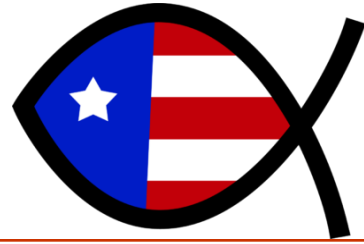




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**This month I took 195 pounds of food to the Food Bank for a total of 1289 pounds so far this year. Thanks to all those who are so faithful in serving this ministry of the church.**



Donations for the Food Care Center are collected all year. Please place donations in the container located in the narthex or drop off in the office, and we will take to the food center. They are always in need of pastas, cereal, peanut butter, can goods, rice, beans and non-perishable items. Thanks to everyone for helping with this important work!

### United Methodist Women

The UMW is taking a summer break. The only activity this month is our Bakeless Bake Sale. The donation envelopes will be in the bulletins on July 14. If you wish to write a check for your donation, please make it payable to the United Methodist Women. This is in support of our scholarship fund so please donate generously! Thanks!

### Vacation Bible School

The next VBS meetings will be on July 2nd & 3rd at 2:00 pm. We will have a last workday on July 6th at 9:00 am. That is also our last workday (and set up!) as well as registration day so ALL workers need to come, set up your area and pick up final paperwork!

If you are interested in registering for VBS, please come to registration at 9:00 am on Saturday or pick up packets in the office and return by the 6th. There are still a few items on the need tree. Everything needs to be in before July 1st (if not otherwise noted!) so if you picked up a tag, please bring those items in. If you can't find an item, please give the tag back to Becky, so I can find it! I'll report more about how we did next month!

Thanks and we'll see you at Blast Off on July 8th at 9:00 am (teachers 8:30)!

# The Beacon

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



## July 2019

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

### Is Our Life in Pieces?

I have always rebelled against and rejected perspectives that divide our life up into categories or divide individuals into parts. When I receive medical care, I have always preferred an approach which sees me as a whole person, rather than just treating my body.

I remember how disappointed I was in a time management class I took for continuing education. It used a resource titled "Our Many Selves." I have the same kind of problems with a faith or spirituality that emphasizes a dualism, like Greek philosophy; a divide between the physical and the spiritual. Such dualism treats the physical world and the physical aspects of our lives, either as unimportant in our spiritual lives, or as evil, sinful and detrimental to our spiritual lives. Our Jewish roots claim the entire creation as good and a gift of God. Our bodies and the physical world in which we live are proclaimed by God as "Very Good," and entrusted to us to be cared for. We are said to be "created in the image of God." Western Christianity has sometimes rejected the world in favor of the Kingdom of God. Our citizenship is in the Kingdom of God, but our lives are lived out in the world. Sometimes modern expressions of Christianity approach the world callously treating its well being and its environment as unimportant.

My spiritual experience finds that all of existence is an expression of God's grace toward us, and insist that our faith in God be lived out in every aspect of our lives.

*Pastor David*

### August Communion

**Communion Sunday will be on the second Sunday, August, 11th.**

**Communion in September will be on regular schedule of the first Sunday of the month.**

*Anniversaries*

James & Kim Cearfoss 13  
Joe & Joyce Pelletier 18



*Happy Birthday!*

Sherry Mathews 6  
P. J. Young 18  
Katherine Young 19  
Pamela Dodson Marroquin 20  
Imani Lashley 28  
Abigail Adams 30

*Good Job St. Andrews!!*



St. Andrews has been awarded the Five Star Mission Award for supporting Missions in the Central Texas Conference & for covenant support for United Methodist Missionaries through United Methodist Global Ministries. Thanks to everyone for all you do in support of this mission.



On July 4, 1776, the 13 colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on the fourth of July, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.



Healing Prayers for Nina Fowler who is currently in Georgetown receiving rehab treatments for injuries received from the car accident she, Andy and Aurora were in last month while driving to the annual conference. Andy and Aurora are doing well with no serious injuries.

**Baptisms**

July 14th—Luca Johnson—son of Deandre & Emily Johnson

July 28th—Keyaan Gabier—grandson of Chuck & Soltie Ellis

*Welcome Back Eui! We missed you but we're glad you had a nice visit with your family!*



**Rainbow Emmaus Gathering**

The Rainbow Emmaus Group will meet Thursday, July 11th 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.

Women's Walk to Emmaus

October 10-13, 2019 at Greene Family Camp. If interested get your application form from the office. If you have questions, please see Vera.

**Men's Walk to Emmaus**

September 5-8, 2019, Latham Springs. Application forms in the office. Any questions, please see Pastor David.

**Communion for Homebound**

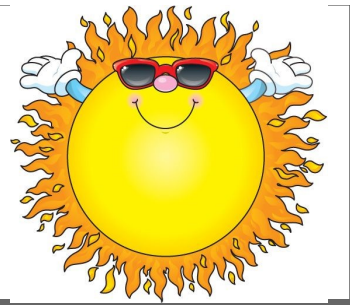
Aurora needs help to take communion once a month to a few homebound members and those in Rosewood, please let Aurora or the office know if you are available. This is a very rewarding experience to help others and to brighten their day. Thanks

**August Potluck!**

Everyone bring a covered dish for a pot luck luncheon on Sunday, August 11th, after service in Fowler Hall. St. Andrew's first service was held on August 3, 1958. We are celebrating our 61st Anniversary by sharing a meal together. Everyone is invited!



# July 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Domino Station 12:30	2 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am	3 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am	4 office closed  4 <sup>th</sup> of JULY	5	6 VBS meeting & registration 9 am  Cohee Hall in use 2-3pm
7 communion: Peace with Justice  Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am	8 VBS 9 to 1 pm	9 VBS 9 to 1 pm	10 VBS 9 to 1 pm	11 VBS 9 to 1 pm  Rainbow Emmaus 6:30 Harker Heights UMC	12 VBS 9 to 1 pm	13
14 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am Baptism-Luca Johnson Fowler Hall in use after service UMW Bakeless Bake Sale fundraiser	15 Domino Station 12:30	16 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am	17 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am  Our Centering Time women 2:00	18	19	20
21 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am	22 Domino Station 12:30	23 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am  August Newsletter deadline	24 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am	25	26	27 Fowler Hall reserved from 1-5 pm
28 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am  Baptism - Keyaan Gabier	29 Domino Station 12:30	30 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am	31 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am			