

April, 2019



THE VOICE

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Words from the Pastor...

It is a blessing to know the reason God made us and then to connect with our purpose. It is not easy to walk in purpose, but it is well worth it; lives are in it; eternal destinies are in it; our blessing is in it. Walking in purpose requires sacrifice, diligence, consistency. It is not emotional; it is resolute. It is determined. It is focused.
—Rev. Dr. Audrea F. Nanabray

April

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3 Corporate Prayer, 3:30 p.m.
- April 13 Southland Diversity Dinner, Rich South High School, 5:30 p.m.
- April 14 Palm Sunday
- April 18 Living Last Supper, 7:30 p.m.
- April 19 Good Friday Service, 12:00 noon
- April 21 EASTER**



United Methodist Women

On March 16, United Methodist Women met for a special 150th Anniversary Program at St. Andrew, sponsored by the St. Andrew, Hazel Crest, and Olympia Fields United Methodist Women. Our worship leader was Gail from Olympia Fields UMW, the speaker was Doris from Hazel Crest UMW, and St. Andrew United Methodist Women were the hostesses. The March Circle meeting was held on March 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the church. Toni was hostess and the program was presented by Waneta.

The April Circle meeting will be held at St. Andrew on Tuesday, April 9, at 2:00 p.m, with Donna as hostess. The program will be to assemble 30 personal-care kits for the women at the shelter in Tinley Park who have fled an abusive situation.

The April Special Program meeting on Saturday, April 13, to which all women are invited, will not be at our church. We will be joining other United Methodist Women from the Chicago Southern District for a Day of Spiritual Renewal. The day starts with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and the program ends at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$3. Reservations are needed; see Lucy to register. The theme is "Lives Restored and Transformed/ Connecting to the Spirit of the Divine," facilitated by Betsy Evans.

Salad Luncheon/ Fashion Show

Our Salad Luncheon/Fashion Show will be on Saturday, May 4, at noon. The theme is "Picnic Time." Fashions will be by Chicos in Shererville, IN. See Jessie Cunningham if you are willing to be a model this year. Sign-up for salads has begun, as has ticket sales.



Calling All Youth

Youth Group is meeting every second and fourth Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on April 28. Bring your friends!



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.



SWIFT

SWIFT is the "South West Interfaith Team"—Christians, Muslims, and Jews Working Together for Respect...Understanding...Religious Harmony. Our congregation is a member of SWIFT. The forum on March 10 was held at the Episcopal Church in Flossmoor. The three speakers were outstanding, speaking on the topic, "What Our Faiths Say about Caring for the Environment." A work day for SWIFT members is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at the Little Red Schoolhouse Forest Preserve. The annual SWIFT Picnic will be on Sunday, July 28.



South Suburban PADS

We have one more month (April), and then we will be done for the season. So far we have managed to staff the program successfully (though not without difficulty).

A HUGE THANK-YOU to our PADS volunteers. I have listed all volunteers, not just those from our congregation. Please forgive me if I've missed anyone. I think it is important we know how dependent we are upon others and how we must recruit our friends to keep this program going.

Karlene Mooney
Sandy Witvoet
Jessie Cunningham
Carol Winemiller
Lori Mason
Denise Robinson & Family
Ric Smies
Dawn Satkowski
Toni Arnold
Alfred Cobb
Judy Moore
Chris Rechsteiner
Tammy Scott
Greg Mitchell
Jim Herbert
Ken Logan
Fredric Mitchell, Jr.
Glenn Wiersbicki
Elpi Ruiz
Elyse Miller

Jack Mooney
Lois Hein
Leona Calvin
Dorethen Holman
Laura Castellano
Janet Zaio
Erica Rebec
David Reason
Dick Couvert
Audrey Ross
Ken Keever
John Grayson
Gerry Funk
Darius Thomas
Anne Coffman
Sandy Norton
Nan Wexler
Juanita Jarard
Samuel Nanabray
Betsy Rollings

Gene Witvoet
Traca Booker
Jeneane Walker
Lucy Kokal
Megan White
Anne Jamison
Kay Paul
Randi Ciger
Betty Couvert
Jackie Odigie
Sandy Keever
Stephanie Grayson
Carolyn Funk
Penny Thomas
Judy Davis
Shirley Bloodworth
Carol Vance
Bill Hildreth
Viola Mayes
Tara Peacock & family



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: cold cereal, canned salmon, cake mix, cookies, grapefruit juice, canned baked beans. 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, 9:45 to 11:00. Take Off Pounds Sensibly!



Growing Green

Late in 2018, leaders from nine Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and Washington, DC, jointly announced the launch of a bipartisan effort to create a regional “cap-and-invest” transportation policy that will place a regional cap on global warming emissions from transportation while generating funds to invest in safe, sustainable, equitable transportation for all. Not only does transportation in the U.S. tend to be outdated, inefficient, and inequitable, the sector is also the largest source of global warming emissions. By taking advantage of ample opportunities for modernization and emissions reductions, these states are setting a precedent for similar initiatives across the country.

Inland Floodwaters Rage

Rising sea levels threaten our coastal areas, but also, in 2017 alone, **inland** US floods killed 25 people and caused more than \$3 billion in property damage, and these floods are becoming more frequent and more destructive. Nor have we always used our land the way we do today, allowing building in wetlands and covering vast tracts with nonporous asphalt. These two factors—increased extreme precipitation (probably related to global warming) and changes in land use—contribute to worsening floods in the Midwest and Northeast.

Exxon Mobil Quits ALEC

Yielding to pressure from its shareholders and UCS, Exxon Mobil announced in July it had ended its longtime affiliation with the American Legislative Exchange Council, a climate change-denying lobbying group. On top of its annual dues, the company gave ALEC nearly \$1.93 million from 1998 to 2017. Since 2012, more than 100 corporations including BP, ConocoPhillips, and Royal Dutch Shell have quit ALEC. ExxonMobil sent another signal of possible change for the better when it opposed a draft resolution sponsored by the Heartland Institute calling on the EPA to reconsider its “flawed” conclusion that climate change threatens human health. But the company has not quite changed its ways. It still finances think tanks and trade groups that denigrate climate solutions, providing cover for Congress and the Trump administration to do nothing.

—Union of Concerned Scientists

Environment Updates

- The North Pole in February 2018 was 50 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than normal. The extent of sea ice is the smallest ever recorded. A Russian ship bearing liquefied natural gas becomes the first vessel to cross the Arctic in winter without an icebreaker escort.
- In the next three years, France will shut all its coal-fired power plants.

—Sierra Club

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 11:00 am- Challenger's Group 7:30 pm- Boy Scouts	2 12:10 pm- Lenten Luncheon 7:00 pm-Trustees	3 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera 175th/Halsted 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 3:30 pm- Corporate Prayer 6:00 pm-PADS	4 9:45 am-TOPS 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance 3:00 pm-Neighbor. Impact Leaders 5:00 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells	5	6 3:00 pm-LLS Rehearsal
7 9:00 am-Worship with Communion 6:30 pm-LLS	8 11:00 am- Challenger's Group 6:30 pm- Girl Scouts 7:30 pm- Boy Scouts	9 12:10 pm- Lenten Luncheon 2:00 pm- Deb'Est Circle	10 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 6:00 pm-PADS	11 9:45 am-TOPS 2:00 pm-Finance 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance 3:00 pm-Neighbor. Impact Leaders 5:00 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells	12	13 5:30 pm-Southland Diversity Dinner
14 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am-Worship 9:15 am-Sunday School 4:00 pm-LLS	15 11:00 am- Challenger's Group 7:30 pm- Boy Scouts	16	17 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera 175th/Halsted 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 6:00 pm-LLS Dress Rehearsal 6:00 pm-PADS	18 HOLY THURSDAY 9:45 am-TOPS 1:00 PM-SPRC 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance 3:00 pm-Neighbor. Impact Leaders 7:30 pm-Living Last Supper	19 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 noon-Good Friday Service	20 10:00 am- Book Club
21 EASTER 9:00 am-Worship Loose Change	22 Earth Day 11:00 am- Challenger's Group 6:30 pm- Girl Scouts 7:30 pm- Boy Scouts	23 7:00 pm-Church Council	24 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters 6:00 pm-PADS	25 9:45 am-TOPS 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance 3:00 pm-Neighbor. Impact Leaders 5:00 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells	26	27
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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

