

# The Fisherman's Network

## St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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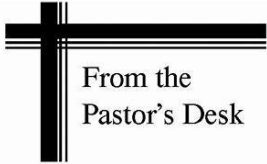
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**Our Mission:** "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

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

## October 2022 Newsletter



From the  
Pastor's Desk

Summer is over and the fall season is here. I hope you all enjoyed your summer vacations.

We sure continue our Christian walk everyday of our lives. There are good times and there are rough times; health challenges, financial difficulties and the loss of loved ones.

But God is still on the throne to shepherd us to a great future. We pray for vitality in our church.

We need a renewal now, since the attack of Covid-19 and other internal church problems.

We pray that our hearts are warmed – rekindled. We break Satan's stronghold on our lives in Jesus' name.

We pray that God's spirit sweeps through our lives and our church.

Let us set aside the sins that beset us. Set aside fear and doubt. May we hear God's word and obey it.

Let us renew our passion for Christ and the church. When we walk in obedience the result is God's joy fills our lives.

Let us hold each other in prayer. Be the intercessor for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let God stir a hunger for God's word in our lives, so that we continue to grow spiritually.

Let us use our gifts, talents and resources to further the Lord's mission of saving and healing the unchurch people.

May God's revival sweep through our church. Amen.

Blessings,  
Pastor Chris



*St. Andrews  
Music Notes*

Music, once again, reminds me of how awesome our God is. The past couple of weeks I have leaned on Danny Goke's song: "Be Alright". Here are just a few of the lyrics that are so meaningful to me.

"There's a name that can silence every fear;  
There's a love that embraces. The heartache, the pain and the tears; through my faith and my doubting. I know one thing for sure His word is unfailing, His promise secures. Everything will be alright. The whole world's in His hands. Your whole world's in His hands. In the darkness and the trials, He's faithful and He's true. The whole world's in His hands."

I wonder how many of us have heard this song and others like it and thought, "That's just what I needed to hear right now; or I think that song was written just for me." Music - a true gift from God.

### **Advent Events Coming Up**

The first Sunday in Advent (November 27th) the Chancel/Praise choir, along with additional members of our congregation will use music and word to present the play, "In Bethlehem Inn". If you would like to participate in the play, please let me know. "In Bethlehem Inn" will take you back to the time when there was no room in the inn. Hopefully you will feel that you are a visitor in the Inn that holy night many years ago. ("In Bethlehem Inn" by John Carter, is produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service.)

The third Sunday in Advent, December 11th, Second Chances will share their Christmas musical program during the regular 10:00 a.m. worship

service. These are just two of the special services that are already lined up for Advent. More information will be shared soon.

Enjoy the crisp air and beautiful changing of leaves that God has blessed us with this fall.

Lisa Shives,  
Music Director



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. As in the past we will be collecting money in a basket in the rear of the church all month.

Even though we appreciate the Pastor this month, we are also very blessed to have the support of Elizabeth, Mugabi and Mukisa. Please consider giving as a thank you for all that the entire family does.



- October is Pastor Appreciation Month
- CWS Blanket Appeal all month

- 10/02 - World Communion Sunday
- 10/05 - 10:00 am Bible Study begins
- 10/06 - 7:00 pm Trustees
- 10/12 - Columbus Day
- 10/12 - 10:00 am Bible Study
- 10/15 - November newsletter articles are due
- 10/16 - Laity Sunday
- 10/19 - 10:00 am Bible Study
- 10/19 - 11:30 am Emmanuel Senior's Lunch
- 10/22 - 9:00 am UMM Meeting at church
- 10/25 - 7:00 pm Church Council
- 10/26 - 10:00 am Bible Study
- 10/27 - 6:00 pm Trunk or Treat
- 10/30 - Reformation Sunday

- 10/31 - Halloween
- 11/05 - Set Your Clocks back when you retire
- 11/06 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/17 - 7:00 pm Annual Church Conference at St. Andrews UMC



Thursday,  
November 17, 2022  
7:00 pm  
at St. Andrews UMC



Thursday, October 27

6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Come help! Dress up and decorate your vehicles. Candy donations can be left in the church kitchen.



### Food Collections

In the last month we have donated 47 boxes of cereal to St. Mark's Food Bank. Thank you so much! Please continue bringing cereal this fall (don't forget a few children's cereals too). We donated a bag of personal hygiene items to the Rescue Mission. We will continue supporting Bester Elementary School this year with instant potatoes, boxes of mac and cheese, flour, sugar, and boxes of individually wrapped snacks. Your support of feeding our local community is appreciated!

### St. Andrews Potato Project

The vegetables on the hallway table were great this year! We sent a check for \$60.00 to help support the transport of gleaned produce to families throughout the U.S. This year our \$60 turned into \$120 due to a matching gift through the Society of St. Andrew. Thank you for caring.

### Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Appeal

October is Church World Service Month. "the gift of a blanket can warm the heart as well as the hands. CWS blankets are versatile and can provide shelter and warmth or act as a stretcher in a disaster (and much, much more). They are also a symbol that someone cares for those with the

deepest needs.” See the hallway table for donation envelopes, give online, or use your offering envelope designating “CWS”. Please make checks payable to “St. Andrews UMC”. Thank you for helping to “Blanket the world in love”.

### St. Andrews Church Campus Needs List

In addition to General Fund contributions, St. Andrews’ members and friends sometimes make a donation and ask that it be put toward a specific need or item in the church or on the church campus. The needs and items that have been identified by the Trustees or other committees and individuals have been listed and placed in a notebook which can be found on the table in the church hallway.

Please take a minute to review the Needs List. If there is an item you would like to donate to, you can specify that item on your check made payable to “St. Andrews UMC”. Donations can be included in your offering envelope, mailed to the church, placed in the bin on the church office door, or donated via Vanco.



### Notes on Finances...

On Sundays we frequently hear Pastor Chris remind us after the benediction to invite someone new to St. Andrew’s next Sunday. You may ask yourself why do we need anyone new in our congregation? I have an explanation for that.

Our mission as a church is to make disciples and to grow and serve God. There are many people in Hagerstown who need our witness and example of faithfulness to see the power of God. We are a great congregation with big hearts and have room for more of God’s children.

Secondly, as our congregation grows with new attendees, we will have more people to join in our mission to serve our community and those in need. They will help us in service and giving. We are not doing so well meeting our own financial needs right now. We cannot rely solely on fundraising to fill the gap.

Please consider inviting someone new to St. Andrews to help us meet our financial responsibilities and support the Hagerstown community.

in the lives of His people.

*“But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

(Matthew 6:33)