ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 12, 2020

"If you walk and talk with God, you will never miss the direction to your divine future.

Be bold and offer your heart to be led by God."

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Dream Big!: See Your Bigger Picture!

Welcome first time guests - **THANK YOU** for visiting St. Andrew United Methodist Church website. We hope that as you read through the bulletin and activities you will sense our love of Christ and each other.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to pray for comfort, healing, strength and peace for members and friends of our congregation

Church Family Activities

ST. ANDREW UMC AND THE WAY FORWARD

The Pastor and Administrative Board of St. Andrew UMC have assured our congregation that our priority is the health, vitality, and unity of St. Andrew and its ministries, and that we, as a local church, will not be compelled to take a direction that we do not choose for ourselves. No one is going to be asked to change their Biblical/Theological commitments and convictions. It is therefore essential that EVERYONE have the opportunity to voice their hopes and concerns around how to be in ministry with LGBTQ people. We are beginning to schedule small group conversations to be hosted by board members together with the Pastor. There is also an open invitation for people to address the pastor or board members, one-on-one, to share hopes and concerns. Soon you will be contacted by a board member with an opportunity to attend one of these sessions. If a congregation member is uncomfortable sharing their hopes and concerns in these ways they should contact a board member to discuss other arrangements.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES will be available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall lobby **through January.** If you don't have envelopes and would like an assigned number or if you do not see your assigned number please contact the church office.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE USHER NEEDED!

If you would like to be an usher please see or contact Shirley Stone through the church office

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY MEATBALL SUBS February 2, 2020

\$6.00 each Sign-Up in Fellowship Hall

UMM PANCAKE BREAKFAST February 8, 2020

\$6.00 Adult \$3.00 Child 8:00 to 11:00 am Fellowship Hall All proceeds go to our Scouting Programs.

ADULT MISSION TRIP TO NORTH CAROLINA 6/28 - 7/3

There will be a meeting on **Sunday February 9** between services in room 4/5 for anyone interested in joining the Adult Mission Team on their disaster recovery mission trip to NC. If you plan to join us please attend this planning meeting.

you have questions contact Sam Jones through the church office

Missions

JANUARY MISSION PRAYER This month the theme for our mission prayer is peace. Pray for peace in our homes and families; in our communities, towns, and cities; in our country; and, in the world. We pray for peace among all the nations and peoples of the world. As an aid, printed below is a version of what is known as the Peace Prayer:

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life."

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT: 2020 MONTHLY GUIDE Each month during the first part of this year, Missions will include in the bulletin announcements a guide for you to begin to personally collect and hold shoebox items throughout the year. Savvy shoppers know that they can impact more children around the world for eternity by looking for shoebox items throughout the year. For the month of January, consider looking for clothing items, like small dresses, T-shirts, socks, shoes, etc. We hope you will also pray for the children who will receive your 2020 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! For additional information about our Operation Christmas Child project, please reach out to Missions Coordinator, Lucy DeBarge, through the church office. Thank you and God bless you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Thank you for your ongoing support of our St. Andrew Food Pantry! Below is the list of nonperishable food items needed to keep our pantry well stocked. Donations of food may be dropped off at the Food Pantry located next to Memorial Hall Kitchen or they may be placed in the receptacle in Fellowship Hall Lobby. Financial donations may be given at any time; special offering envelopes are located at the Missions Table in Fellowship Hall Lobby.

Juice; Cans of Soup; Chili; Beef Stew; Canned Vegetables; Canned Fruit; Parmalat Milk (shelf-stable boxed milk); Cereal; Oatmeal; Pancake Mix (complete); Syrup; Ravioli; Peanut Butter; Jelly or Jam; Pork and Beans; Tuna in cans; Pasta; Spaghetti Sauce; Rice (2 lb. bags); Potatoes (mashed or other boxed mixes); Saltine Crackers. Also helpful are coffee, tea bags, cookies, shelf-stable puddings, etc.

We also include hygiene items and household cleaning items with the food sets for our Food Pantry clients. This is a great help and a blessing to those who receive them. As you are able, please drop off to our pantry: Full-Size Hygiene Items (such as bars of soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, etc.) and Household Cleaning Items (such as Pine Sol, bathroom cleaners, etc.). For this type of distribution, we prefer the regular size, not the small hotel size or trial size items. Products from the Dollar Tree are perfectly acceptable! THANK YOU for your kindness and generosity!

SPECIAL FOOD PANTRY "THANK YOU" We're taking this opportunity to say a special and grateful "Thank You" to everyone who participated in the Christmas VBS Program and donated canned food items to our St. Andrew Food Pantry! Your thoughtfulness and generosity is truly appreciated! God bless you!

Women of St. Andrew

<u>PLEASE SAVE-THE-DATE</u>: St. Andrew Women's One-Day Retreat, *Rest for Your Soul* will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9am to 3:00pm**. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for more information in the next few weeks.

<u>BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS</u> The United Methodist Women extend warm wishes for a very Happy Birthday and a year filled with God's blessings Jean Good (1/18), Katie Keller (1/18).

<u>CIRCLE OF JOY AND GRACE MEETING</u> Our next Circle of Joy and Grace Meeting is scheduled for today **Sunday January 12, 2020 at 12:30PM at St. Andrew in Memorial Hall.** Bring snacks to share for our New Year celebration! Our Circle of Joy and Grace Meetings are open to all women who would like to join us. For information, please reach out to Lucy DeBarge through the church office.

UMW READING PROGRAM: All books for the 2019 reading program need to be finished by February 1. Lists of titles of books read with category and year that it was purchased as part of the program should be turned in by February 15. Your choices for purchase for the 2020 reading program also need to be turned in as soon as possible so that we can purchase the new books for this year. Books for the 2020 UMW Reading Program are those from 2016 to 2020. Thank you to all the readers who participated in this year's reading program. All women of St. Andrew are invited to take part in the UMW program in 2020. The program is meant to deepen faith and to widen understanding of the impact of Christians on our world today and in the past. Questions? Please contact Arlene Green through the church office. (This program is separate from St. Andrew Book Club.)

Adult Studies

CHRISTIAN COFFEES

Our Christian Coffees Bible Study group meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Shared Ministry Office on the upper level near the Sanctuary. At this time, we are continuing our verse by verse study of the Letter to the Hebrews. For additional information, please contact Lucy DeBarge through the church office

Weekly Servers

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP USHERS (SANCTUARY)

Jan. 19 Team #6

Jan. 26 Team #1

Feb. 2 Team #2

Feb. 9 Team #3

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP LEADERS (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Jan. 19 Michael Mazer

Jan. 26 Pat Lewis

Feb. 2 Scott Susich

Feb. 9 Jan Phillips

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP LEADERS (SANCTUARY)

Jan. 19 Linda Phander

Jan. 26 Vita Hansen

Feb. 2 Barrington Gooden

Feb. 9 Barbara Delman

9:30am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

Jan. 19 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

Jan. 26 Bill Koch, David Schwartz

Feb. 2 Bill Koch, Jan Phillips

Feb. 9 Bill Koch, David Schwartz

11:00am SOUNDROOM SCHEDULE (SANCTUARY) Jan. 19 Valerie Earp, D. VanDeventer

Jan. 26 Bob DeBarge, Joe Herflicker Feb. 2 Valerie Earp, Keila Earp Feb. 9 Bill Koch, David Schwartz

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Weekly Calendar	9:30AM	Contemporary Worship (Fellowship Hall); SOAR Christian
		Education Pre K - 5th grade; Adult Bible Study: Christian
Sun., Jan. 12	40.00	Coffees (Shared Ministry Office); The Wired Word (rm. 9)
	10:30AM	Coffee Hour
	11:00AM	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary) RISE! Christian Education
		Pre K - 5th grade.
	12:00PM	Coffee Hour
	12:30-2PM	Circle of Joy & Grace (Memorial Hall)
	7:00-8PM	The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life
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Mon., Jan. 13	9:00-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
	5:45PM	Son-Shine Bell Rehearsal
	6:45PM	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00-8:30PM	Troop 36 (Fellowship Hall)
Tues., Jan. 14	9:00-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00-12:00PM	Women's Bible Study (rm. 4)
	1:30PM	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
	5:00PM	Thrive Chorus; elementary-school age music ministry (Choir Room)
	5:30PM	Thrive; elementary-school aged youth group (Fellowship
	5.30PM	Hall)
	7:00PM	Council on Ministries Meeting
	8:00PM	Administrative Board Meeting
Wed., Jan. 15	9:00-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
wed., Jan. 15	10:00-12PM	Knit Wits (rm. 6)
	10:00-12PM 10:00-4PM	Shared Ministry Office Reserved
	11:00-12PM	The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life
	11.00-12FM	with Pastor Erik (rm. 4, 5)
	5:30-7:30PM	MYF & YES Club (Fellowship Hall, rm. 4-5)
	7:45-8:45PM	The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life
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Thurs., Jan. 16	9:00-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
Fri., Jan. 17	9:00-1:00PM	Senior Nutrition Site (Fellowship Hall)
Sat., Jan. 18	9:30AM	Book Club (Memorial Hall)
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