

February, 2019



THE VOICE

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Words from the Pastor...

“Sometimes change is difficult—we may not want to go to a different place with different people. We like to keep things the same, where we are comfortable. But the promise of God is waiting. And the promise may not only be about us; it may also be about the next generation that God wants to take to the next level following us. The bottom line is that when we trust, obey, and follow God, we will find success in our efforts.”

—Rev. Dr. Audrea F. Nanabray



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 2 Corporate Prayer, 12:00 noon
- Feb. 2 CSD United Methodist Women, Hazel Crest UMC, 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 9 Laity Convocation, New Lenox UMC, 9:00 a.m.—12:45 p.m.**
- Feb. 18 Presidents Day





Laity Convocation 2019

Come join laity and clergy from across our conference on **Saturday, February 9 from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** at the New Lenox United Methodist Church for Laity Convocation 2019.

Our keynote speaker will be the Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey, Director of the Missional Church Consultation Initiative for the West Ohio Conference. She will lead us in a discussion about her Breakthrough Prayer Initiative from her most recent book, *Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church*. Copies of her book will be available for sale at the event.

Small group breakouts will be about learning and discussing The Way Forward and the special session of General Conference.

The fee to attend is \$15 per person.

United Methodist Women

The DebEst Circle will meet at 1:30 February 19 at Lucy's home. The program will be on Global Migration/Immigration, led by Lucy. Devotions by Karlene Mooney. Pledge cards for 2019 will be given out.

Plans are in the works to have a special 150th anniversary celebration at our church in March, joining with United Methodist Women from other churches in our Southern District. Further information will be forthcoming. Also in March, we hope to have a group attend the annual World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Women gathering on the south side of Chicago on Saturday, March 9. Further details will be given as we get them.

Plans are underway for our annual **UMW Salad Luncheon and Fashion Show**. It will be on Saturday, May 4. Our theme has been set as "Picnic Time."

Anyone in the congregation that has one or more centerpiece sized baskets with a handle that could represent a picnic basket is asked to loan them to us for centerpieces. Contact Lucy Kokal if you have a basket we can borrow. Please attach your name to the bottom of the basket.

Our Fashion Show will be by Chicos. Once again, we will ask that the entire congregation support this event by bringing salads. Proceeds beyond what we need to pay our pledge to missions will be given to support our local church budget. Tickets will be \$16.



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.



Family Movie Night

Is held every third Friday at 7:30 p.m. Please join us for our next movie on February 15, when we will show *War Room*, “a compelling faith drama filled with humor and heart that became the #1 movie in US theaters and received raving reviews from audiences of all ages.” Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Come, join the discussion!

Calling All Youth

Youth Group is meeting every second and fourth Sunday at 3:30 p.m. *Please note* that we will not meet on February 10. Join us when we meet again on February 24, and bring your friends!

Financial Problem Solver

We now have online access to Suze Orman’s “Protection Power Pak”— personal go-to financial advice which lists “must-have documents” and gives advice on credit, insurance, retirement investments, and more. It also has a live chat feature and offers email support. Contact Dawn for login information or check with Karen in the office, 708-798-8904. Thanks, Dawn, for making this available (with Suze’s blessing)!

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.



Attention, Knitters and Crocheters

Our Caring Crafters group is making chemo hats and baby hats for donation to Ingalls Hospital. We're looking for people who would like to make one or more of these hats to add to the collection. You are welcome to come on Wednesday afternoons to work with us or feel free to work at home. Yarn and/or patterns may be provided if you contact Lucy, Ginny, or Kay.

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

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, is in full swing. We have four shifts of volunteers, and **we currently need a volunteer for the 3 a.m. shift.** The shifts are as follows:

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.



To the Congregation of St. Andrew,

Thank you for collecting macaroni and cheese for our Christmas event food baskets. Nearly 300 Respond Now families received food for a holiday meal this year.

We so appreciate your generosity during this holiday season, and all through the year!

*Sincerely,
Sue Perkins
Christmas Committee
Respond Now*

Growing Green

Update on the Global Climate Action Summit held in September in California:

- New York, Maryland, and Connecticut announced plans to phase out super polluting HFCs and replace them with climate-friendlier coolants in new refrigerators, air conditioners, and other products. Eight companies and the industry trade association joined NRDC in pushing for these requirements to be adopted nationally.
- New Jersey announced plans to rev up offshore wind production.
- Six states in India are adopting extreme heat action plans to ensure residents are safer and better prepared for the dangerous rising temperatures. The Indian State of Telangana, the city of Pune, and the city of Ahmedabad also plan to add significantly more electric buses to their fleets by 2020.
- International states, regions, cities and businesses—including California, Washington State, Tokyo, and Seoul—committed to 100 percent zero-emission vehicle targets.
- Los Angeles, Tokyo, Mexico City, and 70 other big cities pledged to become carbon neutral by 2050, meaning they will cut their carbon pollution and offset whatever remains by investing in carbon-reduction methods like reforestation.

- Some 400 investors, representing \$32 trillion in assets, launched the Investor Agenda to accelerate the investment necessary to implement the Paris climate agreement.
- Virginia became the 12th state to join the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic Transportation & Climate Initiative that is working to cut carbon pollution from the transportation sector. (For the first time, transportation has become #1 for carbon emissions, passing the production of electricity (since some coal-fired plants have been shut down).
- The US Climate Alliance, a coalition of 17 governors, announced a slate of climate and clean energy commitments to phase out climate super pollutants, deploy \$1.4 billion from the Volkswagen settlement to drive down transportation emissions, and strengthen appliance efficiency standards.

However, there are political and economic forces working against these goals, so it is important that we try to counteract these forces and support the efforts of those who are trying to save our environment. Climate change is real, and slowing it down is urgent. It costs to do something about it; but the costs of doing nothing now will mean MUCH greater costs later. And climate change will cause human migrations the world has never seen. No wall can stop it.

—NRDC



February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 8:30 am-S District UMW, Hazel Crest 12:00 noon- Corporate Prayer
3 9:00 am-Worship with Communion 3:30 pm- Confirmation	4 11:00 am- Challenger's Group 7:30 pm-Scouts	5 7:00 pm-Trustees	6 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera Homewood 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 6:00 pm-PADS	7 9:45 am-TOPS 2:00 pm-Worship 3:00 pm-Neighbor. Impact Leaders 5:00 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells	8	9 9:00 am-Laity Convocation, New Lenox UMC
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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

