

## September 2023 St. Andrew's News



Dear St. Andrew's UMC Family,

The first day of fall happens this month on September 23<sup>rd</sup>! Fall has always been special to me. Many people like to remind me that we do not have a fall in our area. For me, even if autumn is more of a nostalgic time with a few cooler days, pumpkin spice flavored or smelling things, and thoughts of celebrations and festivities to come – I am thankful! The cooler temperatures and falling leaves remind us that life continues forward and that God, our stable Rock, is guiding us along our way.

Many among us need our help, prayers, and support during the changes of life. James 1:27 tells us that "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." St. Andrew's UMC has identified a mission project that helps us to look after children in need.

We will be collecting donations for the Killeen Rainbow Rooms from September 1<sup>st</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. The Rainbow Room is a place where Child Protective Services workers can find items needed for children who are entering the foster care system. Many children have nothing besides the clothes they are wearing when they are transitioning from an abusive or neglectful situation into foster care. The children and our local Rainbow Room need our support.

Donations can be brought to the church from September 1<sup>st</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup> when you come to worship on Sundays, or to the office during office hours (Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 to 2:30 pm). Donations needed are **NEW** items, including car seats, undergarments, socks, and clothing (ages 7-15, boys and girls), **NEW** young adult sizes (small, medium, large, and XL), and personal hygiene items. Also needed are baby bottles, bibs, pacifiers, sippy cups, baby wipes, diapers, formula, blankets, school supplies, toys, and children's books. Please remember that only **NEW** items will be accepted.

Let's join together in mission to bless these children during a season of change in their lives. Keep up the good work, friends!

Blessings,  
Pastor Terry

## ***September 4th—office closed for Labor Day***

- \* **Tuesdays: Domino Station meets at 12:30 pm Fowler Hall.**
- \* **Every Tuesday— Bible Study, 10 am, Fowler Hall**
- \* **Every Wednesday —Wednesday Book Study, 11 am, Fowler Hall**
- **Sundays: Sunday School starts at 9 am & 9:30 am for Aurora’s class**
- **Church service starts at 10:30 am**
- **UWIF meeting Saturday September 2nd at 10 am**
- **Sep 14th—Rainbow Emmaus, Grace UMC, Copperas Cove 6:30 pm.**

***10:30 am Sunday mornings Facebook live log on:  
St Andrews United Methodist Church Killeen, TX facebook***

**Rainbow Emmaus will meet September 14th with potluck starting at 6:30 pm, business and worship to follow. Remember to bring your worship book, cross and name tag. Meeting will be held at Grace UMC, Copperas Cove. De Colores!**

**The communion offering for September 3rd is for Providence Place. This is a non-profit adoption agency in San Antonio which also supports young adults with disabilities, and provides a safe haven for women survivors of human trafficking, sexual assault and domestic violence. If you wish to donate to this mission, place your donation in the pew envelopes & mark for communion. If you donate by check, please make payable to St. Andrew’s UMC and make note on the check for communion.**

### **Birthdays**

<b>Michelle Guinther</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Penny Morgan</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Arlene Aldrich, Julie McBride</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Judy Linville</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Vera Moffitt</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>MeiLinn Leach</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Sandy Schwertman</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Kristina Marley</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Shirley Skinner</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>George Adams</b>	<b>28</b>

### **Anniversary**

**John & Judy Ellison 26**



**Please place Food Care donations in the container located in the narthex or drop off in the office. They are currently asking for the following non-perishable items: canned meats, soups, stews, chili, canned vegetables, mac & cheese and pasta. If you are cleaning out your cabinets for donations, please be sure items are not expired. Thanks for helping with this mission!**