

The Fisherman's Network

St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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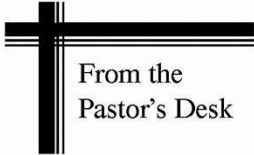
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Our Mission: "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

Our Vision: "Believe in God, Follow Jesus, and Serve Others."

April 2023 Newsletter



From the
Pastor's Desk

As we come to the end of the Lenten season, we are reminded of God's great Love, sending Jesus his son to die on the cross for humanity. (John 3:16)

"No greater love than this for a friend to die for another person..." John 15:13

We know the death of Jesus on the cross and the resurrection on Easter morning is the greatest celebration for Christians ever. Jesus died for you and for me. No one is excluded, even the worst offender receives the love of God.

We do not earn God's love, we do not work for it, it is a free gift from God.

Because of Jesus we now have access to God in heaven.

We look forward to Easter Sunday morning to renew our commitment of love to our heavenly Father.

Because Jesus conquered death, we too have victory over sin and death. Jesus' resurrection confirms our salvation and eternal life. Amen.

Happy Easter!

Blessings,
Pastor Serufusa



St. Andrews Music Notes

The Worship and Music Committee met on March 8th for the planning of future services at St. Andrews.

Palm Sunday, April 2, will be celebrated with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem followed by children waving their palm branches. All children in attendance on Palm Sunday are invited to join in the celebration of Jesus entering Jerusalem.

Holy Thursday Service, April 6, will be a special service with lots of music incorporated into the readings. The Faithful Ringers, Chancel/Praise Choir and special solos will be shared that evening.

The Choir has been working hard on a new anthem for Easter, April 9, that will begin with Jesus' birth and end with His resurrection. Please try to attend in person.

As you begin making your summer vacation plans, please try to keep July 9th open as we will celebrate a very special service of Christmas in July on that Sunday. We are excited about planning this event and the activities that will follow the worship service such as a Christmas luncheon and activities for both the young and young at heart.

We want to extend a special thanks to the United Methodist Men who purchased choir music for St. Andrews Choir.

Have a blessed Easter!

Lisa Shives,
Worship & Music Director



Apr 02 - Palm Sunday
Apr 06 - 10:00 am Bible Study
Apr 06 - 7pm Holy Thursday at St. Andrews
Apr 07 - 7pm Good Friday Service at St. Andrews
Apr 09 - Easter Sunday
Apr 13 - 10:00 am Bible Study
Apr 13 - 7:00 pm Trustees meet
Apr 15 - 8am to 10am UMM Potato Project
Apr 15 - May newsletter article are due
Apr 18 - 6:00 pm SPRC
Apr 19 - 11:30 Emmanuel Senior's Lunch at
Western Sizzlin' – "Scams and Elder Abuse"
Apr 20 - 10:00 am Bible Study
Apr 22 - 9:00 am UMM meet at church
Apr 23 - Native American Ministries Sunday
Apr 25 - 7:00 pm Church Council
Apr 27 - 10:00 am Bible Study

Fundraisers – Peanut Butter Eggs

I would like to thank the wonderful and hard-working group of church members that has stepped up to help in the process of making our delicious peanut butter eggs. Without these dedicated people and contributions from members, our fundraising project would not be a success. As of the third week of March, we have made almost 2,000 eggs! It has been very rewarding to deliver the eggs and hear so many compliments about them. Thank you all!

Phyllis Ernde

United Methodist Men

From Old Testament times to today, men have gathered to discuss their faith journeys and to find meaning, hope, and healing. Small group ministry was an essential element of the Wesleyan movement. The mission of the United Methodist Men is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

All men of the church are members of St Andrews United Methodist Men even if you cannot make our meetings on the fourth Saturday of the month.

We are always looking for new ways to reach out to the church and community to show God's love. Our current projects include:

- "End Hunger– Potato Project" (4/15/23)
- Mother's Day flowers (5/14/23)
- Father's Day flowers (6/18/23)
- Gifts for our graduates
- Christmas goodie bags for children

Our only funding source comes from the donations received when people park on our parking lot to attend the South High football games and the Washington County Showcase of Bands. Monitoring the parking lot helps keep the trash to a minimum and protects our property. People who use our lot are very generous and friendly. Monitoring requires about two hours at each school event and we welcome the ladies of the church who volunteer. Sign-up sheets for parking lot coverage are posted the beginning of August.

If you can help the UMM in any way or have new ideas, please contact John Davidson.



UMM Potato Project April 15, 2023

The United Methodist Men of St. Andrews United Methodist Church will host a potato drop in the church parking lot at 1020 Maryland Ave, Hagerstown on April 15, from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. We will be offering 50-pound bags of Maine Potatoes to organizations and smaller bags to individuals in need.

To reserve one or more bags of potatoes, or to help distribute them on April 15, please contact John Davidson at 301-730-7359 or write him at davidjoh@myactv.net



Food Collections:

Each month we donate cereal to St. Mark's Food Bank. They appreciate our help feeding families when prices are so high. Please donate a box or two and don't forget a box of children's cereal, too! We recently delivered 20 boxes of cereal in early March. We delivered 12 packs of snacks to Bester School's students and 16 items of flour, sugar, boxed macaroni and cheese, and instant potatoes for their pantry. Thank you!

REACH Cold Weather Shelter:

Thank you for filling the REACH box with so many useful items. When we delivered 31 supplies to the Cold Weather Shelter, the cart the employee brought out to the car was soon overflowing. They were very pleased to receive our much needed donations!

Red Bird Mission:

Red Bird Mission received our two boxes of winter items. "Your partnership through support of Red Bird is vital for these activities" (S.T.E.A.M Carnival, funding for economic opportunities...) that bring hope and promise to the people we serve...Thank you for your gift..." (Tim Crawford-Development Director). Thank you for keeping heads, necks, hands, and hearts warm this winter with your love and support.

Desiree L. Segura April:

The United Methodist Church supports over 200 missionaries worldwide. We received a "Thank You" letter for our final covenant gift in December. "Thank you for your many years of support of this ministry"!

The wealth we have is determined by God.

*"But remember the Lord your God, for it is he
who gives you power to get wealth"*

(Deut. 8:18).

Thoughts on Finance...

Have you honored your financial commitment to God? Are you up to date in your giving to St. Andrews? We currently have a deficit compared to expenses. Your Finance Committee looks at every monthly report for analysis!

Thoughts on Generosity...

Applying Bible Principles

There are some wonderful principles in the Old Testament which apply to present-day Christians. One of these is in Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Stated in contemporary language, it says, "When you have eaten and are full, when your cars, houses and bank accounts multiply, don't forget where it came from: Remember the Lord your God."

In truth, all that we have comes from God. He determines what we will receive, whether it be money, gold, silver, houses, land, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. It all belongs to Him in the first place, and He entrusts it to us. According to David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, riches, honor, power, and wealth all come from God.

That's why there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Oh, we have to do our part. God's plan is not that we just sit around praying and reading the Bible all day long so that what we need to survive will miraculously drop into our hands. We're not just to pray for "our daily bread," but we're also to get up each day and work for it! That's why the Apostle Paul stated clearly, "Anyone unwilling to work should not eat" (2 Thes. 3:10). But in reality, the amount of money and wealth

which we receive is determined by God. According to His divine will and knowledge, He entrusts to each of us the amounts which He knows will be best for us.

What should be our reaction to our financial state? Some might pray, "Dear Lord, you must have made a mistake concerning me and my finances. Please give me more money." Others might try to circumvent God's design for their lives by trying to win the lottery or to obtain large sums of money through some other means. Mature Christians, however, will realize God's infinite wisdom far surpasses their limited perspective. They will accept with a thankful spirit what God has entrusted to them and seek to honor God by their living and by their giving.