April, our income was \$54,875.38, and our expenses totaled \$32,351.10. Year to date, our income is

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\$133,015.38 and expenses are \$138,792.58. We are in the red for 2025 by **\$5,777.20**.

Special Offering: Pentecost

On Sunday, June 8th we will take the annual Pentecost special offering, which goes to support at-risk children, youth and young adults locally, and around the world. 40% of this offering stays with this congregation and that portion will go to St. Andrews School. Please put "Pentecost" in the memo of your check. If giving online, please select Mission and put "Pentecost" in the Notes.



New Members

Andy King, along with children Daniel, Hannah, and Lydia, joined our church by transfer of letter from Fairview Presbyterian Church in Lawrenceville on Sunday, May 18th. The Rev. Melissa McNair-King is an ordained minister member of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, currently serving as the Manager of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians' "Child of Blessing" program. Andy is a genetic counselor. Hannah and Lydia just completed the first grade at Livsey Elementary. Daniel finished the fourth grade at Livsey and has already stepped up at St. Andrews to lead the origami crane-making for Pentecost. Please extend a warm St. Andrews welcome. We look forward to what God has in store for all of us as the church together.

Tucker Farmer's Market

The market recieved a nice write-up on Roughdraft Atlanta. There's a nice mention of SAPC too! [Click this link](#) to read the article. The market is a great opportunity to

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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

GIVE NOW

through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange

Flowers for Worship

[Click this link](#) to sign up to bring flowers for worship through June. The Flowers can be from your yard or the shop.

Need a Ride - Can Give a Ride?

As we age, driving challenges seem to become greater, especially with the traffic around Metro Atlanta. If you are not attending church on Sundays or the evening events at St. Andrews because you are no longer driving at all, or after dark, we'd like to know. The Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries is working on matching up

shop local and to see your neighbors each week through November, Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. If there is inclement weather, the market will be held in Heffner Hall.

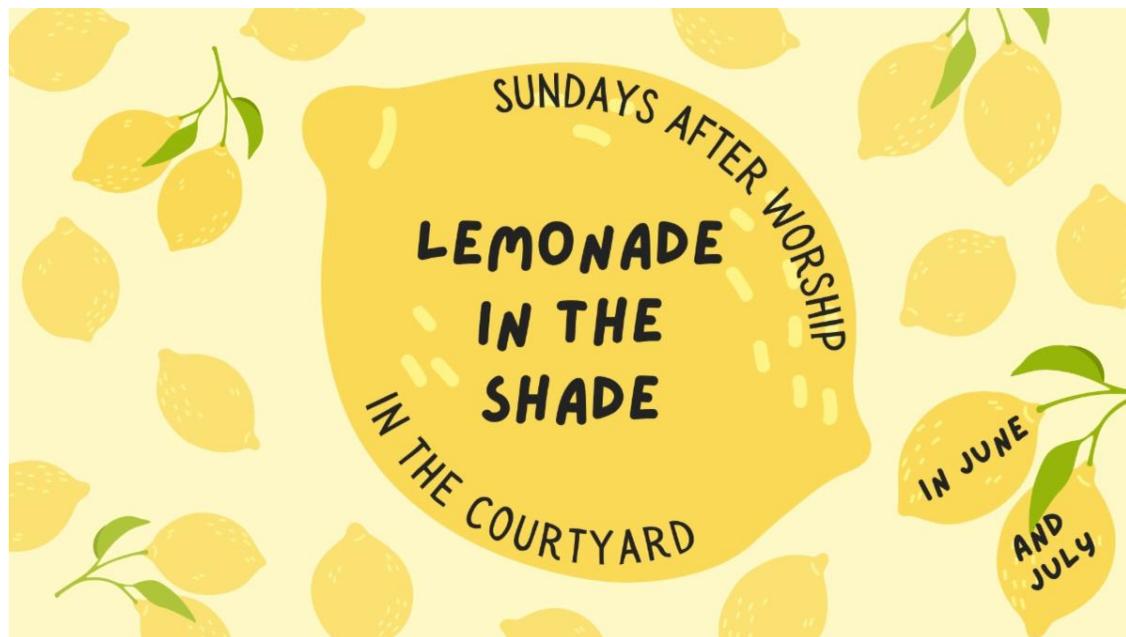
Bread for the Journey

On Sunday, May 18th, we celebrated Bread for the Journey for Jan Kepic and Sandy Bond. These sisters joined St. Andrews in January 2019, along with others from the Church of the New Covenant (CNC). Much of their service in the church at CNC and St. Andrews was behind the scenes, like helping set up and clean up potlucks and fellowship events, and participating in a Presbyterian Women's Bible Study circle. Now, they are each moving closer to their children and grandchildren, Jan to Griffin, GA, and Sandy to NC. We are excited for them and their families, but will surely miss them.

members who are not driving with members who might be willing to transport folks to St. Andrews. If you need a ride, or can give a ride, please [contact Pat Baker](#), or 770-9282833, ext. 122. Even if you can give someone a ride one way- let us know!

Sign Up Now!

Lemonade in the Shade begins Sunday, June 1st. This is a St. Andrews tradition where we have cookies and lemonade after worship in the summer months. [Click this link](#) to sign up to bring cookies and lemonade for 25-30 people. Remember to check the fridge in the youth room and coordinate with the other person signed up with you.



Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

by Pat Baker

Here's what's happening this summer in Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries- Mark Your Calenders!

Older Adulthood Discussion/Support
Thursday, June 19th , 10:30-11:30 am

The topic this month is "Taking some of the stress out of being hospitalized." In our efforts to bring about a better quality of life for ourselves and our love ones we'll look at some practical suggestions to make a trip to the hospital less traumatic. Pat will share an article with some insider tips from nurses who work in hospitals to make your stay safer, easier and more comfortable.

Day Trip

Monday, July 14th, 10:30 am

We will have a tour of the historic Peachtree Road United Methodist Church to view the magnificent work of art created to commemorate the spirit of that congregation as they celebrate their Centennial. This

gift to the congregation and community is a breathtaking installation of origami doves called "The Doves of Peachtree Road" that are ascending through the sacred space of their sanctuary- inspiring peace, hope, and wonder.

After hearing a bit about the history of this church and having an opportunity to visit their giftshop we'll have lunch at the Louisiana Bistreaux Seafood Kitchen which is touted as the "Best Lunch in Buckhead". Please contact Pat Baker to reserve your spot.

Older Adulthood Discussion/Support

Thursday, July 17th, 10:30-11:30 am

Joanne Hurley from Hurley Eldercare Law Firm will be presenting a program on "end of life" documents; what you need to have, the laws in Georgia about those documents and much, much more. This is an opportunity to get your questions asked without having to walk into a lawyer's office. Caregivers as well as older adults should consider coming to this one.

Older Adulthood Discussion/Support

Thursday, August 21st, 10:30-11:30 am

We will explore "Housing for Older Adults- Move or Stay Put???" We'll start a discussion on this huge question that more and more folks in our congregation are facing which will include an Adult Living Checklist to help you work through this question.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2026 RETREAT! We'll be heading back to William Black Lodge April 21-24, 2026. More details this fall.

REVELATION CLASS

On May 18th a group of St. Andrews members completed the last of 60 classes on the Book of Revelation taught by Bruce W. Gore, M.A., J.D. professor and Christian Educator from Spokane, WA. Arch Baker facilitated the classes. We had 10 lessons around the historical background of Revelation and 50 classes on the 22 chapters that make up the book. An average of 9 members attended these weekly sessions which started in January of 2024. It was an outstanding survey outlining the way in which the book of Revelation [apocalypse: the unveiling] has been viewed throughout church history. Bruce Gore, our tour guide, has been a teacher/theologian/professor /historian for most of his adult life and is currently on the Whitworth College staff as he has been for 30 plus years. Bruce challenged all of us with his research and insights so that none of us will read the book of Revelation as we did in the past.

From the Management Ministry

The Management Ministry is thrilled to share that we received a Presbytery Beyond the Building grant. This grant will be used to enclose the courtyard in three places. An attractive fence and gates will be added at the corners between the Sanctuary and Education Building, Education Building and Office, and Office and Heffner Hall. Enclosing the courtyard will allow our St. Andrews School children safe passage to Heffner Hall on rainy days and create a space of fellowship for all without young families needing to worry about the safety of their children. The order has been placed and we will provide you an update once we know the installation schedule. Thank you for your assistance to make our campus child safe.

Support Our Preschool

Some ways you can help the school include:

- Join En-Core! The Encore readers have been reading to the children every Friday for over a



year and the kids as well as the teachers enjoy the interaction. As an Encore reader you decide how often you wish to read. Starting this Summer, we are offering to read every Friday, so this will be a year round activity.

- Share your Passion! Do you have a special hobby, interest, skill or passion to share with the children that would add to the children's Summer School experience? Time commitment is at your discretion. Please [contact Cindy Weimer](#) with your level of interest to be involved as an Encore volunteer or to bring a special summer program to the school or with any questions.
- Get Out the Word! St. Andrews School still has some spots available in their Summer Camp (ages 1-10) and Fall Classes (ages 1-5) Please contact the school for more information, 770-934-1461. Please share this information with your neighborhood email lists and Facebook pages. [Here's the Flyer.](#)
- [Click this link](#) to see the school's Amazon wish list.

Fidelis Sunday School Class

Everyone is welcome to join the Fidelis Sunday School Class, which meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in the Library, and [on Zoom](#) (password fidelis). The class uses *The Present Word* series of books. [Contact Deanna Hall](#) for more information.

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 gathers on the 4th Sunday of each 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.

Carnival Planning

Everyone is invited to our initial organizational and planning meeting for the 2025 SAPC Back to School carnival on August 16, 2025. The meeting will be held on Zoom at 8 pm on Tuesday, June 10th. Contact [Cindy Weimer](#) or [Marsha Ashby](#) for more



June Birthdays

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

June Anniversaries

- 1 Zachary and Sarah Meeks
- 3 Bob & Grace Reardon
- 6 Jeff & Marianne Pattillo
- 9 Arch & Pat Baker
- 11 John & Carol Snarey
- 13 David & Molly Darnell
- 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



Highlights from the May Session Meeting

Jane Thomas, Clerk of Session

- Management Ministry asked the Session if we were comfortable moving forward with forming a Search Committee to fill the Director of Family Ministry/Engagement role. The Session discussed the current financial status and concluded that we need to move forward on this position.
- The Session decided to skip the June Session meeting and meet at the regular time in July (July 20, 2025).
- Update on St. Andrews School: The School is continuing to look for additional children for Summer Camp and for next year's school year. They are also exploring possible grants to help with the expenses.

Hurricane & Wildfire Response and Relief

Here are four ways you can give and make a difference:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has already deployed National Response Teams to Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia to support the congregations and communities affected by the storms. If you would like to contribute a financial gift to support PDA's immediate and long-term work to help these areas rebuild and recover, you can [give here](#)
- The Montreat Conference Center and surrounding areas have suffered significant damage. Montreat is a special place to many in our congregation. It's where we've held retreats and sent youth to conferences for years. Your gift to the Montreat Hurricane Relief Fund will directly support relief efforts in this beloved community. For updates and to donate [visit their website](#).
- Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, located between Cherry Street downtown and the Montreat gate, has power. The congregation is actively serving as a relief station, providing meals, water, power, and respite for those in need. You can contribute directly to help them continue this vital work [here](#).
- Pray: Please continue to pray for all those affected by Hurricane Helene and Milton—the families, communities, and relief workers. Pray for healing, strength, and resilience in the weeks ahead.

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