

June, 2019



# THE VOICE

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## Words from the Pastor...

**W**hen all that we know about someone is what someone else has said, we don't really know the person. The same is true for our knowledge of God. If our knowledge of God is primarily based on what we have heard from others, then it is easy to doubt God, God's power, God's words, and God's love for us. But if we spend time with God in prayer and studying the scriptures; if we wait in God's presence during our times of need; if we stand on God's words no matter how bad things look; then we get to know God up close and personal—and we connect with God's love, God's power, God's presence, and God's goodness intentionally. When we practice seeking God personally, we are less likely to doubt God during troubled times.

—Rev. Dr. Audrea F. Nanabray

## JUNE

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1	Corporate Prayer	12:00 noon
June 2-4	Annual Conference, Schaumburg	
July 3	Corporate Prayer	3:30 pm



## After the Vote

### Congregational opportunities to review and discuss the United Methodist adoption of the Traditional Plan

Following the May 21st Church Council meeting, two dates have been set to provide further opportunities for members of the congregation to receive information regarding the Special Conference's adoption of the Traditional Plan for the church and the rulings of the church's Judicial Council which followed.

**The following dates have been set: Thursday, June 6, at 6:00 and Sunday June 9, immediately following the worship service. Information will be reviewed regarding:**

- the Traditional Plan, adopted by the February Special Conference, which reaffirms the Book of Discipline's statements and rules regarding homosexuality in the Methodist denomination;
- the rulings of the April Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of the plan;
- the provisions for conferences and/or churches wishing to disaffiliate with the UMC denomination as a result of these steps by the global church; and
- updates on the recently concluded UMCNext meeting of church leaders discussing potential new directions for the U.S. UMC.

There will also be opportunity for you to seek clarification and to express your current thoughts on the impact of these issues on our congregation.



### United Methodist Women: Report on the Salad Luncheon/ Fashion Show

**The Church general fund will receive \$500 from the profit of the Salad Luncheon.** The United Methodist Women met on May 21 at the home of Waneta Martin. The treasurer reported a total of \$1740.61 from the salad luncheon. It was voted to transfer \$500 of the proceeds to the general church fund since the UMW relies on support from the whole church to succeed in this fund-raising effort. The remaining proceeds will make it possible for our unit of UMW to pay our UMW pledge for missions, etc.

The UMW Mission U weekend study event will be held July 11-14 at Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien. Cost for the weekend is \$340. A one-day mission study event will be held on July 27 at South Suburban Korean UMC in Flossmoor. The cost is \$50 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The Spiritual Growth topic is "Practicing Resurrection: The Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship." The other two topics are "Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission" and "What about Our Money? A Faith Response."

## Pastor Nanabray Is Accessible to Members of the Congregation

We are informing the congregation that Pastor Nanabray is being reappointed to St. Andrew for another year. She wants to reassure us that if anyone wishes to make an appointment to speak with her about a church issue or a personal matter, she can always be reached on her cell phone. Also, a copy of Pastor Nanabray's monthly Pastoral Report to the Church Council is available in the church office if anyone wishes to view her monthly summary of how she has spent her time for St. Andrew.

*Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the times you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as you ever can.*

*—John Wesley*

## Corporate Prayer



Our next corporate prayer time will be Wednesday, July 3, 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

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.



## Summer PADS

Summer PADS has started. (Please see the "Heroes Needed" flyer on the next page.) Now the summer shelter program is able to cover all seven nights a week: Sunday night at Hazel Crest UMC, Monday through Friday at St. Lawrence O'Toole Catholic Church in Matteson, and Saturday night at Faith Lutheran Church in Homewood. Volunteers are needed. There are four shifts for volunteers, just as in the fall/winter program. If anyone can help once a month, or just once or twice in the summer, contact Liz at [eagbarah@sspads.org](mailto:eagbarah@sspads.org).

## Outreach Project Possibility for Impact Groups

The "Moving Forward" Impact Group has decided that for a summer outreach project, they will serve a meal for the summer program of PADS. Our sister church, Hazel Crest UMC, is the site for shelter on Sunday nights this summer. "Moving Forward" will serve the meal on Sunday, June 9. Other first or second Sundays of the summer months are still available if another group wishes to choose this as an outreach project. Apparently, they already have a regular team for the third and fourth Sundays.



## Calling All Youth

Youth Group is meeting every second and fourth Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Our next meeting will be Sunday, June 9. 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](mailto:standrewspeaks@gmail.com), or call the church office at 798-8904.





# Say It In Song!

**FREE**

## 2019 Living Arts Summer Program

Discussion Groups for youth using music as themes to express themselves

**Ages 8-18**

*Singing, Dancing, Drawing, Poetry, Spoken Word*

With Opportunities to perform in the community

**THURSDAYS**

**4 – 6 pm**

**June 13 – August 1, 2019**  
(closed July 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Registration May 26 - June 16, 2019**

by contacting the church office or online at  
[homewoodsaintandrew.org](http://homewoodsaintandrew.org)

18850 Riegel Road, Homewood, IL

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## HEROES NEEDED!

Volunteering as little as 4 hours of your time each month can help individuals experiencing homelessness have a sense of security for one night!

### SSPADS Summer Shelter is open May through September

### Sunday – Friday!

Shelter Operations	Needs:
1 <sup>st</sup> Shift – 6:00pm to 11:00pm	Cook and Serve Dinner, Guest check in
2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift – 10:45pm to 3:00am	Monitor Shelter
3 <sup>rd</sup> Shift – 2:45am to 7:00am	Monitor Shelter
4 <sup>th</sup> Shift – 5:00am to 7:00am	Cook and Serve Breakfast

South Suburban PADS (SSPADS) provides shelter, meals, and supportive services to individuals experiencing homelessness in the South suburbs of Chicago.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Without volunteers, there are no shelters.  
*\*Hours certification and letter of recommendation available*

SOUTH SUBURBAN P.A.D.S.  
(PUBLIC ACTION TO DELIVER SHELTER)  
Liz Agbarah at [eagbarah@sspads.org](mailto:eagbarah@sspads.org) or 708-332-7700 ext. 131



## **Respond Now School Supplies program**

St. Andrew Church has been asked to provide spiral notebooks for the "backpacks with school supplies" being given out by Respond Now this year. THE NOTEBOOKS MUST BE WIDE RULED.

Our goal this year is only 250. The spiral notebooks generally go on sale at Walmart the week after the 4th of July. There is not a deadline this year as there will not be a special "school supply" party. The backpacks will be available to families who come in to Respond Now whenever they need them.



## **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 held on Sunday, July 28.



## **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: pasta, spaghetti sauce (can or jar), canned beef stew, canned vegetables, apple juice. 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!



## Environmental and Climate-Change Activists in the Forefront

***Fortune Magazine in its May issue wrote about the World's 50 greatest leaders. Some, like Bill and Melinda Gates, work tirelessly to help advance the health and well-being of the poorest populations around the world. And there were many other great accomplishments written up. But I was particularly interested in those who have stood up to fight climate change, one of the greatest challenges facing the world today. Some mentioned were:***

Greta Thunberg—a 16-year-old in Sweden who protested government inaction on climate change at Sweden's Parliament in Stockholm. Her one-woman sit-in ballooned into some 1,700 "climate strikes," largely by youth, on March 15. The mass protest garnered the support of leaders from New Zealand's Jacinda Ardern to Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo—and earned her a Nobel Peace Prize nod. "Climate change, left unchecked, will cause wars, conflict, and refugee crises, said Freddy Andre Ovstegard, a Norwegian lawmaker who nominated her, so Thunberg's movement is "a major contribution to peace." Greta says, "I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day. And then I want you to act."

Claudia Dobles—wife of Carlos Alvarado, helped him win election in 2018 with a pledge to "decarbonize" Costa Rica by 2050.

An architect and urban planner, she's now in charge of turning that promise into reality—setting deadlines, brokering alliances, and raising money. Job one: replacing the antiquated buses and trains that anchor the nation's transit system with clean electric models.

William McDonough: "Green" architecture arguably went mainstream thanks to McDonough, whose firms designed eco-friendly campuses for such giants as Nike and Ford. Today he's a leading proponent of a "circular economy" in which sustainability drives all product design; he's steering an effort to redesign plastics using materials that won't pile up in our oceans and bloodstreams.



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and the 41 other women who were elected for the first time to our congress were also mentioned. Ocasio-Cortez's Green New Deal has brought the issue of climate change to the forefront, even though there is no chance of its gaining support in the Senate, let alone being signed into law by the President.

***While the U. S. at a national level lags behind so many of the countries in the world in fighting climate change, at the state and local levels some progress is being made. Our own state has several environmental bills proposed. There is talk of our state legislature hammering out a bill over the summer (based on these proposals) that they think can be passed this fall. Illinois could be a leader if we can rally behind green legislation that is being proposed for our state.***

—Lucy Kokal

Missions & Social Concerns Committee

There are no passengers on Spaceship Earth; we are all crew.

—Marshall McLuhan, philosopher

## Growing Green

All of us should know that recycling helps to protect our planet's resources for the next generation. But, what to recycle can be confusing. This confusion leads to poor recycling habits. In fact, 25%-35% of the recycling stream is not recyclable; it's contaminated. The contamination of "good" recyclables puts the entire recycling process at risk.

Most of us know the following are accepted in our curbside recycling: aluminum, tin, and metal cans; plastic bottles and containers; glass bottles and jars; cartons: milk, juice, broth, soup, and other; file folders; envelopes; office paper; junk mail; glossy paper; magazines; flattened cardboard boxes; paperboard boxes: cereal, tissue, and frozen food boxes; newspapers; catalogs; phone books; books (remove hard covers before recycling). Gently rinse your cartons and containers before placing them in your container for recycling. Replace lids securely on jugs and bottles. Experts say consumers can help with recycling cardboard boxes by removing the plastic inside before recycling.

Many of us may not be aware that the following cannot be recycled in our curbside recycling and can risk the ability to recycle:

**STRAWS—NO.** Because of their size, plastic straws often get mixed up in the

wrong crowd (with the glass pieces) and they contaminate the glass because it is not possible to separate them. Put them in your garbage can. Try not to accept straws when offered unless absolutely needed.

**SHREDDED PAPER—NO.** On its own, shredded paper is a great recyclable product. However, once you mix it in with all of your other material, it becomes nonrecyclable. Because of its small size, shredded paper often gets mixed in with the small pieces of glass and it cannot be separated for recycling.

**WRAPPING PAPER—YES AND NO.** Birthdays, holidays, weddings, and baby showers generate lots of paper wrappings. The majority of this material can be recycled. However, if you have a shiny "foil" type wrapping paper, please throw that in the trash.

**WET OR SOILED CARDBOARD—NO.** Wet, greasy or food-soiled cardboard is not accepted. Contaminated cardboard can also degrade the rest of the "clean" cardboard.

**GREASY PIZZA BOXES—NO.** Pizza boxes are not recyclable. Greasy pizza boxes can ruin an entire load of clean cardboard if placed in your recycle bin. You can, however, rip off any clean section of the box and recycle it while throwing the grease-stained areas in the garbage.

**TAKEOUT CONTAINERS—NO.** Takeout

(non-Styrofoam) or reusable containers are not part of our local curbside recycling program. This also includes any black trays or food containers. These containers should be placed in your garbage.

**PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES—NO.** While they are considered a plastic container, because of their size, prescription bottles are not currently accepted by Homewood Disposal as part of the curbside recycling program. Check with your local drugstore or pharmacy to see if they have a take-back program.

**EGG CARTONS—YES and NO.** Are egg cartons recyclable? Yes and no. Egg cartons made from paper or cardboard can be recycled. However, egg cartons made from polystyrene (foam) are not.

**JUICE BOXES AND POUCHES—YES and NO.** Juice boxes made from paper material fall under the carton category and are considered recyclable. Don't forget to remove the straw because straws cannot be recycled. These should either be placed in your garbage container or recycled through programs like Terracycle. Other types of juice packaging, like plastic pouches, are not recyclable.

**ICE CREAM CARTONS—NO.** Ice cream cartons are made to withstand the elements of your freezer. Unfortunately, the material used to do this makes recycling impossible.

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### **PLASTIC BAGS AND FILM PLASTICS—**

**NO.** While they often carry the recycling symbol, plastic bags and other film plastic wreak havoc on the sorting equipment. This includes plastic grocery bags, plastic bread bags, plastic wrap, snack bags (chips, fruit snacks, etc.), storage bags and flex packaging (baby food pouches, fruit pouches, juice drink pouches). Many local grocery and department stores accept clean and dry grocery and bread bags in a receptacle at the front of the store. Please do NOT place this material in your recycle bin.

**CLOTHES HANGERS—NO.** Clothes hangers and recycling facilities don't mix. Please throw hangers in the garbage (this includes wood and wire hangers too). Some department stores (like Kohls) and dry cleaners may accept them.

### **HOUSEHOLD (FLAT) GLASS—NO.**

Mirrors, window glass, dinnerware, drinkware and ceramics are all made from glass; however, these materials are made differently than food and beverage containers. In fact, if any of this type of glass gets mixed in with the glass containers, it could cause problems in the recycling process. Please do not throw this material in your recycle bin. Instead, throw it in with your regular garbage.

### **BUBBLE WRAP AND PACKING**

**PEANUTS—NO.** Bubble wrap and packing peanuts are considered "film plastic" and our recycling facility does not like them. Film

plastics are very hard to sort out and there aren't many places willing to take the material and recycle it. The best option, other than throwing it in with your garbage, is to bring it to a local shipping store like FedEx or UPS, but call them first to see what they will accept.

**POLYSTYRENE—NO.** This material comes in many forms: CD and DVD cases, packing material, trays, plastic cups, plastic silverware, and Styrofoam, all of which are very difficult to recycle. Put these items in your household garbage container.

**HARD PLASTIC PACKAGING—NO.** You get a new toy or gift and it's sealed in one of those impossible-to-open plastic packages. No, you cannot recycle the plastic.

**LIGHT BULBS—NO.** CFL and other light bulbs often break when thrown into a garbage or recycle bin, releasing dangerous mercury into the environment. While they are not part of your curbside program, there are other options for bulb recycling. Many local home improvement stores, including Lowes, Home Depot, IKEA, and True Value, offer bulb recycling. Check with your local store.

**MOTOR OIL CONTAINERS—NO.** Motor oil containers (as long as they are empty) should be placed in the garbage. While they are plastic containers, they are not food grade plastics and aren't easily recycled.

**GARDEN HOSES—NO.** Although they may look like plastic, garden hoses are made of

a variety of materials, making them hard to sort. They also pose a huge problem to our recycling facility and should be thrown in the garbage.

### **ELECTRONIC WASTE—Special**

**Collection.** E-waste has been banned from Illinois landfills and must not be put at the curb for pickup. This includes TVs, DVD players, game consoles, cell phones, computers, scanners, etc. Many local electronics stores are required to take back this material to ensure it is properly recycled.

### **HOUSEHOLD AND CAR BATTERIES—**

**NO.** Batteries contain heavy materials such as mercury, lead, cadmium and nickel which can contaminate the environment when they are improperly disposed of. In landfills, these heavy metals have the potential to leach slowly into soil, groundwater, or surface water. Batteries should not be placed out for pickup.

**TONER / INK CARTRIDGES—NO.** Toner and ink cartridges can be placed with your regular household garbage. However, if you prefer to have them recycled, many local retailers like Office Max and Office Depot do.





# June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> 9:00 am-Worship with Communion Respond Now Food Collection  Annual Conference	<b>3</b> 11:00 am- Challengers  Annual Conference	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm-Trustees  Annual Conference	<b>5</b> 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera 175th/Halsted 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters	<b>6</b> 9:45 am-TOPS 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance 3:00 pm-Neighbor. Impact Leaders <b>6:00 pm-            Congregational            Meeting</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 12:00 noon- Corporate Prayer  <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>Day of Pentecost</b> 9:00 am-Worship <b>Congregational            Meeting</b> 3:30 pm-Youth	<b>10</b> 11:00 am- Challengers	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters	<b>13</b> 9:45 am-TOPS 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 am- Book Club
<b>16</b> 9:00 am-Worship Loose Change	<b>17</b> 11:00 am- Challengers	<b>18</b> 1:30 pm- Deb'Est Circle 7:00 pm-Church Council	<b>19</b> 9:00 am-Men's Coffee, Panera 175th/Halsted 1:30 pm-Caring Crafters	<b>20</b> 9:45 am-TOPS 1:00 PM-SPRC 2:00 pm-Finance 2:30 pm-Int'l Dance 3:00 pm-NI Leaders	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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<b>30</b> 9:00 am-Worship						

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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**

