

# The Fisherman's Network

## St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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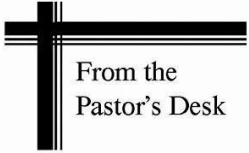
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**Our Mission:** "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

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

## May 2021 Newsletter



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Your mistakes and flaws are not fatal. *Peter denied Jesus three times. (John 18:15-27)*

Jesus had warned Peter that he would deny him. Peter said, no way Lord I would never do such a thing. But when confronted by the young woman at the High priest's courtyard, Peter ended up denying Jesus three times. This denial and betrayal of Peter was enough to put Peter out of Jesus camp forever. Peter felt the sting when Jesus looked at him and the cock crowed.

On the Resurrection Morning the Angel told the Holy Women to tell the disciples, **even Peter**, to meet Jesus in Galilee where the whole ministry of Jesus started.

What are your **mistakes, flaws and sins** against our Lord Jesus, and against your brothers and sisters? There is a **second chance and forgiveness** from Jesus.

Spring is here a time to keep weeds out of our gardens. Time for new plants, and a chance to see if the old plants can be revived to blossom.

As we freshen up our gardens, let us freshen up our spiritual lives with lots of love, peace, healing, forgiveness, from Christ our savior. We learn from our mistakes, moving on to be better children of God.

We celebrate all women on **Mother's Day** for all the work they do to make life better for all of us.

We celebrate **Pentecost** May 23, 2021, the birthday of the Church. May our church strive and grow.

Thanks for all the work that make it possible for the Potato project to be a success.

Serving and caring for God's people is our calling.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris



### St. Andrews Music Notes

"Let Go My Soul and Trust In Him,  
The Waves and Wind Still Know  
His Name" (lyrics from 'It Is Well'  
by Bethel Music).

Wow - what an inspirational thought! I have found that music has the power to speak to me in so many ways. I'm hoping that even though we have not been singing in church, the music has still been very meaningful to you as you have been meditating on the words to the hymns posted on our screen.

Summer is just around the corner and we usually have soloists sing during the months of July and August. Please consider signing up for a Sunday to share your musical talents for special music this summer. You can either send me a recorded song or you can sing in person.

Members of the choir have been working on anthems in small groups. I'm hoping that the Bell Choir and the Chancel/Praise choir will be able to return to in-house worship by this fall. We miss you!

Lisa Shives,  
Music Director



**Important Dates** *in May*

May 6 - National Day of

- Prayer
- May 6 - 7:00 pm Trustees
- May 6 - Bible Study 10am
- May 9 - Mother's Day
- May 13 - Bible Study 10am
- May 15 - Armed Forces Day
- May 16 - Ascension Sunday
- May 17 - 6:30 pm Worship Committee
- May 18 - 6:30 Finance Committee meets
- May 20 - Bible Study 10am
- May 22 - 9 - 10 am UM Men Breakfast at church
- May 23 - Pentecost Sunday
- May 25 - 7:00 pm Ad Council
- May 27 - Bible Study 10am
- May 30 - Trinity Sunday
- May 30 - Peace with Justice Sunday
- May 30 - Wear red, white and blue to honor service members who gave their lives
- May 31 - Memorial Day
- June 3 - Bible Study 10am – last session



There are special observances on the church's calendar in May. The National Day of Prayer is a day when people of all faiths are asked to pray for our nation. This year it falls on Thursday, May 6th. This year's theme prays: "LORD pour out your

LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY" referencing the Bible verse of 2 Cor. 3:17.

The second Sunday in May is dedicated to all women as we honor and celebrate Mother's Day on May 9th. In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed the holiday into law. Did you know more phone calls are made on Mother's Day than any other day of the year? Some of the most popular gifts given are greeting cards, plants, flowers, and candy.

We will also celebrate a very special birthday this month. On Sunday, May 23rd, we will observe Pentecost, which is also noted as the "Birthday of the Church". It is observed on the fiftieth day after the resurrection of Jesus. On Pentecost, we remember the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit. The story in Acts 2 describes the Holy Spirit as a powerful wind and tongues of fire which poured down on people all over the world who came to Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. At the first Pentecost, over 3,000 people were baptized creating the first church. Today, churches are often decorated in the color of red to remind us of the "tongues of fire". As we celebrate this year's "Birthday of the Church" may we remember the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit in living out our lives to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, May 30th, let us wear our red, white, and blue to honor and remember those brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their great sacrifice has allowed us to live in a nation of many freedoms including that of worship according to our personal beliefs. Thanks be to God.

Enjoy the blessing of a beautiful spring,

Carol Williamson,  
Worship Committee



**Bester Elementary School Pantry**

Thank you so much for your support of our new community project. On March 22nd Sherri Heil and I delivered 60 items of food to Bester. They appreciate our help feeding local families. We will continue collecting flour, sugar, boxes of macaroni and cheese, and instant potatoes.

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

We recently delivered 42 boxes of cereal and several other items to the Food Bank. At this time we will focus mainly on cereal until they let us know of other needs. Each time we arrive they thank us for our ongoing support! Thank you for reaching out to our local families.

## **Heifer Project-"Hatching Hope"**

In 1944 Dan West started shipping livestock to other countries with the help of Seagoing cowboys. This was the beginning of Heifer Project. Their goal is to "transform recipients into donors," by passing on the gift. In 2019 Heifer Project started "Hatching Hope" in India, Kenya, and Mexico helping families become poultry farmers. This successful project has "changed whole communities!" On April 25th and during May envelopes will be on the Narthex table for your donation to "Hatching Hope" for others by providing chickens for farmers to feed their families, increase their incomes, educate their children, and share baby chicks with their neighbors. Donations can be put in the offering, mailed, or donated online to St. Andrew's. Please provide your name, envelope number, and special offering for "Heifer Project". Thank you for "Hatching Hope" for others!

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God grants to people the ability to earn that which is His already: money and wealth.

*"Riches and honor come from you,  
and you rule over all.  
In your hand are power and might;  
and it is in your hand to make great  
and to give strength to all"  
(1 Chron. 29:12).*

## **Applying Bible Principles**

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. "Jumbo shrimp" is an oxymoron. "Ferocious lamb" is another. "Dumb scholar" is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, "Stingy Christian." Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ,

Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

Think about some of God's good gifts:

God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).

God gives the rain (Job 5:10).

God gives health (Jer. 30:17).

God gives life (Acts 17:25).

God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).

God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).

God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).

God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God's gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 — for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to Him.

That's why of all the oxymorons in existence, "Stingy Christian" is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, "What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have."

## **Quilter's Committee**

The Quilter's Committee has been hard at work making lap quilts for local nursing homes. We have made a few changes



to our lap quilts. The main change is there are only two layers: the quilt top and a backing of fleece.

We are in need of cotton fabric as our stash is dwindling. Cotton fabric or monetary donations toward the fleece would be very helpful. Fabric donations can be placed in the plastic tub under the mailboxes by the church office. Thank you!

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### **St. Andrews Potato Project**



The United Methodist Men of St. Andrews joined with the St. Andrews Society on Saturday, April 17, to distribute 840 fifty-pound bags of potatoes.

Along with the UMM were several members of our church who helped break down about 25 of the fifty-pound bags into ten-pound bags. They then went out to the sidewalk and gave these away to passing motorists. Thank you to all who came out to do service!

This was a wonderful outreach opportunity for us and a blessing to many in the community.

Men, join us for our monthly UMM meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:00 am (April's was cancelled due to the potato project.) and help us to build our group. We plan to have speakers and more outreach opportunities in the future but need your help to get us going.

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**St. Andrews  
United Methodist Men  
will meet for breakfast  
9:00 am to 10:00 am  
May 22  
at the church**

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**Wear red, white and blue to worship  
May 30<sup>th</sup>**



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.