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ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Words from the Pastor...

“A great benefit for believers in Christ is to learn to live from God’s blessing because all of us will experience a time when we have a problem that is bigger than our ability and resources. It is our responsibility to make sure that our faith in God is bigger than our problems (Romans 10:17).

—Rev. Dr. Audrea F. Nanabray



Pledge Sunday November 18

St. Andrew’s Church Council and Finance Committee ask you to plan now to be present at our 9:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, November 18, to take part in Pledge Sunday, a reaffirmation of our individual commitments to supporting our church community and our ministries. We will celebrate a special Holy Communion as we bring forward our pledges for 2019.

This will be a time to affirm and give thanks for where God has led the St. Andrew community thus far and to dream about where God is leading us in the future. Each Sunday in November we will hear testimony from members – young and old, new and seasoned – about what St. Andrew means in their lives.

You should have received a letter mailed the last week of October, introducing information about our pledge drive for 2019.



Look for a second letter in the coming week which will provide more context for your decision about your pledge. This will include information about how to set up regular electronic giving (and how that benefits our church), as well as the tax advantages of rolling over distributions from “required minimum distributions” of IRAs (for those of us who have reached that age).

We ask you to reserve Sunday, November 18, on your calendar NOW as a first step in considering the gifts of the harvest we will share and the seeds we will sow in the coming year in the life of our church community.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 3	Corporate Prayer Time	5:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Movie: Before the Flood Homewood Science Center	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	Church Charge Conference	8:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Lap Blankets for Veterans	after worship
Nov. 18	SWIFT Annual Interfaith Dinner	5:30 p.m.

Memorial Tree

The beautiful new tree planted in back (in the open space between the church buildings) was given by Bill Haggard, son of charter members Cliff and Helen Haggard, as a lasting remembrance to honor St. Andrew charter members.





Charge Conference

St. Andrew's annual Charge Conference will be held NEXT Friday, November 9. Please note the change in date; an emergency has prevented our District Superintendent, Dr. Conway, from being able to attend this week. The time remains the same: Staff Parish will meet at 7:30 p.m. and the Conference will begin at 8:00 p.m. Please come if you can.



SWIFT Interfaith Dinner

The annual SWIFT interfaith dinner will be held this year at St. Andrew on Sunday, November 18. Registration is at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Please see Toni or Karen, or sign up in the narthex Sunday, November 4. Don't wait to reserve your seat for this delicious catered dinner! We will need to turn in our list of attendees by Sunday, November 11. Tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Lap Blankets for Veterans

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, November 11, to help make lap blankets for veterans in the home in Manteno. Absolutely NO sewing skills are required. We only cut fringe and tie simple knots, so everyone can participate. If you have sharp scissors that can cut fabric, please bring them. Your help is definitely needed. Everyone is welcome.

Donations will be accepted on the 11th to help with the cost of the fabric.

Members Personal Needs List Manteno Veterans Home

If you wish to donate snacks or personal care items to the veterans in the home in Manteno, or items such as stamps and greeting cards, please see the list on the kiosk in the narthex for suggestions.

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 one of the "Prayer Needs" cards you can find in the attendance pads, email standrewspeaks@gmail.com, or call the church office at 798-8904.

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.**



From the Finance Committee

You may be accustomed to paying your bills online with your bank's Bill-Pay service. Did you know you can also make a monthly or quarterly contribution to St. Andrew UMC using the same service? It's easy, convenient, and free.

Simply go to your bank's website where you will find information on a variety of options to do this. You may also talk to a representative at your bank to set this up.

If you want to contribute on a regular basis, you can designate an amount and a day when you wish your contribution to be made. One-time contributions can be specified as well.

The bank will notify you, by sending an email to the address you provide, when the contribution is made. You will then enter it into your check register. A check, in the amount you have specified, will then be sent directly to the church. The contribution will be recorded by the Financial Secretary and credited to you in the usual manner of any contribution you make.

This is a simple, convenient, and consistent way of supporting the programs and mission of St. Andrew, and it can be changed or canceled at any time. We sincerely hope you will consider this method. If you have any questions, please contact the church treasurer, Jessie, or the finance chair, Nita. Thank you.

Cookie Walk/Craft Fair

St. Andrew's annual cookie walk and craft fair will be held this year on Saturday, December 8, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A variety of cookies and candies will be available for \$10 a pound. Handmade crafts will also be available for sale.* And, to complete your shopping experience, our café will offer coffee, tea, cider, and a variety of baked goods.

**Crafters, call the church office to rent a \$10 table (or two for \$15) or sign up online at www.homewoodsaintandrew.org.*



News about the environment

A federal court ruled in August that the EPA must ban a pesticide that poisons farmworkers and causes brain damage in children. The pesticide, a neurotoxin called chlorpyrifos, is used on dozens of crops. The EPA's own scientists had found chlorpyrifos unsafe for children. Before the federal ruling, Hawaii took matters into its own hands, banning the pesticide statewide in June.

The Trump administration announced in August its plan to roll back car pollution standards, and it also challenged the right of states to set their own, stricter standards. The Clean Air Act of 1970 expressly gives California the authority to set emission standards for cars and trucks. If the Administration's proposed rollback stands, cars will pump an additional 120 million metric tons of climate-disrupting pollution into our atmosphere in 2030. The good news is that the 13 states that have adopted the stricter car emissions standards set by California are pushing back to try to protect our air quality.

In New York State's Finger Lakes region, the state's Department of Environmental Conservation denied a controversial underground storage permit for liquefied petroleum gas. The storage project would have allowed 88.2 million gallons of propane to be stored in underground salt caverns along Seneca Lake, the largest of the Finger Lakes. In other areas around the country, gas-storage accidents have caused fires, property damage, injuries, and deaths.



United Methodist Women in November

United Methodist Women will have an opportunity to view a free documentary film that relates to their 2017-18 study topic of “Climate Justice.” St. Andrew’s Committee on Missions and Social Concerns is partnering with the Homewood Science Center to show **the film “Before the Flood” [about Climate Change] at 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, at the Science Center** (in the former Ryan Funeral Home building on Dixie Highway in Homewood). The film is produced by a team from National Geographic and narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio.

The Deb-Est Circle will meet at the church in November. We will elect officers and have a program supporting our World Thank Offering. The World Thank Offering is a special national UMW offering which goes entirely to the Missions we support.

At the October Circle meeting, we voted to make a memorial donation to missions in memory of Lorena. On October 27, Waneta and Lucy attended the annual meeting of the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Women in Rockford. They brought our medicine bottles that we have been collecting for a mission clinic.

(UMW in November—continued)

Plans are well underway for our principal fund-raiser—the Spring Salad Luncheon/ Fashion Show. Fashions will be from Chico’s Outlet on Indianapolis Boulevard in Schererville, Indiana.

United Methodist Women are still selling Golden Opportunity Books and bean soup mix (on the refreshment table each Sunday).



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, has begun. 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 if you would like to give this opportunity a try.



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: canned tuna, rice, pancake mix, cranberry juice, grape juice, canned beef ravioli. Monetary donations are also accepted.



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.



TOPS

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:30 am-TOPS 4:30 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells 7:00 pm-Adult English Classes	2	3 5:00 pm-Corporate Prayer
4 9:00 am-Worship Holy Communion Food Collection 4:00 pm-Movie: <i>Before the Flood</i> , Science Center	5 7:30 pm-Scouts	6	7 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera Homewood 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 6:00 pm-PADS	8 9:30 am-TOPS 2:00 pm-Finance 4:30 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells	9 8:00 pm-Charge Conference	10
11 9:00 am-Worship Sunday School After worship- Lap Blankets	12 7:30 pm-Scouts	13	14 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 6:00 pm-PADS	15 9:30 am-TOPS 10:30 am-Missions & Social Concerns 4:30 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells 7:00 pm-Trustees	16	17
18 9:00 am-Worship Loose Change Sunday School 5:30 pm-SWIFT Annual Interfaith Dinner	19 7:30 pm-Scouts	20 1:30 pm-UMW DebEst Circle, St. Andrew	21 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera Homewood 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 6:00 pm-PADS	22 	23	24
25 9:00 am-Worship	26 7:30 pm-Scouts	27 7:00 pm-Church Council	28 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 6:00 pm-PADS	29 9:30 am-TOPS 4:30 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells	30	

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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

