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The Beacon

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



September 2019

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



This month we took 128 pounds of food to the Food Bank for a total of 1591 pounds so far this year. Thanks to all those who are so faithful in serving this ministry of the church. We are running a bit behind for our goal this year and the demand has grown so much. Please consider making this a regular part of your service by bringing two cans a week and putting them in the donation box located in the narthex.

United Methodist Women

The UMW is gearing back up for the end of the year! On Tuesday, September 3rd at 11:00 am we will have a board meeting, and then on Tuesday, September 10th is our circle meeting at 10:30 am. If you haven't yet joined us, please come, we have a brief lesson, then it's time to eat! Just bring a dish and join us as we look at our fall plans!

On Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 pm we will be having a baked potato bar fundraiser with all the fixings. This will help support our mission work, so come out and join us for a good time, great food and fellowship! See you there!

In October we will have Tricky Tray. This year it will be a week earlier on Saturday, October 19th. Doors will open at 5:00 pm and calling will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. So come out, start your seasonal shopping and have a great time! See you there on the 19th of October!

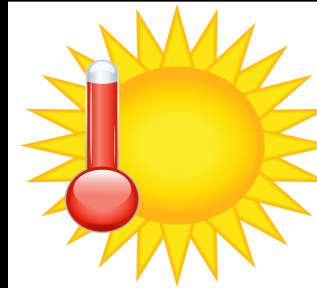
December will bring our annual banquet. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

There will be NO President's party this year.



Labor Day is an annual holiday to celebrate the economic and social contributions of workers to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of the country. In the United States, Labor Day is a federal holiday observed the first Monday of September, and is customarily viewed as end of summer vacation season.

Labor Day has its origins in the labor union movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement, which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation, and eight hours for rest. In the United States the first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country. Oregon was the first state to make it a holiday on February 21, 1887. By the time it became a federal holiday in 1894, thirty states officially celebrated Labor Day.



"Dry"

By Pastor David

The grass is turning brown and sounds crisp beneath my feet in the relentless summer heat. Everyday 100 degrees. No matter how much I water it seems to do no good. I know that one little summer shower and it would green up beautifully, but the rain doesn't come. I dare not stop watering or this delicate grass would die altogether, so I continue hoping for the rain. I know the rain will come again eventually.

I feel rather dry right now. I long to experience the refreshment of God's presence, but God feels absent right now. My feeble attempts of spiritual practice can not manufacture an experience of the Holy, but I continue the practice anyway, seeking to be attentive, remaining faithful in this dry time. How I long for the refreshing rain of your presence, for it alone can bring about the renewal and greening of my soul.

I know the spiritual water is real and life giving for I have experienced it in the past. I can only water the ground and keep faith alive until the true rain comes. LORD, how I long for you.

"Just like a deer that craves streams of water, my whole being craves you, God. My whole being thirst for God, for the living God. When will I come and see God's face?"

Psalm 42:1-2

Joy Bible Study will resume September 3rd at 9 am.

Our new study will be the Book of Mark. Come join us in this new study.

Anniversaries
Emanuel & Leita Godwin 23
John & Judy Ellison 26



Happy Birthday!

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| Michelle Guinther | 3 |
| Arlene Aldrich, Julie McBride | 5 |
| Daniel Young | 6 |
| Jim Johnson | 7 |
| Kevin Dietz | 9 |
| Vera Moffitt | 10 |
| Sandy Schwertman | 11 |
| Lynn Williams | 16 |
| Shirley Skinner | 18 |
| Penny Morgan | 19 |
| Judy Linville | 20 |
| Roye Pelletier, Keegan Winter | 24 |
| MeiLinn Leann Campos Leach | 25 |
| George Adams | 28 |

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.

Up to the Task

When work—or life—gets difficult, we may think back to childhood. Things were a lot easier and our problems were much smaller when we were young. Or were they?

The challenges we faced back then may seem small and insignificant now, but they surely didn't feel that way at the time. Somehow we endured each challenge—and grew as a result.


The next time you face a difficulty, remember this: The task before us is no greater than the power behind us. And there is power behind you. "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).

Rainbow Emmaus Gathering

The Rainbow Emmaus Group will meet Thursday, September 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 St. Andrews UMC.

Jean Cearfoss passed away on August 24, 2019. Jean has been a long time member with St. Andrews since September 13, 1964. There will be a memorial service for her in September. More information will come at a later date.

Please keep the Cearfoss family in your prayers. To send a card to the family, the address for James & Kim Cearfoss is in the church directory, and for her daughters (Jean Jones & Ann Cearfoss) send to— Jones & Cearfoss family, 26414 Hunters Hollow Drive, Spring, TX 77380

 **Prayers for the E. C. Hatton family and Machiko Jan. E. C. passed away August 8, 2019 at age 89.**

We wish to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers during this difficult time for the loss of our Son, Jeff Davis who went to be with the Lord on August 6, 2019. We feel the Lord called Jeff because heaven needed to have someone live it up. All your caring thoughts, support and prayers has helped us during this time of loss.

Janet and Chuck DeWeerd



From your church family

September 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 <i>communion:</i> Providence Place Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am | 2 Labor Day <i>Office closed</i> Domino Station 12:30 | 3 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am UMW Board 11:00 am | 4 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Our Centering Time women 2:00 | 5 5th-8th Walk to Emmaus, Men, Latham Springs | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am | 9 Domino Station 12:30 | 10 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am UMW Hope group 10:30 | 11 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am | 12 Rainbow Emmaus 6:30 St. Andrew's UMC | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am | 16 Domino Station 12:30 | 17 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am | 18 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am Our Centering Time women 2:00 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am Worship team meeting after service | 23 Domino Station 12:30 October Newsletter deadline | 24 Joy Bible Study 9 am Emmaus Reunion 11 am UMW Baked Potato Bar 6 pm. Scholarship fundraiser | 25 Upper Room Bible Study 9 am | 26 | 27 | 28 <i>Board Meeting 9 am</i> |
| 29 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10 am | 30 Domino Station 12:30 | | | | | |