



### Ministry Spotlight: Brunch Church

On Sunday, May 17th, St. Andrews' church family gathered for Brunch Church, which has become a biannual tradition. We worshiped together in Heffner Hall while sharing food, fellowship, prayer, song, scripture, and conversation. Many thanks to everyone who brought delicious brunch food, helped with set-up and clean-up, and planned this special worship service.





## From the Pastor

The news continues to bombard us with stories of humanity at its worst. Two weeks ago, two white teenagers committed a hate crime at a mosque in San Diego that left three people dead. According to The Associated Press, these two young men had written hateful rhetoric toward Jewish people, Muslims, and Islam, as well as the LGBTQ+ community, Black people, women, and both the political left and right. Both expressed beliefs that white people were being eliminated. These two were not even old enough to drink, but they were able to accrue an immense amount of hate in their hearts—enough hate to kill.

Whether it's an isolated incident like this one or the other acts of violence and oppression we see on a national and global stage, we often wonder how this happens. Rev. Anne Russ, a Presbyterian pastor I know from our days serving churches in Little Rock, recently wrote about this, saying:

*Every time we diminish someone who is "other."*

*Every time we stay silent when someone uses hateful and harmful language*

*Every time we fail to acknowledge the white supremacist systems we are a part of*

*Every time we are offended, instead of curious, when someone calls out our own behavior*

*We add to the buckets of hate and rage that people around us are filling.*

*And when those buckets overflow, violence and death almost always follow.*

*Be mindful of how you fill your own and other people's buckets.*

*Add love*

*Add welcome*

*Add grace*

*Add laughter*

*Add light*

*What do you need in your bucket these days?*

*What are you adding to others' buckets?*

With what are you filling your bucket?

Last month, I wrote about turning to music more than news as a way to remind myself of the gift of humanity—the creativity, love, and light. To use Anne Russ's language, I've been adding more music to my bucket.

As we dread the continued political ads while awaiting primary run-offs, knowing that there will be little space between those attack ads and the next season's, it is far too easy to see people as "other." And if we're not careful,

our fears get the best of us, and hate begins to grow. So, to combat that, I'm going to add some more poetry to my bucket and yours.

The poet Hafez Shams-ud-Dīn Muhammad Shirazi, a fervent follower of Rumi, was born in 1326 in the Persian city of Shiraz, Iran. His collected works are regarded as the pinnacle of Persian literature and still influence lives, making him the most popular poet in Iran. A friend from college reminded me about his poem, titled "If God Invited You to a Party."

*If God  
Invited you to a party  
And said,*

*'Everyone  
In the ballroom tonight  
Will be my special  
Guest...'*

*How would you then treat them  
When you  
Arrived?*

*Indeed, indeed!*

*And I know  
There is no one in this world*

*Who  
Is not upon  
God's Jeweled Dance  
Floor*

Fill your buckets with the good news that there is no one in this world who is not upon God's dance floor. Fill your buckets with stories of grace, mercy, justice, and forgiveness. Fill your buckets with love, welcome, and light. As scripture tells us, "Hold fast to that which is good; return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted; Support the weak; Help the afflicted; Honor everyone; Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit."

Camille

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### [Lemonade in the Shade](#)

Lemonade in the Shade begins Sunday, June 7th. It's a St. Andrews' tradition where we have light refreshments, usually cookies and lemonade, after worship in the summer months.

[Click this link](#) to sign up to bring light refreshments for 20-25 people. Remember to check the fridge in the Youth Room and coordinate with the other person who signed up with you. Contact [Cindy Weimer](#), [Bernadette Angelo](#), or [Marsha Ashby](#) for more information.

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## Treasurer's Report

by Charlton Allen

In April, our income was \$29,029.00, and our expenses totaled \$41,378.63. For the month of April, we are in the red by \$12,349.63. Combined with the first quarter of 2026, we have a total deficit for the year of \$19,419.56.

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## Kid's Day

At St Andrews we love our kids and want to celebrate them after worship on Sunday, June 14. The grownups can enjoy Lemonade in the Shade while kids can play games in the courtyard. There will be bubbles and Popsicles with the Pastor. Plan to join us for the fun. Any kids, grandkids or neighbors are invited. For more information or to volunteer to help, [contact Phyllis Bearden](#).

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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

### Summer Day Trip

Our next outing will be THURSDAY, June 11th to the Steffen Thomas Art Museum outside of Madison. We'll eat lunch before going to the museum at Amici's. This "pizza" place is located in the older Livery Stable just off the square. They serve the best pizza in town plus sandwiches, burgers, wings and a lot more.

After lunch we'll head a few miles outside of Madison to the "other" Buckhead for a guided tour of the Steffen Thomas Art Museum. This small museum, that features only one artist, is one of a few in the United States. Steffen Thomas, German born, was fascinated by every medium, and always wanted to show visitors his latest creation. Not only did he paint but was also a famous Sculptor and so much more! His energy was unbounded; he let his creativity take him anywhere it wanted to go. At the same time, he was a loyal and loving husband and father. He was always seeking the truth and ways to express his vision of the true "brotherhood of man"— a theme reflected in much of his work. His daughter Lisa will be our guide. Admission to the Museum is \$18.00/person to be paid at the door.

We'll leave Tucker at 10:30 am so we can have lunch and get to the museum no later than 1:30pm. We'll return to Tucker by 4:00 pm. Please [email](#) or call Pat Baker to get your name on the list to go BY MONDAY, JUNE 8TH. Check it out! <https://steffenthomas.org>

### Older Adult Discussion June 18th, 10:30 am

Join us for a discussion led by the Alzheimer's Association on the *10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's*, offering practical guidance on what to look for and what



families should know about Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Helpful resources, including support groups, a 24/7 helpline, and educational material will be discussed. Hopefully we'll also get to learn about new medications for dementia and what current research is showing. Since we will have Alzheimer's experts in the house please bring your questions.

### Mark Your Calendars for the 2027 Adult Retreat

We will be returning to William Black Lodge April 13-16, 2026 for the annual adult retreat. Our program will be presented by Miatta Wilson who has dedicated her life to inclusive Christian formation that connects individuals, links disciples to resources, and empowers all ages for leadership and service. She works for the Office of Christian Formation as an Associate for Presbyterian Life & Witness, an Agency of General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) She is instrumental in resourcing, connecting, and equipping leaders to foster Christian formation in their faith communities. In 2025 she received the Enrich Educator of the Year from the Association of Partners in Christian Education. For our retreat she is exploring the topic of "Earth/Creation Care" with a possible focus on the Psalms. A deposit of \$50.00 will save your space on this retreat.

### Gather. Grow. Give. Go. & Children's Music Are out for the Summer

Look for Sunday morning programming to resume after the Summer.



### Fidelis Sunday School Class

Fidelis Sunday School will continue to meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am during the summer. 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 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.*

### 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.

### June Birthdays

- 1 J.C. Edwards
- 2 Jan Kepic
- 3 Craig Kubik, Ed Weaver
- 4 Deanna Hall
- 6 Andrew King
- 7 Jonathan Brilling
- 10 Daniel King, 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
- 19 Paul & Karen Burns, Bob & Pauline Weaver
- 21 Tom & Mary Evans, David & Kjersti Lukens
- 22 John & Nancy Reichmann
- 27 Doug & Patsy Cannon
- 30 Basil & Laura Papotto

### 39ers

The 39ers are a group that meets for lunch and fellowship at noon on

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## Thank You from the Lowerys

Thank you church family for showering us and baby Lyla with diapers and wipes last month! We appreciate all your generosity and prayers. She is growing so well and has already jumped up a size!

With love, the Lowery family

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the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be June 30th at LongHorn Steakhouse in Tucker. Everyone is welcome!

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## Session Update

by Jane Thomas, Clerk of Session

- Transferred JD McFarland to the Church Triumphant.
  - Approved the use of wine in communion in addition to the regular un-fermented juice normally used. The Worship Ministry will work with the Pastor to determine the timing and procedures.
  - Encouraged Pat Baker to look into an opportunity for the church to provide a respite care space. She will bring back to the Session a recommendation and a partnership to provide this service.
  - Had a rich discussion following up on the table conversations at Brunch Church about being witnesses and sharing our stories. We discussed our statement of welcome and inclusion and what our congregation's witness is in the community now.
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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](#).

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



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