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December 2011
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Centered in Christ. Grounded in tradition. Progressive in thought. Generous in service.

Welcome

At St Andrew United Methodist Church we want to be a faith community where:

- We begin and end with God's grace
- We welcome people's doubts and hard questions
- We do not have to think alike in order to love alike
- We recognize the equal leadership of women and men
- We take the Bible seriously but not literally
- We believe that science and faith are partners, not enemies
- We want people to think for themselves and not just to "pay, pray, and obey"
- We believe that following Christ leads to the best life possible
- We begin and end with God's grace

From Dr. Harvey Martz



Sunday Worship Times

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

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

Sunday School for children, youth and adults at 9:00 and 10:30 am

Childcare is available at all worship services for children ages four years and under. More childcare information under Children's Ministry heading.

Welcoming Statement

St. Andrew United Methodist Church has a place for you. We embrace Jesus' message that God loves everyone and affirm that all persons are of sacred worth. We are proud to celebrate diversity as we work to live our vision of radical hospitality.

We welcome people of every age, race and gender identity; diverse nationalities, ethnicities, and sexual orientations; any family structure, economic reality, physical and mental ability, education and faith history. While there are differences among us, we can love alike though we may not think alike. You are invited to join this nurturing community on a faith journey toward greater love, understanding and mutual respect.

If this is your first visit, welcome. If you are returning, welcome home.



Mission: To Invite, Receive, Nurture, Challenge and Send Forth Committed Christian Disciples.



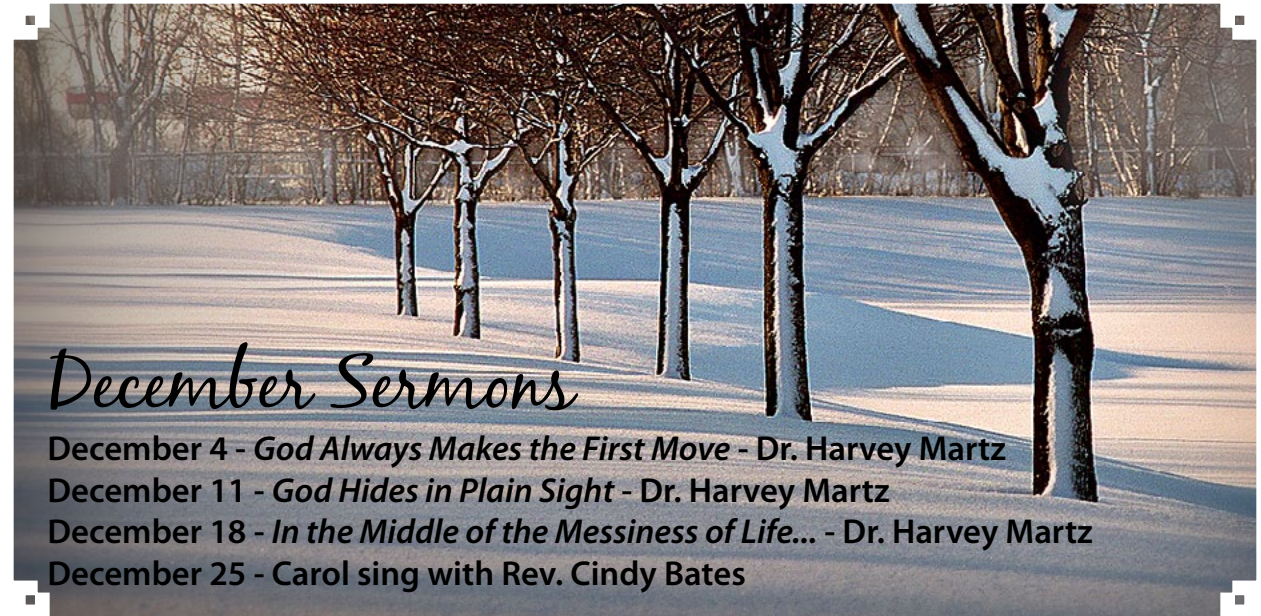
Vision: May God's light so shine through our

- Passionate worship
- Radical hospitality
- Transformational spiritual growth
- Risk taking mission and service
- Extravagant generosity

that all may come to know God.



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December Sermons

- December 4 - God Always Makes the First Move - Dr. Harvey Martz**
- December 11 - God Hides in Plain Sight - Dr. Harvey Martz**
- December 18 - In the Middle of the Messiness of Life... - Dr. Harvey Martz**
- December 25 - Carol sing with Rev. Cindy Bates**

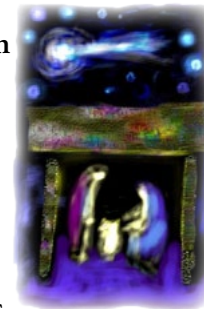
HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday, December 23: "Preve" Pre-Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm

A pre-Christmas Eve service with a message from Dr. Harvey Martz and music by the Charles Wesley Choir, Reunited college age choir and the Holy Pretzels Youth Choir.

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

- Noon** Communion Service; *Can You Hear Me Now?*, Rev. Cindy Bates; music by Mark Van Arsdale, Soloist
- 3:00** Children's Service; *Front Row Seats*, Jenny Ricklefs; music by the St. Andrew Children's choirs
- 5:00** *Can You Hear Me Now?*, Rev. Cindy Bates; music by Reunited and Soloist, Mark Van Arsdale
- 7:00** *God With Us*, Lisa Petty; music by the Handbell Choir and Holy Pretzels Youth Choir
- 9:00** *Would You Like To Hold The Baby?*, Dr. Harvey Martz; music by the Charles Wesley Choir and St. Andrew Sisters
- 11:00** *A Beautiful Gift*, Jenny Ricklefs; music by Keith Ferguson, Soloist



Sunday, December 25: One service, 10:00 am
Led by Rev. Cindy Bates and other staff members. A family friendly service with singing of Christmas carols.

Sunday, January 1: One service, 10:00 am
A Celebration of John Wesley's Covenant Service to begin the New Year. Message by Schawn Kellogg; Communion led by Rev. Cindy Bates. A "British Tea" celebration in Fellowship Hall following the service.

Blue Christmas: A Service of Comfort and Hope

Sunday, Dec. 11, 5:00 pm, Sanctuary. For those who are living with the loss of a loved one, depression, broken relationships, loneliness or just the need to step away from the chaos of the season. Through music, scripture, prayer and candlelight, we acknowledge the pain and look toward the hope to come. Come as you are. All are welcome!



Children's Ministry

Merry Monday! New Drop-in Childcare available!

Are you looking for a loving, safe and fun environment for your child, while you get those extra December tasks done? St. Andrew Childcare is offering drop-in childcare Monday, Dec. 12, 9:00 am–1:00 pm (2 hour min). Cost is \$6.00/ hour for the first child, \$4.00/ hour for the second child; maximum of \$12.00/hour per family. Reservations and payment are due no later than Dec. 5. A notarized form is required (we can notarize it for you!). Contact Susan, sbrown@st-andrew-umc.com for reservations and information.

Christmas Stockings for the Denver Santa Claus Shop are due by Monday, December 5. Thanks to all who helped provide holiday cheer to some of the 17,000 children referred by City and County of Denver Social Services. Not able to fill a stocking this year? Donations are being accepted to cover the cost of the stockings!

4th & 5th Grade Fellowship meets on Sunday, December 11, 6:30–8:00 pm, for a City Lights Bus Tour and January 8 for our annual Beach Party at Andy's Beach. The cost is \$5 each for the Bus Tour. Parent helpers are need for both events. For reservations and to help, contact Mary Huey, mhuey@st-andrew-umc.com.

Bid on Children's Learning Center Silent Auction Baskets in Fellowship Hall from December 7–13. Many great items to choose from, lots of fun and unique gift ideas, and all proceeds go to St. Andrew Children's Learning Center Scholarship Fund!

God and Me; God and Family religious emblem program for scouts and non-scouts in 1st–5th grade, will be held Sundays, January 8, 22; February 5, 26; 11:45 am–1:30 pm. Deadline for sign up is Dec. 14. Cost is \$10 for one child and their parent(s).



Join the January–June 2012 Children's Sunday School Team! Choose your position: Two year old class; Preschool or Pre-K leaders; Elementary Guides (build relationships and learn along with the children) or Elementary Workshop Leaders (teach the Bible story through a specific workshop). Leaders share their faith two times per month at either 9:00 or 10:30 am. Contact Kathleen at kriley@st-andrew-umc.com.

- **Orientation for new leaders** is Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:00 pm. This session will help you become familiar with the policies and procedures for Sundays. Safe Sanctuary training will follow at 8:00 pm.

- **Safe Sanctuary Training** is Sunday, December 4, 8:00 am and Monday, December 12, 8:00 pm. This is mandatory training for all Children's Sunday morning, choir and IHN volunteers. Anyone can join us, even if you are not involved in Children's Ministries, to learn about the policies that St. Andrew has in place to make our church a safe place for all!

All Children will join worship on Sunday, December 25, and January 1, at 10:00 am.

There will be no childcare or Sunday School for either date. Regular childcare and Sunday School schedule resumes January 8.

St. Andrew Children's Learning Center (CLC) weekday preschool ministry will host information sessions for new families at 10:30 am in Room A103 (downstairs) on Thursday, January 12; Wednesday, January 18; Tuesday, January 24; and Monday, January 30. Registration forms for the 2012-2013 school year will be available January 15 and are due by January 31 for all families.

CHILDCARE RESERVATIONS

Children are welcome into a loving, nurturing and safe childcare environment while their caregivers attend St. Andrew meetings, events or classes (no reservations are needed for childcare during worship services). Reservations must be made at least one week in advance of the need with Susan Brown, Childcare Coordinator, sbrown@st-andrew-umc.com, or call 303-794-2683, x 151.

Baptism Information Class Tuesday, December 13, 6:30-7:30 pm. If you are considering having a child baptized at St. Andrew, plan to attend class prior to scheduling the baptism. Please contact Melanie Rowilson, mrowilson@st-andrew-umc.com, 303-794-2683. Childcare is available. See info box above.

Youth Ministry

Winter break activities include making luminarias on Dec. 21; a Meals on Wheels route Dec. 22; Jump Street on Dec. 28; and working at the Sheridan clothing bank on Dec. 29. Contact the Youth Office for more details!

Youth Sunday School for grades 6-12 includes Talkin' About God at 9:00 am and Reel Time at 10:30 am each week (except December 25, no Youth Sunday School and January 1, one class at 10:00 am).

District Karaoke for Youth from St. Andrew and other area churches is January 8, 6:00–8:00 pm. Sunday Nights About Phaith (SNAP) each week includes supper at 6:00 pm (\$3), small or large group activity and closing prayer time. Note a change for January 15, 6:00–8:00 pm, out-to-dinner and a dance at Littleton United Methodist Church.



January Retreats include a ski/snowboard trip for high school and college students January 13-16 (contact the Youth Office for information about remaining spots) and the January 27-28 Faith & Sexuality weekend; purple registration forms available in the Youth Zone.

Youth Mission Opportunities and Adult Info

United Methodist Volunteer in Mission adult leader training is January 21, 1:30-3:30 pm.

Youth mission trip information for spring and summer 2012 is available in the Youth Zone. Trips include Belize in March, Guatemala in May, Joplin, MO, in June and Ten Sleep, WY, in July.

God and Church program, sponsored by Boy Scouts but available to all middle school youth, begins January 22. Contact Catherine Amis, camis@st-andrew-umc.com, for details.

Club Mid, a Wednesday after-school program for middle schoolers, meets weekly 3:00-5:30 pm and includes snacks, homework time, service projects and fun! Registration is not required; call the Youth Office by the preceding Tuesday if your student needs a ride.

High school dinner groups for guys and girls meet Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm. Friends are always welcome! And...

Weekday breakfast and lunch groups are in progress and open to all youth. For more info contact Cindy Klick, cklick@st-andrew-umc.com or Lisa Petty, lpetty@st-andrew-umc.com.

Music and Arts Ministry

2011 Advent Recital Series continues Wednesdays, December 7–21 at 12:10 pm. Take a mid-week break and enjoy beautiful music of the season. Invite your neighbors and friends - the recitals are free! A light soup and bread lunch is offered for a donation of \$3.50. Dec. 7-St. Andrew Sisters; Dec 14-Frank Perko, Organist; and Dec. 21-Expressions of the Soul.

Celebration of Christmas Concerts

Join us Thursday, December 8, 7:30 pm, and Saturday, December 10, 4:00 pm. Enjoy the exciting sounds of Christmas! Narrators and a full orchestra accompany the St. Andrew Children's, Holy Pretzels Youth and College age choirs, the Charles Wesley Choir, Men's Choir, Handbells and Silent Message Dance Ensemble. The concert includes a delightful arrangement of *The Nutcracker*. Freewill offering.

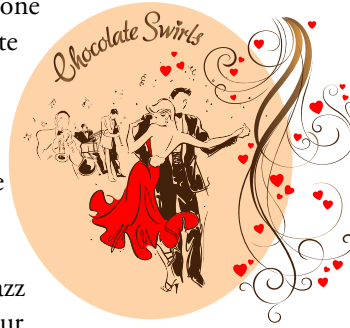


A Canto Deo Christmas
Saturday, December 17 at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Canto Deo is a Denver based Christian choir dedicated to the performance of sacred choral music. Accompanied by a full orchestra, Canto Deo will sing favorite carols and music from around the world. Get into the true spirit of the season and don't forget to bring children so they can conduct the orchestra at the end of the concert! Tickets at www.cantodeo.org or 720-903-6945.

The Denver Gay Men's Chorus presents their annual Christmas concert, *Come Home for the Holidays*, Sunday, December 18, 2:00 pm, in the St. Andrew Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.rmarts.org or www.dgmc.org or call 303-325-3959. Other performance dates and times are also on the website.

Need a great Christmas Gift or Stocking Stuffer?

Give your special someone tickets for the Chocolate Swirls Dance and Concert, Saturday, February 11, from 7:00–9:30 pm with the amazing Jazz Cookers Dance Band. Enjoy a night of dancing and jazz with friends or with your Valentine. Tickets: \$25/couple, \$15/single. Tickets are available in the church office, at the Music & Arts Ministry table in the Fellowship Hall or on the web.



St. Andrew Children's Choirs are open to all Children in grades K-5! If you love to sing, want to make new friends, learn about music, and have fun, come join the choir. You can join any time of the year. Rehearsals are Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm!

The Holy Pretzels Youth Choir rehearses each Sunday, 4:30-6:00 pm. All youth in 6th-12th grades are welcome! This Spring we will present a musical so keep an eye out for future announcements! For more information, contact Elizabeth-Ann Rowilson at earowlison@st-andrew-umc.com or 303-947-3825.

The Music & Arts Ministry has many opportunities for you. Participate in the orchestra, handbell choirs, vocal ensembles or choirs. All abilities and ages are welcome! For info contact the Music Office: 303-794-2683 x125; ckolar@st-andrew-umc.com or lgrenz@st-andrew-umc.com, or visit the Music and Arts page on the St. Andrew website.

Adult Classes

Where has God Called You? Sunday, December 11, 10:30-11:30 am, Chapel. An invitation to each of us to find and follow our call! Come *listen fast* as six people from St. Andrew's congregation speak for 60 seconds each about their experience of listening to and following their call. "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." -Frederick Buechner, *Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC* Led by Schawn Kellogg, MDiv, St. Andrew member.

Financial Peace University: *Free preview* Thursday, January 5; 7:00–8:30 pm; *New Class* Thursdays, Jan. 12–April 5; 7:00–8:30 pm; facilitated by Justin Rainey. The 13-week class is taught via DVD by Dave Ramsey followed by a small-group discussion. Start your journey to a debt free life and a future full of opportunity! Contact: Phil Seibold, psibold@st-andrew-umc.com or 303-794-2683 x110.



Experiencing God's Goodness When We're

Hurting: Sundays, January 8–29; 9:00–10:00 am in room B249. As Christians, we are called to bear one another's burdens. Participants are invited to share their stories of faith transformed by the trials of life as a gift of hope for those who are hurting. We will learn about St. Andrew's caring ministries and how to become "wounded healers" who reflect God's mercy and compassion to those who suffer. Led by Dr. Marianne Neifert also known as Dr. Mom®; St. Andrew member, a pediatrician, professional speaker, author. Supplemental text: *When Suffering Persists* by Frederick W. Schmidt, Jr.



Book of Mormon: Sundays, January 8–29; 10:30–11:30 am in the Chapel. Have you wondered about Mormon beliefs? The Mormon Church is founded upon the Book of Mormon. This class offers a brief overview of the Book of Mormon and some of the beliefs of the church without any efforts to convert you. Led by Richard Davidson, St. Andrew member, former Mormon, and *Disciple* Bible Study leader.

God Talk V: God's Calling... Are You In?

Monday, January 9; 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Senior citizens, Abraham and Sarah, became the parents of the Israelite people. Moses, the stutterer, led his people out of Egypt. Teenaged and unmarried, Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Saul, who persecuted Christians, became Paul the Apostle. God has called people throughout history to be about holy business. Could God be calling you too? Join a panel of Iliff School of Theology scholars and moderator, Shani Jones, St. Andrew member and Iliff student, for a stimulating discussion. Panelists are Dr. Amy Erickson, Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible; Dr. Ann Graham Brock, author of *Mary Magdalene, the First Apostle*, Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins; Micah Saxton, PhD candidate, Dept. of Philosophy and Adjunct Faculty of New Testament and Early Christianity; and Dr. Catherine Kelsey, Gerald L. Schlessman Visiting Assistant Professor of Methodist Studies, Dean of the Chapel at Iliff and an elder in the United Methodist Church.



Global Warming: Changing CO2urse: Join us Sundays, January 8–29, 10:30–11:30 am. Learn about the history and science of climate change and how we're involved and what personal action we can take. Explore our individual and collective power to shape an effective response to climate change. Led by Joy Jamison, St. Andrew member and board member, Colorado Interfaith Power and Light, jnlparkies@comcast.net

The Bible for Beginners: Tuesdays, January 10–February 21; 7:00–8:45 pm in Fellowship Hall. See how the entire Bible fits together and gain an overview of the chronology and history including where we got the Bible, the strengths of various translations and the over-arching themes of the Bible. Led by Dr. Harvey Martz. Texts: *Good News Bible, Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* by Dr. Marcus Borg, and *Get Acquainted with Your Bible* by Gary L. Ball-Kilbourne



Experiencing Christian Freedom: Begins Sunday, January 15, 9:00–10:00 am in room B249. Many extol the idea of freedom, but not many have the audacity to grasp it. Identify the bogus notions of what freedom is, learn from Jesus and Paul what freedom really is, ratchet up our courage to seize and experience it - and enjoy doing it! Class always open; come join us. Led by Rev. Fred Venable, Retired

Estate Planning –The Basics Join us Thursday, January 19, 7:00 pm, for information about living trusts, durable powers of attorney, advance medical directives, probate and more. Led by Don Kelley and Woody Herring, long-time members of St. Andrew who have decades of experience as tax and estate attorneys. Sponsored by the Legacy Ministry Team, legacyministry@st-andrew-umc.com

For more information about these classes and other upcoming classes, please see the Pathways Catalog or the St. Andrew website, www.st-andrew-umc.com.

Care and Support (Congregational Care)

Congregational Care Christmas Sharing Tree

You can help Musu Cooke and her four children, Agabus(20), Fredlyn(18) Daniel(15) and Emmanuel(12), with the very high cost of applying for citizenship in their adopted country, America. The Cookes have been supported by St. Andrew to come to Denver as refugees from Liberia. The father, Fred, assisted by the St. Andrew Friendship group, just obtained his citizenship. Please take an “ornament” of your choosing from the special tree located across from the Reception Desk. Please return it to the church office, attached to your donation. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew UMC with “Citizenship – Cookes/Congregational Care” in the memo line.



Beyond Divorce: Rebuilding When Your Relationship Ends

Thursdays, Jan. 12–March 15; 6:30–8:30 pm. Learn the skills necessary to adjust to your losses, receive encouragement to rebuild your life, and move through the grief and adjustment periods in a healthy way. Led by Beth Walker, MBA, CPCC, Certified Professional and Personal Coach. Fee: \$150. Contact Jenny Ricklefs, jricklefs@st-andrew-umc.com

Enjoy Café Mon Ami and help Congregational Care Ministry raise funds:

Pick up a coupon at the Reception or Welcoming Desks, or Congregational Care table in Fellowship Hall and present it any Sunday you go. Café Mon Ami will “give back” 10% of your tab.

Ongoing Congregational Care Ministries

Brain Injury Support Group:

(facilitated by BIAC) Third Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 pm. For persons living with brain injuries, and those providing support. Contact Della Krochta, 720-344-1250

Care Team: St. Andrew extends compassion and care through these trained individuals who follow-up on prayer requests and other needs offering information, referrals and a listening ear; arranges hospital visitation. Contact Bev or Bruce French, beverleyfrench@msn.com or Jenny Ricklefs, 303-794-2683

Covenant Visitors: Be a part of this ministry or receive a regular, caring visit in your home. Home-bound older adults can stay connected with their St. Andrew family. Contact: Barbara Pomarico, pomarib@aol.com

Health Ministries: *Adapted Yoga*, Tuesdays, 10:00–11:00 am, ideal for those with limited mobility and range of motion; *Regular Yoga* Wednesdays, 9:45–10:45 am; all levels welcome. Martha Mandeville, 720-480-2164; *Free Blood Pressure Check* 3rd Sundays, every month, 8:00 am–noon. Knowing that your blood pressure is OK prevents many health problems. Contact: Rev. Dale Wood, dwood@st-andrew-umc.com *Durable Medical Equipment* for you to borrow – wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, canes, crutches and more; ask at the Reception or Welcoming Desk. *Fresh Fruit* available Sundays on the donut table in Fellowship Hall.

Intercessory Prayer Team meets Wednesdays, at 9:00 am at St. Andrew to pray for the needs of the St. Andrew congregation and beyond. Contact: Jenny Ricklefs, jricklefs@st-andrew-umc.com

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group (MS) meets most first Saturdays, 10:00 am–noon. Contact: Connie Harris, 303-598-1534, C.Harris@saundersci.com

OutSpirit: Friends Embracing Diversity: Christian fellowship, support, and education opportunities for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered church community, friends, family and supporters. Meets the fourth Sundays at noon (not December). Contact: Cathy Pearl, 303-740-7688

Depression Support Group: Meets second Mondays, 6:30–8:00 pm. Contact: Nancy Williams, nan717@comcast.net

Parent’s of Teenagers Support (PoTS): Second Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm (not Dec.). January 10 program - speaker from the Second Wind Fund to help us understand and recognize the warning signs of teen suicide. Kathleen Riley, 303-741-6726, corileys@msn.com; Dona Kooy, mdkjk@msn.com.

Parents Who Have Lost an Adult Child Self-Help Group: Meets second Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. Sharing with caring others and seeing how they are dealing with life may help and comfort you. Contact: Pat Markwell, 303-795-0476

12 Step Groups: Contact: Jenny Ricklefs, 303-794-2683 x106, jricklefs@st-andrew-umc.com

- AA (Alcoholics Anonymous): Tuesdays, 7:45-9:15 pm
- AA Friday Evening: Fridays, 6:30-7:30 pm
- AA for Men: Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 am
- SA (Sexaholics Anonymous): Saturdays, 7:00-8:00 am
- S-Anon: Saturdays, 7:00-8:00 am

Serving Beyond (Outreach)

The Outreach Depot is St. Andrew’s collection point for most of the donation opportunities you will see in the bulletin. In the Depot nonperishable food is accepted for distribution to area food banks; the need for food donations is higher than ever, so please give generously. Watch the bulletin for other collection drives throughout the year. Look for the rack of red shopping bags. Take a Bag, Fill the Bag and return it to the Depot next time you come.

Adopt-a-School (East Elementary Homework Club) is looking for caring adults and middle or high school students to assist students in grades 3-5 with reading, spelling and math homework; Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays from 3:30-4:15 beginning January 10. Contact: Cheryl Houser, chouser115@hotmail.com

Alternative Gift Market: Purchase gift cards for local and international organizations in lieu of a present. Visit the Market Shop in Fellowship Hall through December 18 and select your gift card for a haircut, immunizations for homeless children, etc. Contact Bev French, 303-791-6273 or beverleyfrench@msn.com.



Family Homestead Adopt-a-Family for the holidays. Provide gifts for specific families to be delivered just before Christmas or contribute a check payable to Family Homestead, which they will use to purchase gifts. Contact Judy Mugler *today*, 303-623-6514 or judy@familyhomestead.org.

The Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall is adorned with handmade ornaments and sun catchers that Outreach Ministries is selling to support the new Prison Mentor program, Homeless Task Force and St. Paul's Sunday breakfast. Purchase a gift or make a donation to help these ministries grow. Contact: 303-468-6869, or outreachadminteam@st-andrew-umc.com



Warren Village Holiday Shop needs gift donations and volunteers to help children and parents Christmas shop for each other on December 10. Check the Outreach table in Fellowship Hall for the list of only NEW items for infants through adults. Contact Meredith Villiers, 303-320-5032, or mvilliers2@warrenvillage.org

Fair Trade Products make great stocking stuffers! Join us in Fellowship Hall to purchase products Sunday morning, December 18 (third Sundays). Buy organic, delicious candy bars, coffees, teas, and chocolate; and help small farmers. Contact Jill Kucera, 303-330-1567, jkucera@customloyal.com

Bridgeway program for homeless women, age 16-21 who are pregnant or parenting, needs volunteers in these three areas: to teach life skills, for work days, and general household maintenance. Contact MaryAnn Forman, 303-969-0515 x15 or maryann@bridgewayhomes.org. Donations of all size diapers needed; bring to the Depot.

Denver Colorado Aids Project (CAP) works to prevent HIV infection and to improve lives affected by HIV/AIDS. They need volunteers to help with reception support, employment and training center and special events. Contact: Ruth Pederson, 303-837-0166

Denver Urban Ministries (DenUM) needs volunteers to greet clients and provide referral information, do client intakes and be a jobs services receptionist. Also, use the website, shop@igive.com, or search site: Good Search, and DenUM receives a fee. Contact: Amanda Baker, 303-350-5066, Amanda@denum.org

Inter-faith Community Services (IFCS) provides basic human services and enrichment programs to low-income people. They need volunteers to drive seniors to medical appointments and do pickups using their van. Contact: Sandra Blythe-Perry, 303-789-0501 or sandrabp@ifcs.org

JustCare Bags is an ongoing ministry that allows families to serve the homeless by filling lunch bags with nourishing food items, toiletries and socks. Visit the Gathering Space on Sundays to help assemble and/or pick up bags to give. Contact: Heidi Parish 720-529-0333, heidiparish@hotmail.com

Loaves and Fishes is a new coupon shopping program for food and toiletry items for the Outreach Depot. By strategic use of collected coupons, we can give more for less money to the agencies we support. Contact: Jacquelynn Pleis, jpleis@cherrycreekschools.org

Urban Peak needs people who care about homeless and runaway youth to help them make the difficult transition from at-risk youth to mature, self-reliant adults. For volunteer openings, contact Steven Hughes, 303-974-2910, Steven.Hughes@urbanpeak.org.

Holiday Hospitality - You Can Help

Christmas Eve Services are special times and require many additional helpers to provide the "Radical Hospitality" that helps make them run smoothly. Would you help usher, greet/distribute candles, provide parking lot safety, etc., for one (or more) of those special services?



Please contact Melanie Rowilson, mrowilson@st-andrew-umc.com, or check the Sign-me-up page on the back of the Sunday worship bulletin to indicate where you will help. There are several family opportunities! Thank you!

- **Preve, Friday, Dec. 23; 7:00 pm:** parking help*, greeters/candle distribution, ushers are needed
- **Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, Noon & 11:00 pm:** greeter/candle distribution, ushers
- **3:00, 5:00, 7:00 & 9:00 pm:** parking help*, greeter/candle distribution, ushers needed
- **4:00 pm** help set out and light luminaria
- **12:00 midnight** extinguish and collect luminaria
- **Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day** – One service, 10:00 am, ushers needed
- **Sunday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day** – One service, 10:00 am, ushers needed

***Parking Lot Team** needs 6-10 additional people. Work 30-40 minute shifts between services. It's a fun way to wish your church family a Merry Christmas! Please contact Jim Francis, jimf_denver@yahoo.com, for times and information.

Help serve Communion at noon Christmas Eve and/or January 1, one service at 10:00 am. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year! Contact Nancy Willetts, dwilletts@q.com, and let her know that you would like to serve in this way.

Welcoming Ministries Door Step Visitors Team will be delivering bread to Christmas worship newcomers this year! After-Christmas Elves needed Tuesday, December 27, 9:00 am-noon. Come when you can to help "map" addresses and prepare the bread bags for delivery. Would you deliver a loaf of bread to a newcomer? Contact Alison McCallen, mamccallen@me.com, for more information and/or to sign up; or check the Sign-me-up page of the worship bulletin. It's a great way to continue celebrating Christmas!

Small Group Ministry

Contemporary Issues: Religion, Life, and all that... The facilitated discussions cover a wide variety of topics – your input and suggestions are welcomed! Meet in room B249 at 10:30 am. Contact Walt Klos, waltklos@live.com, or indicate your interest on the Sign-me-up page of the worship bulletin. The group will not be meeting on Sundays December 25 and January 1.

The St. Andrew Running Club meets Saturday mornings at 8:00 (even in the Winter!) at Goodson Rec Center (University Blvd, just north of Arapahoe Rd.). Runners/walkers, at all levels, are invited to participate! Contact Shari Repinski (sharirepinski@comcast.net) for details. On Facebook, search "St. Andrew UMC-Running Group" for a post.

Parents with Young Children Group meets on Sundays during the 10:30 am hour in room B252. Meet with others who share your stage in life for fellowship, building community and friendships that will last for a long time! Coming up: Dec. 4 & 11: Developing Capable Young People, sessions 4 & 5; Dec. 18: A Family Christmas to Remember; Dec. 25 & Jan. 1 No class, worship together at 10:00; Jan. 8: Developing Capable Young People(continues through mid-February).

Young Adults (ages 21-32) will have a holiday party Saturday, December 17. Contact Erin Nelson at erin.nelson09@gmail.com for more information.

Ongoing Fellowship Groups

Dinner with Friends: A great opportunity to meet new St. Andrew friends! A group of six to eight adults dines together once a month. Contact: Valerie Miller, 303-791-4618, valerie.miller@hrcaonline.org

Prime Timers: Meet second Fridays, Sep. – May, 11:30 am–1:00 pm. St. Andrew seniors are invited to enjoy fellowship and a delicious meal in the Gathering Space. Meal \$5.00. Contact: Mike and Marylou Cate, 303-792-9933

Seafarers: These groups offer Christian fellowship, service, and support for our church and community and provide for both old and new St. Andrew members to be together in a small group. Contact: Rev. Dale Wood, 303-794-2683

St. Andrew Nordic Explorers: Cross-country ski group for men and women. Contact: Dottie Tarvestad, dottietarvestad@q.com

St. Andrew Train Club: Enthusiastic model train lovers. Contact: Bill Kittle, jrkwjwk@prodigy.net

Men's Ministry

Men's Ministries Join us for fellowship, learning and service including 3rd Saturday breakfast and program September - May; softball team; Grill Team; Snowhounds; service projects. Contact: James Lingle, MensMinistries@st-andrew-umc.com

Snowhounds, Men's Ski/Snowboard Group: Winter is upon us and the guys are ready to hit the slopes. We have outings to various local resorts all winter. The group is open to all skiing and riding abilities. Contact: John Parisi, jdparisi2@comcast.net, 303-707-1664

Women's Ministries

Moms Like Eve: First and Third Fridays, 9:45 am. Friendship, support, learning, speakers, discussions and outreach. Childcare available with one week notice. Contact: Jayme Lara, chicoyjd@yahoo.com

Moms of Multiples: A support group offering information, advice and camaraderie. Most second Tuesdays, 6:15–9:15 pm. Contact: Amy Cheldelin, amy@cheldelin.com

United Methodist Women

Piecemaker's Quilting Circle will have a short meeting at 10:00 am, Sundays, December 12 and January 8, Room B241, for returning completed items and picking up new kits. Anyone interested in becoming part of this group may call Peggy, 303-470-6774, or Maureen, 303-738-8333.

Friendship Circle meets Saturday, December 17, 9:00 am, at Holly Creek. The program is a cookie exchange and caroling. Contact: Fayth Jorgenson

Agape Circle is a fun-loving circle of lady friends who support Bridgeway throughout the year. Programming includes field trips, speakers and craft making. Meetings are followed by lunch out. Please join us as we serve and support others. Contact: Susan Apodaca, susansuemk42@msn.com

Women of Purpose Circle meets at church the second Thursday each month, 7:00 pm, in room B241. Contact: Pam McCormick, 303-798-0264, pam_mccormick@q.com

Christmas at the Park: Join the UMW at the annual Christmas Day at Civic Center Park at noon. It will be an unforgettable Christmas! Contact: Ann, 303-885-2066

December Circle Events: Check the UMW table or the website for information about Circle Christmas parties and giving projects.

New to St. Andrew?

St. Andrew Orientation: Join Harvey Martz, Melanie Rowilson and others for a time of fellowship, food and information. It's a great way to learn about this congregation – if you are new to St. Andrew, or have been attending for a while. If you are considering membership, this is the next step in that process. Orientation is a two-part experience and attendance both days is important. Childcare is available with a reservation. See the Childcare box on page 5. Please contact Melanie Rowilson, mrowilson@st-andrew-umc.com, for more information or to register.

- January 22 & 29, Sundays, 11:45-2:45; lunch included
- February 5 & 12, Sundays, 11:45-2:45; lunch included
- March 4 & 11, Sundays, 11:45-2:45; lunch included

Name Tags: If you need a name tag or have ordered a name tag, please stop by the Welcoming Ministries table in Fellowship Hall. (Look for the big yellow banner with a pineapple).

Everyone is invited to Wednesday Nite Lite Suppers Enjoy a good meal and great fellowship in the Gathering Space. A \$5 donation please; children under age nine eat free! Supper is served from 5:15-6:15.

Coffee, donuts and fresh fruit are available in Fellowship Hall each Sunday morning. Please remember **only** covered water bottles, baby bottles and cups (lids available at the coffee tables) are permitted in the Sanctuary.



ST. ANDREW STAFF

PASTORS:

Senior Pastor: Dr. Harvey Martz
Senior Associate Pastor: Rev. Cindy Bates

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Childcare: Susan Brown
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Children's Learning Center (CLC): Marcia Whitney
CLC Assistant Director: Jen Goins
Congregational Care: Jenny Ricklefs,
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Music Assoc. Director/Handbell Dir.: Larry Scalfari
Music Director Youth Choir:
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Music Coordinator Children's Choir: Ann Guerin
Pathways Adult Education: Tam Curfman
Outreach: Jeri Dwyer
Servant: Janice Colliatie
Welcoming: Melanie Rowilson
Youth: Cindy Klick
Youth Assistant Director: Lisa Petty

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Adult: Susan McCann, Phil Seibold
Audio/Visual Tech: Aaron Jacobs, Brian Smith
Children: Kathleen Riley, Mary Huey
Clergy Executive Assistant: Kathy Meyers
Congregational Care/Outreach: Diane Smith
Music: Cathy Kolar, Lauren Grenz, Katie Ruggles,
Mike Asheim
Welcoming: Donna Walder
Youth: Catherine Amis
Youth Student Assistants: Lauren Hatch, Cassie Reid

MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION:

Executive Director: Chuck Curtis
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Rachel Cooper
Administrative Support: Barb Witcher
Communication Design: Susan Bell
Custodians: Frank Zamora, Mike Leininger,
Ed Dunn, Aaron Lloyd
Information Systems/Web: Kyle Lewis, Pha Huynh

Sanctuary Poinsettias (December 18)

Given By:

Brian & Janet Schaible
Larry & Judy Mugler

Neva's Kids
Graham & Angela Coddington
Marilyn Kaiser
Harvey & Judy Martz
Winifred Pool (2)
Hank & Ruth Stambaugh

Given By:

Carol Warner
Hal & Jeanette Newville
Larry & Gail Hogge Bultena
Kathy Barnes

Lois & Joe Field and Family
Jim & Alison McCallen
Yvonne & Robert Marshall

Bill & Liz Carder
Anne Hesse
Jon & Cindy Allor
Neva's Kids
Nancy Douglas
Eileen Wilhelm & Family
Jana & Jennifer Whitman (2)
Mark & Dottie Wagner
Frank & Cheryl Bennett (2)

Speck Family; Karin & Gere Lanham (2)
Virginia Harder
Jean Logan
Bob Ryerson
Jennifer, David, Amy, Brian Curlee
Mike, Janet, Alex & Tori Cline
Nancy McDermott

In Honor of:

Elinor Garriques
Our grandchildren Luke, Annabelle & Hudson Mugler;
Riley & Elaina Hawk
Neva Salter
Campbell & Claire Coddington
The families of Keith & Holly and Kent & Michelle Kaiser
Our son, Todd Martz, and our daughter, Meredith Martz
Pat & Dick Ling; Beverly and Jim Young
Christy Boyle

In Memory of:

Ed Warner
Ken & Margreat Fitting
Ellen Bultena & Denny Hogge
My mother, Barbara Mc Connell,
Grandma & Grandpa Lutz
Son and brother, James Harris Field
Marjorie Wiens, Jim & Grace McCallen
Sister, Mary Ann; Brother, William;
Brother-in-laws, Dave and Rod
Rebecca Rose Carder
Bob Hesse
June Gaudin
Tom Kilmer
Mr. & Mrs. G. Bryan Curtis
Harry E. Wilhelm
James V. Whitman & Clinton; Mary Pearl Whitman
Our daughter, Katie Hannah Wagner
Our parents: Frank & Dorothy Bennett,
Bill & Darlene O'Malley
Herb Bowman; Thomas Speck
Vernon & Pat Harder
Clyde C. Logan
Wilma Stevens and Ray Ryerson
Grammy Char Hoghland
Janet's parents: Dennis & Ethel King
My Mother and Father



Alternative Christmas Giving Donations to Compassion Fund

Given By:

Marilyn Heinle
Stephen & Lynn Borchardt
Blake, Nelia, Evan & Ethan Criswell
Neva's Kids
Dave, Alison, Becca & Chris Gibbens
Jim & Leta Olson
Fayth Jorgensen
Gail Karsian

In Honor of:

My Grand & Great Grandchildren
Our parents
Logan Blake Criswell
Al Brown
Robert Max Neely
Our parents: Ann & Harvey Olson, Allie & Dennis Smith
Gordon, Bruce and Janice
My great parents, Helen & Bob Peters

Donations to Christmas Offering

Given By:

Stephen & Lynn Borchardt
Larry & Gail Hogge Bultena
Cynthia Norman
Kevin & Janice Morrato
Laura, Erik, Emily & George Johnson

In Memory of:

Our parents
Ellen Bultena & Denny Hogge
Vernon W. Norman
Coby Bollinger & Frank Morrato
Bob Johnson; Jeanne & George Bartlett

Donations to Music Ministry

Given By:

Nancy Thovson
Suzie Malik
Linda Headstream

In Memory of:

Eldean Thovson
John Malik & Marion Kersting
David Headstream



Celebration of Christmas

Thursday, December 8, 2011 ~ 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 10, 2011 ~ 4:00 pm

Enjoy the exciting sights and sounds of Christmas

The concert includes a special arrangement of *The Nutcracker* and many favorite carols. Invite family and friends for this delightful event.



It's Your Move... Where Is God Calling You To Serve?

Join a Children's Sunday School team:

- Twice a month - January-June 2012
- One Sunday School hour - 9:00 or 10:30 am
- Serve with at least one other adult per class
- Curriculum and support provided
- Positions:
 - Preschool Teachers (ages 2, 3 or 4)
 - Elementary Guides
 - Elementary Workshop Leaders - *choose art, computer, cookery, games, music, science, story/drama or video*

Now, it's your move!

For more information, contact Kathleen Riley, kriley@st-andrew-umc.com or Christy Boyle, cboyle@st-andrew-umc.com

