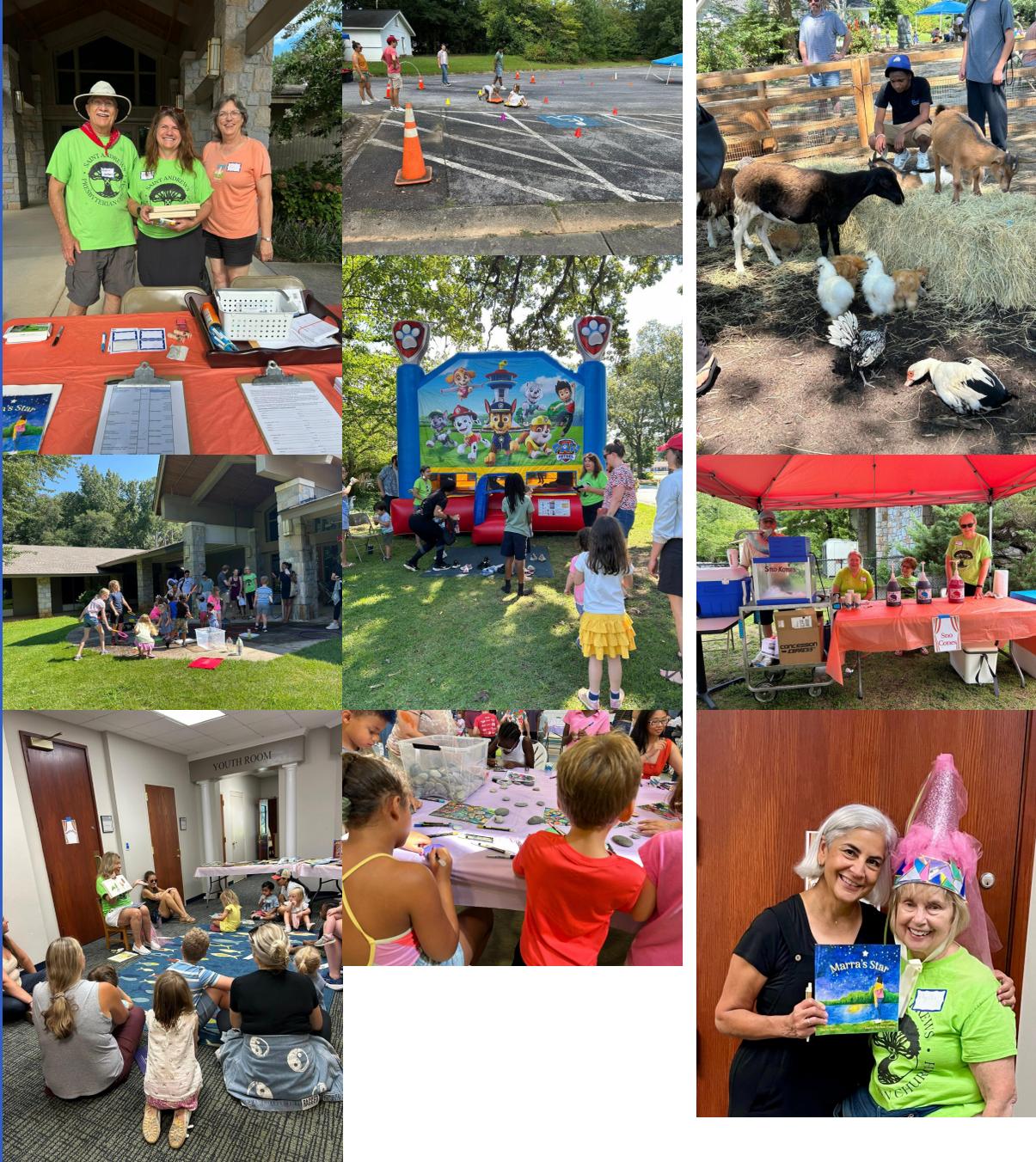


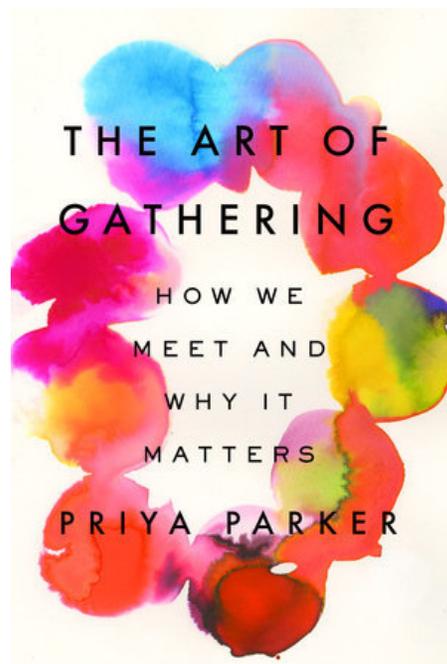
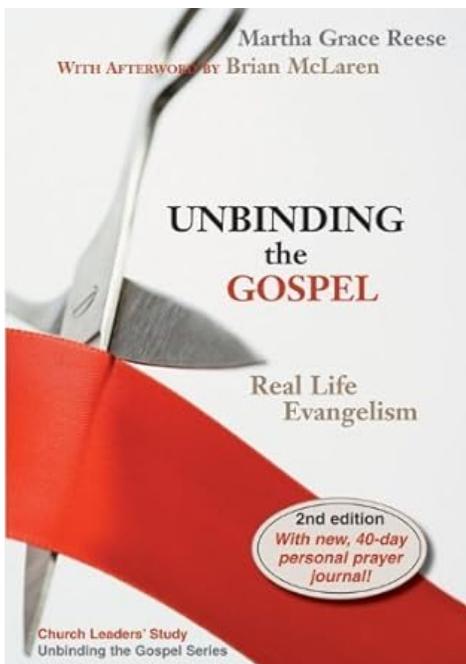


### Ministry Spotlight: Back to School Carnival

Many thanks go out to everyone who helped to make this year's carnival a success! We welcomed our neighbors to our campus and shared joy, grace, and love with our community.



### From the Pastor



It's hard to believe that five years ago, we were in the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, longing to gather in person again. Though we have returned to pre-pandemic life, COVID is still making the rounds. But we haven't really returned to "normal." Some things that were set aside during COVID are probably never coming back. Some that we thought would just be temporary are here to stay. Our routines, patterns, and practices have changed.

While we were apart, we longed to gather and came to appreciate the value of community in new ways. The way we do community and church is different now, but it is just as important. We've let go of some of the "we've always/never done it that way before" thinking that keeps us stuck. The time is ripe to invite people into our community of faith. Now is the time to remind one another why we do this church thing and share its importance with one another.

To that end, we are entering into a 6-week series called "Gather – Grow – Give – Go," centered on God's Word. The series is based upon two books, *The Art of Gathering* by Priya Parker and *Unbinding the Gospel* by Martha Grace Reese.

We will *gather* to experience God's Presence, *grow* in faith, respond to God's grace by *giving* of ourselves, and *go* out to invite others to do the same.

To create a space for this, we will:

- Ask you to *pray* in church and at home, for the church and for all those we meet.
- Engage in *creative worship* (If it's too creative for your comfort, remember it's only 6 weeks).
- Spend some time *reflecting* on questions to ourselves in an act of *confession*.
- *Pray some more, lean on God, and trust God wants this to be done.*
- Participate in a community-creating *activity* during worship.
- *Study a Bible verse at home: read it, journal it, draw it, memorize it, engage it in a way that works for you!*
- Do some *homework* to continue your journey.

I am very excited about this and hope you can join us on this important journey to deepen our experience with God together as a community.

Camille

**“Gathering again, including returning to work, is going to be complicated and possibly uncomfortable.**

**Naming the elephant in the room is the most powerful tool we have. We need to make the implicit explicit. Even if the elephant is just awkwardness, naming what’s happening and making it explicit allows everybody to take a breath.”**

**Priya Parker**

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September 14  
Make Holy Spaces  
Exodus 3:1-6  
Isaiah 6:1-3

September 21  
Confession & Authenticity & Baptism  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-13

September 28  
Active Welcoming & The Invisible Church  
1 Corinthians 10:1-4  
Hebrews 12:1-2

October 5  
Practicing Communion  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17  
John 6:30-35

October 12  
Here I am, I am Here  
Numbers 6:22-26  
Isaiah 3:6-8

October 19 – Pledge Dedication  
Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly  
John 6:5-14  
Genesis 12:1-2

## Come Gather and Grow with Us Sundays at 9:00 am in the Youth Room

### Starting September 14th

We're excited to invite the St. Andrews community to something new on Sunday mornings. Building on the upcoming worship series, but continuing beyond that, *Gather. Grow. Give. Go.* will begin on Sunday, September 14th, at 9:00 am in the Youth Room. There will be something for all ages:



Sundays @ 9 AM  
Youth Room



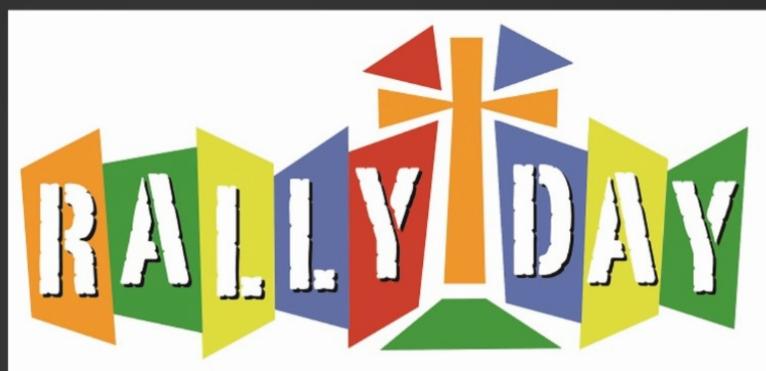
- From 9-9:30, David Lukens will be offering a music program for children.
- While the kids are in music, adults will have some time for fellowship with coffee and snacks. We'll also have a short discussion time for Bible study or current events.
- We know some folks will need to leave at 9:30 for choir.
- After music, the children will either go to Children's church for a brief Bible story and lesson or join the adults for an intergenerational project. We'll follow a rotation of weekly themes each month:
  - Gather - Explore & Prepare for Worship
  - Grow - Faith Formation
  - Give - Hands-on Mission
  - Go - Share the love & spread the good news

We plan to let you know in advance each week what we have planned so you can invite others to join us. We hope that this will be a meaningful, but relaxed time to make connections with God, the church, each other, and the world.

SEPTEMBER 7

# JOIN US!

Breakfast, 9:00 am



Learn about Sunday School and  
other opportunities for all ages to get involved/connected

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church [sapctucker.org](http://sapctucker.org)

## Rally Day

## September 7

Join us as we kick off our new year of Faith Formation at Rally Day, Sunday, September 7th, with a light Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Youth Room. We'll share a variety of ministry activities where you can grow as a disciple through educational opportunities, participation in choir and worship leadership, and serving within the congregation and in mission beyond the walls.

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### Treasurer's Report

In July, our income was \$40,771.00, and our expenses totaled \$38,020.48. Year to date, our income is \$231,977.49 and expenses are \$261,272.47. So, we are in the red by \$29,294.98 for this year.

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### Fall BBQ

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Our annual BBQ will be Sunday, September 28th after worship. Look for a sign up soon to bring side dishes and to volunteer to help.

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### 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.

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### Free Book Table

We are bringing back the book table at the Tucker Farmer's Market in September and October. Come meet your neighbors as we offer some friendly conversation and a book or two.

Please [contact Cindy Weimer](#) with questions or your availability to help.

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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

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## Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

by Pat Baker



The Older Adulthood Discussion/Support Group will meet on the 2nd Thursday, September 11th, for our program this month. Our guest speaker will be Cathy Mendelsohn, Communications and Outreach Specialist for the Georgia Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division. Ms. Mendelsohn will be covering topics around fraud and scams; what do we need to watch for, how to recognize them and how to avoid them. She'll also cover pointers on what we need to do if we fall victim to a scam. This will be a great opportunity to ask a "professional" about unfair and deceptive business practices. We'll meet from 10:30-11:30am in the meeting room. No reservation needed...just come!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SAVE YOUR SPOT FOR THE ANNUAL RETREAT

Our annual retreats have been a wonderful way to get outdoors, enjoy our friends and family, and feel renewed spiritually. I hope you will consider attending this year. We're going back to Montreat- William Black Lodge April 21st-24th, 2026. This year's program will be presented by Tommy Brown, Director of William Black Lodge. He will be putting together a group of speakers who will share their knowledge and wisdom about the lore, music, and storytelling of this part of North Carolina and the mountains.

This retreat is open to all adults including church members, family members (bring your mom, dad or your daughter or son) and your friends (neighbors, bridge partners, and exercise buddies, etc.) who are looking for a few days away in the mountains for fun and relaxation. If you are still working this would make for a great mini vacation.

A deposit of \$50.00 will hold your spot so please send that into the church office, or give it to Pat Baker, or leave it in the offering plate in an envelope that says Montreat. Please contact Pat Baker about further costs for the retreat.

### GEORGIA ADVANCED DIRECTIVE FOR HEALTH CARE

There will be an Information Session, Sunday, October 5th at 11:30am in the Meeting room on the Georgia Advance Directive for Health Care. It is a legal document that you complete. It tells your doctor, your healthcare providers, and your family YOUR written instructions about your future medical care in the event you become unable to speak for yourself. This session is for any competent adult over the age of 18.

The form provided is legal in Georgia, without the need for a lawyer, if the directions on the form are followed. One can change or cancel their advanced directive at any time.

At this session we will walk everyone through the document, so you'll be familiar with its content and can fill it out at your leisure. We'll have copies of the Georgia Advance Directive for Health Care for everyone to look at so PLEASE RSVP to Pat Baker by phone, email, or text if you plan to attend.

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### Presbyterian Women

PW meetings are open to all women of all ages at St. Andrews. We hope you will join us! We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Meeting Room at 10:00 am, September-May. The first meeting will be on September 16th. This year's study explores Resilience, Joy, and Identity. Study books are \$14.00 and can be

### September Birthdays

1 Adrienne Morse,  
Evelyn Morse  
3 Edward Forrester  
6 Nancy Davenport,  
Merle Westbrook  
12 Katey Johnston  
16 James Jordan  
18 Micah Nelson  
19 Linda Johnson

purchased by letting Mary O'Brien or the church office know that you would like one.

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## Change for Children

On Sunday, September 7th 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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## Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

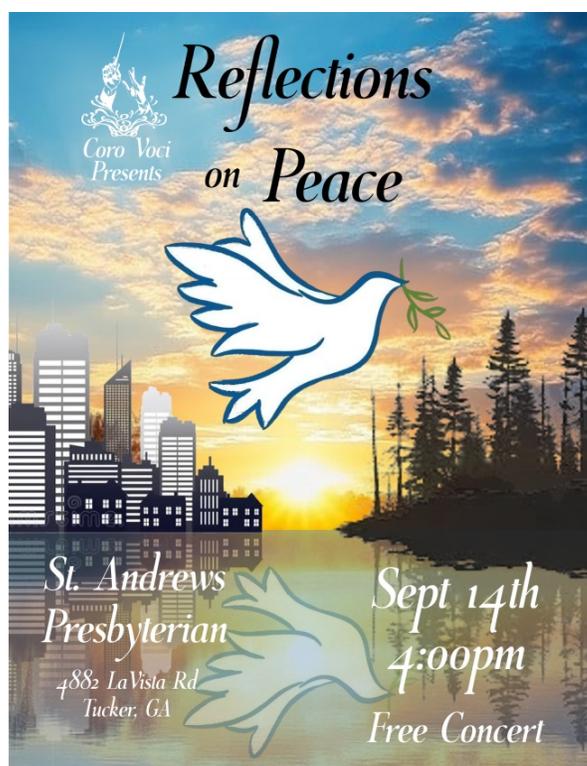


There are spots available for upcoming dates to bring food to Clifton. For more information or to sign up, [click here](#). This ministry is a very easy thing to do while maintaining your social distancing since meals are dropped off on Clifton's front porch after calling ahead to let them know when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

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## Coro Voci Concert September 14

Join us in the sanctuary at 4:00 pm on Sunday, September 14th for a concert of vocal music directed by Ed Weaver.

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## Thank You and Keep 'Em Coming!

Our collection of food and hygiene items for

20 Paul Burns,  
Lynn Kozlosky  
27 Scott Williams

## September Anniversaries

10 J.D. & Deanna  
McFarlan  
19 Ed and Emma Forrester  
28 Tambre & Ross Phillips  
30 Nancy & John  
Reichmann

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## 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.

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## Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events

10/26 Reformation Sunday  
  
11/23 Brunch Church and  
Hanging of the Greens  
  
12/21 Lessons and Carols

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## Thank You

St. Andrews Family,  
Please accept our heartfelt thanks from myself and Michael's sister, Suzanne, for all of your cards, calls, and messages of sympathy and support following the sudden death of my son, Michael.

Thank you.  
Lewis Gleason

NETWorks is going well. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our neighbors. Please keep bringing in shelf-stable food and hygiene items like adult diapers, poise pads, maxi pads and tampons to the collection bins in the Narthex.



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## Highlights from the August Session Meeting

by Jane Thomas, Clerk of Session

- The September Session meeting will be on September 14 rather than September 21 to include special guest Dana Waters from the Presbyterian Foundation. The Session will hear about ways to address our financial shortfall. Lunch will be included.
- Basil Papotto will represent St Andrews along with Rev. Doctor LeBron at a meeting of Agape Fellowship on October 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at St Andrews.
- The presbytery is reconfiguring staffing and is inviting congregations into the process. St. Andrews will be the site of our first regional gathering on October 11th. On July 14, 2025, the Presbytery's Council agreed to adopt a new way for the Presbytery's staff, commissions, and committees to engage with congregations. We are calling this the Regional-Strategic Model. In this shift, we are encouraging congregations in our Presbytery to explore deeper ways to connect with one another, support one another, and to discern how God is calling each of us to work together in ministry and mission. One way that we will begin this work of encouraging regional connections will roll out in September and October. We will host four Regional Agape Fellowships across the Presbytery.
- In our new model, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church is in the CENTRAL region.
- The Session approved a motion to serve communion every Sunday during Advent.

## 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.



# 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](#).

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



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