



Ministry Spotlight: Minute for Mission

We currently have 4 collection projects going on in the narthex. Please join us in the work of the church by bringing in the needed items.

Food for NETWorks A few weeks ago the shelves at NETWorks were bare. This local ministry feeds over 90 families each week and they anticipate greater need as food costs rise. Bring in canned goods and shelf stable food and pantry items to the bin in the Narthex.

Hygiene Items for NETWorks The Presbyterian Women at St. Andrews are sponsoring an ongoing collection of adult diapers, Poise pads, maxi pads and tampons.

Items for our new Pre-K Class Please see the attached list of things our Pre-K Class needs. Most can be found around your house.

Children's Books for the Carnival We are collecting new and gently used children's books to give out at Storytime at the Carnival. We would like to send each child who visits the carnival home with a book. There are collection containers in the office and narthex.

Food Drive for NETWorks



Join Us to Fight
Hunger Together!

Hygiene Supplies for NETWorks

ST. ANDREWS
SCHOOL

Donate Items for Pre-K
from around the house



Help Us Enrich Learning

Children's Books for the CARNIVAL

From the Pastor

"In a world where you can be
anything, be kind."

—Clare Pooley

It is heartwarming to see this quote, and others like it, making the rounds on social media and showing up on T-shirts. These days, we need all the kindness we can get. It can be hard to be kind. Unfortunately, there are plenty of folks today who see kindness as weakness. These people see being kind as putting a target on your back or lying down like a doormat. Poet and philosopher Kahlil Gibran sees it differently: "Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolution."



When Jesus chose kindness, some folks saw him as weak. But he chose kindness even when his friends questioned him and those in authority saw him as a threat. Jesus kept choosing kindness as he shared meals with outsiders like Zacchaeus and extended compassion to those the world forgot. He even told us to love our enemies. We see it in scripture, and I hope you have seen it in your own lives—courageous kindness has the power to heal, unite, and transform.

That is why the folks at Illustrated Ministry created a new backpack tag that invites children and adults alike to practice brave compassion and kindness every day—at school, work, and wherever the journey takes them. The tags simply say, "Be Kind" and serve as a reminder that while kindness isn't always the easiest path, it is the path of Jesus. It is a pocket-sized prompt to choose kindness wherever you find yourself on that path.

The world would like us to fight and choose fear. But you can choose kindness instead. You can hold a door open, say "thank you" for actions you might take for granted, play peek-a-boo to distract the fussy baby in the grocery line, offer a sincere compliment to a stranger, and practice patience in stressful situations. As Mark Twain said, "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."



In worship on Sunday, August 3rd, we will have a Blessing of the Backpacks. We invite all students and educators, young and old, to bring your backpack, messenger bag, or tote to worship. We'll celebrate the new school year and pray for students and teachers. We will pass out bag tags to remind you to be kind and that the love and support of God and your church family are with

you everywhere you go.

These tags aren't just for kids. We hope teachers and administrators will get them too. Doctors, lawyers, nurses, freelancers, IT staff, and retired folks can also put these tags on their bags. Attach one to your gym bag or Rollator. Pick up one of the cards to keep in your wallet or tuck in your car's sun visor to remind you that in a world where you can be anything, you can choose to **be kind**.

I hope you'll join us for worship on August 3rd and invite a friend or neighbor who's a teacher or student to join us, too.

Camille

August 3	<i>Oh, The Places You'll Go!</i>	Blessing Backpacks	Psalm 139 (John 14:23-29)
August 10	<i>I Had Trouble in Getting to Solla Sollew</i>		Psalm 23 (John 10:1-10)
August 17	<i>Yertle the Turtle</i>		Psalm 146 (Matt. 7:24-27)
August 24	<i>Horton Hatches an Egg</i>		Psalm 118 (Eccl. 7:1-14)
August 31	<i>Hymn Sing!</i>		Psalms
September 7	<i>Oh, the Thinks You Can Think</i>		Psalm 63(Philippians 2:1-11)

St. Andrews Back-to-School Carnival

August 16
10a-12p

It's
Free!



Bounce Houses

Crafts

Yard Games

Petting Zoo

Sno Cones

and more!

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
4882 Lavista Road, Tucker, GA

Carnival Volunteers Sign up Today!

Our Annual Back-to-School Carnival will be held on Saturday, August 16th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Tell your neighbors, bring the kids, and [click here](#) to sign up to volunteer! Contact [Cindy Weimer](#) or [Marsha Ashby](#) for more information.

Change for Children

On Sunday, August 3rd we will take our monthly offering for Change for Children, which benefits the Alliance for Children Everywhere. Please remember to bring in your change.

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An Invitation to Prayer

The Apostle Paul ends his first letter to the church in Thessalonica with an appeal and benediction. He encourages believers to help the weak, be patient, seek to do good, rejoice always, and, among other things, **pray without ceasing** (1 Thessalonians 5:12-22). We understand that an active prayer life is not confined to time spent with eyes closed, hands clasped, and knees bent. It doesn't really matter *how* you pray; you just keep doing it. If you're looking for another opportunity to pray, join us for Church at Prayer on Zoom on Fridays at 9 AM. We share the joys and concerns on our hearts and minds each week. We check in on those on the prayer list. It's often a time to speak out loud the things weighing heavily on us. Then we close our time with scripture and prayer, ordinarily led by Pastor

[Visit our website](#)

Camille. [Here's the link](#) to join each week.

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 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 only give someone a ride one way, let us know!**

Flowers for Worship

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

Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries by Pat Baker

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

St. Andrews will be hosting a sixteen-class, evidence-based program in the winter of 2026 called Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention (TCAFP). Pat Baker, a newly certified instructor for TCAFP, will be one of the instructors. In August and September, we will also be hosting the six-week REVIEW class for the Tai Chi class that Pat was in and several other classes from around the Atlanta area. These classes, each Tuesday in August and the first two Tuesdays in September are from 9:30-10:30am, and open to our church members to "try" out or observe Tai Chi with the possibility of participating in January and February. We will be meeting in Heffner Hall. If you have any questions about these classes please [contact Pat Baker](#).

Know the Facts about Strokes

Stroke is a disease that affects the arteries leading to and within the brain. It is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the United States. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts (or ruptures). When that happens, part of the brain cannot get the blood (and oxygen) it needs, so it and brain cells die. Up to 80% of strokes may be prevented. [Click on this link](#) to see the warning signs and information for reducing your risk. **Stroke Family Warmline:** 1-888-4-STROKE or 1-888-478-7653. Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. CST

Nursery Help Needed

You see them every Sunday in the Pray Ground during the children's sermon, well here is your opportunity to be up close to

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



Summer Fun in Tucker

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.

[Here's the link](#) to all the movies and concerts. The events in August are a concert on 8/1 by Nik and the Knacks and the movie *Shrek* on 8/21. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

August Birthdays

2 Elena Weaver
8 Zachary Meeks,
Gretchen Turner

see their smiling faces and enjoy first hand their enthusiasm and energy. We need help on the 1st and 4th Sundays of each month. Please contact Cindy Weimer with any questions and your availability to help.

11 Judy Nzeugang
12 Nathan Phillips
25 Charles Mills,
Susan Williams
27 Patsy Cannon

Hymn Sing

Join us in worship in Sunday, August 31st for our annual Hymn Sing.

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.

August

Anniversaries

9 Jimmie & John Artley

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.

Looking Ahead: September Events

9/7 Rally Day

9/14 Coro Voci Concert

9/28 Fall BBQ

From the Management Ministry - Heffner Hall Kitchen

St. Andrews School has been approved as a Georgia Pre-K! As part of our approval process, we need to obtain a Dekalb County Food Services permit for our Heffner Hall kitchen. The permit requires us to exercise more rigor around our kitchen activities. Effective immediately:

- Handwashing should only be done in the designated handwashing sink next to the ice machine. Paper towels used to dry hands need to be disposed of in the receptacle beside the hand washing sink..
- Purses and personal effects may no longer be stored on the countertops. There will be a newly labeled space in a lower cabinet for personal effects.
- Dishes should never be left in the sink or on the drying rack. Everything used must be washed, dried, and put away.
- There is now a dedicated, labeled vegetable washing sink. Only vegetable washing can occur at this sink.
- All food and drinks must be labeled and if the container does not have an expiration date, the date the item was stored must be written. Please do not store anything you know does not have a designated use.
- There are sharpies and masking tape in the drawer labeled 'Office Supplies.'

We appreciate your attention and compliance.

Thank you,

The Management Ministry

Support Our Preschool

Some ways you can help the school include:



- Join En-Core! With the increase in enrollment at St. Andrews Preschool and the addition of a PreK class, Encore Volunteers are needed. We help with different events throughout the year and also read on a regular basis on Fridays. With the increased enrollment our immediate need is for additional readers on Fridays. Please [contact Cindy Weimer](#) with any questions.
- Get Out the Word! St. Andrews School still has some spots available in their 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.
- Donate items for our Pre-K Classroom [from this list.](#) Collection boxes are available in the Narthex and in the school.

Highlights from the July Session Meeting

by Jane Thomas, Clerk of Session

- A motion was approved to transfer Dave Jentoft, Jim Conner, and Sarah Slusher to the Church Triumphant.
- The Session decided to engage the Presbytery and the Presbyterian Foundation in their process of discernment to address our financial shortfall.
- Update on St. Andrews School: We celebrated that St. Andrews School has been approved for Pre-K. The School Board has decided to be a year-round school.

Out of Chaos, Hope Flood, Hurricane & Wildfire Response and Relief by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which enables congregations and mission partners to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. PDA has deployed National Response Teams to the Texas Hill Country flooding, Spring tornados, Southern California wildfires, Florida, North Carolina, and Georgia to support the congregations and communities affected by the natural disasters. 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. If you would like to contribute a financial gift to support PDA's immediate and long-term work to rebuild and recover, you can give [using this link.](#)

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