

GRACE AND PEACE TO THE SAINTS OF ST. ANDREW!

WORDS FROM PASTOR JOHN

What an amazing Advent and Christmas season we've just journeyed through. It has been a joy and blessing to walk with you. Just a few of the highlights included: Timothy Noble, a 17 year old pianist and singer, sponsored by the UMW and Hillside Chapel; Breath of Heaven, a beautifully crafted Christmas Musical Cantata; and No Promises, the men's a cappella ensemble who brought exhilarating vocals to our Advent journey.

And now as we enter into the New Year, we look forward to the hope, the possibilities, and the excitement of things to come. I'm looking forward to this next year, for with it comes a world of potential. Some people have a tradition of making New Year's resolutions. In doing so people are thinking about goals that they can set to improve either their own lives or the lives of people around them. One thing we know is that people who explicitly make resolutions (or set goals) are much more likely (experts tell us 10 times more likely) to reach them than people who do not.

What are your plans for 2017? God's Word tells us in 2 Corinthians 5:17, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."* Ours is an ongoing experience of transformation, of becoming what and who God wants us to be. For many, it won't be a sweeping change, but rather a slight course correction. For some, however, it may be a radical shift in the journey. The Good News is that God is with us in ALL circumstances. May we all prayerfully consider the areas that we need to work on in this new year, and maybe make a resolution or two.

As a church, we set three goals for the 2016 – 2017 ministry year. I guess we could think of them as resolutions as well. These three priorities were identified from the rich and diverse ideas shared at the individual Cottage Meetings: 1. Youth Ministry 2. Young Adult & Family Ministries and 3. Caring for Our Membership.

In August, we welcomed Mr. Ryan Lageman to the staff of St. Andrew as our Director of Youth Ministries. The youth have been active and engaged in fellowship, and mission.

In September we launched, "The Well," which includes a fellowship meal and life groups. We just concluded our fall and Advent terms, and have experienced growth and blessings beyond anything we could have anticipated. The average attendance at the fellowship meal is 64, with people attending from not only St. Andrew but from other churches and the community as well. Our life groups have blossomed with 18 different group options over both terms, including Saturdays and Sunday evenings.

In the fall we also started several new and creative outreach and fellowship opportunities. With Back to School we welcomed 150 students and their families from Fairbrook to a delicious dinner and fellowship time. The Tuesday Men's Prayer Breakfast makes for an early morning at 6:30, but the devotion and fellowship is priceless. We developed one of our new rooms into The St. Andrew Theater. This has provided us with a new space where we can host multiple fellowship opportunities.

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The people of St. Andrew have been called by God to embrace, equip and encourage persons of all ages to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. e³

Happy January Birthday!

Edie Keast	1/01
Jennifer Tucker	1/03
Jim VerStreate	1/04
Ivy Spray	1/10
Aaron Cheney	1/11
Ben Fenning	1/11
Dale Mateer	1/12
Nick Dhrkop	1/25
Stephen Moad	1/25
Jeannie Duncan	1/29
Marc Caudill	1/29
Eric Schwartz	1/29
Bob Steele	1/29
Bob Gray	1/30

Chapel Improvements – More good news of great joy! In December, the final number of new chairs arrived for the Chapel. All the chairs have been replaced with new arm chairs thanks to a special gift from a member. As we near the end of the year we are aware that we as a church are facing a shortfall in order to meet all of our year-end obligations. We wanted to make sure you knew that funds to pay for the chairs did not come from any general church funds. Our thanks to those who made this gift to the church.

Please note: If the church is closed due to inclement weather, the building will remain closed all day and all evening.

Be sure to check your local TV stations or call the church office for information.



Sermon Topics and Scriptures

January 1, 2017
 “Let’s Keep Herod In Christmas”
Matthew 2:13-23

January 8, 2017
 Guest Pastor
 Rev. Katie Wilson

January 15, 2017
 Guest Pastor
 Rev. Wendy Lybarger

January 22, 2017
 “On The Other Hand...”
Isaiah 9:1-4

January 29, 2017
 “From Great To Good”
Micah 6:1-8

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9:00am-3:00pm Monday—Thursday

9:00am-Noon Friday

Sunday Worship Times

8:15am, 9:30am & 11:00am

9:30am Sunday School

Child Care at Sunday Services

*St. Andrew UMC is a
 Safe Sanctuary Congregation*

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 Congregation - Ministers of St. Andrew

Looking Ahead

JANUARY 2017

- ~ **Sunday, 1**
Epiphany Sunday
Combined Service
- ~ **Monday, 2**
Office Closed
- ~ **Monday, 16**
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Office Closed
- ~ **Thursday, 19**
Luncheon, a Prayer and Matinee
“The Parent Trap”
- ~ **Sunday, 22**
Footprint Deadline



~ **Wednesday, 25**

The Well on Wednesday
 Chili Cook Off

~ **Thursday, 26**

Footprint Folders

FEBRUARY 2017

- ~ **Saturday, 11**
Bistro Dinner
- ~ **Sunday, 12**
Scout Sunday
- ~ **Thursday, 16**
Luncheon, a Prayer and Matinee
- ~ **Saturday, 18**
Boy Scouts Game Night
- ~ **Sunday, 19**
Footprints Deadline
- ~ **Thursday, 23**
Footprints Folders

Please pray for these people who have been in the hospital, ill, and/or recuperating, or who are simply in need of our prayers and support. Thank you.

Sean McCallum

PM Schlicher

Julie and Stan Erk

Jack Darst

Kara Sandberg

Vera Kercher

Morris Miller

Chuck Lauersdorf

Marilyn Hackett

Ilene Shultz

Jan Garrett

Edie Keast

Diane Hutton

Andrew Fox

Charles Thomas

Alex Reed, grandson, Art & Kathy Bauer



The St. Andrew prayer chain is always available to pray for you. Prayer requests can be made at the Atrium prayer box, or by contacting the church office via phone (937-426-6491) or email: standrewumc@ameritech.net. Every week, a group of people pray for the needs of our members, our church, our community, our country and world. - remember "...where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them..." - Matthew 18:20

Continued...words from Pastor John

There's much work yet to be done, and we need you. The population of Beavercreek exceeds 46,000. Gallup polls show an average of 40% of the population attending worship on any given Sunday. That means that right here in Beavercreek, there are approximately 27,600 people without a church home. I am reminded of what Jesus said to his disciples in Matthew 9:35-38: "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" We, the people of St. Andrew have a firm foundation. It is without question that St. Andrew is poised to grow, and grow dramatically. I believe with a renewed sense of purpose and passion that our desire to grow is not about church survival or simply adding to our numbers. It's all about inviting people to know Jesus. So let's join together and double down in our efforts and faithfulness. My prayer for you, and for us together as a church, is that we be unleashed in every way possible to become all that God wants us to be in 2017!

May God bless you and your family,
Pastor John

Your gracious and loving support throughout the year is always appreciated, and we are all also very grateful for your amazingly generous staff gifts. Thank you most sincerely!

Each of us wish each of you a very Happy New Year filled with love, laughter, joy, peace and all of God's richest blessings!

Your St. Andrew UMC staff,

Pastor John

Debbie

Laura

Ed

Cameron

Ryan

Adam

Kaitlin



**The St. Andrew Theater Presents: Luncheon, Prayer & Matinee
Hosted by Pastor John, Debbie Caudill & Laura Smith**

***The Parent Trap* Thursday, January 19, 2017**

A Light Lunch at 11:00 Movie Begins at 11:30

Make your reservations by calling or e-mailing the church office.

See you at the movies!



National Rebuilding Day

Jerry Sedlacek

Mark **Saturday, April 29** on your calendar for the national Rebuilding Day at the Wesley Center. Last year there were over 700 volunteers working on projects in neighborhood homes and throughout the area served by Wesley. This year St. Andrew hopes to provide volunteers to prepare sack lunches for all volunteers and to work on a project for one of the neighborhood homes. More details will be provided in the February Footprints.

STARS JANUARY "Movie Day"

at St. Andrew

"Wish for Christmas"

11:30 a.m.



Light lunch from Subway. \$3 pp

Sign-up Sheet posted. **PLEASE SIGN UP**

*Contact Carolyn Ach
for more information.*

Yoga at St. Andrew UMC

Have you made a resolution to live healthier in 2017? Then this announcement may fit right in your plan! We are continuing to offer Yoga classes at St. Andrew UMC in the new year with instructor Cindy Brinson. Many church and community members enjoyed and benefited from our fall yoga sessions, so it is by popular demand that these sessions will continue. The next 6-week sessions will begin on Saturday, January 7, 2017 in the Conference Room. Cost for the 6-week session is \$42 or you may 'drop in' to any session for \$10.

Here are the details for the upcoming classes:

Dates: Saturdays, January 7th, 14th, 28th, and February 4th, 11th, 25th

(Please note there will be no class on Saturday, January 21st or February 18th)

Times: **Basic Yoga –9:00-10:00 am**

This class is a combination of flow and static poses. All poses can be modified for individual needs, and it is appropriate for all levels of practice. This class is good for gaining and maintaining strength and balance. Specific attention is given for proper alignment of each pose at this level. Please bring a yoga mat with you for this class.

Chair Yoga—10:15-11:15 am

This class is specifically designed for those who have difficulty getting up and down from the floor. All poses can be modified for individual needs. We will focus on breathing, stretching and strength poses from a seated position in a chair. It is also a good class for learning how to do some yoga for stress relief in the office or at work.



These classes are open to community members so feel free to spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors. If you have any questions about these classes, call Donna Shoup at 426-3949.

St. Andrew UMC Winter 2017 Life Groups

We have been given the greatest gift at Christmas time. Let us continue to honor that gift by our study of Scripture, fellowship and prayer. Check out these exciting opportunities for the winter session at St. A. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Debbie Caudill in the church office: 426-6491 or dsfcaudill@gmail.com

A Woman Who Doesn't Quit: 5 Habits From the Book of Ruth by Nicki Koziarz

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Room 102, Facilitated by Tammy Baxter

"Perseverance is one of the greatest skills but also the hardest lessons we will learn in our lifetime. We are living in a day where we are encouraged to do life based on how we feel. But the problem is most days we don't feel like doing much of anything hard.

Then there is Ruth. She is much more than a Bible story and through her life we uncover five life-giving habits that help us to persevere when things get hard, complicated, and messy. But these habits do more than just motivate, they help us to fight when resistance arises. They teach us to pursue discipline and the desire to determine our daily direction. These habits show how success is not achieved by pursuing temporary desires. The direction of our lives needs to be far less about to-do lists and accomplishments. And instead focus on becoming the people God can count on."

FaithLink

Connect faith to current news events, issues in culture and issues in the church. Curriculum is timely, intriguing, and challenging. Add your voice to the discussion! **Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Room 105**

Barefoot: A Story of Surrendering to God by Sharon Garlough Brown

Sundays, 6:30 PM, Room 102 Contact Donna Shoup with any questions - donnashoup@gmail.com

"The spiritual journey takes unexpected turns for the women in this book; a poignant story that reveals the joy that comes from laying our lives at the feet of God and standing barefoot on holy ground."

Unanswered: Lasting Truth for Trending Questions by Jeremiah J. Johnston

Sundays, 9:30 AM, Room 105 Questions? Contact Marcy Lauersdorf 938-7410

We live in a radically skeptical age. Tough questions are being asked about Christianity. And most believers are ill-equipped to provide the answers our culture and communities desperately need. This study will show you how to answer, how to explain, and how to respond as a thoughtful ambassador of Jesus.

Finding God in Film

Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Theater Room and Room 116

Facilitated by Pastor John

View films and discuss how they connect to our faith. Films will be shown one week, with discussion held the following week. (Anyone is invited to view the film without participating in the discussion. Please let Pastor John or the office know in advance if you choose to do so.)

January 4th: In a city of anthropomorphic animals, a rookie bunny cop and a cynical con artist fox must work together to uncover a conspiracy in **Zootopia!**

January 18th: **Florence Foster Jenkins**, an heiress from NYC always wanted to be a concert pianist and play Carnegie Hall. An injury in her youth deterred that dream. So she sets out to sing her way to Carnegie Hall knowing the only way to get there would be "Practice Practice Practice". Her husband supports her venture and the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins playing Carnegie Hall becomes a truly historic event.

February 1st: On Thursday, January 15th, 2009, the world witnessed the, "Miracle on the Hudson," when Captain Chesley Sullenberger, nicknamed "**Sully**", glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career.

JANUARY 2017 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Epiphany Sunday Communion NEW YEARS DAY 10:30 Combined Worship	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 6:00 Oak Tree Corner ^{FH, EDU}	4 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	5 7:00 Ascent Practice	6 2:00 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 8:00 NA ^{FH}	7 9:00 Basic Yoga 10:15 Chair Yoga
8 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Wor- ship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 6:30 Women's Bible Study	9 5:30 Lions Club ^{CR} 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH} 7:00 Worship Team ^{CR}	10 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 7:00 Scouts ¹¹⁶	11 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	12 7:00 Ascent Practice	13 2:00 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 8:00 NA ^{FH}	14 9:00 Basic Yoga 10:15 Chair Yoga 10-12 Scouts ^{FH}
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22 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Wor- ship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 6:30 Women's Bible Study	23 6:00 Lions Club ¹⁰² 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH 116}	24 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 7:00 Trustee ^{CR}	25 10:00 Koinonia Circle ¹⁰⁵ 5:30 Dinner Chili Cook Off! 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	26 10:00 FP Folders 7:00 Lydia Circle ¹⁰⁵ 7:00 Naomi Circle ^{OS} 7:00 Ascent Practice	27 2:00 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 8:00 NA ^{FH}	28 9:00 Basic Yoga 10:15 Chair Yoga
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The memorial team will accept orders for **memorial bricks** through **Jan. 8th, 2017**. These bricks are then placed in our memorial garden in the back yard to honor loved ones or for a special commemoration. We received a price increase from the supplier so the 4"x 8" bricks are now \$30. The 8" x 8" are still \$50. The price of engraving is included.



Order forms which are in the office can be given to Karen Spencer, Laura Smith or placed in the offering plate with a designated check.

Wesley Food Collection / Martha's Closet

Jerry Sedlacek

The new year doesn't change the need for food for those still struggling in today's economy. We'll resume collecting food in January for the Wesley Center to serve those in need. The red wagon will be placed in the Atrium on Sunday, 1/1, as a reminder of our food collection on **Sunday, 1/8**. Please support this St. Andrew outreach program by bringing food items that you can spare with emphasis on the lists below:

Food Items

Canned goods (meat, fruit, vegetables, & soup)
Cereal
Cooking oil
Crackers
Flour
Fresh fruit and vegetables
Jelly
Noodles
Peanut butter
Pork & beans
Spaghetti
Spaghetti sauce

Additional Items (items that food stamps can't buy)

Bathroom tissue
Bleach (30 oz.)
Dish washing liquid
Disposable diapers
Face soap
Deodorant
Laundry detergent (30 oz.)
Paper towels
Toothpaste & brushes

Wesley also has refrigeration for chicken, fresh meat, and eggs and a freezer for frozen items.

The Well Turns Up The Heat January 25th Special Edition of the Fellowship Meal

Don't let the cold, gray days of January get you down. Plan to participate in the **St. Andrew Chase the Winter Blues Away Chili Cook Off!** The judging and the eating will take place in the Fellowship Hall at **The Well on Wednesday on January 25th, at 5:30 PM.**

If you would like to enter your famous, flavorful chili, please contact Laura or Debbie in the church office at 426-6491. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Overall (Grand Prize), Best Vegetarian, Most Creative, Most Elusive Secret Ingredient, Best Chili Name and for the Spiciest.

An additional pot of soup will be provided for non-chili eaters.

There will also be cornbread, drinks and desserts available.

Don't miss out on the fun! Ole'!





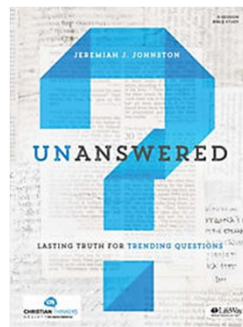
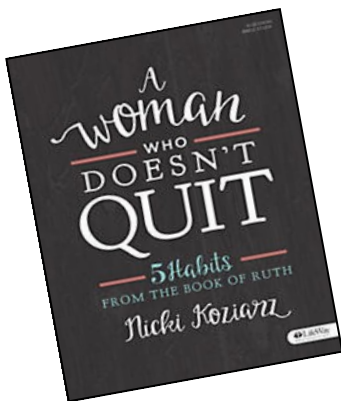
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St. Andrew UMC Winter 2017 Life Groups



Please see pages 4 and 5 for details on each of our Life Groups.