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News from Becky!

Great start to the new year! This month we have already taken down 231 pounds to the Food Care Center! Keep up the good work so we reach our goal of 3000 pounds in 2018!

If you would like to donate to our boomerang program to help provide weekend nourishment for children in need, please mark your check or envelopes as BOOMER BAGS. This mission is supported by your donations. We are not funded by the church. Every little bit helps! We provide bags for 60 children attending East Ward Elementary each Friday with healthy food items for the weekend.

The UMW has started off the new year with a bang! At our general meeting we learned about the empowerment of women around the world AND enjoyed some good food! In February our leadership meeting is on the 6th at 10:00 am (then we'll go to Lunch Bunch after!), then on the 13th Hope Circle meets at 10:30 (bring a dish and join us for lunch!), Faith Circle on Tuesday, Feb 20th at 4:00 pm, and our General Meeting on Tuesday, Feb 27rd at 6:00 pm. **We will be having a pancake dinner Feb 27th at 6 pm and everyone in the church is invited to join us, have some fun and learn a little about the season of Lent!**



The Mission/Outreach team is looking for some sugar! It's time for Sweet Sunday so please bring lots of sweetener (and that includes sweetener alternatives!) the week of Feb 11-18th! Would LOVE to take hundreds of pounds to the food care center – so show YOUR LOVE for this endeavor!

Those of you interested in Vacation Bible School, our next meeting will be Feb 3rd at 9:00 am. I can promise that the coffee is made, there are snacks and we have lots of fun! If you are interested in joining us, please come to this meeting so that we have time to get you trained in Ministry Safe. If you do not do this training you will NOT be allowed to be around the kids. I know we need several people to help with food, an aide for crafts, and 7 people as actors. So come on down and learn more about this fun, exciting way to present God's word to kids (and adults also learn!) We also need you to start collecting some items for use with the program. Among these are clean, empty 2 liter soda bottles, large plastic jars with lids such as mayo and spaghetti jars, vinyl tablecloths that will be cut into pieces, and blue and green plastic tablecloths. You can drop them in the box in the narthex, the office or back at the audio/visual desk. Thanks in advance! Again, that's Saturday, Feb 3rd at 9:00 am –come join the fun! See you there!

The Beacon

Come home to St. Andrew's United Methodist Church ...
 There's a Place for You Here!!.



February 2018

St. Andrews is a diverse family
 sharing God's transforming love
 with our neighbors

Calendar Coincidence

Years ago my sister gave birth to her first child Jessica on April 1st. The comment was made, "She is an April Fools' baby." The father, Charley, immediately responded, "Oh no, this year April 1st falls on Good Friday. She is a Good Friday baby!"

This year we note two such calendar coincidences Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is on February 14th, Valentine's Day, and Easter is on April 1st, April Fools' Day.

On Valentine's Day February 14th, you are invited to share in an evening pancake meal (free) at the church, at the end of which we will have our Ash Wednesday worship in Fowler Hall. Because it is traditional to fast during lent, some communities shared a feast of pancakes before lent began. At worship following our feast you are invited to adopt a Lenten discipline of your choosing.

On April Fools' Day, lent has ended and we will all join together in celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and his victory over sin and death for all of us.

During lent we will examine the passion narrative in Mark's Gospel (and a little of Luke), allowing ourselves to see events through the eyes of different characters. The worship series is thus called "Being...the Woman, Peter, James, the Thief, Pilot, Caiaphas, Simon, Judas, the Centurion, and Mary." Each Sunday we will listen for God's word to us as we consider Jesus' passion and death through the eyes of a different person. On Easter, April 1st, our worship is focused on "Being Fools."

Confirmation Group for Young People

Starting in February we will have a confirmation group that will meet on Sunday afternoons. Confirmation group is for young people who are old enough and mature enough to begin considering faith in Jesus as their savior and Lord. If you are interested, talk to David Leach or Vera Moffitt, or contact the church office.

Missions—Wow!

St. Andrews gave \$17,597 to our connectional missions plus \$5,541.85 to other United Methodist missions such as the Methodist Children's Home and Missionary support. We can add to that \$5,421.75 which we spent or gave in local missions. Our women and men groups also contribute money to mission causes not included here, and we contribute thousands of pounds of goods to local ministries. Congratulations and "well done thou good and faithful servants."

Pastor David

Anniversaries

No Anniversaries for February



Happy Birthday!

Sally Kutheis	2nd
John Ellison	5th
J. W. Thomas	10th
Frankie Pelletier	14th
MaiLee Ann Leach	17th
Miracle Ellison	23rd
Helga Morgan	25th



Prayers for the Sortino Family

Peggy Sortino passed away on January 3, 2018. She had been a member of St. Andrews since June 20, 1971. We miss you Peggy!

**Ash Wednesday Service
& Free Pancake Supper**



February 14, 2018

5:30 pm—Fowler Hall

Everyone is invited to attend a pancake supper beginning at 5:30 pm in Fowler Hall and afterwards we will have our Ash Wednesday worship service in Fowler Hall. Please join us in this feast of pancakes. Open to everyone.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 27th at 6 pm, Fowler Hall!! The UMW is inviting everyone to their general meeting to enjoy pancakes with all the trimmings, and to learn a little about the season of Lent! Please join us and bring your appetite!



Thank you to our St. Andrew's family for helping to make Kelsey's graduation night so special. We love you all.



Congratulations Kelsey Bradford on your graduation from high school on January 18, 2018!! Good job!

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Boomerang Bags 9 am	3 VBS 9 am
4 Communion offering: Aldersgate Enrichment Center Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am	5 Domino Station 12:30	6 Joy Bible Study 9 am UMW Leadership 10 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am Lunch Bunch Golden Corral 12:30 pm	7 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Our Centering Time women 3:15 Women's Emmaus 5:30 pm	8 Rainbow Emmaus 6:30 St. Andrews	9 Boomerang Bags 9 am	10
11 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am Worship Team 11 am Confirmation Group 3 pm	12 Domino Station 12:30	13 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am UMW Hope group 10:30 UMM Dinner meeting 6:30	14 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Women's Emmaus 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Svc & pancake supper 5:30 pm Fowler Hall	15 Pinochle 12-4 pm Fowler Hall	16 Boomerang Bags 9 am	17
18 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am Confirmation Group 3 pm	19 Domino Station 12:30 President's Day Office Closed	20 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am Faith Circle 4 pm	21 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Our Centering Time women 3:15 Women's Emmaus 5:30 pm March newsletter deadline	22	23 Boomerang Bags 9 am	24
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Rainbow Emmaus Gathering

The Rainbow Emmaus Group will meet Thursday, February 8th with covered dish and business starting at 6:30 pm and worship to follow. Remember to bring your worship book, cross and name tag. The gathering will be held at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church.

Whatever you ask for in prayer, with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:22



St. Andrews IS a praying church and we all know that God answers prayer.

One of the ways we spread the word for needed prayers is the prayer chain. For those of you who do not know how the prayer chain works, I am currently the head of the prayer chain. There are two columns under me made up of prayer warriors. I receive a call for a prayer need. I call the head of each column. That person calls the next one on the list, etc. If the person called does not answer, leave a message and call the next on the list to continue the chain. If you would like to be added as a prayer warrior, or if you wish to be removed, please let me know. As you know we have recently lost a great prayer warrior, Peggy Sortino, who has gone to be with the Lord. She was the one to call if I could not be reached. Arlene Aldrich will be filling that position now. Arlene's number is 254-698-4120. My numbers are 254-547-7811 (home) & 254-535-9084 (cell). Thank you, Janet DeWeerd