

# *St. Andrew's UMC*

*Pastor's Pen*

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Dear Friends,

Greetings! Happy summer! The first day of summer this year falls on June 20th. As I write this to you, things sure feel like summer already. Memorial Day weekend did my heart good. I enjoyed time with family, saw people swimming, saw children playing in the water in their yards, enjoyed amazing worship with you, and as I looked upon all of this celebration, I took time to reflect and remember the sacrifice that many have paid in military service to secure and maintain our freedom.

May was a wild month for us with the stormy weather and finishing up the school year all at the same time. Our prayers are with those who have been affected by all of these storms. At the same time, we celebrate with those who have graduated from high school and college. We thank our teachers and school staff who have walked alongside of our children to prepare them for their future. Thank God for these people who care for our next generation. God is so very good.

So as we reflect on all of the concerns and celebrate the joys, we are able to move forward with hope and faith for what God has in store for the summer. For many, the summer is a time of rest. For others, this is a time to explore and go on adventures. For many of us, summer is a time to stay inside under the air conditioner and stay cool! Whatever you find yourself doing this summer, take time to be still. If you find yourself on vacation, find a place to look over God's beautiful creation and reflect. If you are at home under that air conditioner, call upon God in a new way this summer, perhaps by reading your Bible or a new devotional book. Pray to God and ask for guidance and renewal. God will not only meet you there, but is waiting for you already. Stay safe, drink plenty of water, deepen your prayer life, and HAVE FUN!

Blessings,

*Pastor Terry*