



ST. ANDY'S REVIEW

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UPCOMING SERMONS

OCTOBER 4

World Communion

**Enemies of Gratitude:
Entitlement**

Matthew 22:1-14

OCTOBER 11

**Enemies of Gratitude:
Greed**

Matthew 22:15-22

OCTOBER 18

Scottish Sunday

**Enemies of Gratitude:
Disappointment**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

OCTOBER 25

Commitment Sunday

**Enemies of Gratitude:
Transactional Mindset**

1 Chronicles 29:10-20

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Please call or email the
office with newsletter
submissions on or before
October 22.

Using God's Gifts for God's Glory



In Matthew 25:14-30, Jesus tells of a master who entrusts his servants with valuable resources. Two servants put what they received to work, and the master says to each, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Their faithfulness was not measured by how much they had, but by what they did with what they had been given. It reminds us that God does not ask us to give what we do not have. Rather, God asks us to use faithfully what has already been placed in our hands.

God has entrusted each of us with gifts—our time, abilities, resources, and opportunities. Stewardship is our faithful response to God's generosity. When we give to the church's ministries, we help provide worship, Christian education, pastoral care, outreach, mission, and support for neighbors in need. Every gift becomes part of God's work in our congregation and community.

Generosity also matters for our spiritual lives. Giving loosens the grip that fear and possessions can have on us. It teaches us to trust God, deepens our gratitude, and helps us place God's purposes ahead of our own comfort. Generosity is not simply about meeting a budget; it is a spiritual practice that shapes us into faithful disciples. Christian stewardship invites us to use every gift faithfully and generously for God's purposes.

May we receive what God has entrusted to us with gratitude and use it with courage. Through joyful and faithful giving, we participate in Christ's ministry and look forward to hearing these words: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

If you are new to stewardship, consider making a commitment to become a **First-time Giver** by making a one-time gift. If your giving has been sporadic or limited to special occasions, consider...

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October Birthdays

October 1 Michael Gillean
 October 2 Leisa Stokes
 October 4 Nancy Brandimarte
 October 5 Gay Hill
 October 7 Mike Glenn
 October 7 Zoe Odle
 October 8 Jon Penman
 October 9 Howard Nichols
 October 9 Michelle Cagle
 October 12 Dan Caywood
 October 13 Libby Richardson
 October 15 Gilbert Davis
 October 15 Vivian Hulsopple
 October 16 Oliver Odle
 October 18 Charlotte Zachar
 October 19 Katie Hodges
 October 19 Gibson Myers
 October 20 Brandon Collins
 October 20 JoAnn Russo
 October 20 Krislynn Sanchez
 October 22 Dave Collins
 October 22 Susan Meitzen
 October 24 Matt Sooudi
 October 31 Tobey Cleek
 October 31 Margot Fischer

NEW OFFICER TRAINING

DEACONS TRAINING:

October 4, 2026
 11:45AM-3:30PM



Baby Bottle Campaign
 Update: The total donation collected this year was \$1,012.79. Thank you for your generosity!

...becoming a **Regular Giver**, whether that is weekly, monthly, or quarterly. If you are already a Regular Giver, consider a commitment to becoming a **Tither**, which means giving 10% of your blessings back to God. And if your experience of giving has grown over time and you are already a Tither, consider a commitment to being an **Extravagant Giver**, giving above and beyond the tithe as the Spirit leads you.

No matter where you are on your stewardship journey, your giving matters! Please fill out your "estimate of giving" card and return it by **Commitment Sunday on October 25.**

-Pastor Tara

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



Initiated in 1933 by a Presbyterian congregation, World Communion Sunday has grown into an international celebration emphasizing the unity of believers across cultures and denominations.

St. Andrew's, along with congregations around the globe, will celebrate World Communion Sunday on **October 4th**. The congregation will receive the elements by coming forward for fresh bread and juice.



Also, we will collect the World Communion Offering, formerly known as PCUSA Peace and Global Witness Offering, on World Communion Sunday. World Communion Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world.

Prayer List

In the Congregation

Anne Harmon, Becky Thompson, Maryann Sweeney, Bob Fisher, Barbara Abel, Pat Richard, Bobbie Wied

Friends and Family

Lara Bain, Tory Haralson, Family of Rane Nelson, Tenisha Humphrey, Carol Gober, Laura Assunto, Elizabeth Everett Baird, Marcia Denton, Jean and Ron Williamson, George Busceme, Charlie and Judy Monaghan, Janet Dexter, Kathy Isabell, Bruce Williams, John Florio, Haywood Walker, Alison Berry Low, Jacob Walton, Madeline Johnson, Erika Russell, Mary Kennedy, Jack Dillard, Erin Lenhart, Janie N. Verderame



LITTLE FLOCK CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



DO NOT BE AFRAID, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR YOUR FATHER HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. LUKE 12:32

October 4

Noah Builds the Ark

Genesis 6:5-22

October 11

God Floods the Earth

Genesis 7:1-8:22, 9-16

October 18

People Build a Tower at Babel

Genesis 11:1-9

October 25

Abram Follows God's Direction

Genesis 12:1-8

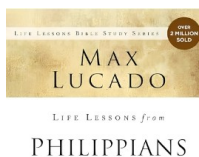
Following the Time for Children in worship, children in Pre-K through 5th meet volunteers at the sanctuary doors to go to the classroom for a child-friendly worship service. This time includes music, Bible teaching, and other activities. Parents pick up their children from this classroom at the end of worship.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

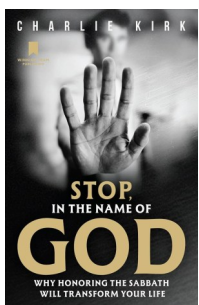


All women of the church are invited to join us for the 2026 PW Bible Study on the fourth Tuesday each month at 10AM in the church parlor. We are studying "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians," by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. On October 27, we'll study Lesson 3: Freedom in Christ.

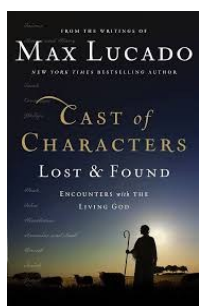
ADULT CLASSES



Bible Discovery: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in the library, led by Bruce Partain. They are studying Max Lucado's book, "Life Lessons from Philippians."



Pew Sisters: This group is for women of all ages, and meets at 9:15AM on Sunday mornings in Room 2, led by Charlotte Schwarzlose. They are studying "Stop in the Name of God," by Charlie Kirk.



Fellowship: This group is for men and women of all ages. Meetings take place on Sunday mornings at 9:15AM in Room 3, led by Jan Pember. They are studying "Cast of Characters Lost and Found: Encounters with the living God," by Max Lucado.

YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Group meets in the Youth Center on Sundays 4:30PM-6PM for any student in grades 6-12

**"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."
- 2 Timothy 1:7**



Fearless: Facing Anxiety and Scares

October 4:

The Monster of Anxiety, Philippians 4:4-7 & Matthew 6:25-34

October 11:

Scared of the Dark, Psalm 23 & 1 Kings 19:11-13

October 18, Scottish Sunday:

Scottish Lunch, no youth group

October 25:

Courage in the Fire, Daniel 3 & John 16:33



October is St. Andrew's month to stock the pantry at Some Other Place. Your donations of shelf-stable goods help feed homeless individuals, homebound seniors, and others who don't have access to regular meals. We are able to assist more individuals and families when items are not purchased in bulk sizes. Please keep this in mind when donating items. **Starting October 1**, donations of the following items can be dropped off in the bins at the Church Office and in the Gladys Foyer. Please be generous!

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| • Canned Veggies | • Syrup |
| • Dry Beans | • Mayo/Mustard |
| • Canned Meat | • Cooking/Olive Oil |
| • Canned Soup | • Tea/Coffee/Juice |
| • Seasonings | • Flour/Sugar |
| • Powdered Milk | • Oatmeal |
| • Mac and Cheese | • Pudding/Jell-O |
| • Peanut Butter | • Peanut Butter Crackers |
| • Jelly | • Granola Bars |
| • Pancake Mix | • Tuna Packages |

IRA CONTRIBUTIONS



As we come to the end of another year, we want to remind you of a potential tax savings if you are required to take an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from your IRA. If you have your financial advisor send your distribution directly to the charity you desire to give to (church, Food Bank, etc.) this will bypass you and you do not have to pay taxes on those distributions. You can contribute to more than one charity as long as you do not receive the funds yourself. Any 503(c) corporation is legal. Your financial advisor can help you accomplish this.



CHRISTMAS KITS FOR SEAFARERS' SUPPLIES NEEDED

We will collect items for these care packages from October 1 to Thursday, October 29. A partial list of requested items is below.

Please do not donate food.

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| • Men's Socks | • Puzzle books |
| • Gloves | • Stationery |
| • Knitted Caps | • Pens |
| • Scarves | • Small Bibles |
| • Shampoo | • Note Cards with envelopes |
| • Conditioner | • Soap |
| • Chapstick | • Toothbrush |
| • Hand Lotion | • Toothpaste |
| • Band-Aides | • Shaving Cream |
| • Playing Cards | • Deodorant |
| • Sewing kits | |

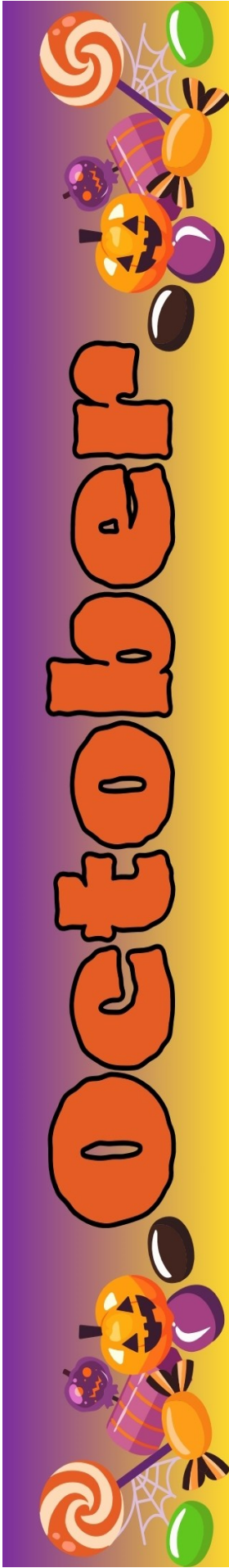


The South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) is collecting information on broadband needs and preferences in the SETX area. The results will help us identify gaps in service and strengthen our regional effort to improve reliable, affordable high-speed internet for homes, students, and local communities. Your families' input matters. Better information from the people who live and learn here gives the region a stronger foundation as we work to improve broadband access.

To complete the survey you can scan the QR Code or visit:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/agq3B9WxEK>





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 World Communion Sunday 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM Sunday School 10:30AM Worship 11:45AM Deacon Training 11:45AM Choir Rehearsal 3:00PM Boy Scouts 4:30PM Youth Group	5 5:30PM SAS 2 6:00PM GTSD	6 10:00AM PW Coordinating 5:30PM Fellowship 5:30PM SAS Beginners 6:30PM Christian Ed	7 8:15AM SK @ SOP 4:30PM Mission/Evangelism 5:30PM AA Group 5:30PM SAHB	8 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 6:00PM AA Group 6:00PM GTHE	9 8:30AM MOW Cooks 10:00AM MOW Delivers 6:00PM AA Group 6:00PM GTHE	10 8:30AM SETX Food Bank
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UPCOMING EVENTS

BOOK CLUB

OCTOBER 1 AT 1PM

We will discuss our banned book selections.



First Friday Men's Breakfast

October 2 at 7AM
in the Parlor

Join us for food, fellowship, & prayer.



JOIN US FOR

SCOTTISH SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18

MENU:

BEEF STEW, ROLLS, AND SHORTBREAD



MARSHALL MIDDLE SCHOOL TRUNK OR TREAT DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are hosting a Trunk or Treat for Marshall Middle School students and their families on **Tuesday, October 27, 5-6:30PM**. We need donations of individually packaged snacks and candy. Please drop these items off in the marked bins around the church. We also need folks to host a car and pass out treats during the event. Costumes are optional. Please signup using the connect cards in the pews or by contacting the church office.

Fresh flowers can be given for the chancel in worship on Sunday mornings in memory or honor of loved ones. A standard arrangement is \$80. If you would like to sponsor the chancel flowers, email the church office or use the flower calendar outside the main office.

GRANDPARENTS DAY CHAPEL

On September 16, St. Andrew's Day School celebrated Grandparents Day with chapel where we learned God helps us be brave. We also enjoyed a special snack of donuts and fruit.



The Day School provides a supportive and nurturing environment for children twelve months to four years old. For more information, check the St. Andrew's website, or call 409-892-8246.

STAY ALERT

As we approach the holiday season, we want to remind you that St. Andrew's clergy and staff will never ask for an urgent favor, the purchase of gift cards, other financial instruments, or your personal information via email, text, or social media. Please delete these items without responding. If you receive any suspicious messages of this nature, you can report this activity at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

GET READY TO FALL BACK!



*Daylight Saving
Time ends on
November 1, 2026
at 2:00 a.m.*

CELEBRATING AUTUMN

On September 20, we celebrated autumn with a delicious gumbo luncheon with both rice AND potato salad to satisfy everyone's gumbo traditions! Also, our youth group led us in worship, and we got to enjoy music played by the strings after school students. It was a great day!



CELEBRATING AUTUMN



INTRODUCING OUR OFFICE STAFF



Jessica is a member of St. Andrew's since 2011 when she transferred from Westminster, where she grew up. She began working in the church office in May to help fill gaps with Joyce's departure. In July, she was formally hired as an Administrative Assistant.

Jessica and her fiancé, David, are raising four children at home, who keep them busy with lots of activities, including band, cub scouts, and color guard. She teaches in children's church, likes to attend concerts, and her favorite color is black!



Katherine is excited to join St. Andrew's as an Administrative Assistant. A Southeast Texas native, she looks forward to getting to know the families, children, and staff and becoming part of the St. Andrew's community.

Katherine and her husband, David, are the proud parents of five children. Much of her time outside of work is spent keeping up with school activities, sports, and the adventures that come with raising a busy family.

In her free time, Katherine enjoys traveling and spending time at the family farm, where they love hunting, four-wheeling, and caring for a variety of animals, including turkeys!



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SAVE THE DATE

Soup Supper Social

November 1 at 5PM

SAPC volunteers and their families are invited to Pastor Tara's house for food and fellowship in appreciation for their service this year.