

The Fisherman's Network

St. Andrews United Methodist Church

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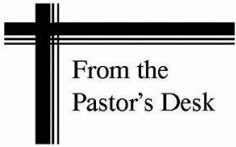
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Our Mission: "To Show, Share and Grow in God's Love, through Jesus Christ."

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

September 2022 Newsletter



From the
Pastor's Desk

How does the church grow?

Church growth is about us the individuals growing in the faith of Jesus our savior.

Do we need to relearn our faith? I think so. Sometimes we forget a lot of the Christian faith teachings. Like a fruit tree planted by the water's growth continues. We must rediscover the word and promises of God. That helps us to be anchored in the Lord.

When trials and storms of life come, we may swing but we will stay grounded in the Lord. Our convictions in God's Word will be challenged but we must stay true to his word. *Staying in the Word will also help us bear healthy fruit- fruit of the Spirit.* Galatians 5:22-23.

As we remember our Baptism and come to the Lord's Supper, new life is awakened in us. We are nourished and strengthened in our faith.

This fall may our Christian life be informed by our study of the ten commandments. Pray the Lord's prayer in a meaningful way. Study the Apostles Creed.

As we come back from vacation and our travels, be reminded that we are all knit together each of us building and being built in Christ's love. May we be renewed and filled with love and joy.

Let us work together to share Jesus' love with each other and with those we meet.

Blessings,
Pastor Serufusa



St. Andrews Music Notes

"Lord, You have my heart and I will search for Yours. Jesus, take my life and lead me on."

These are the opening lines in a song by Martin Smith titled, "Lord, You Have My Heart". Powerful and meaningful music. I've found that every song that is composed for the glory of God has words that are perfect for worshipping and praying to God. Peace of mind, encouragement during tough times, can all be found in religious music.

Please consider joining the Chancel/Praise Choir this year to experience a peace that music brings. The invitation is always open. We practice each Sunday for about an hour after the regular church service

Lisa Shives
Music Director



 **Important Dates** *in September*

- 09/01 - 7:00 pm Trustees
- 09/02 - 5:00-7:30 Parking Lot attendance
- 09/05 - Labor Day
- 09/13 - 6:30 pm Finance Committee meets
- 09/15 - Deadline for October newsletter articles
- 09/16 - 5:00-7:30 Parking Lot attendance
- 09/18 - Church Conference forms are due
- 09/17 - 6:00 pm Parking Lot volunteers needed
- 09/20 - 6:00 pm SPRC meets
- 09/21 - 11:30 am Emmanuel Senior's Lunch
- 09/24 - 9:00 am UMM meet at church
- 09/25 - 10:00 am Worship & Picnic in the Park
- 09/27 - 7:00 pm Church Council
- 09/30 - 5:00-7:30 Parking Lot attendance



Notes on Finances...

Applying Bible Principles

Someone once said, "Experience is a good teacher, but she gives the test first and then the lesson." That's certainly true, and based on many of life's experiences, we frequently fail the test before we can benefit from the lesson.

The formula "e equals mc²" is familiar to many college students but understood by very few people. Most of us know it had something to do with Einstein and was the formula that led to the release of enormous power and to the nuclear age. Similarly, in funding the local church, "e" might stand for every, "m" for member, "c" for commitment, and the "2" for the effort multiplied by itself. The fruit of that kind of effort is much more powerful than what Einstein discovered, even as Jesus described it in Matthew 21:22 — "Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive."

Right now, as we consider the opportunity to support the ministries here at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, God is putting us to the test. As Gordon Moyes stated, "Responsible giving or stewardship is not man's way of raising money, but God's way of raising people. . . .The church's budget is not a list of its expenses, but a record of its vision. It is not a list of bills to be met, but a program of ministry to be achieved."

As each of us prayerfully considers what God would have us give, and as we obey what God asks of us, we can trust Him to provide the resources. That's a test — a test of where we are spiritually much more than where we are financially. It's a test of us as individuals and of us as a church. The question is whether or not we really believe that God has the power and ability to bless our obedience "far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Eph. 3:20).

How are you doing concerning God's tests regarding money in your life? If God's provision in your life in the days ahead depends on how you obey His leading now concerning your giving, what will the future be like for you?

It just might, you know. . . .



Food Collections

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to donate lots of items to our community this summer. We delivered 28 food items to the Rescue Mission, St. Mark's Food Bank received 92 boxes of cereal and 46 other items. Bester Elementary School was very pleased with 70 pantry items and 25 boxes of individual snacks. Please continue supporting these local outreach projects. According to The Herald-Mail, "Increasing costs and decreasing government aid cited as key reasons for hardships for food banks." Including St. Mark's.

REACH of Washington County

Jeannie Asbury, Executive Director and former parent of Parent's Day Out Program, wrote: "Thank you for your donation of \$146.00 to REACH of Washington County. Your generosity and compassion are a blessing to our community." This was collected on "Souper" Bowl Sunday.

St. Andrew's Potato Project

Thank you for the delicious vegetables on the hall table this summer. We will continue this project into early September. A check will be sent to the Society of St. Andrew to help with the transporting of items to food pantries, community meal programs, and potato drops like ours!

Heifer International

"I'm truly fortunate to lead Heifer International and witness every day how the giving spirit of groups like yours can change the world... Which is why I want to extend my sincere appreciation for your groups recent contribution of \$500 to Heifer. Your compassion makes a permanent difference in so many lives." With gratitude, Pierre U. Ferrari (President and CEO)

Church World Service Blanket Appeal

We will be supporting CWS this fall. Envelopes will be on the table by October 2nd. From January to June 2022 32,440 blankets were given to those in need by CWS! We were a part of this ministry with our gift in the fall of 2021.



JOIN US!
Worship & Picnic
in the Park

September 25th

On September 25th our 10:00 am Sunday worship service will be held at the covered pavilion in Doub's Woods Park, South Potomac Street entrance. The service will be followed by a picnic with chicken and beverages provided! Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share.

A sign-up sheet to let us know how many will attend, what you will bring, and/or how you can help, is on the table in the church Narthex. Volunteers are needed to help set up.

You can also email the church office by September 18th at: standrewsumchagerstown@gmail.com or call 301-739-7431 to let us know



Parking Lot Volunteers Needed

The United Methodist Men are looking for volunteers to monitor our parking lot during the South High football games and collect parking donations.

Bring a chair, put out 2 signs, spend 2-½ hours, collect donations, keep our parking lot clear of trash, and enjoy fellowship with fellow church members. We would like to have at least 2 individuals on the lot for each football game.

Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the office or contact John Davidson.

Game dates are:

September 2, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

September 16, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

September 30, 5:00 – 7:30 pm

October 7, 5:00 – 7:30 pm (Homecoming)

Showcase of Bands, to be announced

October 28, 5:15 – 8:00 pm

Times are based upon being on the parking lot a half hour before the game starts plus two hours. If game times are changed you will be notified of the change.