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News from Becky!



Great job St. Andrews! This month we took 221.8 pounds of food for a total of 865.3 pounds for the year already! Keep up the good work so we reach our goal of 3000 pounds in 2018!

Talking about food – Boomerang bags is doing 60 bags a week and we are now enclosing items for simple food preparation at the end of the month (pasta, soup, etc.) Help us keep these kids fed and able to learn in school. Remember, this is supported by YOUR donations! We are not funded by the church, so if you want to donate, remember to mark your check or envelopes as BOOMER BAGS. We need to have about \$450 to get to the end of the year and every little bit helps! Thanks!

The UMW has started off the year with a bang! At our general meeting we honored and remembered those who influenced our faith lives. In April our board meeting is on the 3rd at 10:30 am (then we go to Lunch Bunch after!), then on the 10th Hope Circle meets at 10:30 (bring a dish and join us for lunch!). Faith Circle has decided to go dormant and so all those who were members of Faith Circle, please come join us at the Hope Circle meeting. Our General Meeting is on Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 pm. We will be having a guest speaker this month so everyone in the church is invited.

Those of you interested in Vacation Bible School, our next meeting is Saturday, April 7 at 9:00 am. We still need a teacher aide, a recreation and a craft aide. We also need you to start collecting some items for use with the program. These are items we need NOW! Among these are clean, empty 2 liter soda bottles, vinyl tablecloths that will be cut into pieces, travel size toiletry items, and blue, green and yellow plastic tablecloths. We also need wide mouth plastic jars (with lids!) that are about a quart size (think spaghetti, mayo, peanut butter). These will be used for mission crafts during VBS. You can drop them in the box in the narthex, the office or back at the audio/visual desk. Thanks in advance! Again, our next meeting is Saturday, April 7th at 9:00 am. See you there!

The Beacon

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



April 2018

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



The Wolf By David Leach

“Is he a tame lion?” “He is the king of the forest, he is wild I tell you. No he is not tame, but he is good.” (The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, by C. S. Lewis)

I desperately wanted to be allowed to interact with her. She was wild, and powerful and majestic. I had always been keenly interested in wolves, and here was one in a pen just a few feet away. The others looked frightened and dangerous, menacing; but, the one drew me. The fence stood between us, and I wanted to go beyond its safety and separation. When I went inside, I went and sat on a log and waited. I was excited to be in her presence but fear clawed at every fiber of me, knowing what she could do to me if she wanted to. She approached slowly and looked me over thoroughly, inspecting every detail. In a while, she came very near, her jaws coming ever closer to my face, and then she opened her teeth just far enough for her tongue to extend and she licked my face. I wondered a little if it was acceptance and affection, or was she tasting me. Soon she walked on around me and allowed me to touch her.

Today as I considered how I come before God, seeking Gods presence and touch, I recalled that day long ago with the wolf. I am drawn to greater respect and submissiveness. The desire to move beyond the safety and separation that I have maintained, and to risk being touched by and touching the face of God.

Anniversaries

No anniversaries for April



Happy Birthday!

Gloria Jones	1
Richard Moffitt	4
Jeff Smith	5
Merlin Anderson	7
Joyce Pelletier	7
Eddie Adams, Sr.	7
Pam Gamble	9
Jeff Pearson	13
Shirley Smith, Shawn Andrukates	14
Robert Dinsmore	15
Janet DeWeerd	18
Robert Morgan	18
Debbie Squires	18
Eui Knight	22
Brenda Pelletier	22
Susan Pasowicz	21
Lois Rumfield	26
Toni Williams Camden	30



April 2018


*Pot Luck Luncheon
April 15, 2018
After Sunday Service
Everyone invited. We are going to have a church wide discussion about the direction our church needs to take. Bring a dish & join us.*

Sharing with you a note that we received from Merlene Blake who recently visited our church with her sister, Linda White.

3/14/18

*"Dear Rev. Leach and members,
Just a note to tell you how welcome my sister and I felt when attending service on Feb 25th. It was a great experience, and I certainly will try to attend the next time I visit family in Killeen.
Prayers for your continuing success."
Merlene B. Blake*

Wednesday Walkers

 Every Wednesday from 4:30 to 5:30 pm we are going to take a walk through the neighborhood area around the church. We will greet and meet our neighbors that are outdoors. We will not be knocking on doors. These walks will not only get us acquainted with our neighbors and neighborhood, but it will also be good exercise! If you would like to join us on this weekly walk, meet at the church by 4:30 pm on Wednesdays. We will walk in groups.
If you have questions, please see Pastor David.

Rainbow Emmaus Gathering

The Rainbow Emmaus Group will meet Thursday, April 12th 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 First United Methodist Church.

An Easter Prayer

*Of all of God's gifts
Easter shows us our fate
Forgiven we will rise
And pass through Heaven's gate*

*This Easter remember
The sacrifice of a Son
And through His resurrection
Eternal life we have won*

*This Easter I pray
That the love of God
Is resurrected
Reborn, renewed
Inside your heart
God Bless You!*

~anonymous~

Communion Offering

April 1, 2018

Native American Ministries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday Sunrise Svc 7 am Breakfast till 8:30 Morning Svc	2 Domino Station 12:30	3 Joy Bible Study 9 am UMW Board 10 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am Lunch Bunch Golden Corral 12:30 pm	4 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Our Centering Time women 3:15 Wednesday Walkers 4:30 pm	5 Pinochle 12-4 pm Fowler hall	6 Boomerang Bags 9 am	7 VBS meeting 9 am
8 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am Confirmation class 3 pm	9 Domino Station 12:30	10 Joy Bible Study 9 am UMW Hope group 10:30 Emmaus Reunion 11 am	11 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Wednesday Walkers 4:30 pm	12 Rainbow Emmaus 6:30 1st UMC	13 Boomerang Bags 9 am	14
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