



Ministry Spotlight: Lunches for Clifton

Every 4th Sunday, a dedicated group gathers after worship to make lunches for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. This past weekend, with the predicted ice storm, the group met on Saturday instead. It's an important way that the folks of St. Andrews love our neighbors.



From the Pastor

**Tell Me Something Good:
Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent**

For many of us, especially Presbyterians, Lent was not something we observed. Perhaps we know it's the season leading up to Easter. Maybe you had Catholic friends who ate fish on Fridays and asked what you were giving up. In the 1970s, a movement emerged in Protestant churches to reclaim some of the rich, valuable religious traditions that had been eschewed since the Reformation. Since then, more churches have observed Lent, and it often

takes on a “sackcloth and ashes” tone. But that is an incomplete understanding of the season. Lent was originally a season for new converts to learn and prepare for their baptism on Easter. It was a time to study what was central to Christianity and what it meant to follow Jesus.

There was a time, not so long ago, when WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) bracelets were popular. Sometimes I think we don’t want to do what Jesus would do. The folks at Sanctified Art explored the questions: What is the good news of Jesus’ life and ministry? Can we trust that the good news is truly good, even when it challenges us? They reflect:

If we’re being honest, we can easily distort or sanitize Jesus’ teachings. Following Jesus leads to a richer, more expansive life, but it’s not necessarily comfortable. We often describe Jesus’ ministry as “radical,” which comes from the Latin word “radicalis,” meaning “root” or “ground.” Therefore, the good news should bring us back to our roots, back to what grounds us: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God’s unending grace. The good news is extravagant, untamed, illogical, and persistent... The good news is alive in the world.

The collaborators behind Sanctified Art have developed thematic material we’ll use again this year. This Lent, we’ll follow Jesus’ footsteps and discover what the good news means for us in this season. We will have personal devotional booklets and daily devotional cards available in the narthex and outside the church office beginning February 15th. We’ll also post daily on the church’s social media accounts (Instagram @st.andrewspresbyteriantucker and Facebook @sapctucker).

We hope this focus during the Lenten season will provide fertile ground for conversation and worship, rooting our hearts and lives in the expansive goodness of God. Join us as we let the teachings of Jesus ground us, lead us forward, and inspire us to take action in a world desperate to hear, see, and taste what is good.

Camille



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February 18 Ash Wed	<i>all are invited</i>	Luke 14:15-24
February 22	<i>so good it catches us by surprise</i>	John 2:1-11
March 1	<i>great love for God & neighbor</i>	Luke 7:36-50
March 8	<i>together, the impossible is possible</i>	Mark 6:32-44
March 15	<i>protection & care for the vulnerable</i>	Matthew 19:13-15
March 22	<i>rooted in justice, mercy, & faithfulness</i>	John 8:2-11
March 29 Palm/Passion	<i>inspiring us to act</i>	Mark 11:1-11
April 2 Maundy Thursday	<i>even Judas gets his feet washed</i>	John 13:1-35
April 3 Good Friday	<i>revealed through nonviolence</i>	Luke 22:47-53
April 5 Easter	<i>alive in the world</i>	Matthew 28:1-10

Treasurer's Report

Joan Barnes

In December, our income was \$54,729.90.00, and our expenses totaled \$32,680.71. Year to date, our income is \$437,501.93 and expenses are \$432,103.25. So, we ended 2025 in the black by \$5,398.68.

Please welcome Charlton Allen as our treasurer for 2026.

Joan Barnes, Outgoing Treasurer

Congregational Meeting

Our annual Congregational meeting will be held during worship on Sunday, February 15th. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the 2025 Annual Report; and approve the terms of call for the pastor.

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

Day Trip February 27

One of the most popular stories in American history has roots in a tiny apartment in Midtown Atlanta, now listed on National Register of Historic Places. On February 27th we will be visiting the Margaret Mitchell House. *Telling Stories: Gone With the Wind and American Memory* offers a self-guided exhibition that examines the making and meaning of this influential tale from the home in which it was written. The self-guided tour is free, but admission tickets are \$18.50 for adults.

After our time at the House we'll take a short walk around the corner to Agora Midtown, a restaurant with Mediterranean (Greek and Turkish) fare. Please [contact Pat Baker](#) by February 20th to reserve your spot.



Creating a Care Team

Aging people are people in transition, and the need for eldercare is defined by their ability, not their age. Problems that could have been attended to and even averted are compounded when no one has the courage or willingness to speak up and ask for help. This discussion will offer evidence that attention and assistance DO NOT negate our independence.

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).



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.

February Birthdays

- 1 Scott Johnson
- 2 Anne McNair
- 4 Sylvian Mbu
- 5 Benjamin Ashby
- 6 Aiden Meeks
- 7 Emily Bunce
- 9 John Artley
- 11 Rosemary Broom, Jeff Davis, Linda Fuller, Andrew Todd
- 16 Walter McDuffie
- 17 Maria Mackas
- 18 Stephanie Allen, Shellie Bunce
- 19 Pat Creasman, Mary O'Brien
- 22 Bret Moore, Jacob Nelson
- 23 Sarah Phillips
- 25 Charles Jackson, Jeff Nelson
- 27 William Ashby

February Anniversaries

- 28 Julie & Louis Todd

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](#).

39ers Lunch Group

The 39ers are a group that likes to meet for lunch and fellowship at noon on the last Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome! The next meeting will be on February 24th at Noon at Eduardo's Mexican Restaurant.

Staff Party

To celebrate surviving the joyful and busy Advent and Christmas seasons, the church staff came together for some time without any work to do. We gathered at the home of Pat and Arch Baker for a party on Saturday, January 10th. We enjoyed a fajita bar from Taqueria Los Hermanos, plenty of homemade sweets, Arch's legendary Eggnog, and a white elephant gift exchange. It is always a delight to spend time with these gifted colleagues in ministry!



Session News

Jane Thomas, Clerk of Session

- The Session did not meet in January of 2026. The next stated meeting will be February 8th after worship to examine the new officers.
 - Installation of the new officers will take place in worship on Sunday, February 15th.
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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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