

September 2018



Introducing Our New Pastor...

Dr. Audrea Fumbanks Nanabray has been an ordained Pastor in the United Methodist Church since 1993.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree from Bradley University, a Master of Divinity from the Chicago Theological Seminary, a Master of Arts in Social Service Administration from the University of Chicago, and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from The Union Institute & University.

Audrea is married to Mr. Samuel Nanabray. They have five children.

Audrea looks forward to collaborative ministry with all of the member-ministers of St. Andrew as we forge a new path of Christian life and service together.

Words from the Pastor:



God is a God of the overflow. *When God blesses His children, He doesn't just give us enough; He gives us more than enough (Luke 6:38). The Canaanite woman knew that even if the blessing was reserved for the children, it would be too much for them to contain. Surely there would be some spillover. So she said, I don't need the whole loaf; I'll take the crumbs. You don't have to give a dog anything. If you just drop some crumbs, the dog will get it on its own. This is what faith does. God speaks. Our faith grabs God's Word and gets the blessing.*

Blessings,

Pastor Audrea


UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 9	Rally Day	
Sept. 15	Church Planning Retreat	11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	Adult English Classes Begin	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Speaker from <i>Justice for Our Neighbors</i>	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	St. Andrew 60th Anniversary Celebration Bishop Sally Dyck, keynote speaker	



Church Planning Retreat Sept. 15

Pastor Audrea is asking members and regular attenders to reserve Saturday, September 15, for a church planning retreat. We will meet from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Rally Day—September 9, 2018

It's time to get children's Sunday School launched for the fall session! Classes will be earlier to match our new church time. Church starts at 9:00 a.m. and children will leave with the teachers after "children's time" and any special food or bucket donation that will be done on that Sunday. "Family Sunday" will continue on the first Sunday of the month so the children can all participate in communion.

Bring a friend—let's get started with Fall fun and learning!

Prayer Bookmark

If you have a prayer request which you would like to have added to the monthly 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.

Charge Conference

This year's Church Charge Conference will be held on Friday, November 2. Staff Parish will meet at 7:30 p.m. and the conference will begin at 8:00 p.m.

60th Anniversary Worship Service & Celebration

St. Andrew will celebrate its 60th anniversary (1958—2018) on Sunday, September 30. Our Northern Illinois Conference Bishop, Sally Dyck, will preach during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Bishop Dyck's profile on the NIC website states that her primary focus continues to be helping churches increase their engagement with their communities and strengthen their capacity to fulfill the stated UMC purpose: "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church, all to the glory of God." Bishop Dyck presently serves as the President of the General Board of Church and Society for the United Methodist Church and also is a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches.

A brunch celebration will immediately follow the September 30 worship service. We ask all St. Andrew regular attendees and members to contribute a breakfast casserole, quiche, bread, or fruit item for the celebration. Please sign up for your contribution on September 2 or September 9 so that we have time to plan the brunch.

The entire church, as well as former members and pastors, are invited to celebrate St. Andrew's 60th anniversary on September 30! We look forward to seeing everyone that day!

Movie: *Before the Flood*

Our Missions and Social Concerns Committee joins with the Homewood Science Center to sponsor *Before the Flood*, 4:00 p.m. Sunday, November 4, at the Homewood Science Center.

"Before the Flood," a documentary produced by a team from National Geographic and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, is a real eye opener about the impact of climate change on our planet and its inhabitants. Using his celebrity status to draw attention to the problem of global warming, one of the most important and pressing issues of our time, actor and United Nations Messenger of Peace, Leonardo DiCaprio, travels the globe to witness firsthand the effects of an impending environmental disaster. It's a look at how climate change affects our environment and what society can do to prevent its demise. Don't miss this opportunity to see for yourself the scientific evidence about climate change. **There is no charge to attend this event.**

[Anyone who wishes to participate in the Science Center's annual fundraiser, "Walk the Walton," on Sunday, October 21, can go online. Search "Homewood Science Center" for further information. Tickets for the "Walk the Walton" went on sale Sept. 1--\$25 for adults; children are free. There is a video of last year's event, and it looks fantastic.]



Program on Immigration Friday, Sept. 21, 7:00 p.m.

The Missions and Social Concerns Committee will host a program on immigration on Friday, September 21, 2018. The speaker will be Claudia Marchan, the new executive director of Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors (NIJFON). Be sure to save the date and invite family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to join us for an informative evening.

We will have light snacks and beverages beginning at 7:00 p.m. and the program will begin at 7:15.

JFON is a mission project of the United Methodist Church and advocates for immigration laws that are just, humane, and righteous and provides legal help for immigrants. Our children collected for JFON during our loose change collections in June and July.

Claudia joins the Northern Illinois Justice for Our Neighbors team with a background in community organizing as well as community development work. She obtained an MBA from National Louis University (NLU) in 2009 and is currently a part of the Community Psychology doctoral program at NLU where she is focusing her research on issues that she is passionate about: immigration and access to education, with a focus on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. Her passion to work on immigration issues has always been fueled by her own family's journey.

Claudia immigrated to the U.S. from Mexico at the age of five. She grew up in Chicago with her mom, who came to the U.S. for a better job, and her dad, a lawful permanent legal resident originally from Mexico.

The following statements from Claudia were copied from the Northern Illinois Conference website, umcnic.org.

"I will never forget July 25, 2018, when two life-changing events took place: I was extremely excited to accept the position of Executive Director at NIJFON, and later that day I received a call from my dad's attorney, who informed me that he had been taken from immigration court into detention for removal proceedings," said Claudia. "I was devastated and could only think that this was a sign of what I need to dedicate my energy to."

Claudia says she was fortunate to have a network and resources to help her dad, who was cleared and his case terminated. He can now become a U.S. citizen. Working with NIJFON, Claudia says she can help other immigrant families who may not have the resources or knowledge of how to navigate the complicated immigration system.

"Nothing in life happens by coincidence; we are on a forever journey to find ourselves and make ourselves better through others. I believe that joining JFON will not only allow me to become a better person through joining others to fulfill JFON's mission but that we will all become better together and

address the many injustices in our immigration system."

Event Publicity

If you have an event coming up, remember that the Communications & Outreach Committee will help you publicize it. Simply complete and submit a Publicity Request Form. You can obtain a form in the office, download it from the St. Andrew website, or complete and submit it electronically. (See www.homewoodsaintandrew.org and click on the WE DO tab, then COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE, then PUBLICITY REQUEST FORM.) Please submit the completed form at least one month prior to your event in order to meet media deadlines.

Hands-on Ministries at St. Andrew

In addition to what we do to help others through the regular financial support of our church and its mission and through our special mission collections on the first and third Sundays of each month, St. Andrew has a couple of major opportunities for us to be the “hands and feet of Christ”. Would you consider volunteering for one of these ministries?

Adult English Program

We began this new ministry last fall and then continued with a spring session. Anne Coffman, who applied for a Northern Illinois Conference grant to cover the cost of materials, recruited volunteer teachers from our congregation to help with this program. This year we'll offer our first six-week session September 17 through November 1, Mondays and Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Volunteers may work on either Monday or Thursday evening, and we have a need for both lead teachers and assistants. The students vary in their experience with English, from the basic beginner level to quite advanced but still wanting to improve fluency, grammar, and pronunciation.

This has been a very rewarding experience. Our students have been highly motivated, appreciative of our efforts, and just a delightful group of learners. Contact Anne if you'd like to volunteer, and also ask Lucy, Cheryl, Anna, or

Jackie to share some of their experiences with you.

PADS Homeless Shelter on Wednesday Nights

Our PADS Shelter season, where we offer shelter, food, and hospitality to women and their children on Wednesday nights from October through April, begins on October 3. We need volunteers for four shifts:

6:15 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

10:45 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

2:45 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

5:00 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.

Each volunteer serves on their shift one Wednesday per month. Call Lucy (799-7953) if you would like to give this opportunity a try.

Our Sunday School on Sunday Mornings

Tammie Scott has been our lead teacher for some time now, but she needs a helper each week. We have Sunday School during worship each Sunday except on Communion Sunday when children are invited to be with their parents in church. Sign up for one Sunday or more on the sheet in the narthex.



Respond Now

Our regular monthly food collection for Respond Now is taken on the first Sunday of each month, but donations can be left in the shopping cart near the front door at any time. Any nonperishable food items are accepted and appreciated. Possibilities: rice, canned tuna, pancake mix, cranberry juice, grape juice, canned beef ravioli. Monetary donations are also accepted.

A Little Good News for the Environment

Apple says its buildings are now 100% powered by renewable energy. Apple is just one of more than 100 companies worldwide that pledged to cut energy consumption and shift to renewable power, including wind and solar. By 2016, 25 of the 100 had already met the pledge. Many of these companies are now trying to accelerate efforts to convince their suppliers to join them.

[Perhaps we should all be writing to Com Ed requesting they give us an option of choosing electricity from renewable sources.]

United Methodist Women

The Debest Circle sponsored a “Ladies Day Out” on June 3. Seven women attended a comedy at Beatniks on Conkey Theater in Hammond and then went to supper at Bakers Square in Lansing. Lots of laughs and some good food made for an enjoyable afternoon with friends. Perhaps we’ll try a “repeat” in October when the Drama Group is putting on the musical comedy “Sister Act. Watch for further announcement.

On Friday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m. a group of women will carpool from St. Andrew to attend the 6:30 p.m. showing of **an award-winning documentary—MILWAUKEE 53206**—which chronicles the lives of those living in the zip code that incarcerates the highest percentage of black men in America. A discussion will follow the film, which is being shown at New Faith Baptist Church in Matteson. It is being sponsored by the Community Renewal Society. Others are invited to go and see this important film.

Our St. Andrew **UMW officers are scheduled to meet** on Sunday, September 9, following worship, for a program planning meeting and to recommend a budget for the next year so we can turn in our pledge at the **Chicago Southern District meeting on September 22 at the Hazel Crest Church.**

(United Methodist Women—cont.)

The next Debest Circle meeting will be on Tuesday, September 18 at Lucy’s home. We’ll be assembling our 24 school bags to be taken to the Midwest Mission Service Center in Chatham.

Our first “program” meeting where we invite the entire congregation to join us will be a breakfast and program at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 20 (or 13th if we change it so we could attend the Southern District meeting on the Way Forward at St. Mark’s Church on the 20th).

The **Northern Illinois Conference annual meeting is October 27** at Court Street UMC in Rockford.



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.

Open House

The artists’ studios at St. Paul’s Community Church, 18200 Dixie Highway, will be open for tours on Sunday, September 30, between 11:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. St. Andrew member and artist Gary has a studio there. He will be happy to greet you if you wish to drop by after St. Andrew’s anniversary celebration!

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
2 9:00 am-Worship Holy Communion Food Collection	3	4	5 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, H Panera 1:30 pm- Caring Crafters	6 9:30 am-TOPS 7:00 pm-Choir	7	1 8
9 9:00 am-UMW Mission Team 9:00 am-Worship Sunday School RALLY DAY	10	11	12 1:30 pm- Caring Crafters	13 9:30 am-TOPS 2:00 pm-Finance 7:00 pm-Choir	14 6:30 pm- <i>Milwaukee 53206</i> New Faith Baptist, Matteson	15 9:00 am- Book Club 11:00 am-Church Planning Retreat
16 9:00 am-Worship Loose Change Sunday School	17 7:00 pm-Trustees 7:00 pm-Adult English Classes 7:30 pm-Scouts	18 1:30 pm-UMW DebEst Circle at Lucy's home 7:00 pm-Church Council	19 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera Homewood 1:30 pm-Crafters	20 9:30 am-TOPS 10:30 am-SPRC 7:00 pm-Choir 7:00 pm-Adult English Classes	21 7:00 pm-Speaker from <i>Justice for Our Neighbors</i>	22
23 9:00 am-Worship Sunday School	24 7:00 pm-Adult English Classes 7:30 pm-Scouts	25	26 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters	27 9:30 am-TOPS 7:00 pm-Choir 7:00 pm-Adult English Classes	28	29

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9:00 am-Worship
Sunday School
**60th Anniversary
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FH = Fellowship Hall
LF = Lower Fellowship



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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 [9:00 a.m.](#)

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

