



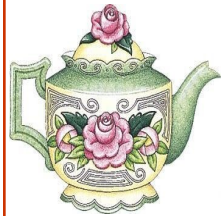
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**News from Becky!**



Great job St. Andrews! This month we took 317 pounds of food for a total of 1283.3 pounds for the year already! Keep up the good work so we reach our goal of 3000 pounds in 2018!



At our April UMW general meeting, Patty Reyes from the Killeen Senior Center told us about the trips, games and classes they have available. There is no charge for membership for age 55 or older. We appreciate all who attended to learn more about their community. In May our board meeting is on the 1st at 10:30 am (then Lunch Bunch after!). On the 8th Hope Circle meets at 10:30 (bring a dish and join us for lunch!). Our General Meeting is on Tuesday, May 22nd at 6 pm. We are having a tea party this month, so wear your best garden party hat and join us in planning our summer! Remember to come to get the lists of items we are collecting this summer for mission projects for late summer and early fall. Everyone in the church is invited to attend.



Those of you interested in Vacation Bible School, our next meeting is Saturday, May 5th 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, travel size toiletry items, and 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, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. See you there!

This year in conjunction with the UMW, the Missions Group is collecting school supplies, and children's books (new or gently used), from preschool age to 5th grade, for new teachers. These items will be divided between the Communities in Schools vault to be used district wide and Meadows Elementary School. The books will be used to help new teachers supply their classrooms for the children to read. You can put these items in the narthex, deliver to the office or put back by the audio visual desk in the sanctuary. Thanks for your help in supporting new teachers and students!

# The Beacon

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



## May 2018

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



**Speed**  
 By David Leach

When I was in high school, I participated in a 20-mile March of Dimes walk. It took many hours to walk that far and the only way to shorten the time was to move faster. For most of history, humans could only move as fast as their own feet could carry them. We eventually domesticated the horse and were able to move faster but only at their top speed. In recent history we have been moving ever faster, dreaming of a time we will be able to move instantaneously from one place to another.

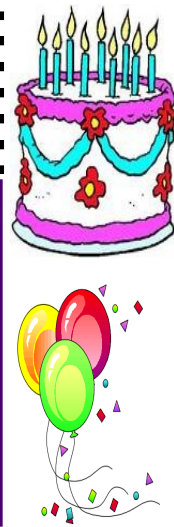
Because we are able now to traverse great distances in a matter of minutes, journeys it would have taken our ancestors months to travel, we have become impatient with any kind of journey where the distance cannot be shortened by speed. I am considering, of course, journeys of learning, maturing, growing, and changing. In so many of these kind of journeys, it is the process of progress, not the destination that is most important.

I tend to want to simply arrive at a more advanced stage, without walking the necessary steps to get there. I cannot expect to simply arrive at a mature prayer life, without spending years growing in the practice of prayer. I cannot expect to experience God's voice to me personally in scripture, without spending long practice in reading and learning. I cannot expect to have a mature relationship with God, without spending a lifetime walking the road of life with Him.

Faith is not a destination to be arrived at, it is a journey to be shared.



*Anniversaries*  
*David & Anna Leach 23rd*



*Happy Birthday!*

- Jacob Young & Michael Dietz 1
- Zachary Young 2
- David Leach 8
- Midori Roundtree 9
- Leita Godwin 13
- Kimila Hershberger & Jeff Parrett 17
- Brenda Thompson 18
- Corina Winter 18
- Anna Leach 19
- Kasey Winter 21
- Judy Ellison 23
- Elisabeth McBride 24
- Larry Aldrich 27
- Mary Grant 28
- Gayle Bradford 29
- Emanuel Godwin 31

**Hope Pregnancy Center**

**Compassion, Hope & Help  
 Volunteer Training**

**Tuesday, May 1st through Friday, May 4th  
 9:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Contact a center near you to register!  
 Temple (254-773-2453) Killeen (254-519-3343)  
 Copperas Cove (254-518-HOPE)**

*Home Group Bible Study  
 Thursday Evenings*

*6:30 to 8 pm*

*"The Good Book"*

*April 26 thru June 14, 2018 (8 weeks)*

*McIntyre's Home: 5415 Cutler St. Unit 1  
 Ft Hood, TX (Pershing Park)*

*Everyone Welcome!*

*Please join us, Brian & Pixie*



**Wednesday Walkers**

Every Wednesday starting at 6:00 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 5:45 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, May 10th 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 Harker Heights UMC.



**Prayers for the Smith Family for the recent loss of Shirley and Larry's son Timothy Smith. Tim was preceded in death by sisters, Melissa & Melanie and his father, Larry**

**Smith. Tim was a long time member of St. Andrews since 1983.**



**Local Construction/Repair Mission "Trip"**

Will you help with a local mission event. We will be doing repairs and upkeep on homes in the Killeen area.

You don't need construction skills to participate. Come by the church office to fill out a participant form, or get one this Sunday morning. Projected dates are the first two weekends in June, Friday through Sunday, June 1-3 & 8-10. In addition to work teams, help will be needed for food, supplies, transportation, fund raising, cleanup, etc. If you would like to donate for this mission, please note on your check or envelope, "Local Mission Project." Can we count on your help?



# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am UMW Board 10:30  Lunch Bunch 12:30 Golden Corral	2 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am  Our Centering Time women 3:00  Wednesday Walkers 6 pm	3 National Day of Prayer Pinochle 12-4 pm Fowler hall Bible Study 6:30 McIntyre's Home	4 Boomerang Bags 9 am	5 VBS workshop 9 am
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