



St Andrew Presbyterian Church

Andy's News

February 2024

Upcoming Events

**Every
Sunday
Morning** *Worship Service (10:30 AM)*

**Every
Wed.** *Andy's Kitchen (11:30 AM)*

2/1 *Men's Breakfast (8:30 AM) Bob Evans*

2/11 *Strawberry Social (11:30 AM)*

2/15 *Men's Breakfast (8:30 AM) Bob Evans*

2/15 *Pizza & a Movie (5:00 PM)*

2/20 *Ladies Brunch Bunch (10:30 AM)
Bob Evans*

2/20 *Session Meeting (1:00 PM)*

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From the Pastor's Desk

February will serve as a transition month in terms of our teaching/preaching schedule. We will continue and reach the conclusion of "God is Holding Our Lives." God has more assurances to share with us. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14 th . We will have an early morning worship service at 8:00am to include the imposition of ashes. This will mark the beginning of our Lent series called "Holy Vessels." We will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken. Join us as we move together to Calvary.

We expect to launch our grant program These Rocks Shall Speak (TRSS) during an after-worship event. This Spring we will have a series of educational, arts and crafts, guided tours and other activities for our congregation and our community.

Pastor Edwin

These Rocks Shall Speak (TRSS) Events, Dates, and Speakers for 2024

TRSS Speakers Schedule

Faith and Art Workshops

March 2nd Saturday 9-12 to include Lunch. Speaker -
Dr. Marcia McPhee (Zoom)

*Worship Design Studio "Playing Under the Lights at
the Intersection of Faith and Art"*

May 4th Saturday 9-12 to include lunch. TBA

August 10th Saturday 9-12 to include lunch. Speaker -
Ross Boone (Live)

October 13th Saturday 9-12 to include lunch. Speaker -
Sybil Macbeth (Live)

Arts and Crafts Sundays

March 10th Sunday at 12 noon to include lunch. Holy
Vessels Creations

July 14th Sunday at 12 noon to include lunch. Glass
Art in Paper

November 10th Sunday at 12 noon to include lunch.
Creations for Advent/Christmas

Opening Event with Tapas n Punch TBD

Closing Event with Tapas n Punch TBD

Field Trips

Peace Memorial Tuesday, April 9th

Field Trip to Tiffany Glass Art Museum Tuesday
September 17th

Tours: Second Friday of each month at
10am and 1pm.

Special tour dates/groups by appointments

Pastor's Messages for February

Date	Topic	Scripture
Feb 4	Holy Communion: Whole Heart Hallelujah	Psalms 111 & Romans 8:28-32
Feb 11	We Wait, We Hope, We Stay	Psalms 147 & Luke 31-41
Lent Begins: Worship Series Holy Vessels		
Feb 14	Shattered	Ash Wednesday Morning Service 8:00am Worship and Imposition of Ashes
Feb 18	Treasured	Matthew 8: 1-4, 16-17
Feb 25	Safe Keeping	Matthew 8: 5-13

"God's grace is not infinite. God is infinite, and God is gracious. We experience the grace of an infinite God, but grace is not infinite. God sets limits to His patience and forbearance. He warns us over and over again that someday the ax will fall and His judgment will be poured out."

— R.C. Sproul, [*The Holiness of God*](#)

I think of my body as a temple. Or at least a relatively well-managed Presbyterian youth center.

— Emo Philips

Bible Insights

2 Corinthians 4:1-12

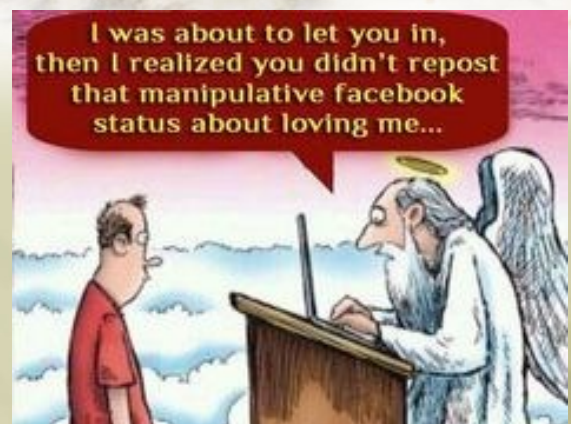
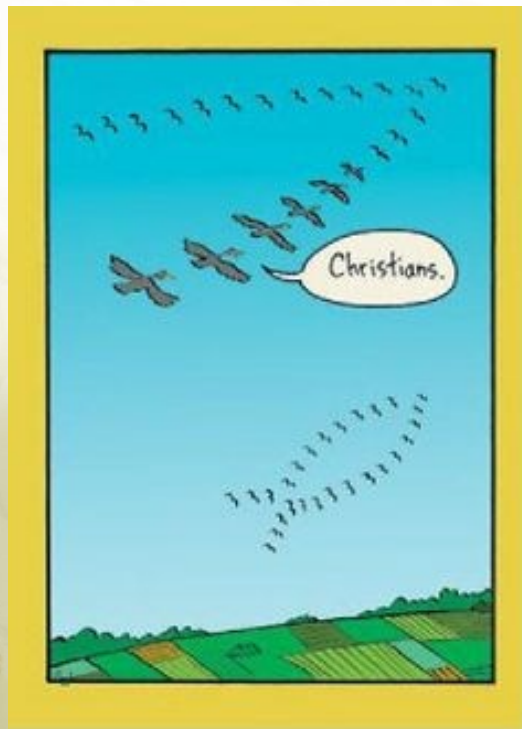
In this daily Bible reading Paul speaks to those who reject the Gospel message because they don't believe it. The Bible says that the Gospel message is foolishness to the world. Paul said to the Corinthians, "The Gospel message is a veiled to those who are perishing."

The Bible says that Satan is the spiritual ruler of this world, and he goes about blinding the minds of those who will not believe in Jesus. Satan uses the world's logic to turn people away from belief. Therefore, belief in Jesus will mean turning against the world's logic.

If we turn away from the world's logic we may be ridiculed for our belief. We must expect this and be spiritually prepared so that we do not become discouraged. The battle is spiritual, not physical. So our defense must be spiritual.

The Bible says that we must arm ourselves spiritually to stand against evil in this world. The Bible is a very important part of that spiritual armor. It is 'the belt of truth.' It is also 'the sword of the spirit.' The Bible serves as both a defense and an offense against evil.

As believers we are not called to be passive. Rather, we are called to resist evil and even expose it. As believers we must have courage to walk according to the Word of God. It is not an easy walk, but it is the best choice. It will lead to many blessings in this life. More importantly, it will lead us to Heaven.



Pizza & a Movie

Tickets are on sale now for Pizza & a Movie Night at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, 1239 Del Webb Blvd. W Sun City Center. Join us again on Thursday, February 16, 2022 for all the pizza you can eat, homemade cakes of all kinds, and a soft drink of your choice all for a \$8.00 ticket.

Serving will start at 5:00 pm. A great movie will follow. You are sure to be entertained.

Tickets can be purchased at the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church office Monday-Thursday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

For more information call the church at (813) 634-1252.



Pastor	Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz
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Director of Worship Arts	Steve Downie
Newsletter Editor	Paul Stratton

Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer

You will notice that there is a new section in this month's newsletter. It will be selected articles from the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer.

The Mission Yearbook dates back to 1892 as a simple calendar of prayer to help Presbyterians pray for missionaries on designated days. It has the longest history of any denominational mission and prayer book in the United States. The Yearbook contains daily articles about the mission work of the church. It connects Presbyterians to the greater church and energizing them for mission

The Mission Yearbook is available online at the following address:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/>



Worship Volunteer Schedule

Date	Worship Assistant	Usher	Greeter
Feb 4	Dotty Guerrero, Doug Campbell	Bernie Pommer Marylyn Pommer Pam Nash Barbara Durant	
Feb 11	Pam Cummings, Al Calise		
Feb 18	Debbie Pulcini, Steve Reisser		
Feb 25	D. Kay Benson Sandy Stratton		

Mission Yearbook for Prayer

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network points to a fascinating online word study on aging

The Rev. Dr. Keith Albans, who served 16 years as the director of Chaplaincy and Spirituality at Methodist Homes in the United Kingdom, is something of a wordsmith. His prodigious abilities were on display during the University of Waterloo's Conrad Grebel University College webinar, "It's How You Say It: Exploring the Language and Imagery of Aging." The hourlong event was recommended by the Presbyterian Older Adult Ministry Network and was attended by more than 100 people from around the world.

"Why do you want to work with older people?"

Albans was asked more than once when he applied for the position at age 43. "It was the highlight of my ministerial career. I have been to a 110th birthday party and thoroughly enjoyed it."

The use of terms like "justers" and "wasers" describes how many older people speak of themselves, Albans said: "I'm just a housewife" or "I was a chemist" indicates "our entire life is in the past," he said.

"How we speak of who we are and who we were reflects how we are feeling," he said.

Then Albans launched into a study of words containing the letters "age." He's uncovered more than 600 words formed from 370-word roots. Some have "age" at the beginning of the word, others in the middle and the rest at the end of the word.

Some — like "ageism" — have a negative value, Albans pointed out, while others, including "agelong" and "ageless," are more affirming.

"Agent" was on the list because "enabling people to be the doer is at the heart of a lot of what we're trying to achieve," he said. "Agency" is also a "significant concept." So is "agenda," Latin for "the things that must be done," which Albans called "a positive way of

embracing the process of aging" because we "think about what's important for me and us to do."

"How important," Albans asked, "is the notion of agency for your own hopes about aging or for someone you know? Many of today's older people never expected to live to the age they have. Embracing aging means we can think in a wider and more proactive way."

"Age" at the end of words is a much more common location. Albans divided them into six categories:

Aggregate, such as "courage"

Quantity or measure, such as "charge," "vintage" and "sage"

Process, such as "pilgrimage"

Outcome, such as "foliage"

A place of living or business, such as "cottage"

Social standing or relationship, such as "heritage."

There are negative examples for each category as well: "sewage," "shortage," "rampage" "wreckage," "orphanage" and "bondage."

Albans had about 45 examples of "age" found in the middle of words ranging, as he put it, "from the sublime to the ridiculous": "cagey," "magenta," "pageant," "dowager," "wager" and "suffragette."

Others included "eager," "menagerie," "outrageous," "voyageur," "tragedy" and "unmanageable." Many have connections with aging. Eager is keen interest, which "a lot of older people lose without encouragement," according to Albans. One definition of "menagerie" is "an unusual and varied group of people."

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Mission Yearbook for Prayer - Continued

I visited a lot of care homes" in his time with Methodist Homes, "and it's a wonderful word."

"What do we affirm and what do we reject thinking about how we speak about and depict ageism?" he asked. "Embracing aging means we can be agents of our own aging by having a plan or agenda. The choice is ours, and how we use it is up to us."

After his talk, Albans was asked what people can do to combat language that's ageist.

"If we look at ways society has addressed issues around racism, sexism and homophobia, change has only come by calling it out for what it is," he said. "The difference, of course, is we are talking about ourselves."

"Some ageism," he said, "is actually a way of saying, 'I'm not there yet.' We have to be honest if we're calling it out. We may be as guilty ourselves as other people are. That's why talking about it is helpful. We can plot our own course into later life."

Citing something she once heard, one person on the call said it this way: "Age is simply the number of years the world has been enjoying you."

- Mike Ferguson, Editor, Presbyterian News Service

What Did You Do Last Weekend That Changed Your Life?

FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE offers an opportunity for you to focus totally on God's Grace, goodness, and boundless love. It is a lay-led spiritual renewal weekend designed for Christians who desire to renew, refresh, and/or deepen their relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

After having attended a weekend, First Presbyterian of Ocala's former Pastor, Raymond Guterman, wrote, "There's a lot of singing, lots of fellowship, short talks on pertinent topics for Christian disciples, discussions of the talks at your table of new friends, good food, great snacks, relaxing, air-conditioned accommodations and lots and lots of good surprises! Life is filled with surprises, some good and some not-so-good. At Pilgrimage, surprises keep coming and coming, and they're all good! We have many members who have had wonderful experiences at a Pilgrimage weekend, many of whom continue to meet for prayer, growth, and mutual support on a regular basis."

Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage #15 weekend will be held April 11-14, 2024, in a relaxed, non-threatening, loving atmosphere at The Retreat at Silver Springs. Twenty-eight people who have experienced the weekend will return to give you the life-changing experience they encountered on their journey. A member of Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church, Mary Kay Wagner, will be serving as Moderator this year.

For further information, please visit:
www.FloridaPresbyterianPilgrimage.org.

Prayerfully Consider Pilgrimage

Bulletin Board

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now available



Use the QR code on your mobile phone or follow the Online Giving instructions on andy.churchtrac.com

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METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES
HOPE IS HERE

Andy's Kitchen opens with a **free** lunch on Wednesdays at 11:30 – bring a friend!
Now with weekly entertainment
Donate a Cake for Dessert!

The Pelican Players Community Theater Present...



SCORNE
in SCC
a murder mystery
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Pelican Players Community Theater
FEBRUARY 4
SCC COMMUNITY HALL
Doors open 1pm

Tickets \$25 available from
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patsieginley@aol.com

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AAUW
SCC Southshore (P) Branch
February 04, 2024
Doors open: 1:00PM
Show begins: 2:00PM
SCC Community Hall

BIBLE STUDY
'12 Women in the Bible'
Continues Wed Feb 7 @ 1:30 pm in Room 2
Let's Dig In together

ST ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
February 11, 2024
11:30am to 2pm

Strawberries,
Cake,
Ice Cream,
Whipped Cream
and Homemade
Strawberry Sauce!

Door Prizes!

Strawberry Social
Tickets \$7.00 or 2 for \$10



Apollo Beach Women's Group
Connecting Exceptional Women,
Strengthening Communities.




Feb 12 @ 6pm in Fellowship Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY
Service at 8am
on February 14



PIZZA & A MOVIE



Next Movie Feb 15

3rd Thursday of the Month
@ 5pm - Tickets now \$8

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS
'Becoming a Member of the St Andrew Family'
Next Class - Sun, Feb 18 at 9am in Room 2



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb 18
after the Service

The meeting will be in Fellowship Hall,
followed by a Potluck Lunch.
Please bring along a side dish or dessert




Bulletin Board


Lent



'Holy Vessels'
A worship series for Lent begins Feb 18



Presbytery of Tampa Bay
Commission on Church Vitality
Meeting Feb 22 @ 9:30
followed by lunch and a tour of the Stained Glass Collection




'Par for the Chorus'
Sun City Center Barbershop Chorus Spring Concert
March 3 @ 2pm in the Sanctuary

Prepare to embark on an unforgettable theatrical journey!


FOLLIES

A BLAST FROM THE PAST
MARCH 15 AND 16, 2024

BYOB

Friday performance at 7:00 pm
Saturday Matinee at 1:30 pm
Saturday Evening Performance at 7:00 pm
in the KPCH Veterans Theater

Featuring music from the '40s to the '70s
Tickets \$14 from Carol Slagle
or the KPCH Box Office



A Course in MIRACLES

- Study Group -
Understanding Jesus' Messages

Weekly meetings
Tuesdays @ 4pm
in Room 1



'These Rocks Shall Speak'
St Andrew Stained Glass Project
Craft Event in Fellowship Hall
"Create your own Holy Vessel"
Mar 10 after the Service



The South Shore Symphony Orchestra
Next concert of the season **Feb 25 @ 2:30pm**
Tickets \$20 available on the door
Season/Multiple Tickets available - 5 admissions for \$75

JOIN US!
WOMEN'S BRUNCH

Third Tuesday @ 10am
Venue: **Bob Evans**
Next Meeting: Feb 20

MEN'S BREAKFAST

1st & 3rd Thursday at 8:30am
Venue: **Bob Evans**
Next Meeting: Feb 15

BeTh-El

Farmworker Ministry, Inc.
Volunteers needed
Wednesday mornings @ 8:30



Our Mission:
St Andrew Church is called to -
"Welcome all to connect with God and one another, through creative worship, innovation in ministry, and embracing hospitality, by renewing and restoring the joy of a spiritual home."

PFTC

Par For The Chorus



The Sun City Center Chapter of the
Barbershop Harmony Society



Spring into Barbershop

In Concert 3:00 P.M., March 3, 2024
St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
1239 W. Del Webb Blvd
Sun City Center, FL



FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3
4 10:30a Worship Service 1:30p Aston Gardens Worship	5 9:30a AA Meeting	6 10:00a Christian Ed Mtg 1:30p Bible Study	7 11:30a Andy's Kitchen	8 10:00a Celebration Mtg 3:30p Choir Rehearsal	9 12:30p Rummikub	10
11 10:30a Worship Service 11:30a Strawberry Social 1:30p Aston Gardens Worship	12 Lincoln's B-Day 9:30a AA Meeting 10:00a Evangelism Mtg	13 1:00p Stewardship Mtg 1:00p Property Mtg 1:30p Bible Study	14 Ash Wednesday 8:00a Ash Wednesday Service 11:30a Andy's Kitchen	15 8:30a Men's Breakfast 1:00p Interfaith Council Mtg 3:30p Choir Rehearsal 5:00p Pizza & a Movie	16 12:30p Rummikub	17
18 10:30a Worship Service 1:30p Aston Gardens Worship	19 Presidents' Day 9:30a AA Meeting 1:30p Eagle Audubon Society	20 10:00a Ladies Brunch Bunch 12:30p Hearing Loss Group 1:00p Session Mtg 1:30p Bible Study	21 11:30a Andy's Kitchen	22 3:30p Choir Rehearsal	23 12:30p Rummikub	24
25 10:30a Worship Service 1:30p Aston Gardens Worship 2:30p SS Symphony Concert	26 9:30a AA Meeting	27	28	29		
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