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# THE VOICE



ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Words from the Pastor...

*God responded to Paul and Silas' offerings of praise (Hebrews 13:15) and caused an earthquake that shook the prison, breaking the chains of all the prisoners.*

- *Something happens when we praise God through trouble—it opens doors.*
- *Something happens when we praise God through pain—it not only sets us free, but it sets others free as well.*
- *Something happens when we praise God through difficulties—it makes unbelievers want what we have (Acts 16:30-31)."*

—Rev. Dr. Audrea F.  
Nanabray

## MARCH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6 Ash Wednesday Service,  
1:00 p.m.

March 16 UMW 150th Anniversary,  
St. Andrew, 10:00 a.m.





## **PADS**

### **(Public Action to Deliver Shelter)**

Before too long, our 2018-2019 season for being a PADS shelter for women and children will be over. The season ends at the end of April. We are always in need of a couple more volunteers, although we've been managing to staff the program without fail throughout the season. Now, one of our volunteers will have knee replacement surgery in the near future and will need to be replaced. And, of course, we occasionally need a sub for someone on a one-time basis. So, call Lucy (799-7953) if you can help.

For the most part, volunteering at PADS is a rewarding experience. Many of our guests are very gracious and very appreciative. Of course, there are times when someone is demanding or behaves strangely. This last week, one of the volunteers was concerned that some guests (women and youth alike) were very "demanding," expecting a lot of us. She asked me, How did I not get tired of this sort of behavior when I have been doing this for so long? Later, as I was thinking about this, I was reminded of a passage in Colossians 3:23.

"Whatever your task, work heartily, as if serving the Lord and not men...." (RSV) I actually prefer the translation from my Spanish New Testament: "Everything that you do, do it **gladly**, as if you were serving the Lord and not men." Of course, for our PADS experience we could surely substitute the words "women and children," for "men," although in the Bible "men" is often used to include all persons.

And so, our St. Andrew folks and our other volunteers from outside St. Andrew, continue to "serve the Lord gladly," as we serve "the least of these" in the name of Christ. If you want to be the "hands and feet of Christ" here in the south suburbs of Chicago, come join us as a volunteer at PADS.



## **United Methodist Women**

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 Chico's. 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.



## **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 kidney beans, canned vegetables, rice, cornbread or muffin mix, crackers. Monetary donations are also accepted.

## 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](mailto:standrewspeaks@gmail.com), or call the church office at 798-8904.



## Happy Birthday!

March 2	Toni Arnold
March 3	Greg Mitchell
March 4	Luke Logan
March 5	Ed Rollings
March 6	Ngozi Emuchay
March 8	Harold Kokal
March 10	Thaddeus Whorton
March 16	Waneta Martin
March 17	Margi Carlson
March 18	Tom Dascenzo
March 20	Lee Bridges
March 22	Clarence Simmons
March 24	Tim Gardiner
March 27	Russ Hoganson
March 29	John Mooney

## Calling All Youth

Youth Group is meeting every second and fourth Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Please join us, and bring your friends!



## 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.



## Growing Green

*Our Committee on Missions and Social Concerns has been submitting information each month on protecting our environment.*

*The following tidbit comes from an article in the Union of Concerned Scientists newsletter.*

**California leads the way in protecting the environment:** California recently signed a law directing the state to run its electricity grid on 100 percent clean energy sources by 2045. California has been a leader for some time with its passage of a landmark bill in 2006 calling for a reduction in carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Last July, the state announced it had accomplished that goal in 2016, four years ahead of schedule. In 2002, California was the first state to pass a greenhouse gas bill to order automakers to lower global warming emissions from passenger vehicles. "With smart, science-based policies, California shows the world it's possible to reduce emissions, protect the environment, and grow the economy at the same time."



## **Paul, Apostle of Christ**

**Friday, March 15 @ 7:30 p.m.**

*Admission is free, and refreshments will be served.*

*Risking his life, Luke ventures to Rome to visit Paul -- the apostle who's bound in chains and held captive in Nero's darkest and bleakest prison cell. Haunted by the shadows of his past misdeeds, Paul wonders if he's been forgotten as he awaits his grisly execution. Before Paul's death, Luke resolves to write another book that details the birth of what will come to be known as the church.*



**St. Andrew United Methodist Church**

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All women of the church are invited to . . .

## **A CELEBRATION OF THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**At St. Andrew UMC, 18850 Riegel Road in Homewood**

**Sponsored by the Hazel Crest, Olympia Fields, and St. Andrew United Methodist Women**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019, from 10 AM to 2:00 PM**

Women from the Chicago Southern District of UMW have been  
Invited to this special event being hosted by our St. Andrew.

### **Celebration Program**

**10:00 am to 11:30 am**

**Potluck Lunch from 11:45 to 12:30**

**At 12:30: Choice of two movies  
related to UMW mission studies:**

**Before the Flood:** From Academy Award-Winning filmmaker Fisher Stevens and Academy Award-Winning actor, environmental activist and U. N. Messenger of Peace Leonardo DiCaprio, BEFORE THE FLOOD presents a riveting account of the dramatic changes occurring around the world due to climate change, as well as the actions we can take to prevent catastrophic disruption of life on our planet.

**Inequality for All:** A passionate argument on behalf of the middle class, INEQUALITY FOR ALL features Robert Reich—professor, best-selling author, and Clinton cabinet member—as he demonstrates how the widening income gap has a devastating impact on the American economy. Through his perspective, Reich explains how the massive consolidation of wealth by a precious few threatens the viability of the American workforce and the foundation of democracy itself. Reich uses humor and a wide array of facts to explain how the issue of economic inequality affects each and every one of us.



There will be a special offering for the 150<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary “Legacy Fund”

UMW. For the Potluck Luncheon: There is ample space in the refrigerator for many salads—main-dish salads, pasta salads, vegetable salads, fruit salads, etc. There is a double oven to keep casseroles warm, but it is probably preferable to have mostly salads due to limited oven capacity. There will be a 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake (1/2 sheet cake), but a few other desserts will be needed. Call Lucy (799-7953) to RSVP. We would like to know about how many tables to set up. Also, you might want to report what you are bringing for the potluck lunch.

The DebEst Circle will meet at 2:00 PM in the narthex on Tuesday, March 19. The 2:00 time allows members to also attend the ecumenical Lenten service & luncheon at the Presbyterian Church. Toni Arnold is hostess and Waneta Martin will give the program.





# SPEAKERS FORUM

# Environmental

## Stewardship in Our Faith

*Christian, Muslim and Jewish Perspectives*

**DATE:**

Sunday March 17, 2019

**TIME:**

Registration 2:30pm

Program 3:00pm–6:00pm

**LOCATION:**

The Episcopal Church  
of St. John the Evangelist  
2640 Park Drive  
Flossmoor IL 60422

**SUNDAY,  
MARCH  
17**

**SPEAKERS:**

**Dr. Lynne Muhammad**  
*Muslim Perspective*

**Scott Onque'**  
*Christian Perspective*

**Rabbi Michael Zedek**  
*Jewish Perspective*

## ~ DONATION DRIVE ~

**Bring along a non-perishable food item to donate to Respond Now**

Christians, Muslims and Jews Working Together for Respect... Understanding... Religious Harmony

*SWIFT is a Non-Profit Organization made up of synagogues, churches & mosques  
located in the South & South-West suburbs of Chicago.*

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NIC - United Methodist



# Night with the Chicago Bulls

*to benefit the 2019 Bishop's Appeal  
for NIC Youth Camps*

**Chicago Bulls vs Portland Trail Blazers**

**Wednesday, March 27 @ 7 pm**

Gates Open at 5:30 pm

**Discounted tickets, all three levels**

\$5 per ticket will go to the Bishop's Appeal for NIC Youth Camps

**Final Purchase Deadline Mar 27th @ 5:00 PM**

<https://groupmatics.events/event/Northernillinois21>

***Choose your own level: \$28- \$90***

***Tickets sent to you via Chicago Bulls***

- ♦ Bring a group from your church
- ♦ Invite your neighbors
- ♦ Support NIC Youth Camps

***See Portland Trail Blazer Evan Turner, native of Chicagoland and  
Maywood's Neighborhood UMC family!***

# 2019 CROP Hunger Walk - Sunday afternoon, April 28

## Hunger Walk Rally – Saturday, March 23 at 10 AM

The 2019 South Suburban CROP Hunger Walk will be held on **Sunday, April 28**. We'll start and end at this year's host church—Olympia Fields United Methodist Church; corner of Joe

Orr Rd. and Western Avenue. Registration starts at 1 PM. Opening Ceremonies at 1:35 PM; Step-off at 2 PM.

**CROP = Communities Responding  
to Overcome Poverty**



Come to the RALLY: We want you to be a part of the 2019 CROP Hunger Walk

There will be a choice of 3 "walk" routes, with rest stops along the way.

The longest route is 4.8 miles, and the shortest route is close to 1.7 miles.



Each walker collects donations (and/or contributes themselves) to raise funds to feed hungry people around the world and here at home. Money is turned in at registration time on the day of the walk. See "CROP FUNDS AT WORK" at left to find out how the donations help feed the hungry.

### CROP FUNDS AT WORK!

**Locally:** 1/4 of the proceeds of the walk goes to the following local food-providing agencies:

- ♦ Respond Now
- ♦ Jones Community Center
- ♦ South Suburban PADS
- ♦ Rich Township Food Pantry
- ♦ Transformation Hot Meals (Harvey)
- ♦ Hazel Crest Community Food Pantry

**Around the World:** 1/4 of the proceeds goes to Church World Service (or another world-relief organization if so designated by the donor) to be used to fight hunger around the world.

- ♦ In places where there is a natural disaster, such as in Puerto Rico, Houston, Florida, Indonesia, and California, but also here in the Midwest in places where people are sometimes displaced by flooding and tornados
- ♦ In places where people are displaced by war and violence, like in Syria and Sudan
- ♦ In refugee camps around the world
- ♦ In third-world areas needing help

### The CROP Hunger Walk Rally – Saturday, March 23

A representative from each congregation or organization attends the Rally from 10 AM to 11:15 AM on March 23 to receive more detailed information and to receive the materials to be used for collection and for publicizing the event among your congregation. There will also be a demonstration of how to sign up for the on-line collecting. Come, and get . . .

- Donation envelopes
- Posters
- Flyers
- Bulletin inserts
- ♦ "Walk on the Web" instructions



### COLLECT ONLINE

Check it out! Go to [www.crophungerwalk.org/homewoodil](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/homewoodil)

Start a team for your congregation or organization!

...or a page for yourself. Then let everyone know.

So "Attend the Rally" on March 23 to see how easy it is to collect

**Please help with this life-saving effort! Get your congregation or organization involved today!**

donations online.

**For more info about the Walk or the Rally, please  
contact Lucy Kokal at (708)799-7953.**





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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.

### 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**

