

# The Fisherman's Network

## St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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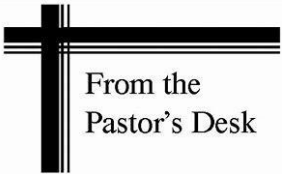
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**Our Mission:** "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

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

## February 2022 Newsletter



From the  
Pastor's Desk

February is black History month. We celebrate the achievements of the black

community in the US.

I am praying for a revival this month of February and year 2022.

We all want to see God change our lives for the better. We pray that God would break the stronghold of Satan (anger, bitterness, racism, divisions, rivalries) in our lives.

We pray that God would move in a powerful way in our church, city and country. We want to see God's power demonstrated in a variety of ways in our lives. We want to see peace, love and justice in the land. May God helps us get rid of all sin, doubt, fear and violence, so that we obey God's word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that God would rekindle our passion to love Jesus, increase our hunger for the Bible, increase our church spiritual life with vitality.

May we be generous with our gifts, money, talents and time.

May we be the bridge for reconciliation with our words and actions in the community with all ethnic communities.

Come Lord Jesus and renew us now. AMEN.

Blessings,  
Pastor Serufusa



*St. Andrews  
Music Notes*

The Chancel/Praise choir is beginning to work on Lent and Easter music. I always think there is nothing more beautiful than Christmas music, but then we get into the Lenten season and the music during this time of the church year is so meaningful and moving.

Please feel free to join us after church for just one hour of rehearsal. The invitation to participate with us and share your musical talents is always there.

I know some of you are concerned about the transmission of COVID and I respect your opinions. Please know that you are encouraged to come back and/or start on the choir whenever you feel comfortable.

Remember, God is in control and he will answer our prayers and get us through this season of life that has brought trials and tribulations.

Lisa Shives  
Music Director



## Important Dates in February

- Feb 02-09 Nancy off
- Feb 03 - 7:00 pm Trustees
- Feb 13 - "Souper" Sunday for REACH
- Feb 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 - 6:00 pm SPRC
- Feb 22 - 7:00 pm Ad Council
- Feb 26 - 9:00 am United Methodist Men breakfast
- Feb 27 - Transfiguration Sunday



Because all that we have belongs to God, our goal in using that which belongs to Him is to glorify Him.

*"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).*

## \$ Notes on Finances ...

### Applying Bible Principles

When he was president of Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, Gordon MacDonald said, "One of the greatest teachings missing in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."

We own nothing. We have been given material means to use, but not to own. All that we have belongs to God. He is our Source according to Psalm 62:5. We are only managers and stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

Because all that we have belongs to God, and because He gives us the ability to obtain wealth, every spending decision is in reality a spiritual decision. According to 1 Corinthians 10:31, our constant goal must be to glorify God in all of life, including how we use His resources.

Stephen Olford wrote this: "... man's chief end is 'to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.' We are to glorify God by our worshipful praise (Psalm 50:23). We are to glorify Him by our consistent fruit bearing (John 15:8). We are to glorify Him by our spiritual unity (Rom. 15:6). We are to glorify Him by our entire dedication (1 Cor. 6:20). And we are to glorify Him by our good works (Matt. 5:16). In this last category is included the matter of giving. Only in this way can we provide for 'honest things in the sight of the Lord.' The glory of God should motivate us to give and to give our best."

If our goals and ambitions are truly set on spiritual things, if our emphasis in life is to glorify God, we

will use the funds He has “loaned” to us on a temporary basis to glorify Him. We will put His money and possessions to good use by giving to His work and by storing up “treasures in heaven” (Matt. 6:19-21).

There are two key questions to be asked concerning money and possessions: First, are you glorifying God in how you are using the money and possessions He has entrusted to you? And second, are you viewing these things as yours or as His?



### **St. Mark's Food Bank**

In the last three weeks we delivered 59 items to the Rescue Mission, 30 boxes of cereal and 24 other items to the Food Bank. Thank you for

helping feed our community families during these cold days!

### **Red Bird Mitten Tree**

This year we shipped 148 winter items to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. That is a lot of warmth and love being sent from St. Andrews to Red Bird! Thank You! A special thanks to RJ Lock & Security for donating shipping boxes.

### **REACH (Religious Effort to Assist and Care for the Homeless)**

In 1990 three individuals started REACH and in 1996 the Cold Weather Shelter was opened to give temporary shelter for the homeless from the last Sunday of October to the first Sunday of April. During cold nights a warm bed and a meal mean so much! REACH helps people with housing, jobs, financial planning, and educational opportunities. Sunday, February 7, is “Souper” Bowl for REACH.

On February 13 there will be a “Souper” Bowl at the back of the Sanctuary at church. Please place a dollar or two in the bowl to support REACH's Cold Weather Shelter this winter. You may also write a check or give online making sure to designate for REACH and write checks to St. Andrews UMC. During the month of February, a box and a list of needed items will be on the hallway table. They will be delivered in early March. Thank you for caring!

### **Bester Community of Hope**

On December 20<sup>th</sup> we donated 20 boxes of individual boxes of snacks for the kindergarten students. They are so grateful for our support! Please continue donating boxes of macaroni and cheese, instant mashed potatoes, sugar, and flour for the pantry. Also boxes of individual snacks can be donated for the students. Thank you for your continued support to the Bester community.

### **Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH)**

Thank you for supporting the food ministry of FHFH. Thanks to you, protein rich food will be delivered to families again this year! The amount of our gift will be published in the March Newsletter.



### **WEATHER WATCH!**

If the weather outside is blowing and you wonder if church services will be held, look for an email from the pastor or the church office.

If Washington County schools are closed due to the weather, any meetings scheduled at the church for that day or evening will be cancelled unless you are advised otherwise by the meeting chairperson.



### *Worship Committee*

Following are some important dates to mark on your calendars for the months of February and March.

February 13<sup>th</sup> is “Souper” Bowl Sunday to benefit REACH. This is the first time since 2003 that the Super Bowl has been the second Sunday of the month instead of the first Sunday.

February 27 is Transfiguration Sunday. This is the last Sunday before Lent, marking Christ's transfiguration on the mountain with Elijah and Moses.

On March 2 at 7:00 PM, we will have our Ash Wednesday service at St. Andrews. We will be

joined by Emmanuel UMC also. This is a very meaningful service to start us on our Lenten journey.

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Please support our United Methodist Men by joining the group on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 am for fellowship.

United Methodist Men's motto is to help men grow in Christ, so others may know Christ.