

The Fisherman's Network

St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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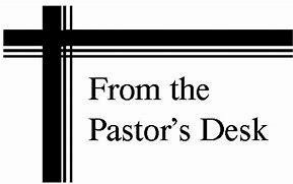
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Our Mission: "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

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

July/August 2022 Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk

It is summertime, a time when many slow down the pace of life. Many people are resting at beaches, in mountains, while visiting with loved ones.

We cannot forget to spend time with God. It is time to recharge our batteries and fill our spiritual lives with the Word of God.

As Christians what summer refreshment are you taking?

What will our church be this summer and the rest of the year?

Are we going to renew our children's ministry? I pray we do restart.

Are we going to be strong tithers or are we going to be tippers?

Let us support our church better in creative ways.

Will our church put in more energy in evangelizing (bringing people to Christ and to the church)? More effort is needed.

Let us bring ideas for the future of our church. What new ministries do you see that St. Andrews church can get involved in?

We encourage you to be active in the church throughout the summer.

Pray for the church, support the church, and pray that God will continue to renew us all.

Blessings!
Pastor Christopher Serufusa



St. Andrews Music Notes

July 4th celebrations will soon be happening. I love the fact that so many of our forefathers proclaimed God in their speeches and everyday life. Take inspiration from these words from just a few of our founding fathers and patriots who helped shape our great country by proclaiming America as "One Nation Under God."

"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God." (John F. Kennedy, 35th President)

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians, not on religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For that reason alone, people of other faiths have been afforded freedom of worship here." (Patrick Henry, American Patriot)

"It is necessary for the welfare of the nation that men's lives be based on the principles of the Bible. No man, educated or uneducated, can afford to be ignorant of the Bible." (Theodore Roosevelt, 26th US President)

"Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience...without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under." (Ronald Reagan, 40th US President)

Psalm 12, verse 33 says: "Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for his

very own." May we keep in our prayers that our nation always remains One Nation Under God.

Enjoy your July 4th celebrations!

The Chancel/Praise Choir will start rehearsing again after church on August 21st. Please consider joining us. In addition to singing praise to God, we really do enjoy the fellowship with other choir members.

Lisa Shives
Music Director



in July & August

- July 04- Independence Day
 - July 12- 6:30 pm Finance Committee
 - July 19- 6:00 pm SPRC
 - July 20- 11:30 am Emmanuel Senior's Lunch
 - Aug 17- 11:30 am Emmanuel Senior's Lunch
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This past month we donated 17 boxes of cereal and several other items to the food bank. They are always very happy to see our bags of groceries! We also delivered 22 pantry items and 20 boxes of snacks to Bester students. Thank you for helping our local community families. We will continue collecting these same items for St. Mark's and Bester School this summer to help families and students attending summer school activities.

Heifer Project "Hatching Hope"

Thank you for your donations to Heifer Project! We sent a check for \$500 to support this ministry in June. That makes a "lasting difference" in people's lives. This gift will provide many chicks, several pigs, or maybe a herd of goats!

Missionary Support

Please keep Desiree Segura-April and her family in your prayers as they serve Latin America and the Caribbean in the mission field.

Society of St. Andrew

"Gleaning America's Fields – Feeding America's Hungry". As our gardens begin to produce some fresh vegetables, please share them with the congregation. Take something home and leave a small donation. All monetary donations will help ship needed fresh food to pantries, food banks, and soup kitchens throughout the U.S. Thank you for sharing!

This summer share your garden's fresh vegetables with our congregation and if you take something delicious home, leave a donation in the bowl to help transport fresh food to others.



**St. Mark's Food Bank and
Bester Elementary School**

Notes on Finances ...

Thank you to all our members and friends for supporting St. Andrew's in 2022. We are currently more than \$11,000 behind in contributions. How are we paying our bills you ask? We started the year with a balance of \$24,667.25 in our checking account. We have been using that beginning balance to pay bills when giving has not been sufficient. Our current checking account balance is down to a little more than \$8,000 as of June 22nd. That is about 2 weeks of operating expenses.

Our bills do not take vacations. Our current budget is bare bones. We have nothing to cut. If you are behind in your giving and can make up those tithes, please make them up as soon as possible. Our finance committee is making tough decisions every week at this point. We will have no choice but to dip into our emergency funds. These are the funds that we set aside and hope to never touch. Once these funds are used, we have no way to replace them.

There are 3 ways to give.

1. Join us in person on Sunday and give in person.
2. Mail in your contribution to St. Andrew's UMC, 1020 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740.
3. Contribute online by going to the church website,
www.standrewsumchagerstown.com

Click on "Donate" or digitally use the Vanco app by scanning the QR code here, using your phone's camera. Directions from Vanco are available. Pick up a copy on the table in the Narthex at church, or write the church office to request a copy.



Applying Bible Principles

If you read annual reports from publicly held companies or banks, you will frequently see the word "fiduciary." Fiduciary is used as an adjective to describe something which is held in trust. It is also used as a noun to describe the one who is a trustee who must account for that which is held in trust.

For example, a bank president has a fiduciary responsibility to stockholders in the bank and to depositors who place their money in the bank. A company treasurer has a fiduciary responsibility to the owners of the company. A payroll clerk has a fiduciary responsibility to pay people what they have earned.

You may never have considered yourself a fiduciary, and you may never have acted officially in a fiduciary capacity, but in reality, you are a fiduciary. All of us are. That applies both to Christians and to those who are not part of God's family through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We who are Christians will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. There, we will not be judged for salvation, since the penalty and judgment for sin was settled once and for all on the cross of Calvary when the Lord Jesus paid the price for our sin. Instead, when we stand before Christ, we will give an account of how we have used what God has entrusted to us.

Just as a bank president must account to stockholders and depositors on how their funds are used, we must account to Christ for how we have used what God has entrusted to us. Since everything we have rightfully belongs to Him, we will need to report on how we have managed His assets!

As you consider how you have used what God has entrusted to your care and keeping during the past few months, what kind of job have you done? And more importantly, as a "fiduciary" of what God has placed in your hands, will you stand before Him with joy, eager to report on your giving and management of His assets?



**...during your summer
vacation!**