



### Ministry Spotlight: Fall BBQ

Many thanks go out to everyone who helped to make this year's BBQ a fun, fantastic event! We enjoyed a great fellowship meal with our blessed community.



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**From the Pastor**



PRESBYTERIAN  
ASSOCIATION OF  
MUSICIANS

# CHILD OF BLESSING

Friends,

It's an exciting time to be a part of St. Andrews. Sunday mornings have a little more joyful noise and activity with the launch of our children's music program and our new adult offering during the Sunday School hour. I want to share something else new in the works.

St. Andrews has been invited to be a Partner Congregation for a new initiative of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, made possible by a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment, called Child of Blessing: Growing Faith in Worship! The program's goal is to help congregations of all sizes more fully include children in the life of worship. The focus is primarily on the worship hour, with the hope that people of every age will be nurtured in the wonder and joy of God's love.

Our church is one of over thirty congregations nationwide partnering with the program to pilot-test worship resources for the entire liturgical year. We will begin incorporating these resources in our worship during Advent. Our participation will be a gift to us and the broader Church. Be on the lookout for ways you might get involved, no matter your age: through small group conversations, new prayer practices, music, art, or drama.

Here at St. Andrews, we are doubly blessed because Rev. Melissa McNair-King, whose family joined our church earlier this year, is the Program Manager for Child of Blessing. I have already participated in some cohort gatherings with other partner congregations, and I am excited about being a part of this. Thank you for your open hearts and open minds, as we strive to worship God fully with the whole body of Christ.

Camille

**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

**October 26**

Reformation Celebration  
Acts 13:38-39  
Romans 3:19-28

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## Generosity Season

This month, you will be hearing more about how your gifts to St. Andrews have been spent during the past year and about plans for using your gifts in 2026. We will celebrate the generosity of this congregation and the ways in which Christ is working in and through us. The goal of the Annual Generosity campaign is quite simple—we want to receive pledges of financial gifts to support the salaries and benefits for our pastoral, program, and support staff; support our mission and outreach; provide for worship, Christian education, and nurture for all ages; to continue to be good stewards of our physical plant; and invest in Christ's mission and ministry at St. Andrews through ongoing capital improvements.

On October 19th, we will celebrate pledge dedication in worship. We ask you to prayerfully consider what kind of financial commitment you can make to Christ's mission and ministry at St. Andrews in 2026. Your increased commitment is essential to growing our current budget to support the flourishing of Christ's body here in Tucker. It truly takes a village for our church's mission and ministry to thrive. Your time, talent, and treasure are vital to the work that God has called us to be a part of in Tucker and the world. Thank you for all that you do to help St. Andrews Presbyterian Gather, Grow, Give, and Go!

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## Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, October 12th, we will hold a congregational meeting after worship to elect Gretchen Turner, Bernadette Angelo, and Jane Thomas (representing the Session) to the nominating committee. Current members of the nominating committee include: Deb Chambers (class of 2024), Carol Gordon (class of 2024), Jackie Harper class of 2026), and Pat Zrolka (class of 2026).

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## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will soon begin the process of identifying and nominating a slate of elder and deacon candidates to present to the congregation at our annual meeting in January. Members who wish to suggest someone (either self or another member) for these positions should complete the Nominating Committee Suggestion Form [found here](#) and, in the

Narthex, and place it in the offering basket on Sunday. You can also nominate someone via email to Camille, the church office, or by reaching out to a member of the committee.

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## Are You Yearning to Get Away to the Mountains?

### Join us at Montreat this Spring

Spring is the perfect time to visit Montreat and William Black Lodge; it is not too cold or hot and the rocking chairs on the front porch are VERY inviting!

Enjoy the fresh mountain air, and feel renewed spiritually. Worship will be led by Pastor Camille and this years program will be presented by Tommy Brown, Director of William Black Lodge. Tommy 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.

The retreat starts the evening of April 21st and ends after breakfast on Friday the 24th, 2026. 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.

The price range for 3 nights on the rooms, depending on single and double occupancy, is \$285.00 to \$420.00 + tax. All meals (excluding Thursday lunch) are \$104.00+tax. A deposit of \$50.00 is due by November 31st, paid to the church. You can give it to Pat Baker, send it to the church office, or leave it in the offering plate in an envelope that says Montreat. Please contact Pat Baker if you have any questions or want further information.

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## Information Session

Please join us, Sunday, October 5th at 11:30 in the meeting room, to discuss the Georgia Advance Directive (AD) for Health Care. This document has 4 parts: Part 1- Health Care Agent, Part 2- Treatment Preference, Part 3- Guardianship and Part 4- Effectiveness and Signatures. We will not be filling it out but discussing the basic information needed to fill one out. Copies of the directive will be available.

If you have the following questions: "What actually is an Advanced Direction for Health Care?", or "What is a Health Care Agent?" or "Aren't I too young or too healthy for an AD," this information will be helpful. Maybe you already have one and it needs updating or you aren't even sure if you have one; this session is for you. This discussion will last 1 hour and 30 minutes and refreshments will be served. Please feel free to contact Pat Baker if you have any questions or concerns.

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## Treasurer's Report

In August, our income was \$28,134.00, and our expenses totaled \$43,608.29. Year to date, our income is \$260,111.49 and expenses are \$305,334.76. So, we are in the red by \$45,223.27.

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## SAPC Staff

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# PURSU WHAT MAKES FOR PEACE.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

## Peace and Global Witness Special Offering

On Sunday, October 5th we will celebrate World Communion Sunday in Worship. We will also take our annual Peace and Global Witness special offering.

This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. SAPC retains 25% of the offering to support local peacemaking efforts, another 25% goes to presbyteries & synods for broader ministries of peace and reconciliation, and the remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own. The 25% our congregation retains will go to Memorial Drive Ministries.

Please put Peace Offering on the memo line of your check or, if giving online, select Mission and put Peace Offering in the notes.

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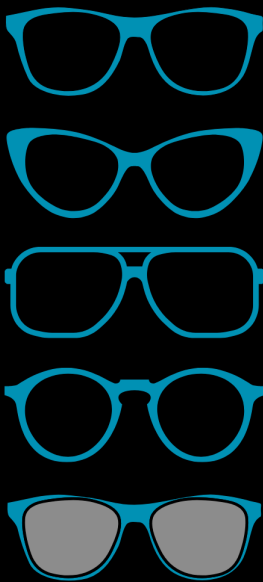
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[Visit our website](#)

## 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

**GIVE NOW**  
*through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange*



## GLASSES COLLECTION

Caring For Creation is collecting all types of eye glasses: prescription glasses, loose lenses, reading glasses, sunglasses, and even broken glasses.

Bring your unused glasses to the narthex in October



## Looking Ahead: Upcoming Events

10/26 Reformation Sunday

**Eyeglasses Collection**  
By Deanna Hall

The collection of used eyeglasses was very successful in the past two years, so Caring for Creation will do it again. During the month of October, we will collect used eyeglasses In recognition of World Sight Day on Thursday October 10. Look for the large glass container on the check-in table in the Narthex. All forms of eyeglasses are acceptable:

- Prescription and non-prescription eyeglasses, including sun glasses,
- Any form: frames without lenses; lenses without frames;
- Empty cases

11/30 1st Sunday of Advent  
 11/23 Brunch Church and Hanging of the Greens  
 12/21 Lessons and Carols

## Older Adult and Caregiver Ministries

by Pat Baker



The Older Adulthood Discussion/Support group will meet on the 3rd Thursday- October 16th at 10:30am in the Meeting Room. The topic this month will be presented by Sam Grass or Brad Culp of Griswold Home Care. Griswold provides compassionate care for those who want support to live where they love as they age. No reservation needed...just come!

## Come Gather and Grow with Us 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).



Sundays @ 9 AM  
 Youth Room



October 5	<i>Gather</i>	Adults: The church as the "Body of Christ" Children: Exploring Communion
October 12	<i>Grow</i>	Adults: God is calling Children: Samuel
October 19	<i>Give</i>	Adults & Children: Blessed to Be a Blessing— Make bags for Clifton lunches
October 26	<i>Go</i>	Adults & Children: Make lunches for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

# Reformation Sunday

OCTOBER 26

WORSHIP

10:00 A.M.

RECEPTION  
FOLLOWING



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## Free Book Table

Look for the book table at the Tucker Farmer's Market through October. Come meet your neighbors as we offer some friendly conversation and a book or two. Donate any adult or children's books through the end of the month in the narthex.

Please contact Cindy Weimer with questions or your availability to help.

## 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.*

## Book Release Celebration

## October Birthdays

- 5 Emma Pattillo
- 7 Jenny Allen, Jacob Ayuk, Marjorie Holler
- 8 Laura Papotto
- 9 Charlton Allen
- 14 Penny Bellinger
- 15 Bill McNair
- 17 Erin Johnston, Robert Evans
- 21 Annette Hildreth
- 22 Flora Chen, Caroline Johnston
- 29 Mitzi Hoffman
- 30 Paige Kubik

## October Anniversaries


- 1 Cheryl Anderson & Pat Creasman
- 4 Jeff & Rachel Nelson
- 6 Ed & Linda Weaver
- 12 Patrick & Bernadette Angelo
- 14 J.C. & Carrie Edwards

## Fidelis Sunday School Class

Everyone is welcome to join the Fidelis Sunday School Class, which meets at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings in

St. Andrews' member, Maria Mackas, will be signing her new children's book *Marra's Star*, which is about her family's adoption journey, on October 12th at the Book Bird in Avondale. Her book is illustrated by her daughter, Marra Mackas Evans.

the Library, and [on Zoom](#) (password fidelis). The class uses *The Present Word* series of books. [Contact Deanna Hall](#) for more information.



**YOU'RE INVITED**

# Marra's Star

Written by Maria Mackas      Illustrated by Marra Mackas Evans

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**BOOK RELEASE CELEBRATION**

Sunday, October 12 – Hispanic Day!  
5-7 p.m.

The Book Bird  
32 NORTH AVONDALE RD., SUITE C  
AVONDALE ESTATES, GA 30002  
Parking in front and back of shop and on the street

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME!**

Buy a book (or two or three – they make great gifts),  
hang out, get your book signed

All net proceeds benefit The Gift of Identity Fund  
([gift-of-identity.org](#)) and Seeds of Learning ([seedsoflearning.org](#)).

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RSVP – [maria@mackasevans.com](mailto:maria@mackasevans.com)

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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.

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## Staffing Update from Management Ministry

After evaluating our staffing needs and resources, the Management Ministry, led by Ruling Elders Kim Rometo and Basil Papotto, made some changes to our staff structure and office hours.

The ministry decided to consolidate the two part-time positions of Financial Administrator and Office Manager into one full-time position to better address the congregation's needs.

We extend our gratitude to Helen Hoang, who has served as our Financial Administrator for the past three years, and has graciously left her position here.

We are pleased to announce that Gretchen Perkins, our Office Manager since February of 2017, has accepted the newly configured full-time position, Manager of Administration. This position will combine the responsibilities of the two previous positions. In addition, over the next several months, she will add management of St. Andrews School (SAS) finances to her responsibilities. These tasks have been handled by Debbie Brilling, Chair of the SAS board, and Joan Barnes, church treasurer, since January.

Most of you already know Gretchen and what a gift she is to this church. She has temporarily taken over the church's financial duties occasionally in the past several years while Debbie Hutto and Helen Hoang were out of the office. Before coming to St. Andrews, Gretchen had similar responsibilities as the office manager at Property Works in Decatur. From the past eight and a half years, we know that Gretchen is a friendly, detail-oriented, creative problem solver, able to work on multiple projects simultaneously, and proficient in administrative and computer skills.

Additionally, the management ministry voted to change the regular church office hours to Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 1 PM. Gretchen will be in the office during those hours and will complete the rest of her responsibilities remotely or in the office as she sees fit. You can continue to communicate with her by phone (770-938-2833), email [office@sapctucker.org](mailto:office@sapctucker.org) and [finance@sapctucker.org](mailto:finance@sapctucker.org), or by stopping by the office during business hours.

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## 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.



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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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