

Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

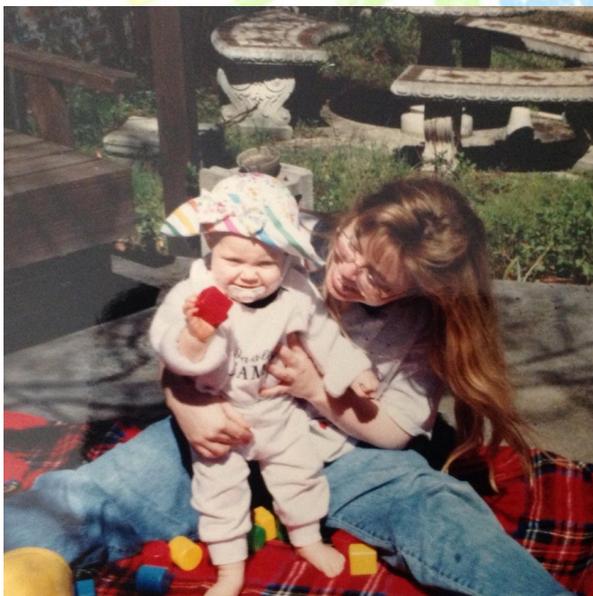
The Director's Corner

Hi!

Twenty four years ago the most wonderful thing happened to me—I became a Mom. There is nothing simple about becoming a parent. It has been rewarding and yet challenging. It brings joy and pain. Raising the children that God blessed us with became the center of our lives. We wanted the best for them; the best preschool, the best school, the best coaches, etc. We also wanted to be responsible parents and raise them to be caring, hard-working, trustworthy adults. Parenting is not easy and we needed mentors who helped us along the way. We needed people we could trust to help us raise our kids.

St Andrew and the NLC want to provide parents with a safe, secure, caring environment for their children. We strive to provide a quality early childhood education program in an environment which teaches Christian values and provides an example of God's love and grace to all of our children and families. We want to partner with our parents to give them the support they need to be good parents.

Please let us know how we can serve our families better. We have an active **Parent Survey** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5NWSL8L>



We appreciate your feedback.

Blessings,

Jo Anna Rich

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September Highlights

September 4:

NLC CLOSED for Labor Day

September 7:

Back-To-School Picnic
5:00-6:30 pm

September 12:

Chapel begins with Pastor Dave

September 16:

Parents' Night Out
5:30-9:00 pm

September 23:

SAPC Family Fishing Outing
10:00-1:00 pm

September 27:

Wednesday Afterschool Café (WAC) Preview & Open House w/ Dinner (School age families only, including kindergartners)
6:00 pm

Sunday worship and Sunday School every Sunday at 10:00 am

This Month at School...

School is back in session, and we are excited to get back into the swing of the fall routine! With a theme of Back to School, the children will share "All About Me" with their friends, will focus on classroom rules, and of course making friends!

Of special note this month:

- The NLC will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 4th in honor of Labor Day.
- **September 7th from 5-6:30pm will be our Back-to-School Picnic!** We will provide hot dogs, burgers, and beverages, and we are asking you to consider signing up outside your child's classroom door to bring an item to share. For those of you who were able to attend our summer kickoff picnic, both the amazing face painter and incredible balloon twister will be back! And a moon bounce will also be providing lots of bouncing fun. Please NOTE that children are only able to attend the picnic in the company of their parents, so please pick up your child in their classroom before heading out to the playground. See you there!
- **Parents' Night Out** is Saturday the 16th from 5:30-9:00pm. Sign up at the Front Desk and take advantage of an evening out!
- **Parents of school age children, including kindergartners, are expected to attend the Wednesday Afterschool Café Preview and Open House on Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 pm.** While you enjoy the dinner we provide, you will learn about this vital part of our afterschool program—logistics such as transportation from schools, the schedule the children will follow, as well as your role and responsibilities as parents of children in this amazing program. WACKy Wednesdays are an absolute highlight of our SAPC/NLC programming!

THANK YOU to Terry's Body Shop of Purcellville

for repainting one of our NLC buses that was

badly in need of a facelift!

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Family Fishing Outing

September 23rd 10am-1pm

The St Andrew Men's Group invites **you!**

As Jesus said to Peter and Andrew at the Sea of Galilee...follow me and I will make you fishers of men (Matthew 4:19).

The St. Andrew Men's Group is inviting all saying...come to the pond of Charles Trickey and we will make you fishers of Bass and Blue Gill!

Come enjoy some great family fun, fishing, and cooking out at Trickey pond. If you have fishing poles and gear, please bring them. If not, we'll have extras. For the fish we will provide bait; for the people we will have hot dogs,

hamburgers, chips, and drinks...We can pretty much guarantee everyone will be able to catch a fish!

Please sign up in the church entry or email us at st.andrewmensgroup@gmail.com letting us know you will be attending and the number of people you will bring. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

What to bring: Fishing pole/gear, chairs/blankets, sunscreen, bug spray

We will provide: Fishing poles, bait, & hooks; hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks; lots of fish for catch and release!

Questions? Call Chris Butkus: 571-212-6283

The Pastor's Epistle:

Sharing

The news report of a van of four children and their great grandparents swept away by Hurricane Harvey flood waters touched my wife and I too personally. That's because our son in Austin has four children. Their names are Charlotte (10), Finley (8), Ben (6), and Lucy (1). Finley was quite sick over the summer. We were actually relieved when the diagnosis came back that she had contracted West Nile Virus because there was speculation that it was something worse. So to hear of the loss of two grandparents trying to guide their family to safety amid the storm left us envisioning ourselves trying to do the same, every wit and bit of wisdom mustered to help these young ones have a future and to thrive.

At our last worship service, I asked the congregation to help with the relief efforts in Texas, Louisiana and other hard hit places. I told them that they could either write a check to our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program or just get out their phones. By texting PDA to the 20222 number on their phones, they could give \$10 in a flash. The Red Cross, Catholic Charities and other relief organizations are also great places to give.

One of the best things that we teach the children at the NLC is how to play well with one another, to respect each other and their teachers and to share. While we can only mimic home life in terms of love and care, the advantage that we have as a child care

center with lots of children is that we get to help them learn lessons of generosity and shared community.

Along those lines, I am always so grateful when the parents and grandparents find joy and cause with St. Andrew in being generous and sharing. I hope that you have been able to respond to the disaster that has come about because of Hurricane Harvey. Children do learn by the example of their parents. Some of the most generous and also successful people are those who have seen their parents giving of themselves. They have seen them giving their time at church or at the athletic field or at the library or school. They also learn to imitate their parents when they see them excited about helping out with a project or caring for folks in need.

Through fundraisers done through the NLC or because of appeals made for help for someone in need, I have the parents of the NLC stepping up to help. Keep up that good work! It not only blesses those who may be in trying situations, but it also becomes a strength of character that will lift up the coming generations.

I remain yours faithfully,



Pastor Dave Milam

Coming up at St. Andrew...

Weekly Worship: *Sundays 10am*

(Saturday worship services are put on hold during the summer)

NOTE: Child care is available for the littlest ones during worship. For children age preschool and up, Sunday School is provided during Sunday worship services—your child starts the service sitting with you, will leave for Sunday School and then will return to you before the service concludes. The first Sunday of every month is Family First Sunday, when children remain in the service and their joyful noises are welcomed!

September 9th—8am-noon—Church Work Day: Come spend quality time with your brothers and sisters using your talents to take care of our building and land. Projects include: painting, window cleaning, garden & yard work, replacement of lights, and plumbing/toilet repair. Breakfast provided!

September 10th—Back-to-Sunday School Breakfast & Blessing of the Backpacks: Join us at 8:45am for a breakfast to celebrate the start of fall Sunday School! Your child is invited to bring their backpack for a special blessing, too!

September 23rd—10am-1pm—Family Fishing Outing: See article on page 2.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Monthly Theme: Back to School | | | | | 1 Music & Movement | 2 |
| 3 Worship & Sunday School 10am | 4 NLC CLOSED for Labor Day | 5 | 6 | 7 Back-to-School Picnic 5:00-6:30pm | 8 Music & Movement | 9 |
| 10 Back to School Breakfast 8:45am Worship & Sunday School 10am | 11 | 12 Chapel | 13 | 14 | 15 Music & Movement | 16 Parents' Night Out 5:30-9:00pm |
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September 27th - WAC Preview & Dinner - ALL parents of Kindergartners and up are expected to attend. Details will be provided.