



## September 2024

### Sundays

- 8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00a.m. Adult Christian Education
- 10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 10:30a.m. Children's Chapel

### Wednesdays

- 10:30a.m. Healing Service

### Coming Up

- Sept. 1 H.E. Rite I 9:30am
- Sept. 2 Church office Closed
- Sept. 5 TRCC Starts 5-6:30pm
- Sept. 8 H.E. Rite I and II 8am and 10:30am
- Sept. 7 Men's Club 8:00am
- Sept. 11 Preschool Parent Social 9:00am
- Sept. 13 Supplies to Farmworkers Ministry
- Sept. 21 TRCC 3-5pm
- Sept. 24 Homeowners Meeting 4:30pm
- Sept. 25 Vestry 6:00pm

## Angels Unawares

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters." -Hebrews 13:1-2*

What incredible gifts of hospitality have I received from this church! I do not have the words to express the kindness, thoughtfulness and the abundance of welcome that awaited me here. I had high expectations of this church based on what the search committee told me and they were completely exceeded.

And that is a big deal. One of the often overlooked spiritual virtues is the gift of hospitality and welcome. Those things make a huge difference in the lives of all of those around. When we are welcomed we are more likely to be generous and trusting because we know that we are not in it alone.

This church has in spades what the author of Hebrews was trying to teach when he talks about the importance of hospitality and how you might entertain angels unawares. Not that I am anything like an angel, but that there is something divinely beautiful about connecting with another person. There is a blessing that we can only receive through giving for no reason other than it is what we do.

And I am so grateful to experience and learn that from this unique group of people. It makes me want to invite everyone I meet here to St. Andrew's, because I want each person I meet to be wrapped in that blessing. Thank you so much for that gift. I am so pleased that together we can go out and share it with all in our community!

Rev. Les Carpenter

## With Joy!

If I had to pick a favorite hymn it would be “I come with joy” (#304).

I love the soulful bouncing of the melody (*Land of Rest*) especially as it weaves itself through the lyrics. The music comes from an American folk melody and the Hymn (or lyrics) were written by Brian Wren.

The song is first and foremost about the experience of receiving communion, and it gives such a beautiful sketch of the joyful wonder baked into the experience of communion with God and neighbor that happens in a loving church.

This hymn is especially meaningful to me in this phase of my life. Whenever I come or go from a church or a group of friends I am drawn to these words. I love that I am here now, and coming here also meant leaving a community I love deeply. As I was facing that and saying my goodbyes the words of the fifth verse were a true balm.

Verse 5:

*Together met, together bound we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.*

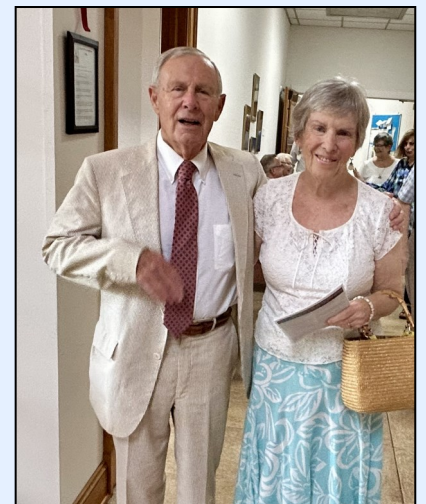
In the context of that verse, it is really talking about how we are sent out after a single worship service, but I find it touching with other kinds of goodbyes too. This idea that even as we leave each other we are united both in our individual relationships with God and also with each other in our mission. I especially love the order of the words “live and speak his praise.” The primary way we praise God is by living the life he gave us to the fullest. When we do that our words give our actions depth and our lives become sacred art.

Then in my coming Verse 3 rings in my ears.

Verse 3:

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now our friends.*

That was my hope as I packed up my life and my family and drove the twelve-hundred miles of highway here. That the love which is the source of our being would make us friends. And now, as I have set up my office and stepped into my own home I dare say I see those words, my roadside prayer, come true. I thank you for receiving me and my family, I thank God for sending me, and I thank God for these lyrics which bless me with a courage that words alone cannot provide.





Celebrating Rev. Les's first Sunday here at St. Andrew's!

August 4, 2024



## Grief Share Group

Loss doesn't have to be lonely. Loss doesn't have to be sad, or at least not all the time. For those who are experiencing grief there is an option to make friends connect and reconnect with life at its fullest. We have a new small (grief share group) beginning soon at St Andrew's. We are tailoring the meeting time to those interested. If you think you might be please contact our office and we will put you in touch with a kind community of healing.



Our Tuesday Moring volunteers: Patty Kennedy (food pantry volunteer ), Ramona Orzell (office volunteer) and Cyril Banks (church volunteer)



School supplies have been dropped off at Carriage Court.



Thank you to everyone who brought supplies in!



Thank you to everyone who came to help set up for Food Pantry!



### Youth Fellowship -Fun in the Sun

We had a great time at Benvenue Country Club for our last Youth Fellowship of the summer! Thank you to everyone at Good Shepherd, First Presbyterian and St. Andrew's who helped put all these events together.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am HE Rite I	2 <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	3 9:00—11am Food Pantry	4 9:00—10:30am Food Pantry Preschool Children's Chapel 9:30am	5 9:00—11am Food Pantry	6 Men's Club 8:00am	7
8 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel	9 6:30-9pm TRAC	10 9:00—11am Food Pantry 6:00pm Finance Com. 6:30pm Lion's Club	11 9:00—10:30am Food Pantry	12 9:00—11am Food Pantry 4:30-7:00pm TRCC	13 <i>Supplies taken to Farmworker Ministry</i>	14
15 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel	16 6:30-9pm TRAC	17 9:00—11am Food Pantry	18 9:00—10:30am Food Pantry Preschool Children's Chapel 9:30am	19 9:00—11am Food Pantry 10am Meals on Wheels 4:30-7:00pm TRCC	20 <i>Fire Department visit to Preschool</i>	21
22 8:00am HE Rite I 9:15am Adult CE 10:30am HE Rite II 10:30am Children's Chapel <i>Packing food pantry bags</i>	23 6:30-9pm TRAC	24 9:00—11am Food Pantry Homeowners Meeting 4:30pm 6:30pm Lion's Club	25 9:00—10:30am Food Pantry 6:00pm Vestry Meeting	26 9:00—11am Food Pantry 4:30-7:00pm TRCC	27	28
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## LAY/LEM READERS

September 1  
9:30 *Martha Lamm  
Ramona Orzell*

September 8  
8:00 *Albert Corinth  
Ramona Orzell*

10:30 *Sandy Suggs  
Leslie Hall*

September 15  
8:00 *George Earp*  
10:30 *Sarah Dial  
Elizabeth Pope  
Volunteer*

September 22  
8:00 *Albert Corinth  
Ramona Orzell*  
10:30 *Matt Smith  
Linda Hutcheson  
Volunteer*

September 29  
8:00 *Ramona Orzell*  
10:30 *Martha Lamm  
Ramona Orzell*

## ACOLYTES

September 1  
9:30 *Walker Wells and Jack Lea*

September 8  
10:30 *Lauren and Megan Renck*

September 15  
10:30 *The Mericles*

September 22  
10:30 *Landon Newcomb  
Tom Jenkins*

September 29  
10:30 *Walker Wells and Jack Lea*

## Kitchen Clean Up

*Sissy Duntton  
Rachel Dix*

## Pantry Distributors

*Tuesday—Patty Kennedy  
Wednesday—Tommy Parker  
Thursday—Elizabeth Hunter*



Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be

added to you.

—Matthew 6:31-33

## USHERS

September 1  
9:30 *Angela Reid  
Tom Jenkins*

September 8  
10:30 *Billy Suggs  
Steve Thurkill*

September 15  
10:30 *Linda Hutcheson  
Volunteer*

September 22  
10:30 *Dan Melnyk  
Don Mucci*

September 29  
10:30 *Angela Reid  
Tom Jenkins*

## Pantry Volunteers

*Betty Bunn  
Tom Jenkins  
Kaye Dowd*

Greeters  
*Jon Renck  
Tommy Parker*



## The Hudgins Family Auction and Dinner

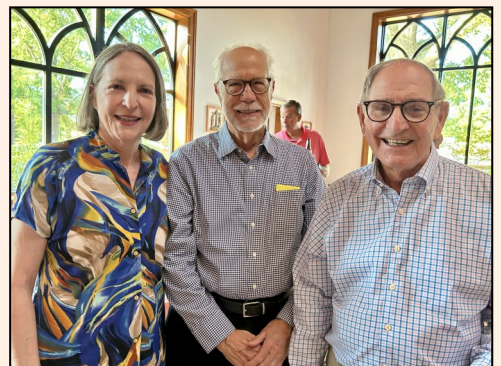


Our family wanted to thank everyone involved with the auction. We know how much preparation went into it and appreciate the time and effort of all volunteers and also thank all the people who made donations and purchased items. Your generosity has touched our hearts and we are incredibly grateful for your kindness. As a lifelong resident of Rocky Mount and member of St. Andrew's, I cannot express to you how much this community has meant to me. Our family has had some significant health challenges over the past few years, and I am often asked how I continue to have a smile on my face. It is because of people like all of you. Instead of just focusing on the negative, I try to think how fortunate we are to have such supportive friends. Again, thank your support and continued prayers.

-Bill and Kitty Hudgins









Outdoor Service  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
Plus a delicious BBQ  
lunch put on by our  
Men's Club!



# Preschool Social



In the  
Jungle



the  
mighty  
jungle





**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 301 Circle Drive • Rocky Mount, NC 27804

U.S. Postage  
 Paid  
 Non Profit  
 Organization  
 Permit #278  
 Rocky Mount, NC

*Return Service Requested*

## Our Parish Family



*May the Souls of all the  
 departed, through the mercy of God,  
 rest in peace.*

**Bill Dix**  
 March 10, 1937– July 30, 2024

*Husband to Rachel Dix*



**Vivian Warren**  
 December 7, 1935-August 15, 2024

*Brother of David Williams*



Men's Club meets Saturday, September 7th  
 at 8am in the Parish Hall.



We will pack food pantry bags on September  
 15th after 9:30am service.

Vestry meets on Wednesday, September 25th at 6pm

### *Children Are a Gift From God*

**John (Jack) Jefferson Scott**

*Born 7/23/24*

*8lb 4 oz*

*20.5" long*

*Son to Caroline (Hutcheson) and*

*Randy Scott*

*Grandson to Linda Hutcheson*



**We start having two services again on Sunday,  
 September 8th at 8am and 10:30am.**

Church office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday  
 September 2nd.