



## Ministry Spotlight: Preschool Chapel

*"But Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.'" - Matthew 19:14*

Fundamental to St. Andrews Preschool's purpose and mission is the commitment to develop a loving awareness of God. To that end, we have relaunched weekly chapel. Each Wednesday, at 9 AM, toddlers through 3s join Pastor Camille and Ms. Anne. We pray, sing songs, and read a Bible storybook designed for young children. In just a few months, the children have already learned the songs and liturgy we repeat each week!



## From the Pastor

Our Lenten theme, Tell Me Something Good, has been meaningful to me, and I hope it has been meaningful to you all as well. Each week, I bring home the paper leaves you all have written on and pray as I read each one and thread them onto fishing line. You all have shared surprising moments of goodness that caught you off guard, places where you saw extravagant love, things accomplished together that would have been hard alone, times when you saw someone given a chance to thrive, places where mercy interrupted judgment, and the good news that stirred you to act.

Cultivating an eye for good news has been a helpful practice while the world is overflowing with news that is bad, frightening, re-traumatizing, and heartbreaking. I wanted to share some good news I've witnessed during this season, particularly in the realm of loving neighbors. In February, I joined hundreds of our neighbors at the state capitol for the annual New Americans Celebration. Coordinated by the Coalition of Refugee Service Agencies (CRSA), we began at Central Presbyterian Church, where we listened to a few legislators and leaders in the refugee community. Then we were divided into groups, given a quick training on how to advocate for bills, and sent to the Capitol to speak with specific senators and representatives about specific bills. My group advocated for House Bill 437, which would help parents who do not speak English fully participate in their children's education by ensuring qualified interpreters are available to explain important educational information clearly. We also saw volunteers from several other organizations advocating for bills they cared about. Overall, it was a powerful experience to be heard by elected officials and see the impact of local work.

Last month, in our intergenerational Gather, Grow, Give, Go Sunday School class, we read the Bible story of Jesus welcoming the children. Then we talked about how the protection and care of vulnerable people is part of God's good news for us. We explored ways we can join God's work and decorated a banner that says, "We love our neighbors." We will take that banner, along with books and playdough, to Friends of Refugees in Clarkston for their family literacy program. This program provides English classes for New American mothers, while their children receive support in language development and school-readiness skills.



Of course, the problems in our community won't be solved by a single state bill or by donations to a refugee support program. But those smaller actions make a difference in the lives of those people. And people are working with these and hundreds of other programs every day. We were never meant to do this work alone.

The Talmud reminds us: "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."

I hope, as we enter the Easter season, that you all will continue to keep an eye out for good news and opportunities to be part of it.

Camille



# HOLY WEEK

ST ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Palm/Passion Sunday	March 29, 10:00 am
Maundy Thursday	April 2, 6:30 pm
Good Friday	April 3, 7:30 pm
Easter Egg Hunt	April 5, 9:00 am
Easter Sunday Service	April 5, 10:00 am

## Holy Week Continues

As we continue through the season of Lent, we hope you will join us for our special worship services during Holy Week.

### **Maundy Thursday** **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 the day Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment to love one another. All ages are welcome.

### **Good Friday** **April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** **Sanctuary**

The choir will lead us in a Tenebrae service of lessons and carols of the cross based on ancient church traditions, which will be held in the sanctuary. *Tenebrae* is a Latin word that means "darkness" or "shadows." The service comes from the monastic tradition where, along with other daily worship, *Tenebrae* was the last service on the eves of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. A significant feature of a Tenebrae service is the gradual extinguishing of the lights and candles in the room during the retelling of Jesus' last days.

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** **April 5**

#### **9:00 am Easter Fellowship & Egg Hunt, Courtyard**

Easter Breads is a St. Andrews tradition that involves sharing fellowship, coffee, and pastries on Easter morning. We will also have 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 incredibly 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.**

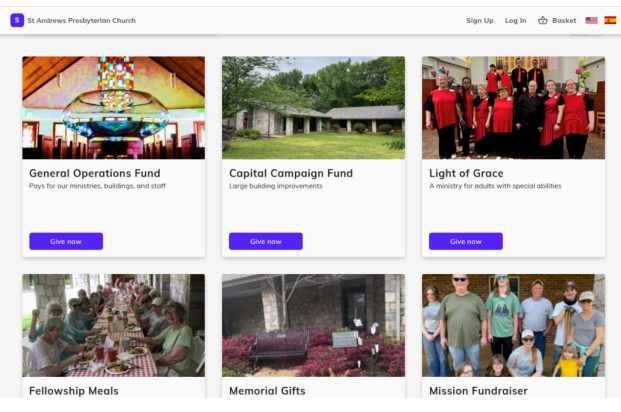
## Treasurer's Report

by Charlton Allen

In February, our income was \$35,646.00, and our expenses totaled \$55,036.49. For the month of February, we are in the red by \$19,390.49. Combined with January, we have a total deficit of \$24,188.30 for the first two months of the year.

## Updated Giving Website

Our website by Vanco for online donations has been given a much-needed update. The old link redirects to the new site, but please make note of and bookmark the new site: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZBX0/home>



## Presbyterian Women

Please note- the PW will meet on Tuesday, April 14th, a week earlier than usual, due to the spring retreat at Montreat the following week.

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*through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange*

## Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

by Pat Baker

### Discussion Group

We will resume the Older Adulthood Discussion/Support group on the 3rd Thursday, April 16th, 10:30 am in the Meeting Room. Paula Charles of Flood & Flame Restoration will be our speaker. Did you know nearly 50% of Georgia homes have mold? With our hot, humid climate, Georgia ranks among the top 10 "moldiest" states — and that's not a distinction to ignore. Mold can silently damage your home and your health. Whether you own or rent, knowing how to spot it, stop it, and understand your options is essential. We will learn:

1. How to spot mold before it becomes a major problem
2. What causes mold in Georgia homes and how to prevent it
3. Health risks and symptoms you shouldn't ignore



4. Your legal rights as a renter, including Georgia's newest mold-related laws
5. What proper remediation looks like and common mistakes to avoid

### Caregiver Support Group

This Month's Caregiver Support Group will meet on Tuesday, April 14th at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

### Day Trip - Date Change

On Friday, May 8th we'll have a day trip to Gwinnett's first LEED-certified building: the Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center in Buford. The GEHC is a model of eco-smart innovation, from its pervious pavement to the green roof – the largest sloped vegetative roof in the Southeast. Among the tranquil water features are a waterfall wall and a natural stream teeming with tadpoles and turtles. Inside we will have a guided tour to explore several educational exhibits, including the Water Ways diorama and the interactive "Discover H2O". We'll leave the church at 11:15am to have lunch at First Watch near GEHC then on to our guided tour at 1:30pm. Please contact Pat Baker by April 27th if you plan to go so she can make lunch reservations.

Future day outings include the Atlanta History Center. This year they are celebrating their Centennial with new exhibitions, programming, and experiences showcasing the progress, innovation, and community of Atlanta. Look for more information in the May *Lampighter*.



### All-Church Walk in the Park

Join us for a Walk in the Park on Saturday, April 18th at 10:30 am. We'll be walking on various trails in Mason Mill Park. A caravan from Tucker will meet at the church by Heffner Hall at 10:00 am to carpool. If driving on your own, meet the group at the trail head, adjacent to the parking for the Tennis Center at 10:30. Afterwards we will share a meal together at La Parrilla Mexican Restaurant in the Toco Hills Shopping Center. Alternatively, you can just meet us at 12:00 pm for lunch. The park is located at 1458 McConnell Drive in Decatur. Any questions- contact [Cindy Weimer](#).

### Tucker Farmer's Market and SAPC Book Table Returns on April 16

The Tucker Farmer's Market returns to our campus on Thursday April 16th from 4-7 pm. [Here is the link](#) to their Facebook page with the latest announcements.

Our book table at the Farmer's Market will also resume on April 16th. To that end, if you have books to donate, please put them in the designated box in the Narthex. If you would like to help at the Book Table [contact Cindy Weimer](#).

### Gather. Grow. Give. Go. Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

- 9-9:30 Children: Joyful Noise music program (choir room)
- 9-9:30 Adults: Gather for fellowship and discussion time (youth room)

- 9:30-10 Children: Either go to Children's church for a brief Bible story and lesson (nursery) or join the adults for an intergenerational project (youth room).
- 9:30-10 Adults: Either continue the discussion or join the children for an intergenerational project (youth room).




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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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## 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 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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## Collections for NETWorks

Our collection of food and hygiene items for 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. Or monetary donations to NETWorks may be made directly here.

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## Earth Care Congregation

Our congregation has been re-certified as an Earth Care Congregation for 2026. Many thanks to the Caring for Creation team!

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## April Birthdays

2 Cloe Drury  
 5 Meg Westbrook  
 9 Cassie Westbrook  
 12 Jocelyn Davis, Lettie Hudson  
 13 Scott Jarvis  
 15 Ross Phillips, Camille LeBron  
 18 Kate Kubik  
 19 Carrie Edwards  
 22 Burrelle Meeks, Kim Rometo, Kim Tomberlin  
 23 Fred Akuffo  
 24 Jimmie Artley  
 28 Nancy Mills

## April Anniversaries

15 David & Janet Shiver

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## 39ers

The 39ers are a group that meets for lunch and fellowship at noon on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be April 28th at Babinelli's. Everyone is welcome!

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## Summer Camp Registration is Open

Click here to see the camp flyer. New this year is that registration is no longer by the week; register for the entire month of June or July, or for both months.

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## 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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