



THE MESSENGER

Monthly news for the people of St. Andrew United Methodist Church

Holy Week is More than Just Easter *by Harvey Martz*

I am writing to invite you to make time for the special worship services we will be offering from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday again this year!

At the time I am composing this, we have just been through a profoundly meaningful Ash Wednesday service a few days ago that involved a large crowd of 313 people, about a hundred more than last year, in a worship service that moved us and inspired us.

There is one more very special time in the month of April that I hope you can make a priority in your schedule and that is the group of worship services from Palm Sunday (April 17) to Easter Sunday (April 24).

On Sunday, April 17, we will celebrate the story of Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem five days before he was executed. You remember that on "Palm Sunday," Jesus rode a donkey into the city from the top of the Mount of Olives a half mile away: people greeted him with palm branches and shouts of praise for God's Anointed One. People in Israel still use palm branches today in giving accolades for an important person.

Jesus went from that affirming parade on Palm Sunday right into the temple where he overturned tables and drove out the cheating merchants, and by doing so, sealed his fate with the temple bureaucrats.

He taught in the temple and involved very large crowds each day, but at night he and his friends would sleep outside the city walls so they could not be found and therefore could not be arrested under the cover of night.

On Thursday night of that week, Jesus and his friends celebrated the Passover meal in an "upper room" in Jerusalem and then they went to the Garden of Gethsemane where he prayed in anguish all night.

At St. Andrew church, we will celebrate that occasion on Thursday, April 21 at 7:30 pm, in our Maundy Thursday Communion service, and we will hear the scriptures that describe that holy evening in the life of Christ.

On Friday evening "Good Friday" or "God's Friday," at 7:30 in our Sanctuary, we will gather in a reconfigured Sanctuary with the rugged cross in the center; we will sing hymns, read the pertinent Bible passages about the Crucifixion, light candles at the foot of the cross, and have quiet times to be in prayer.

Easter Sunday, of course is full of joyful music and praise and good news of NEW LIFE! (See worship times on pg. 3)

What I hope you will make a priority that week is the worship times between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Too often worshipers go right from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday without experiencing the "valley of the shadows" in the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

I hope you will join us for those important services on Thursday and Friday evenings because in those worship times we will feel some of the dark and lonely feelings from that first Thursday and Friday -- and that will help us better understand and celebrate God's gift of hope and new life on Easter Sunday!



From the Senior Pastor



What is God's Will for Your Life? "It is just God's will."

Those were the first words I heard from my Baptist aunt as I came into my parents' home the morning my father had died of a heart attack.

She offered me the conventional explanation of his death – or of any other tragedies such as earthquakes, floods, cerebral palsy and other anomalies: *It is just God's will.*

Interestingly, that same explanation of God causing tragedies and accidents is not an explanation that Jesus himself uses when he comments on a falling tower that killed people in the town of Siloam (Luke 13). He implies that this was an accident and that the people were not being punished by God.

And in another story in John's gospel, when his disciples ask why a certain man was born blind, he makes a similar response that has nothing to do with it being "God's will."

Jesus does not seem, in those passages, to believe in predestination or in the doctrine that every person's life is already laid out for them in detail, that God has one plan for a person that is unalterable and that the person's task is to discover and follow that single plan and not try to change it through freedom of choice.

There are other parts of the Bible that believe in freedom of choice and free will as well. In the stories in Genesis

of the creation of the universe, God gives the man and woman free will, freedom of choice. It is not a story about a predetermined fate but one that says they can choose to follow God's guidelines or not to follow the guidelines.

With those strong spiritual foundations for free will and against predestination, I am disturbed at how prevalent the notion is that we are not truly free and that God or fate has all of our lives all predetermined for us! That belief in one single plan for each of us pervades Rick Warren's best selling book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, and the same predestination theology even shows up in a popular new movie starring Matt Damon called *The Adjustment Bureau*.

The protagonists in the film find themselves fighting against a predetermined path for each of them that does not feel right to them, so they rebel against it!

What do you think? How much freedom do we have? Is there only one path for your life that has already been determined by fate or by God, or are we each setting our own direction within some broad parameters?

And where does the will of God fit into all this? What is God's will for your life? How does God guide our decisions? Does God will good for us or suffering and death?

We will be looking at these questions in my Lenten sermon series beginning March 27, and we will also be offering a small group study on Tuesday evenings beginning March 22. Join us for both these opportunities for spiritual growth!

See you in church!

John Martz

Lenten Recital Series

Two recitals remain this season. Join us in the Sanctuary from 12:10-12:35 pm for uplifting and delightful music, followed by a light soup and bread lunch for a suggested donation of \$3.50. Recitals are free and open to the public. There is an opportunity to give a free will offering.



Wednesday, April 6: St. Andrew Sisters Ensemble

The St. Andrew Sisters Ensemble has been making "a joyful noise unto the Lord" for more than 25 years. Members audition and sing a repertoire of challenging music.

Wednesday, April 13: The Dynamic Mervines

Organist Kenrick Mervine and his wife, Barbara, one of the metro area's leading soloists, have delighted audiences nationwide. Ken is an organist for St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch, Temple Emanuel in Denver and for the Colorado Symphony Orchestra.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday: April 17; 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday: April 21; 7:30 pm

Good Friday: April 22; 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday: April 24*

- 6:00 am - Sunrise Service at Shea Stadium, Redstone Park
- 7:45, 9:00 and 10:30 am - Worship in the Sanctuary with music by combined adult and youth choirs, handbells and brass, plus a community sing of the Hallelujah Chorus.
- Noon - An alternative worship service with music by Ken Goodwin and friends.

*There will be no 8:00 am Chapel service on Easter.





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New Family Program

In addition to the annual Outreach Ministry's *Offering of Letters* for Bread for the World, this year there will be a program for families with small children to introduce the idea of hunger in our world and provide families with tools to talk about these issues. The Program will include lunch and fellowship together, then a storytelling time, followed by a time for children to make a craft while providing an opportunity for children and their parent(s) to write their own letters for the annual *Offering of Letters*. The event is free, but a donation for lunch is requested. Please join us Sunday, April 10 at Noon in the Children's Ministry area for this special event. Our children have the ability to end hunger in the world in their lifetime! For more information about Bread for the World, please visit

www.bread.org. For questions on the Family Program, please email Erin Swyers at erin_swyers@hotmail.com.

Have you had your walk today?

South African women walk a combined distance equal to traveling to the moon and back sixteen times a day to provide their households with water. That's 504,176 miles times 16. Every day – rain or shine.

Real progress is being made in the fight against hunger and poverty. Catherine, her sister, Bernadette, and other girls are responsible for fetching and carrying water in Lusaka, Zambia. Since a well was installed near the village the girls only need to walk ten minutes each way.

But much still needs to be done. Rising food prices make the situation in many parts of the world more dire and alarming. Reforming U.S. foreign aid policies and programs is our chance to join God in

creating something new. Making these changes can touch millions of lives and transform poverty and despair into life and dignity. Increasing the effectiveness and delivery of foreign assistance can move people from suffering to dignity—mothers can live through childbirth, infants can survive the clutches of parasitic illness, boys and girls can learn to read, and parents can earn enough to feed their families. God is calling us to share in this new creation.

Bread for the World (www.bread.org) is a bipartisan collective Christian lobbying organization. St. Andrew is a Bread for the World Covenant Church.



Why Does St. Andrew Offer Fair Trade Products?

Many Americans are not aware that the agricultural workers in the coffee industry toil in what has been called “the sweatshops in the field.” The small farmers who grow our coffee often struggle just to make a simple living. Most live in isolated communities in some of the poorest countries in the world. Cut off from markets, they are forced to accept low prices for their product. Some 20 million people near the equator depend on coffee for their livelihood. Many lack access to adequate housing, healthcare, education, running water and electricity. There IS an alternative – Fair Trade.

Fair Trade shares the bounty of the coffee trade with those who have grown the crop, helping them build a better future for themselves and their communities. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has established the



Coffee Project. UMCOR is partnered with Equal Exchange, an employee-owned fair trade organization committed to the following principles:

- To pay a fair price with a guaranteed minimum, ensuring the farmers a fair return for their labors.
- To work with cooperatives that are owned and governed by the farmers and their communities.
- To buy directly from the farmers so the benefits of trade go to the farmers and their communities.
- To provide affordable credit helping farmers break the cycle of debt.
- To encourage ecologically sustainable farming practices such as organic and shade-grown agriculture, building a long-term economic base for farmers while protecting community health and the environment.

Equal Exchange follows these standards on 100% of its products. St. Andrew sells Fair Trade coffees, teas, chocolate bars and other chocolate products every third Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Come check it out! (www.equalexchange.com and <http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/hunger/coffee.cfm>)

WELCOME....

Ongoing small groups are available to you! Would you like to develop meaningful relationships with others at St. Andrew? Do you long for a sense of family and community in this large congregation? Here are opportunities just for that!

Parents with Young Children are meeting Sunday mornings at 9:00 am as part Dr. Marianne Neifert's *Parenting With Love and Limits* class, through April 17. Come try it out! After Easter, the group will meet again during the 10:30 hour. Experience fellowship, caring, and share life experiences with others who share your stage in life as parents with young children. For further information and details, contact Karla Hankins at kbhankins@msn.com.

Empty Nesters meet during the 10:30 hour on Sunday mornings in room B249. Whether your "flock" left the nest some time ago, or just recently, you are invited to check out this opportunity to build relationships and community while studying together. Contact Mitch Hankins at mitchhankins@msn.com for more information and details.

Working Moms with Young Children (birth-preschool) meet to build friendships in a supportive environment. Childcare is available with a one week notice.+ For more information contact Caryn Becker at caryn.becker@yahoo.com.

The Runners/Walkers Group meets every Saturday morning - all ability levels are welcome! Food is almost always a part of the morning too. On Facebook, search "St. Andrew UMC-Running Group" for information about place and time to meet. Enjoy good fellowship, great exercise in pleasant surroundings and make new friends. Doug Smith (runsontrails@gmail.com), Bonnie Keefe and Shari Repinski (sharirepinski@comast.net) coordinate this group.

Two More Baristas are needed for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship. Help make possible the wonderful hospitality we experience every Sunday morning. You will need to be at the church by 8:30 to begin brewing coffee, make lemonade and skirt the tables, etc. You will be finished with clean up by noon. Not to worry! Martha "Steward" Thompson and others on the Team will train and support you. Contact Martha for more information at martha.thompson@comcast.net.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 am Chapel Communion
Service Reflective, meditative and nurturing service, hymns.

9:00, 10:30 am Worship in the Sanctuary Creative, celebrative, communion the first Sunday of each month; variety of choral and instrumental music.

Sunday School for children is at 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30, and for youth and adults is at 9:00 and 10:30 am.

Childcare is available at all worship services for children age 4 & under.



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The Messenger is published the 4th Thursday each month. Submission deadline is the 2nd Tuesday at 8:00 am.

The Messenger newsletter is available on the web at www.st-andrew-umc and printed copies are at the church exits. To receive *The Messenger* via U.S. Mail, please call the church office, 303-794-2683.

Contact any of the St. Andrew staff via e-mail by using their first initial, then last name @st-andrew-umc.com.

Regular Church Office Hours are Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–4:30 pm.

In Case of Emergency a pastor may be reached after office hours by calling 303-794-2683 x130.

Wednesday Nite Lite Dinners

Wednesday Nite Lite Dinners are served each week from 5:15-6:40 in the West Gathering Space. You are invited to enjoy a hot, nutritious, home cooked meal, the beautiful view and some great, warm fellowship. Everyone is welcome. A \$5 donation is appreciated; children under 8 eat free. See you Wednesday evening!

Do you have a Servant Heart and a Passion for "being Green?" If so, we have opportunities for you to put your gifts to work! We have begun using "real" mugs for Sunday morning coffee

– some of you have even donated some mugs! Now, we need someone to help run the new dishwasher – 3 minute cycles! – to keep the supply of mugs available. You can help throughout the morning, or in a shift, 10:30-11:00 or 11:30-noon.

We are using "real" dishes and flatware for Wednesday Nite Lite Suppers, and need someone to run the dishwasher. Wednesday evening "shifts" are 6:00-6:30 and 6:30-7:00.

If you feel called to either of these opportunities to serve, please contact Martha "Steward" Thompson, (martha.thompson@comcast.net) for more information. Your help will be so very appreciated!

St. Andrew Permanent Endowment Fund

...A Lasting Gift Contributing to Our Church's Ministries.

by Mick Kingston

Deuteronomy 6: 1-9, instructs us to be obedient, knowledgeable, and wear imprinted on our hearts God's Laws; not only for each of us in the current moment but to also pass them on for "our children and our children's children." This passage of faith is also teaching us the meaning of "legacy" – a gift of significance passed on to generations to follow you. St. Andrew offers such a pathway for you to leave a lasting legacy in your name to benefit our church's ministries. It is called the St. Andrew Permanent Endowment Fund.

The St. Andrew Permanent Endowment Fund has a defined purpose to provide ongoing funding for the various ministries of our church; including missions and outreach, music and the arts, youth and children's programs, congregational care, and maintenance. Indeed, the Endowment may provide funding to today's ministries and tomorrow's new ministries that only dare to be dreamed about. Our members' voluntary contributions and gifts to the Permanent Endowment Fund are invested in a professionally managed investment fund administered by the Rocky Mountain Conference UMC Foundation, and according to the social investment disciplines of the United Methodist Church. Your gifts and contributions can be directed at your bequest to the ministry of your preference, or they can be applied to needs that St. Andrew Leadership may deem desirable. The financial legacy that you leave to St. Andrew will be a lasting gift that keeps on giving long after you have passed in to God's eternal embrace. As one member of our church stated, "My church has always been an important part of my life, and I wish to always be a part of my church". This statement brings to mind a quote from Philosopher William James, "A great use of life is to spend it on something that will outlast it." The St. Andrew Permanent Endowment Fund has a mission to do just this by applying your gift each year to the church. You may not be here physically, but your spirit is through legacy contributions at work for St. Andrew's ministries.

Think about this. If there was ever an organization that ought to talk and plan in terms of permanency, it is our church. If there was ever an institution that ought to be committed to long-term planning, it is our church. If there is to be a rich heritage of faith that we will pass to "our children and our children's children," it is our church. St. Andrew provides nourishment to our lives today and the

objective of the Endowment is to help assure this fulfillment is passed-on to the generations that follow within the walls of this blessed community of faith. In today's world, endowment funds are becoming a major source of ongoing funding for many institutions helping to assure present and future financial stability, especially during the difficult times such as we have experienced in recent years. The St. Andrew Permanent Endowment Fund has a long-term objective to be a stable financial resource for the church and for the church to fund its spiritual ministries.

The growth and significance of the St. Andrew Permanent Endowment Fund is a long-term proposition that will be built-up through contributions and legacy gifts separate from contributions to operating needs, ministries, outreach, and the capital campaign. The St. Andrew Legacy Ministry Committee is charged with educating you about the ways in which you can donate to create your permanent legacy. Confidential counseling, to assure your privacy and comfort about your financial situation and means in which you may gift to the Permanent Endowment Fund, may occur when you are ready. The Legacy Ministry will soon have a "new look" and will have a table in Fellowship Hall each Sunday. There you will find "Planned Giving" information that will show all the financial ways you may contribute to the Permanent Endowment Fund and our church, today and tomorrow.

Financial and Estate Planning workshops will be presented throughout 2011. Look for them in the Sunday bulletin announcements and plan to attend in order to learn and to assist our church's future. Legacy Ministry has an inspiring energy to fulfill St. Andrew's mission to be "Centered in Christ, Grounded in Tradition, Progressive in Thought, and Generous in Service." Not just for today, but to assure a lasting legacy to generations to come in the love and service of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Legacy Ministry invites you to *Financial Choices that Matter the Most*, Wednesday, April 20 from 7:00-8:30 pm, led by James LaFemina, a financial advisor and member of the Legacy Committee.

Check out our other workshops in the Pathways catalog. Contact us by email, legacyministry@st-andrew-umc.com or leave a message with the church office, 303-794-2683 and we will return your call. Visit our bulletin board near the entrance to the Adult Education hallway and pick up a brochure. Watch for our new table in Fellowship Hall soon. We want to help you help St. Andrew!

This article was written by Michael (Mick) R. Kingston, St. Andrew member and Legacy Ministry member. Mick is Chief Investment Officer of Investors Independent Trust Co., a Colorado-based Fiduciary and Wealth Management firm dedicated to executing estate and legacy management for individuals and their families.

L.I.F.E. lessons...

Belize Graduation

Graduating students from Forest Home Methodist School in Belize leave the school after completing Standard 6, equivalent to eighth grade in the United States, and have the option of attending high school or vocational school. However, continuing education is out of the financial reach of most families in the Forest Home community. St. Andrew has for several years provided secondary school scholarships for some of the graduating students, allowing them to continue in their education despite family circumstances. The cost per year for their high school experience is \$475. Donations to the scholarship fund can be made payable to St. Andrew with "Belize high school scholarship" in the memo line.



Summer Mission Trips

Opportunities for youth abound this summer:

Youth 2011, a national conference for United Methodist youth held every four years, convenes in Sacramento in July. St. Andrew will send about 60 youth and adults to the event, which features speakers, workshops, music, worship experiences and entertainment. A similar contingent represented St. Andrew at Youth 2007 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mission trips this year include spring and summer work teams to Forest Home, Belize, to continue repairs and educational work with the Methodist school there, a high school trip to California and a middle school trip to Rifle, CO. High school students will assist with repairs on a small, older church and work on park trail maintenance. Middle schoolers will partner with the youth of a congregation in Rifle to work with agencies that help senior citizens remain in their homes. All trips are funded in part by the annual Youth auction.

Come to the Youth Auction!

Sunday, April 10 is the date for this year's Youth Auction, which raises funds to support Youth mission trips and the Holy Pretzel choir tour. The *Heart of the Old West* silent auction opens at 3:30 pm in the Atrium and main hallway. An authentic western steak dinner will be served from 4:30–6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. Then, stay for the live auction beginning at 6:30 pm.



The evening's entertainment includes Maggie Wild's Wild West Shelties performing in the Gathering Space, St. Andrew clergy and staff

will perform western tunes, and the Holy Pretzels will provide a preview of their tour show all emceed by Jerry Hershings with auctioneer Terry Wiedeman on stage for the live auction.

Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and youth and \$5 for children in advance; at the door the cost will be \$15 for adults and youth and \$7 for children, with a maximum per family cost of \$50. Preschool age and under eat free. Entertainment, admission, and bidding are all FREE!



Jenny Siekmeier prepares to try the "leap of faith" on the high ropes course at the Ponderosa Retreat Center, near Larkspur, at the March Confirmation 2011 retreat.



Confirmation 2011 students Hollyn Henz, Sean Harris, Emma Cooper and Zoe Huey prepare for the zip line at the Ponderosa Retreat Center near Larkspur.

Pathways: A Center for Spiritual Growth

For information on the many classes and events offered by the Pathways Ministry pick up a copy of the Pathways catalog or log on to www.st-andrew-umc.com. Please preregister for classes at the Pathways desk at church.

Ethiopia, The Early Church and Alternative Pathways to Christianity

Sundays April 3–17 from
10:30–11:30 am in room B252

St. Andrew UMC recently sponsored a mission trip to Ethiopia, co-led by Dr. Peter VanArsdale. Join us when Peter shares his experiences and knowledge of this exotic country. The series will cover pre-Christian Ethiopia; the early Christian conversion of the country by the Syrians; the role of Jews and Muslims in the country's long historical development; the purported transport of the Ark of the Covenant; the development of the famous "rock churches" at Lalibela and the role of contemporary Ethiopians in the religious life of remote communities.



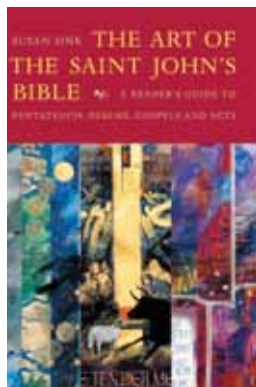
Dr. Peter W. VanArsdale is Director of the Humanitarian Assistance Program and Director of African Initiatives at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver.



The Great Divorce

Sundays April 3 & 10, from 9:00–10:00 am in room B251
Text: *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis

The Great Divorce follows a man who takes a bus ride through Heaven and Hell and witnesses the choices that people made in their lifetime. You will reflect upon the choices made by the characters in the book and upon the choices you make along your life journey. "This book makes you contemplate whether Christianity is more about the journey or the destination." (Anonymous Amazon reviewer). The class will be led by Steve Starliper, St. Andrew UMC member and student at the Illiff School of Theology.



Illuminating the Word: The Art of The St. John's Bible

Sundays, March 20–April 17
10:30 am in room B251

Explore the images of faith expressed in the pages of the St. John's Bible. This contemporary Bible is a blend of old and new; a masterpiece of ancient crafts of calligraphy and illumination combined with the latest capabilities of computer technology. This study will use several volumes of the St. John's Bible to discuss in-depth how the images portray the scriptural passages they represent. Led by Tam Curfman, Director of Pathways

Upcoming Adult Mission Offerings

August 24-28: Arizona-Mexico Border Trip: Take a trip to the Arizona-Mexico border and immerse yourself in many aspects of the problems facing this area. We will take time for education and direct service to the many needy in this area.

September 3-9: Rosebud Indian Reservation, South Dakota: This trip to South Dakota will be to assist in improving schools and general living conditions for the people who reside on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

November 6-12: Puerto Vallarta, Mexico: We will be working with the non-profit, Compassion for the Family, to build a much-needed domestic violence shelter outside of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Spring 2012 Guatemala: This will be primarily a medical mission in support of a clinic that was started and is maintained by members of St. Andrew UMC.

For questions or more information on these trips please contact Erin Swyers at erin_swyers@hotmail.com.





Journeying Together on the TRAIL: *Building Relationships through Children's Ministries*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SHAKE IT UP CAFÉ: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe

Hey Chefs! (children entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade for the upcoming 2011-2012 school year) Join us as we prepare to meet at Shake It Up Café for our upcoming Vacation Bible School session! You will be joined by other Chefs (children), Head Chefs (adults who will take you from activity center to activity center), Sous Chefs (adults who will lead Workshops such as Crafts, Storytelling), teen-aides and our Chef Basil and Scraps (the owner/chef and assistant chef at the Café) as we draw closer to God through Jesus with the following Bible stories:



Israelites Celebrate Passover
Festival Celebrations for the Israelites
Jesus Celebrates the Festival of Booths
Jesus Celebrates Passover
Celebrating the Festival of Weeks and Pentecost

Exodus 13:3-10
Leviticus 23
John 7:37-44
Luke 22:8-20
Acts 2

Be Ready for God
Give Happily to God
Believe Fully in Jesus
Remember Jesus Often
Celebrate God Forever

“Shake It Up Café” was named because Jesus calls us to “shake up” our lives and become his followers. The Bible is an exciting cookbook filled with recipes for living out God’s Word. During VBS, we will be introduced to the stories of biblical festivals that will relate to our lives today as we explore the themes of each Bible story. Our time together “shaking it up” will:

- Introduce children to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ
- Inspire students with activities that will bring the Word of God alive
- Incorporate a mission emphasis on feeding the hungry in our community
- Inspire and challenge all to take the love of Jesus into our community and share it with everyone!

We will offer two different sessions:

- **June Session: Tuesday-Friday, June 21-24, 9:00 am-noon and Friday, June 24, 6:00-8:00 pm**
- **July Session: Monday-Friday, July 11-15, 6:00-8:00 pm**

Registration will begin Sunday, May 1 until classes are full. Cost is \$30 per child. Those who sign up to be on-site full time as Head Chefs or Sous Chefs can register their children today for a discount of \$15 per child! Contact Christy Boyle at cboyle@st-andrew-umc.com for more information.

Let's get cookin'!

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation... 2 Corinthians 5:17a



Children's Spring Musical

The combined Children's Choirs (including about 80 singers) will be performing their Spring Musical, “The Boy Who Believed,” at both services on Sunday, April 10. This uplifting musical is a story about a young boy whose faith helped him get through the difficult week between what we now know as Palm Sunday and Easter. It is a wonderful “lead in” to our own Holy Week.

Children's Summer Music Camp

Mornings - Monday thru Friday, July 18-22.

Mark your calendar now! We will have TONS OF FUN with singing, drama, crafts, games and laughter! Music Camp is open to all children who will be entering Kindergarten thru 6th grade in the fall of 2011. We learn and put on an entire musical in one week with a performance on Friday at the end of the final session. Plus, we will perform the musical again on Sunday, July 24 at both services.

We are looking for adult volunteers/helpers who love music and children and would like to join us for this fun filled week. Watch for more information – coming soon!!! Please contact Ann Guerin, agerin@st-andrew-umc.com



Outreach Spotlight is On...

Keith Winkel

By Judy Mugler, Family HomeStead
Director of Volunteers and Development

Winkel Works Wonders at Family HomeStead

Keith Winkel is a miracle worker. His philosophy of life has three simple tenets:

1. Do your best
2. Help others
3. Have fun

Keith retired early from US West in 1999 to focus full-time on tenet #2 - helping others. He got into the furniture moving business in 1987 when St. Andrew introduced him to Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM). He started his "Furnishings for People" program there in 1987, and for years, Keith could be seen picking up furniture throughout metro Denver in his vintage 1968 milk truck. His program was so impressive that he was awarded the prestigious Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award in 1993 and the Channel 7 "Everyday Hero Award" in 2001. Eventually DenUM went out of the furniture business. Enter Family HomeStead.

While we've been successful at enlisting volunteers to meet most of our needs, furniture pick-up hasn't appealed to anyone but Keith. He's been "on call" with us since 2004. In the spring of 2010 the milk truck died, and we were afraid Keith might retire. Not so. With his own money, he purchased a used U-Haul truck and got back in the furniture business. Over the years Keith has made nearly 1,800 pick-ups. In 2008 he recruited a team of St. Andrew assistants that includes John Hall, Aaron Lloyd, and Dan Poole. We don't know what we'd do without Keith and his team at Family HomeStead. Thanks to Keith and the team for all that they do to help the homeless families we serve.



UMW Action Projects – We Need Your Help!

St. Andrew's United Methodist Women are involved in mission projects having local and global impact. Here are three projects this month that need your support:

Eat at Café 180

Café 180 is a new restaurant dedicated to eliminating hunger by feeding all people in a dignified and respectful manner, regardless of their ability to pay. Hours are from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Menu includes: pizza, sandwiches, soup and salad. The cost is pay-what-you-can. Paying diners make it possible for others who cannot pay to eat. Everyone in the St. Andrew congregation is invited to stop by Café 180, located at 3315 S. Broadway, three blocks north of Hampden, 303-761-4510, www.appetitesunite.org.

She She's Corner (next to the old LifeSpot location)

She She's Corner is an upscale resale-clothing store for women of all ages, selling excellent quality, "gently used" women's clothing. She She's is owned by James Resource Network, a Colorado non-profit that provides single-parent families quick access to services which support family stability and self-sufficiency with an emphasis on transitional housing. The Circle of Joy helps support She She's by sorting and organizing donations. To donate your "gently worn, ready to wear again" clothing for a tax deduction, please drop the clothing off anytime during their business hours, Monday–Thursday, 10:00 am–6:00 pm; Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am–5:00 pm. She She's is located at 7562 S. University Blvd., 303-779-2550, www.sheshescorner.com.

Puttin' in the Green Golf Tournament – May 7

The annual mini-golf tournament *Puttin' in the Green* is a major fundraiser for Inter-Faith Community Services and will be held at Colorado Journey at Belleview Ave. & Windermere St., Littleton. A team of golfers from the Women of Purpose Circle has participated in this tournament for the last five years. Each team is made up of five players each asked to raise \$200 with a goal total of \$1000. This year we challenge St. Andrew to field multiple teams for this event. Come join the fun! All ages are welcome! Sponsors for the players are also needed. The event is Saturday, May 7; registration begins at 8:30 am, and the tournament starts at 9:00 am. For more information, please contact Pam McCormick at pam_mccormick@q.com.



UMW Afternoon Tea

It is said, *tea is meant to be savored and enjoyed slowly and graciously and that teatime creates a sanctuary in the midst of daily concerns.* On Saturday, May 7, the St. Andrew United Methodist Women will transform the West Gathering Space into a cozy tearoom. You are invited to bring family and friends and escape for a few hours of afternoon tea, delicious scones, sandwiches, desserts and a variety of teas accompanied by live music. The money raised from this UMW event will support global and local community outreach. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person. Purchase tickets Sundays, April 10, 17 and May 1, between services at the UMW table in Fellowship Hall and in the church office during the week. Space is limited. Questions? Call Linda, 303-470-5637 or Susan, 303-660-5532.

Health, Healing and Wholeness

At St. Andrew, the Health Ministry Team is united in showing a quick concern for the health and well-being of all.

Vial of Life - An Important Addition for Your Home!

by Laura Snyder, St. Andrew Health Ministries Committee

The Vial of Life kit is intended for use by emergency personnel called to your home. It provides valuable medical information about you that will aid in providing appropriate medical treatment in the event of an emergency. The "vial" is completed by you and kept on your refrigerator. It contains information such as current medications, medical conditions, medical history, primary doctor, addresses and emergency contact information.

I realized the full benefit last year when I visited my mom. She met me at the airport battered and bruised. She had had a serious fall, hit her head and broken some bones. Over the course of the next few days, she became more confused, incontinent and unable to maintain her balance to walk across the room. Her doctor instructed me to get her to the emergency room immediately! On impulse, I grabbed the Vial of Life from her refrigerator door. In the ER I was bombarded with questions: what are her meds, and medical history, who is her primary doctor? All the information was at my fingertips, inside that little baggie.

Are you interested in learning more? On Sunday, April 10 at 11:45 am in the Chapel there will be a one-hour meeting to explain the Vial of Life, and provide attendees with the materials needed to prepare a kit. There will also be brief presentations about the *Five Wishes* booklet by persons in the fields of law, medicine, and spirituality. I hope you will plan to attend.

Stephen Ministry Leadership Training

by Christine O'Neil and Carol A. Tyson

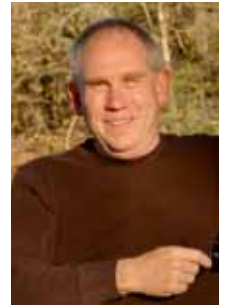
The Stephen Ministry Leadership Training that we attended in January was truly an uplifting and spiritual experience. St. Andrew was recognized as having an active Stephen Ministry Program for over twenty years. This rare achievement reflected the visionary leadership at St. Andrew. Three hundred and fifty-nine Stephen Ministers represented almost all of the states and Christian denominations in the United States. We were honored to be trained with such a devoted and high caliber group of Stephen Ministers. We relish the opportunity to network on an ongoing basis with Stephen Ministers, and share successes, concerns, and innovative ideas. The training emphasized that Stephen Ministers have "Holy Hands" in providing the care and compassion of Christ to our care receivers. The supportive network of experienced presenters and thirty-five pounds of training materials stretched our thinking, encouraged the percolating of ideas, and launched us toward refining our Stephen Ministry Program at St. Andrew.

Welcome to Men's Ministries

Men's Ministry activities are an opportunity for fellowship, personal renewal and spiritual growth.

Men's Retreat Deadline April 10

The annual Spring Retreat is April 29-May 1 at YMCA Camp of the Rockies near Estes Park. The theme this year is Get Real: A Spiritual Journey for Men with Derek Maul, author and speaker from FL as our guest. Cost is \$99 and covers two nights lodging (double occupancy) and five meals. Scholarship assistance is available. Brochures with full information and registration forms are available in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, and at the church reception desk during the week.



3rd Saturday Breakfast and Program

Join us Saturday, April 16 at 8:30 am in the West Gathering Area for coffee, fellowship, and a tasty breakfast (\$5.00) prepared by James Lingle and his crew. Wayne Watson brings us Hail to Our Chiefs, a discussion about some of our lesser known Presidents. We all know that FDR served four terms, and that Lincoln was the first President to be assassinated. But who had a pet crocodile that he kept in the East Room? Who got stuck in the White House bathtub? Who had a very successful career in Congress AFTER serving a miserably failed Presidency? Who began the tradition of playing Hail to the Chief when the President entered the room? Which President never married, and who was the only President to be married in the White House? Come for an entertaining and informative session as Wayne leads a discussion that will have you saying, "I never knew that!"

Bring a son/dad, friend or neighbor and join us each month!

Just Desserts

Join us Friday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel for *The Visitor*, a powerful film focusing on a lonely man in late middle age whose life changes when he is forced to face issues relating to identity, immigration, and cross-cultural communication in post-9/11 New York City. The movie will be followed with desserts and moderated discussion. **Caution: Some of our films may have content not appropriate for children.**

For further information, contact Heidi Parish, 720-206-5733 or Daryl Shute, 303-903-0653.



Beyond Divorce: Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends

New Spring session meets Thursdays, April 7–June 9 from 6:30–8:30 pm to provide education and support to those experiencing the end of a relationship. The class will help attendees move through the grief and adjustment periods in a healthy way. Open to all but designed especially for individuals, of all ages and situations, who are experiencing the end of a relationship. Whether or not ending the relationship was your choice, and whether the relationship was short- or long-term, you are welcome.

Led by Beth Walker, MBA, CPCC, Certified Professional and Personal Coach with more than 25 years of experience in mental health and nonprofit administration. She has led many Fisher Divorce Recovery Workshops. Beth has been married for 15 years, and was previously married and personally transcended the trauma of divorce. To sign up, call Jenny Ricklefs, 303-794-2683. Childcare is available with your reservation confirmed one week ahead of the need. Contact Susan Brown, Childcare Coordinator, 303-794-2683, ext. 151.

Blood Drive Congratulations

A big “THANK YOU” to our faithful blood donors. St. Andrew was honored by Bonfils Blood Center as a “Gold Level Blood Drive Host” because of consistently high participation during 2010.

Congregational Care Prayer

By Jacqueline Smith

Gracious Loving God,

It's Lent! I want to follow Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. I want to turn toward you and away from what separates me from You. I offer to you:

My eyes – to see You in every person I encounter

My ears – to hear the cries and yearnings of your children

My breath – to breathe in Your love and breathe out my love mingled with Yours

My mouth – to speak, if necessary, with understanding love

My brain (mind) – to reason, to learn about your creation

My hands – to touch in love, concern, to work at whatever task I am called

My feet – to go wherever I am needed

God, I offer You my whole being to praise You, to love You, to serve You and all of Your creation. Amen.



Caring for our Congregation



AA for Adults meets Tuesdays, 8:00–9:00 pm in Rm. 249.

Brain Injury Support Group meets the third Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 pm at St. Andrew. For persons living with brain injuries, and those providing support. Jan Herodes, 303-933-7417.

Covenant Visitors meets Thursdays, 9:30–10:30 am in the Library. This team visits older adults who have difficulty getting out of their homes. Barbara Pomarico, pomarib@aol.com.

Depression Support Group meets Second Mondays, 6:30–8:00 pm with Nancy Williams, Ph.D., Psychologist.

Employment Search Group meets Wednesdays, from 6:30–8:30 pm for support, guidance through networking and specific skills in finding a job. All are welcome - join anytime! Contact: employment-search@st-andrew-umc.com.

Health Ministries:
Yoga Mondays, 5:30–6:30 pm; Wednesdays, 9:45–10:45 am;
Free Blood Pressure Checks, odd months-3rd Sunday, Room 269, 8:00 am–Noon.
Fresh fruit available Sundays on the donut table in Fellowship Hall as an alternative to donuts.

Infertility Support Group
This group is discontinued.

Intercessory Prayer Team meets each Wednesday at 9:00 am to pray for the needs of St. Andrew's congregation and beyond. For info contact jricklefs@st-andrew-umc.com.

Men's Ministries: Fellowship, learning, and service: Monthly breakfast and program; softball team, Grill Team, Snowhounds, service projects. Contact Rev. Dale Wood, 303-794-2683 x153.

Moms Like Eve meets the first and third Fridays at 9:45 am. Friendship, support, learning, speakers, discussions and outreach. Childcare is available with one week notice. Kirsten Parus, 303-468-6861.

OutSpirit: Friends Embracing Diversity
Christian fellowship, support, and education opportunities for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered church community, friends, family and supporters. Contact Jim Francis, jimf_denver@yahoo.com

Parent's of Teenagers Support meets second Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm. Kathleen Riley, 303-741-6726, corileys@msn.com, Dona Kooy, mdkjk@msn.com.

Prime Timers meet the second Fridays at 11:30 am in Gathering Space for food and fellowship with St. Andrew seniors. Cost \$5 for a healthy meal. Shirley Long, 303-741-6657

St. Andrew Moms meet the second and fourth Mondays, 9:30–11:30 am in Room 243. Childcare is provided with one week's notice. Info: Melinda Howard: melmail73@comcast.net. All are welcome!

Meet the Artist - Mary Osgood



"My aim is to capture the spirit and memory of a moment in time."

Mary Osgood has dabbled with watercolor since she was in kindergarten and was intrigued by watching the paint drip down the paper, colors mixing as they ran. The freedom of the paint and the freshness of watercolor still fascinate her today. Mary, a native of Wisconsin, has lived in Denver for over 35 years, and currently divides her time between Denver and Atlanta.

Mary's work has been shown in various group and one woman art shows. Her watercolor cards, prints and original paintings are sold in specialty shops in Denver and Atlanta.

Visit Mary's online Art Gallery at www.osgoodart.com. The purpose of her gallery is to help one find a personal connection to the spirit and beauty of God's world through her artistic creations, prose, poems, stories and favorite links. Stop by the Adult Education Wing to see Ms. Osgood's work on display.



Youth Choir Director Position Opening



The Youth Choir Director provides artistic and musical leadership to the Holy Pretzels, the 65-voice mixed Youth choir for 6th-12th graders. This choir sings most Sundays for one of the worship services. There are also smaller ensembles within the larger choir. The choir usually performs a musical every other year alternating with a tour.

This position averages 15 hours per week. A successful candidate will have the ability to foster team-building, musical and spiritual growth, recruitment and retention. A full job description is available at www.st-andrew-umc.com. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, resume and three references, please contact Mark Zwilling, Director of Music and the Arts at St. Andrew United Methodist Church, 303-794-2683 ext. 112, or email mzwillling@st-andrew-umc.com.



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