



St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church

eNews

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Office Hours: 8:30am – 2:30pm, Mon - Thurs

Join us in person for worship every Sunday at 10:00am, or on Zoom & Facebook.

An online version of the weekly worship bulletin can be found on our website – www.standrewspdx.com

NOTE: FACEBOOK LIVESTREAM

As we noted in a separate email that went out today, we are continuing to work on resolving issues we've been experiencing with the Facebook livestream. We will continue to post videos to our page after each service and hope that you will be able to access and view them online soon.

Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter!

Thoughts from Your Session

Dear friends in Christ,

Please plan to join us this Sunday as we wrap up our sermon series on Hope. The sermon, "A Comedy of Errors" will be presented by our guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Ackerman. She is Assistant Professor of Preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary and its Ogilvie Institute of Preaching, where she works with church leaders around the country who are committed to doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God. She has over 30 years' experience facilitating the worship and preaching efforts of churches in multiple denominations across the US, including her current service to the Presbytery of the Cascades as a member of the Commission on Ministry. Jennifer lives in North Portland with her husband and two (nearly) grown stepsons.

This week's Session update is one from the St. Andrew's Foundation, courtesy of Larry Patterson.

At the July 19, 2026 meeting, the Foundation authorized two distributions to St. Andrew's. The first was a \$5,000 distribution to the Mission Team for additional assistance to the Santa Clara church in Cuba, and for food assistance in our local community. The second distribution of \$16,000 was to the Building & Grounds Team to help pay for numerous maintenance and repair projects at the church.

Some of you may have noticed the sidewalk hand railing (along Dosch Rd.) has been repaired, painted, and secured back in place. Much of the white exterior trim around the church has been repainted. Also, a new wood support post, associated beam, and roofing over the Vermont Hills Family Life Center entry area have been replaced. Several additional projects are still in the planning stages.

In Christ,

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session

SCRIPTURE

July 26 <i>Genesis 29:15–28</i> <i>Matthew 13:31–34</i>	August 2 <i>Genesis 32:22-31</i> <i>Matthew 13: 13-14</i>
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News & Notes

REMEMBERING GWEN WILDGONG

We hope you will be able to attend the memorial service that Gwen Wildfong's family has been preparing, including a jazz band and some of Gwen's favorite songs, including the OSU Fight Song. **The service takes place here at St. Andrew's next Saturday, August 1 at 11am.** Following the service, you are invited to a luncheon at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center where stories and memories of Gwen will be shared.

FRIENDS OF MULTNOMAH SRV SUMMER BBQ

A much-anticipated summer tradition is happening again and The Friends of Multnomah SRV are looking for folks to make and/or bring beverages and a host of side dishes.

This summer celebration provides a comforting and hearty BBQ feast for the participants and staff at our Safe Rest Village and is greatly appreciated by all. The Urban Alchemy staff and volunteers will handle the grilling, but we need other items (meats, veggies, fruit, bread, desserts, and drinks) to round out the meal.

Sign up to help feed our neighbors in need at the SRV today! (<https://www.mealtrain.com/potlucks/1r702z>) You may drop off your food items between 11:30am-12:00pm on Thursday, August 20 in the MSRV parking lot.

GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements for the first half of the year were mailed this week. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Krissy at bookkeeper@standrewspdx.com.

RESPONSE TO VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES

Your Mission Team has sent a donation of \$1,500 in support of the humanitarian effort of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in response to the recent earthquakes that have devastated Venezuela. We trust that PDA knows where the need is greatest and that the people of Venezuela will benefit in some small way as they begin a long recovery process. If you feel moved to assist in meeting these needs (the most urgent of which are shelter, hygiene items, water, and food), you may send your gift to PDA by any of the methods shown below.

GIVE:

Scan the QR code to give online, give by phone at 800-728-7228 x5885, or write a check (made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with "PDA Venezuela Earthquakes" on the memo line) and mail to:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



PRAY:

The Venezuelan people also need our prayers at this time and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has given us the following for that purpose:

*God of mercy and hope,
We come to you with a broken heart for our siblings in Venezuela.
In the midst of the pain caused by earthquakes, we turn to you, our firm rock, when the earth itself shakes.
Lord, move our hearts so that solidarity is not temporary.
It raises churches, communities and people willing to walk with the Venezuelan people during the long process of recovery and reconstruction.
May compassion be stronger than indifference and may hope prevail over discouragement.
Amen*

ON SUMMER BREAK

The following Mission, Ministry, and Fellowship groups are taking a break for the summer and will reconvene in the Fall:

- Spiritual Formation
- Ziploc Ministry
- WWCS Meal Delivery
- Sanctuary Choir
- St. A's Book Club

Learning & Fellowship

BE A "COFFEE ANGEL" DURING FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers are always needed on Sundays to make post-worship coffee hour & fellowship happen. If you would like to sign up for one or more Sundays, please do so on the SignUp Genius link. Contact Marie Dolson or Gail Planck for more info.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Please join us in this virtual Men's Bible Study on Zoom when we resume on **Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00am**. Can't make it for this next study session? Not to worry! This group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month using this same Zoom link. Contact Larry Kelley for more information.

FAMILY FELLOWSHIP – COME JOIN US!

During the summer, Family Fellowship takes place downstairs (in Calvin Hall and Friendship Hall) on the second Sunday of the month after service has concluded. This is an all-ages, family-focused service (with meal provided). Children in attendance will hear a Bible story and then take part in a craft that mirrors the lesson. And adults get a chance to socialize with one another and enjoy this time of fellowship while the kiddos do their thing. Guests are always welcome! If you would like to join us on **AUGUST 9**, please contact Roberta Schlechter, Elder of Christian Formation.

Connected In Christ

In this section, you will find information about events published by the Presbytery of the Cascades and other local churches and like-minded groups who uphold the vision, values, and mission of St. Andrew's. By supporting those beyond our walls, we show that the Connectional Church helps us achieve more together than we ever could alone.

WALK THE WILDWOOD

Walk the Wildwood is a fundraiser for Partners In Mission-USA, organized and hosted by members of First Presbyterian Church of Portland, Oregon. Thanks to underwriting by the church, ALL money raised by this event will go directly to support the Kamwenge Secondary & Vocational School and the Good Shepherd Primary School.

This year we honor the 20th anniversary of the founding of Kamwenge Secondary and Vocational School (KSVS) to which all proceeds will go to support. Through your efforts and generosity we raise funds for students and teachers, recruiting sponsors for new students, and collecting gently worn sneakers for reuse through a program with Got Sneakers. You can register for one of three walks through Hoyt Arboretum and Washington Park, followed by a catered lunch.

EVENT DATE: Saturday, August 8th

Registration Closes on Friday, July 31st

COVENANT CONVERSATIONS: CASCADES

Saturday, August 29, 10am - 3:30pm

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Confident in God's hopeful future and grateful for the ever-widening welcome of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Covenant Network of Presbyterians seeks an equity still not fully realized for LGBTQIA+ people in church and society.

Covenant Conversation: Cascades is an invitation to look more closely — at scripture, at the stories around us, and at ourselves — and to grow in our ability to recognize the image of God in all God's people. Through worship, conversation, and a range of workshops, we'll explore what the Bible and our faith tradition have to say about inclusion, support church leaders navigating hard conversations, and ask together what it means to be faithful witnesses in a time when LGBTQIA+ rights and dignity are under real pressure. Whether you're just beginning this journey or have been walking it for years, you belong in this conversation.

Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. (Discount codes are available for groups and for those in financial need or current students.) For information about the great topics potentially covered during the day's workshops, and to complete the registration form, visit <https://www.covnetpres.org/events/cascades>

Mission & Ministry

*If you have any questions about our ministries
or would like to be a part of our Mission Team, contact Marilyn Palumbo.*

ST. ANDREW'S QUILTERS

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 9:30am

The St. A's Quilters work year-round to create some beautiful items that are donated to organizations that provide warmth to those in need. Whether you're a novice or have some sewing/quilting experience, we hope you will join us. All are welcome! Can't make it this time? No problem! Stop in at 9:30am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month (in St. A's quilting room). Please contact Gail Planck for more information.

SUPPORTING MSRV

Our friends at the Multnomah Safe Rest Village (MSRV) always enjoy when volunteers drop off items for **FMSRV Sandwich Mondays**. If you'd like to participate, you'll make a dozen of an item of your choosing and ideally:

- Can be consumed without utensils (e.g., sandwiches, wraps, burritos).
- Has a protein and/or vegetable included.
- Is easy to chew.

Check the Sign Up (<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/9vq03k>) to see what others have volunteered to bring (if they've noted they're bringing a certain type of sandwich, you could take another volunteer slot and bring something either to complement that item or sign up to bring something that will provide residents with a choice for their meal).

This community also needs folks advocating for their needs as well as shedding light on the need for real solutions to end homelessness.

For more information about these activities or other ways in which you can get involved to help our at-risk, unhoused neighbors, text Robin at 503-703-7183. And please visit the Friends of Multnomah Safe Rest Village website, and join their Facebook group for updates, news, photos, and connections.

SOUTHWEST OUTREACH

Southwest Outreach is an active civic group connecting with our neighbors living outside in SW Portland through visits, conversation, and relationship-building through a variety of programs and services.

Check out the YouTube video (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tEMx35jzJk>) to see how programs like SW Outreach's weekly shower program at Village Grace Church (where guests get a shower, a hot meal, and a chance to connect with resources and engage in conversation) bless so many in need.

Volunteers are always needed as are material items (e.g., phones, tablets, laptops, and portable WiFi hotspots). of SW Outreach. You can also financially support SW Outreach (of which St. Andrew's is the fiscal sponsor) by donating online — select 'SW Outreach' in the drop-down menu when noting your designation. To get involved, please email Marilyn Palumbo.

If you see (or know of) someone living outside in our area and you are uncertain how or whether to approach, you can always contact Southwest Outreach for a team to visit them. Call Marilyn to coordinate (971.235.5788).

Virtual Gatherings & Events

Sunday, July 26 & August 2

10:00am Worship

Zoom & Facebook

(also in person)

Friday, July 124 & 31

10am-12pm Virtual Coffee Chat

Zoom

Quick Reminders

NEED A RIDE?

If you need assistance getting to or from the church, please call Larry Kelley at 503-724-1966.

SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FREE FOOD MARKET

During Communion (1st Sunday service of each month) and at potlucks and other events throughout the year, we collect non-perishable food donations for Neighborhood House Free Food Market. To further meet the need where it's greatest, we now have a list of most-requested items from our friends at Neighborhood House, which can be found on Neighborhood House's website or by visiting the following URL:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAG3MYt8HNQ/jFQiFuVvbchnP7fcygGGUQ/view?utm_content=DAG3MYt8HNQ&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utm_id=hc242a60f2f

PREPARING FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT

St. A's is a busy place throughout the week! At any given time, we have folks here for our own fellowship and ministry groups, support groups like Alcoholics Anonymous, troops representing Scouting America, musical performance group rehearsals, as well as small gatherings on weekends (e.g., recitals, community celebrations, etc.). And we also share our worship spaces with the congregation of New Church of Oregon.

Kara coordinates the schedule for all building users and places all activities, including times and locations, on our church calendar. You can access this at any time to see what's happening here at St. A's. This is particularly helpful when planning setup for your own events (if arrangements have not been made prior with Kara). Simply click on the calendar button next to the first heading on our Events page to access this calendar.

ST. ANDREW'S NAME TAGS

We've created all new name tags for everyone! Stop by the tower by the sanctuary doors in the narthex and grab your new name tag and wear it during worship. (Don't forget to return it there after service so you'll have it next week too!) If you don't see yours, ask one of our welcome team members if we already have an updated one on hand. (Kara updated all of the tags that were previously on the tower, and there is now a "backup" bin full of tags -- what's on the tower are folks in our current directory ... rest assured, we haven't forgotten the many folks who make St. A's such a wonderful, welcoming space and want to have tags available for anyone who may only be able to make a service in-person on occasion.)

As part of our welcome and when passing the peace, name tags help put names with faces - a crucial part of fellowship! If you're new or we missed creating a new name tag for you, please contact the office and we will be happy to make you a name tag for future use.

DISABLED STREET PARKING ACCESS

Please note that the street parking along SW Sunset is reserved for picking up and dropping off those who need extra assistance getting inside for worship on Sundays. We ask that you please leave these spaces open and not park there. There is plentiful parking in our lot across Dosch. Those needing assistance can also use the driveway on Dosch for dropping off and picking up, and take the elevator up to the main level. If you have any questions or need further assistance on Sundays, please contact the office.

FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you would like to recognize a special occasion or person (e.g., birthdays, anniversaries) or memorialize a loved one by placing flowers on the chancel, please contact Bev Ruggles to confirm a date. (Contact the office for Bev's phone number if you don't have it.)

NATIONAL SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

People experiencing a mental health crisis have a way to reach out for help in the U.S., by calling or texting the numbers 9-8-8. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the United States. It will function much like 9-1-1, but is solely dedicated to addressing mental health needs. See their website for more information on this potentially lifesaving program, and help spread the word.

**Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of St. Andrew's
through your online donations and checks sent by mail.**

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