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THE VOICE

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Words from the Pastor...

The scriptures hold all the information we need to live by. When we use the scriptures as a guide to direct us, they give us an advantage over what we deal with every day. They give us light to understand and victoriously address issues facing us...We should not be surprised that God does what God said God would do.

—Rev. Dr. Audrea F. Nanabray



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 1 | Corporate Prayer | 3:30 p.m. |
| May 4 | UMW Salad Luncheon
and Fashion Show | 12:00 noon |
| May 18 | PRHeSS Walkathon | 8:00 p.m. |



Corporate Prayer



Our next corporate prayer time will be this Wednesday, May 1, at 3:30 p.m. In addition, I am asking (with the permission of your medical advisor and as you are able) that you please join the church in fasting from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. the same day. If you missed our prayer time before, please join us this time. All are welcome. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Blessings, Pastor Audrea.

Y'All Come Choir

Summer is fast approaching, which means it's time to get ready to sing in the "Y'All Come Choir"! This opportunity is open to everyone, with no commitment required. Just come and sing on the third Sunday during the summer months. We will sing familiar hymns rehearsed before the service.



Mission Challenge



We are collecting combs (sturdy, not pocket size, not rattail, not picks) and fingernail/ toenail clippers for this year's mission challenge at Annual Conference. Our goal is to collect 200 of each item. We can accept donations to purchase these items (be sure to designate any donation as Mission Challenge) or you can bring the items you purchase and put them in the box in the narthex. Monetary donations must be received no later than Sunday, May 19, to enable time to order the items.

This year's mission challenge at Annual Conference is to collect bulk items for 2000 Dignity Kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, our United Methodist disaster relief supply center just south of Springfield, Ill. Our Chicago South District has been assigned combs and nail clippers.



United Methodist Women



The UMW Salad Luncheon is at noon on Saturday, May 4, with a theme of "Picnic Time." After our wonderful lunch of homemade salads and sweet treats, we'll have a fashion show with fashions from Chicos of Shererville, Indiana. Thursday, May 2, is the last day to purchase (or reserve) tickets. All seats are reserved. Call Ann Smies or the church office (708-798-8904) for tickets.

The 30 personal care kits (hand-crocheted bags filled with personal care items) filled at our April Circle meeting will be blessed at church and delivered to the Crisis Center of South Suburbia's home for abused women in Tinley Park in time for Mother's Day.

The DebEst Circle will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Waneta Martin. Lucy will present the program and Toni will have the devotions. We'll decide on a play to go to for our "Ladies' Day Out" in June.



Calling All Youth

Youth Group is meeting every second and fourth Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be on May 12. 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 annual SWIFT Picnic will be on Sunday, July 28.



May 3	Mary Lee Hoganson
May 8	Carolyn Funk
May 8	Lukas Morkevicius
May 10	Ginny Bergstrom
May 11	Joan Rutka
May 16	Karlene Mooney
May 18	Cynthia West
May 19	McKenzie Weber
May 20	Vern Duncan



Happy Anniversary!

May 29 Gerald & Carolyn Funk



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, 9:45 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 US 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.

Los Angeles and San Francisco have recently made decisions to electrify their transit bus fleets. Now, in an even bigger win, the entire state of California is following suit. The California Air Resources Board voted at the end of last year to require that all new transit buses produce zero heat-trapping emissions beginning in 2019.

Since 2005, vehicle fuel economy has improved by nearly 25 percent thanks to the first improvements in fuel economy standards in more than two decades. California led the way by adopting the world’s first vehicle global warming

emissions standard in 2004. That same year, President Obama announced the federal government’s first joint fuel economy and global warming emissions standards, boosting the fleetwide fuel economy of new vehicles sold in the United States to 34.1 mpg by model year 2016 and requiring automakers to reduce tailpipe carbon emissions by nearly 30 percent compared with the average of emissions of new vehicles sold in 2009. In 2011, new standards were set intended to nearly double car and light truck efficiency by 2015. By cutting US oil consumption nearly 1.5 billion barrels per day by 2030—or 23 billion gallons of gasoline annually—these standards would save drivers some \$50 billion that year alone and reduce heat-trapping carbon emissions by more than 500 million tons—the equivalent of closing 136 typical coal-fired power plants. The future of this accomplishment is now in jeopardy since the current administration has announced plans to freeze fuel economy requirements at the 2020 model year level, a change that would increase US fuel consumption by nearly a million barrels of oil per day by 2040. The administration has also threatened to eliminate California’s ability to set its own tailpipe standards. California, the 14 states that follow its lead, and a handful of other states have pushed

back, joining in a lawsuit to defend the higher standards. Michele Robinson (director of UCS’s Clean Vehicles Program since 2003) says, “We have shown time and again that the auto industry can meet the standards. Given that the transportation sector is now the biggest source of US carbon emissions, we simply can’t afford to...go in reverse.”

The number of electric vehicles on the road in 2009 was zero. The number today is more than 1,000,000 with at least 40 different models on the market. [As we get more and more of our electricity from wind and solar, electric vehicles will become the means of tackling the biggest source of US carbon emissions—the transportation sector.]



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera 175th/Halsted 1:30 pm-Crafters 3:30 pm- Corporate Prayer	2 9:45 am-TOPS 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance 3:00 pm-Neighbor. Impact Leaders 5:00 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells	3	4 Noon-UMW Salad Luncheon & Fashion Show
5 9:00 am-Worship with Communion	6 11:00 am- Challenger's 6:30 pm- Girl Scouts 7:30 pm- Boy Scouts	7 7:00 pm-Trustees	8 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters	9 9:45 am-TOPS 2:00 pm-Finance 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance 3:00 pm-NI Leaders 5:00 pm-Choir 6:30 pm-Bells	10	11
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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

