

October 2017

THE VOICE

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Dear Church,

Well, it's officially fall and we are back in the swing of things at St. Andrew UMC. Sunday School is back! Adult classes are back! The choir is back! P.A.D.S. is back!

It's nice to have this rhythm back. In my house it feels reassuring that the cycle of classes and scouting and music lessons and choir has stabilized the hectic freedom of summer. We are so used to school being the foundation of our day. Our rock, upon which the rest of the day is built.

Pastor Kris Marshall of First UMC Reno said "When Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter in the sixteenth chapter of Matthew, we often think the word *petra* means solid rock... like a foundation. Truly, it means something closer to rocky: gravelly, pebbly, and a little unstable."

I must say, that is a welcome word. We read about Peter's successes but also his human limitations. He is a giant of the faith, yet he gets it wrong plenty of times in the Gospels. How many of us have it all together? How many of us could live up to the wild expectations the world sets up for us? And still, Jesus says to Peter, "on this rocky soil I will build my church."

Friends, you don't need to have it all figured out to be the church. God works on rocky soil. We hope you are willing to use the gifts you possess, prayer, friendship, honesty, to build up St. Andrew Church.

This is a season when we recommit to learning, serving, growing, and giving: discipleship. As I remind our confirmation class, United Methodism isn't a set of beliefs but a movement of people guided by Scripture, Reason, Tradition, and Experience. With that kind of community, we are going to see things differently and disagree. By participating in this kind of fellowship we will grow on the inside and change the world around us.

So, rocky-soil people, if you are stubborn about change, if your life is messy and you're willing to let God work in your life... you are welcome here.

Deep Blessings,

Pastor Biel





UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 1	Confirmation Class Begins	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	<i>The Call</i> Small Group Study Begins, Brookdale (6 wks)	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Adult English Class Begins, Tues. and Thurs. (6 wks)	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	<i>The Call</i> Thursday Small Group Study Begins, St. Andrew	3:00 p.m.
Oct. 6	<i>The Call</i> Friday Small Group Study Begins, St. Andrew	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 7, 14	Chgo Southern District Lay Academy, Faith UMC, Dolton	9:00 a.m.
Oct. 22	St. Andrew Church Conference	After Worship



All-Church Study

The October Sermon Series and All-Church Study is based on "The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul." Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

Pastor Biel is leading a group at Brookdale in Olympia Fields on Mondays at 3:00 p.m. Kay is leading a Thursday afternoon group at the church at 3:00 p.m., beginning this Thursday, October 5, and Anne will lead a Friday evening group at the church at 7:00 p.m., beginning this Friday, October 6.

Confirmation Class

Our Confirmation Class has a new time and a new study guide. We are meeting Sunday evenings at 4:00 p.m. upstairs in the youth room. All youth in 6th grade and up are welcome.

Church Conference

Our Annual St. Andrew Church Conference will be held on Sunday, October 22 after worship, so mark your calendar. This is the annual congregational meeting where important decisions are made. This meeting is for **everyone**.

Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday is October 15. The clergy gets to sit in the audience; the laity plans the service and performs all aspects of worship. The theme this year is: "Therefore, GO! with Hope, through Hospitality." Let Jessie know what role you would like to have in the service. We will divide up the role of Liturgist in order to have more participants: someone to read the Call to Worship, the Confession, the Children's Sermon, the Scriptures, the Benediction. Jessie is hoping for a special choir, so if you want to sing, let her know that also. If you have special reflections or a personal testimony you want to share, or if you'd like to sing a solo for one of the hymns, let her know. Jessie will deliver the main sermon, but there will be opportunity for others to speak, also. She would like to have this finalized in the next week, no later than October 9. If you have questions or any input you want to make, please send it to Jessie's personal e-mail, JessieHCunningham@gmail.com, or call her at 708-798-1274 (home) or 708-370-1274 (cell).

CSD Lay Academy—Fall 2017

The Chicago Southern District Lay Academy will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, October 7 and 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It will be held at Faith United Methodist Church, 15015 Grant Street, Dolton. Participants must attend both sessions to receive Lay Servant credit for completing the course.

Classes include:

Basic Course: Lay Servant Ministries
United Methodist Heritage: Living our Faith
A Mission Journey
Afire with God
Bible Study: Book of Exodus

Registration is \$20. You can either pay at the door or send a check with your registration to Debbie Rogers at 77 W. Washington St., Suite 1820 Chicago, IL 60602
Make your check payable to: Chicago Southern District Lay Servant Academy.

You can also email your registration to drogers@umcnic.org or fax it to 312-346-9730.

If you have registration questions, contact Debbie Rogers at 312-346-9766, ext. 732. Lay Academy questions should be directed to Dr. Irma Clark, Director (irmklarc@aol.com; 773-239-0704) or Rose Faulkner, Dean (rosefaulkner@sbcglobal.net; 773-288-5433).

Thank you

To everyone who helped make our salad luncheon and style show a big success last May, thank you! Without the help from our congregation in making salads, modeling, selling tickets and/or helping in other ways, we could not hold this fundraiser. We made \$500.00 above our UMW District Pledge to missions. So the United Methodist Women were able to give \$500.00 to St. Andrew as a thank you.

Save the Date: December 4— Christmas Program with James Hart Choir

Our special Christmas program, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, will be held on Monday, December 4. After a fellowship/refreshment time (10:15 to 10:50), we'll go to the sanctuary for a concert by the James Hart Junior High Choir. The choir presentation will be followed by a Christmas story and a couple of carols sung by the congregation. The general public is being invited to this Christmas program.



Munch and Help

Monday, November 13, at 6:30 pm.

Come and help make lap blankets for veterans in the home in Manteno. Absolutely NO sewing required. Just cutting fringe and/or tying simple knots is required, so everyone can participate. Please bring sharp scissors that can cut fabric, if you have any. Your help is definitely needed; everyone is welcome. A soup supper, with a vegan option, will be served. Please let us know that you are coming so we know how much food to prepare. A signup sheet is in the narthex. Or you can call Karen in the church office at [\(708\) 798-8904](tel:7087988904) or send an email to Carolyn at stellasillydog@yahoo.com. There will be a freewill offering for expenses, with all extra donations going toward purchasing small items for the veterans in the home.

Signup Sheets

Please notice the signup sheets on the counter in front of the office and sign up. You can sign up to 1) be a liturgist, 2) bring snacks for coffee/fellowship time, 3) be a helper for the Sunday School class, 4) be a greeter, or 5) be a helper in the nursery.

Child Care Volunteers Needed

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is looking for volunteers to help with child care during the morning service. Volunteers would work with trained, paid child care workers about once a month. You would need to arrive at least 10 minutes before the beginning of the service. Most Sundays child care is not needed, so you would be able to attend most of the service.

Volunteers are needed because we need to reduce the cost of child care at this time. If you think you might be interested, add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact a SPRC member for more information.

Prayer Bookmark

If you have a prayer request which you would like to have added to the prayer bookmark, please let us know. You can write your request on the back of your attendance sheet, email standrewspeaks@gmail.com, or call the church office at 798-8904.

Spiritual Formation

Drawing Closer to God

Saturday, November 4, 2017

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Barrington United Methodist Church
98 Algonquin Road, Barrington

Drawing Closer to God, an annual event sponsored by the Spiritual Formation Committee of the Northern Illinois Conference will be held this Fall. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

The day includes worship, a keynote address, and two workshop sessions. Lunch is included. There are opportunities for conversations with other people, quiet time, and labyrinth walking.

Our keynote speaker this year will be **Rev. Dr. Regina Davis-Bridges**. Her presentation is “**Spiritual Pathways: Drawing Closer to God Using our Own Unique Paths.**” She will also offer a workshop “Prayer and Personality Type: Creating Your own Individualized Plan for Spiritual Growth.”

Other workshops are Praying in Color, Labyrinth Walking, Spiritual Journaling, and Biblical Storytelling as a Spiritual Practice.

Register online at **umcnic.org/**
SpiritForm2017 Or complete the registration form and mail with payment to NIC at the address below. Please indicate “Drawing Closer to God” in the memo line.

Sara Rosellini
Registrar, Spiritual Formation Committee
5140 Chambers Drive
Barrington, IL 60010

For more information, please contact Sara Rosellini at (847) 997-6704.

Interfaith Panel Discussion

“Care of the Earth: An Interfaith Celebration”

Sunday, October 8, 2:00-4:30 p.m., at St. Francis Woods Motherhouse Auditorium, 9201 W. St. Francis Rd., Frankfort, upstairs in the youth room. The cost is \$20.00; food will be served.



Kindling the Faith— Engaging the World



Do you long to be with others who share a desire to deepen one’s relationship with God through teaching, prayer, daily Communion, and covenantal fellowship?

The Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation meets again this fall, between October 29 and November 3, at the Siena Retreat Center, 5637 Erie Street, Racine, Wisconsin.

The Academy, designed for both “head” and “heart,” is for clergy and laity. It is a place where Christian faith is challenged in the context of a shared experience led by faculty presenters who invite participants to reflect on your own spiritual journey and how God is at work in your life.

The presenters this year are Sister Mary Margaret Pazdan, OP, PhD, and Rev. David Brownlee. Registration, which includes room and board, is \$525. For more information, contact Linda Vance at lindaandmel@charter.net or 608-630-9485.

The Academy for Spiritual Formation is a program of the Upper Room sponsored by the Wisconsin Annual Conference, Foundation, and Spiritual Formation Resource Team.

PADS



Our St. Andrew PADS Site opens for women and their children this Wednesday, October 4. Our roster is almost filled, thanks to many returning and a couple of new volunteers. But we still have a couple of blank spots on our list. We particularly need a man or woman for the 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. shift on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We also need a woman to help on the 5:00 a.m. "breakfast and cleanup" shift on fourth Wednesdays. Each volunteer works just one Wednesday a month (with a couple of exceptions) for seven months (October through April). Call Lucy to volunteer.

Coupon Books

Golden Opportunity Coupon books are now on sale for \$25.00. St. Andrew United Methodist Women get \$7.00 for each book sold, so your purchase helps women and children locally and worldwide. Take a look at a book on the hospitality table after worship to see how much you can save by using just a few of the coupons. There are Northwest Indiana books available as well as books for our south suburbs.

UMCOR

If you wish to contribute to our United Methodist Church UMCOR Emergency Relief Fund because of the hurricanes, simply include the gift with your offering and designate that amount as "UMCOR." Everything you donate to UMCOR goes directly to their work in the affected areas, not to administrative costs.

We have already collected \$723.00 for UMCOR. We also sent \$100.00 to Midwest Distribution Center for flood buckets. Thank you, St. Andrew! And if you haven't donated yet, it is not too late—we will forward all donations as we get them.

Respond Now

Instead of food this month, we are asking you to bring disposable diapers because Respond Now is desperately in need of diapers for its clients. Most donations are of the smaller sizes, so let's bring the larger sizes (sizes 4, 5, and 6). Bring them whenever you can and place them in the shopping cart near the front door. We'll get them over to Respond Now.



Caring Crafters



Crocheters and knitters are welcome, and so are other crafters. We'd love to have you come and share your projects and ideas with the group. We are making prayer shawls as well as other handcrafted items. Caring Crafters meets in the narthex on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga Classes



A gentle form of yoga in which students do not get onto the floor is offered at St. Andrew on Monday and Wednesday afternoons at 2:30. The class is taught by Jeffrey Lippert, certified instructor. It is free for Silver Sneakers members and available at a nominal fee to others.

TOPS



TOPS invites you to check out the local chapter that meets here in the Wesley Room every Thursday morning, 9:30—11:00.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 World Communion Sunday 10:30 am-Worship Holy Communion Respond Now 4:00 pm-Confirmation	2 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , Brookdale 3:15 pm-Chair Yoga, FH 7:00 pm-Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 pm-Scouts	3 6:00 pm-Adult English	4 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, H Panera 3:00 pm-Worship Committee 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 3:15 pm-Yoga, FH	5 9:30 am-TOPS 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , St. Andrew 6:00 pm-Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells 7:30 pm-Choir	6 7:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , St. Andrew	7 9:00 am-CSD Lay Academy, Faith UMC, Dolton
8 9:00 a.m.-UMW Mission Team 10:00 am-Choir 10:30 am-Worship Sunday School 4:00 pm-Confirmation	9 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , Brookdale 3:15 pm-Chair Yoga, FH 7:00 pm-Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 pm-Scouts	10 6:00 pm-Adult English	11 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 3:15 pm-Chair Yoga, FH	12 9:30 am-TOPS 2:00 pm-Finance 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , St. Andrew 6:00 pm-Cub Scouts 6:30 pm-Bells 7:30 pm-Choir	13 7:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , St. Andrew	14 9:00 am-CSD Lay Academy, Faith UMC, Dolton
15 Laity Sunday 10:00 am-Choir 10:30 am-Worship Loose Change Sunday School Boy Scout Popcorn 4:00 pm-Confirmation	16 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , Brookdale 3:15 pm-Chair Yoga, FH 7:00 pm-Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 pm-Scouts	17 1:30 pm-DebEst Circle 6:00 pm-Adult English 7:00 pm-Church Council	18 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, H Panera 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 3:15 pm-Chair Yoga, FH	19 9:30 am-TOPS 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , St. Andrew 6:30 pm-Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , St. Andrew	21 10:00 am-Book Club 4:00 p.m.-PRHeSS Banquet & Silent Auction
22 10:00 am-Choir 10:30 am-Worship Sunday School After Worship-Church Conference 4:00 pm-Confirm.	23 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , Brookdale 3:15 pm-Yoga, FH 7:00 pm-Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 pm-Scouts	24 6:00 pm-Adult English 7:00 pm-Trustees	25 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 3:15 pm-Chair Yoga, FH	26 9:30 am-TOPS 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , St. Andrew 6:30 pm-Bells 7:30 pm-Coir	27 7:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , St. Andrew	28
29 10:00 am-Choir 10:30 am-Worship Sunday School 4:00 pm-Confirmation 5-Day Academy Begins	30 10:00am-Missions 3:00 pm- <i>The Call</i> , Brookdale 3:15 pm-Yoga, FH 7:00 pm-Int'l Folk Dance 7:30 pm-Scouts	31 6:00 pm-Adult English	FH = Fellowship Hall LF = Lower Fellowship SC = South Classroom			



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Mission Statement

St. Andrew seeks to be

a community of faith

that is

Christ-centered

compassionate

and inclusive,

sharing gifts and resources

while spreading the gospel

and serving others

locally and globally

Worship with us at 10:30 am

Child care provided

Welcoming Statement

Jesus said, “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.” John 15:12

St Andrew UMC prayerfully strives to be a faith community of open hearts, open minds and open doors. We believe all people are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God’s creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. As God’s love extends to all, we therefore welcome everyone into participation and membership regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, socio-economic status, marital status, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, faith history, or life experience. We acknowledge that no two of us are alike, except in God’s love for us. We believe that our differences make us a stronger community of faith as we worship together and as we grow in our relationship with God and one another.

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

—Matthew 10:40



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