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Here's my favorite thing about February: every year, when February 2nd rolls around, it gives me an excuse to re-watch the Bill Murray classic, *Groundhog Day*. I've been watching it since it came out in 1993, and it just keeps getting better. In this movie, the main character, weatherman Phil Connors, is stuck in a time loop repeating the same miserable winter day in Puxasutawney, Pennsylvania over and over. Through circumstances the film never fully explains, every morning when he wakes up it is February 2nd. Again. Nobody remembers anything that happened last time, nobody believes that he has lived this day before, and nothing Phil seems to do makes any difference. He runs the whole gamut of responses: at first he is confused, then there are days when he is frustrated, days when he takes advantage of a life without consequences, days when he exploits this pattern for his own gain, and days when he tries desperately to escape the cycle. Nothing ever changes, until eventually he finds a new attitude and makes peace with his situation. Many Christians have loved this movie too, because it makes us ask big questions: Why are we here? What will we do with our lives that really matters? How would we behave if we knew we'd never suffer the consequences? In a way, Phil's situation is not so absurd. It's a lot like the life of a person who gets up, goes to work, eats a sandwich, deals with the people around her, comes home, finishes some chores, goes to bed, and gets up the next day to do the same thing all over again. I suspect most of us have had days when we felt like we were on a treadmill, repeating activities and projects that don't seem to get us any closer to a meaningful life. And Phil's responses can mirror our real world responses: we might also get angry, or take advantage of the patterns, or try to ignore the futility, or sometimes even take drastic measures to get off the merry-go-round. But Phil's situation never actually changes until he chooses to do something better with the hand he's been dealt.

What the movie might, in fact, challenge us to do, if we're paying attention, is what Paul challenged members of one of his churches to do in Colossians 3:23-24: "Whatever your task, do it with your whole heart, as if for the Lord and not for men, since you know that your reward, your inheritance, comes from the Lord." There is much in the circumstances of our lives that we cannot change. And yet, we can still choose to honor Christ by making something out of what we have been given. If you have a chance this month, I'd encourage you to find a copy of *Groundhog Day*, watch with friends, and then talk about the question: If today was the only day I had, what would I do to make it count?

Pastor Dave



You are invited to attend
YOUTH SUNDAY

February 12th
9a.m. and 11a.m.

Please be with our youth in prayer as they prepare to lead us in worship. Pray for their leaders, Pastor Dave and Briana Ybarra as they give guidance to these young worship leaders.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

The Fellowship Committee wants to invite you to the February Fellowship Event!! On February 12th we will have a Family Game Night. The time will be 5-7 p.m. Please bring your favorite game and a snack. Drinks will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Commons to help us set up the right amount of tables. Anyone interested in assisting in set up, please join us at 4 p.m. We hope to see you on the 12th!

LENTEN SOUP & SANDWICH DINNER

Wed., March 1st, 6 p.m.

The Fellowship Committee will be serving a simple meal of soup and sandwiches prior to the worship service on Ash Wednesday. Donations of soup and sandwiches (one dozen) would be appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet in the Commons if you can bring either of these items. Please come early, if possible, to assist with set-up. You may also contact Karen Shuman at 434-660-8486, or simsspeech@aol.com, if you have questions.



CHILI COOK OFF WINNERS



BEST CORN BREAD WINNERS



Little Dresses to Haiti

Our dresses are headed to Haiti! St. Andrew partnered with Quaker Memorial Presbyterian to send 60 little dresses to the Caribbean! St. Andrew seamstresses made the pillowcase dresses and Quaker members will deliver them on their upcoming mission trip to Haiti. Thank you for sewing, donating pillowcases, and praying for this special ministry! Questions? Contact Ann Cook or Suzanne Raine

FEBRUARY LECTIONARY

Sun., Feb. 5th, 5th Sun. in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 58:1-9 (9-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10);
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20.

Sun., Feb. 12th, 6th Sun. in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8;
1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37.



Sun., Feb. 19th, 7th Sun. in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18; Psalm 119:33-40;
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23;
Matthew 5:38-48.

Sun., Feb. 26th, Transfiguration of the Lord
Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2 or Psalm 99; 2 Peter
1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9.

PUAH CIRCLE

Puah will meet Wed. Feb. 8th at 12:30 at the church. We will continue our discussion of the book "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry," by Fredrik Backman. Bring your own lunch.



Happy Valentine's Day

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



On Sunday, Feb. 5th, our Youth will be collecting donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please watch for them as you leave the sanctuary next Sunday and deposit your financial donations into their soup pots. Make checks out to Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church and indicate "Souper Bowl" on the memo line.

PRAYER CLOSET

In the last months, we have talked about waiting and have earnestly prayed for miracles. Eberhard Arnold in *When the Time Was Fulfilled* writes about just that.

He wrote:

"The miracle of God comes not only from above; it also comes through us; it is also dwelling in us. It has been given to every person, and lies in every soul as something divine, and it waits. Calling, it waits for the hour when the soul shall open itself, having found its God and its home. When this is so, the soul will not keep its wealth to itself, but will let it flow out into the world."



May we continue waiting, praying, and open to God's love flowing through us.

Report from the Director of Choirs Search Committee
WELCOME DANNY MOORE!



The Search Committee is delighted to announce that the Session has approved the selection of Danny Moore as the Director of Choirs for Saint Andrew, effective March 1, 2017.

Danny will begin his first priority, working with the Chancel Choir on March 1st. As soon as practical, work with a children's choir will be explored. We are extremely grateful to Angela Heer for serving as Interim Choir Director for the months of January and February. Angela is a dear friend of this congregation and this choir, and her devotion has been made clear these months. Please make sure she knows how much we appreciate her!

Peace and Joy,
Becky Tweedy, George Broman,
Gary Foster, Butch Cook &
Pastor Dave

CONNECT!

WHAT???

- An **8 week children's ministry** based on LOGOS – a biblically rooted curriculum
- A mid-week opportunity designed to **celebrate, fellowship and equip** faith communities for Christian discipleship through building **intergenerational relationships**
- Designed for **elementary school children** (K – 5th graders)

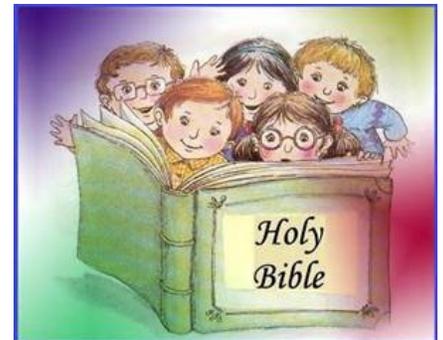
WHEN???

- Wednesday nights through March 8th, 2017
- 5:15 pm – 7:00 pm

WHERE???

Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church

There is a nominal cost of \$35 for the first child; \$30 for 2nd child and \$24 (meals only) for any additional children. This cost covers both materials and meals for 8 weeks. Scholarships are available – please speak with the pastors regarding this need.



How can you support this church mission?

- **Register** your children if they are between Kindergarten and 5th Grade.
- **Invite** other families to join you
- **Volunteer** by being a table parent; helping with recreation, worship arts, or bible study; assisting with childcare for volunteers' younger children; organizing a group to provide a meal
- **Contact:**
 - Beth Groover @ gardenmom9@gmail.com or 434-665-1548
 - Suzanne Raine @ suzanne.raine@gmail.com or 434-944-4837
 - Shonda Roberts @ shondaliann@gmail.com or 318-715-1825
- **Pray** for this new church mission that it may successfully minister to the young and old and create a deeper, more personal love for Christ.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION
Sun., February 5, 2017

*The following officers will be installed and/or
Ordained on Sun., Feb. 5th:*

DEACONS:	ELDERS:
Wendy Moon	Mike Gilley
Donna Porter	Matt Hildebrand
Dallas Scott	Matt Kane
Tracy Tall	Dan Lang
Donna Templeton ('17)	Jennifer Tall (youth)

TRUSTEE:
Norm Hopper

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robin & Darryl Padgett who are new grandparents! Their granddaughter, Nora Elizabeth Sutherland, was born on Dec. 23, 2016, to their daughter, Lauren, and husband, Alex. Nora was a bit early, but weighed 6lbs., 8 oz.. Robin is on the staff of Saint Andrew.



SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to Jettie Harris and family on the death of her husband, Edward John "Jack" Harris, who died on January 24, 2017. A memorial service will be held at St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Perrowville Road, Forest, on Saturday, February 4th at 2 p.m. The service will be followed by an interment at St. Stephens and then a reception in the Fellowship Hall of St. Stephens.



We express our sympathy to Stacy Hildebrand and family on the death of her grandmother, Elsie Stinnette Roach, of Altavista, Virginia, who died on January 27, 2017. A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Feb. 1st at Finch & Finch Chapel, Altavista.

BAPTISM

Congratulations to Eric and Courtney Pickersgill on the baptism of their son, Owen David Pickersgill, who was baptized on January 15, 2017, by Pastor Dave Roberts. Owen is the grandson of David and Ashby Downtain; David & Lorraine Pickersgill; and great grandson of Rose Cleaves.

