

The Fisherman's Network

St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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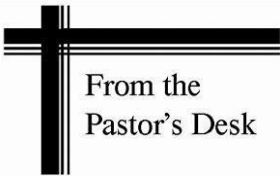
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Our Mission: "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

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

June 2023 Newsletter



From the
Pastor's Desk

Our Mission and Purpose

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

There is much work to be done when it comes to outreach in the name of Jesus. We are all called to be spokespersons for Jesus in word and action.

Many people in our region - urban or rural, have not heard the gospel of Jesus that gives salvation from human sin. Many people are not affiliated with a church in our region. Our work is to engage them in the faith that Jesus offers.

Jesus has appointed us to make disciples, sharing the good news of God's love.

This summer, when you leave the church worship service, you are sent out to the mission field, right outside your doors. Understand your mission and your purpose and be driven by it.

Share the love of God, tell of his loving kindness and be the evangelist you are meant to be.

Happy Father's Day!

Blessings,
Pastor Christopher Serufusa

St. Andrews Music Notes

My five year old granddaughter really made me evaluate myself and my attitude with something she said this past week. She was practicing to "someday" be the student who is chosen to lead the morning announcements in her school - Sharpsburg Elementary. Her Mom sent me the video and her last line was, "Have a great day, or not. The choice is yours to make". When I first heard her say this I really laughed, but then it sunk in. That comment is so true and I am going to take it to heart. Hopefully it will help brighten your day if you feel things aren't going so well.

The Worship and Music Committee met on May 10th and the enthusiasm in this group literally filled the room. We are so excited to plan special events for upcoming services.

On June 18th, the United Methodist Men will honor all men as we celebrate Father's Day.

We will include special patriotic music in our July 2nd service. Also, if you have a family member who is currently serving, or will be serving in the armed services, please let me know, so that we can honor them at this service.

The July 9th service will be our "Christmas In July" celebration. Christmas decorations will fill the sanctuary and the service will consist of a Christmas Play. You will have an opportunity to sing some of your favorite Christmas carols because every day is a great day to celebrate Jesus' birth. A luncheon will follow the service. We have lots of activities for the young and old after our luncheon. Christmas Bingo and other activities are planned for the afternoon. Please mark your calendars as we would love everyone to attend.

Remember: Choose to have a great day!

Lisa Shives, Music Director



Important Dates in June

June 01-03 BWC

Conference in Baltimore

June 04 – Peace with Justice Sunday

June 04 – Trinity Sunday

June 07 – 6:00 pm Membership Meeting

June 15 – July/August newsletter articles are due

June 18 – Father's Day

June 21 – 11:30 am Emmanuel Senior's Indoor Picnic at St. Andrews

June 21 – First Day of summer

June 24 – 9:00 am United Methodist Men meet

June 27 – 7:00 pm Church Council

June 28 – 6:00 pm Worship Committee meets



their next meal is coming from..." You can help by sharing your garden produce this summer, or taking something fresh home and making a donation. All money collected will go to help transport produce to local giveaways like our Potato Drop and other food pantries and kitchens. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Donations to Local Pantries and Food Bank

In the last month we have made several deliveries to St. Mark's Food Bank, Bester Elementary School, and the Rescue Mission.

Thank you for helping our local community when the need is so great! We donated 32 boxes of cereal, 10 canned items, 28 pantry items, and 26 snack packs. St. Mark's always needs cereal including children's cereal and Bester continues to need flour, sugar, boxes of macaroni and cheese, instant potatoes, and boxes of individual snacks. Thank you for caring!

Brooke's House

We will deliver all donations at the end of May. The residents will be pleased that our church is thinking of them and praying for their success.

Children's Camp

HARC is sponsoring a Children's Camp to reach out and support families August 14-18 from 9:00 to 3:00 each day. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ashlee at jon2ash@gmail.com. Have fun and help our community!



Special Music Volunteers!

Remember! The Faithful Ringers and the Chancel Praise Choir will be taking a break during the summer. If you would like to provide special music during the summer months, please see Lisa so that we can get you scheduled for a Sunday.

Consider the whole family choosing a Sunday. That would be fun! This could mean you and your siblings, your children, you and your spouse, or any other family members.

Applying Bible Principles

"Likewise, all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them,



St. Andrews Potato Project

"More than 40 million people in this country don't always know where

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?

Money is one of God's gifts to people.

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Thank you so much to our members and committees for rallying to support our budget in April. We need every one of us to help meet our 2023 goals.

Why were our expenses higher in March than in the other months?

In March the bills that are paid once per quarter were due. These payments are water/sewer, property insurance, stormwater tax, and the Trustees' allotment.



***Shoe Size Drive
The Month of June***

The Shoe Size Drive fundraiser will be held the entire month of June to benefit the General fund.

It will be fun like it was last year! Count the shoe size of everyone in your family. Add up the sizes and that's the amount of your donation.

Please make checks payable to St. Andrews UMC and include the donation in your giving envelope or a separate envelope. You can also put your donation in a special basket provided at the rear of the Sanctuary.