

The Fisherman's Network

St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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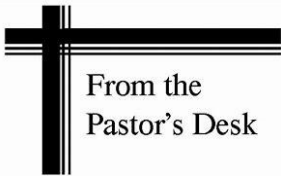
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Our Mission: "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

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

June 2022 Newsletter



From the
Pastor's Desk

Thorn in the Flesh

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

2Corinthians 11:8

Has a person or a situation been a thorn to you?

We all have prayed to God repeatedly to heal us, to provide something, to open new doors, and yet nothing has happened.

Prayers have not been answered our way. Are you struggling with disease, or want a better profession or to do better at school?

What is your struggle this summer?

Family reunions and getting together season is coming. How do you want the Lord to help you?

In all our brokenness, God is still working everything out for your good. Paul then understood that our lives depend on Christ. It is the power of Jesus that sustains us as we lean on the Lord for answers.

Whatever challenges we have, weakness, insults, and dangers in life, that we deal with, Jesus has the power for us to prevail. You all have a blessed Summer.

Happy Father's Day!

Blessings,
Pastor Christopher Serufusa



St. Andrews Music Notes

I'm looking for families to provide special music during some of the Sundays in July and August. Music can be vocal, instrumental, or both. Please consider signing up for a Sunday. You can have husband and wife, mother and daughter, sisters, cousins - any family combination that you would like to have provide the special music would be awesome. I think this would be really rewarding for both you and our congregation. Of course, we always welcome soloists, too. Please see me with the Sunday you would be willing to participate.

Thank you to all who have shared their musical talents during the past year. Also, I really appreciated the willingness of those individuals who agreed to narrate and participate in the Lenten dialogues, and to those who helped decorate the Sanctuary. What a blessing to be part of this family that we call St. Andrews.

Lisa Shives,
Music Director



Important Dates in June

June 09 – 7:00 pm Trustees meet
June 05 – Pentecost Sunday
June 12 – Peace with Justice Sunday
June 12 – Trinity Sunday
June 15 – Emmanuel Senior Lunch
June 19 – Father's Day
June 21 – First Day of summer
June 25 – 9:00 am United Methodist Men meet
June 28 – 7:00 pm Church Council



**St. Andrews
United Methodist Men
will meet for breakfast
9:00 am, June 25
at the church**



Heifer Project

Thank you for your generous support for Heifer Project! Here is an example from Heifer International of how our support helps:

“Your gift to Heifer = The Gift of Nutrition to a Child in Need. From a single cow named ‘Bahati’ came...more than 5 gallons of milk a day + income from selling the extra milk + money to buy a flock of chicks + that produces plenty of protein-rich eggs + which provide even more income + abundant fertilizer to grow vegetables + three offspring - two heifers and a bull!” TO PASS ON TO A NEIGHBOR.

Society of St. Andrew

The year 2022 is already busy for the Society of St. Andrew Potato Project here at St. Andrews and throughout the U.S. Thanks to the United Methodist Men and many helpers, the Potato Drop at St. Andrews UMC was a real success. As volunteers glean farmer's fields this summer, money is needed to ship the produce to agencies in need of fresh food.

Please share your produce on the hallway table this summer. If you would like to take a fresh vegetable, please leave a small donation in the bowl to help with shipping to support this food ministry. Thank you!

Donations to Local Pantries and Food Bank

Your food donations are so appreciated! We delivered 35 boxes of cereal and 36 other items to St. Mark's Food Bank, 28 items to the Rescue Mission for meals and their pantry, 11 boxes of snacks to Bester Elementary School and 24 items to their pantry. Be looking for Bester's summer list of items needed coming soon.

Missionary Desiree Segura-April

From Global Ministries: “A Covenant Relationship is a dynamic relationship which you partner with us, providing spiritual, financial and emotional support.” Our covenant is with Desiree Segura-April who is serving in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please continue praying for her work and her family, Osias and Nikolas.

Emmanuel/St. Andrews Seniors

Our first luncheon was held May 18th at Western Sizzlin' with over 20 persons in attendance including folks from our sister church, St. Andrews UMC. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great.

A big thank you to Kim Smith from Emmanuel for coordinating and providing fun things to do. We were encouraged to guess names of "old-type objects and their use" and provide some information about ourselves in an effort to get to know each other better.

It was great to get together socially for conversation and some laughs. Suggestions were taken for future get-togethers. The grand prize for the day went to Charlie Pope, just for being you, but really, prizes are possible for all each month. You don't want to miss it.

All are welcome to join in the fun, scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We are also looking for a special name for this special group of folks! Bring your ideas next month and maybe there will be a prize for the winning idea! We will see you then!

Applying Bible Principles

"Likewise, all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil — this is the gift of God" (Eccl. 5:19).

Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that He also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from His hand, but in particular, Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully His, and then He allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what He has entrusted to us, no doubt He takes great pleasure in our enjoyment if our actions are in conformity to His Word and His will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle

is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and His work here at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church.

During the past few months, have you kept God's glory as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?



Notes on Finances ...

At the beginning of 2022, we started the year with a checking account balance of \$24,667.25. At the end of April, our balance is now down to \$16,229.22. Our expenses have exceeded our giving by a little more than \$8,400. We are greatly concerned about this deficit in only the first half of the year. Our spending is monitored closely, and our expenses are mainly salaries and benefits, operating expenses and our Mission Shares (previously known as Conference apportionments).

We fully paid our Mission Shares last year and every year before that. We are hopeful that the heating season is past us so that we will not have the expense of natural gas for heat. With the cooling season approaching we do expect an increase in our electric bill for the summer months.

If you missed any giving in March, April, or May, please consider making up your contribution in June or making an extra donation to help increase our checking account balance.

If you attend our worship service virtually, on Facebook or YouTube, we hope you will send your contribution online through Vanco. Your giving on that platform will be recorded like all other giving and a statement provided to you in June and December.