



# THE MESSENGER

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

## Silent Message brings liturgical dance to St. Andrew

*Let them praise God's name in the dance... Psalm 149:3*

By Brian Schaible

Dancers swirl and pirouette in unison as gossamer-draped arms lift toward heaven ...

They are members of Silent Message, a St. Andrew group that is reviving the art of liturgical dance which first flourished in the Christian church during Biblical times. Director and choreographer Laura Herships says dance was a key part of early worship services.

The Old Testament contains several references to dancing, according to Herships: *After God parted the Red Sea, Meriam ... took a tambourine in her hand and all the women followed her with tambourines and dancing.* Exodus 15:20 *David was dancing before the Lord with all his might.* 2 Samuel 6:14.

When services moved indoors, congregants sat in pews and liturgical dance slowly faded from the worship experience.

Recently, dance has seen a revival in the Christian church. Although liturgical dance began years ago at St. Andrew, Herships traces its modern renaissance to 2006.

"I was involved in liturgical dance in Florida before we moved to Colorado, so I approached Music and the Arts Director Mark Zwilling and asked if we could try it at St. Andrew," Herships recalls. "Because of his support, and that of the clergy, we were able to bring Silent Message into being. In fact, Mark came up with the name for the group."

Forms sweep across the floor, now faster,

now slower, as the tempo and volume of the music rises and falls ...

"We focus on liturgical dance being a worship experience, and emphasize movements that convey the meaning of the words and music to the congregation," Herships says.



"So much of the traditional worship experience is heard -- through sermons, liturgy, etc. Dance is a visual expression of the message that hopefully adds another dimension of understanding for the congregation. We concentrate first on the message of the song. Then we ensure the costumes reflect the spirituality of the song and help convey the meaning of the words and music without distracting from them."

Capitalizing on the talents of its members, Silent Message recently broke new ground in worship as the dancers performed choreographed movements intertwined with singing, dancing, and playing harp, flute and piano. "Around Christmas time, we realized the possibilities of bringing together instrumental and vocal music with dance," Herships states. "I had also been trying to develop a program based on Psalm 150. So it all came together at one moment in time with the gifts and talents that these women have."

Auditions are not required for the group, but Herships says a dance background – ballet, modern, or jazz – is helpful. She likes to talk with prospective dancers about their experience and notes the minimum age for the group is 18. Silent Message currently has eight members, but the number participating in a given performance may vary according to the dancers' schedules.

As Silent Message became a part of worship at St. Andrew, Herships recalls some questions about whether dance properly belonged in church. She says strong support from clergy and staff, coupled with a slow, trust-building approach, built a comfort level within the congregation. "In the beginning there may have been some questions, but over time, we have established our credibility," she says. "We have been able to convey the message that dance is about worship and not about us. St. Andrew is very welcoming and it's an honor to be able to dance here."

Besides Herships, members of Silent Message include Brenda Blanchard-Kooser, Lisa Blosser, Karen DePretis, Marsha Hairston, Lucy Hazelet, Katie Ruggles, and Roslyn Stockwell.

## From the Senior Pastor



### Do The Right Thing

Some of you remember from a recent sermon the true story of Carolyn and Sean Savage who learned that the invitro fertilization clinic had implanted in Carolyn's body the embryo from another couple, and that she was now pregnant with that other couple's biological child.

Carolyn and Sean had to face a very difficult ethical decision about carrying this child to term, and then another ethical decision about whether they should seek legal means to keep the child or to relinquish the baby to the biological parents.

They went through many agonizing days with those dilemmas and decided, in Carolyn's words, "to do the right thing, carry the baby to term and then to give him to his biological parents."

They made that difficult ethical decision out of their deep faith and active involvement in their congregation and their faith tradition.

"Do the right thing." That phrase will have different meanings depending on what a person's moral education and spiritual education have been.

I came across two other ethical issues in the past few days that will be addressed in worship soon: one of our church members wrote me after the death of Osama Bin Laden raising questions about the gloating and rejoicing that he saw in public demonstrations over that killing. He was wondering if, for followers of Christ, gloating in that way is appropriate.

I affirmed his sensitivity to the age-old question of when violence is justified and sent him a copy of the small volume *War: A Primer for Christians* by Professor Joseph Allen, which

outlines the various Christian perspectives on when war and violence are justified and when they are not. (Copies of this booklet are on our bookshelves.)

And then just today I read online an article about lying. At a Bible church in Pennsylvania the pastor had been caught lying about his military record and misrepresenting that he had been a Navy SEAL – a completely false account.

You and I deal with issues of morality and ethics every day, with questions of "What is the right thing to do?"

And we hear varying approaches to those ethical questions: some people would say that the end (a good purpose) can justify any means that it takes to get to that purpose. Really? It could justify ANY method or means?

Others ask the question, "What if everyone did what I am about to do? What kind of community or country would we have?"

Others in faith communities point to the Ten Commandments and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as sources for ethical and moral insight, and still others point out that even with those scriptural sources we will always face some gray areas of moral decision making.

This summer I am doing a sermon series on ethics titled "Do the Right Thing." We will be using some case studies of real life situations as well as resources from our Book and from our faith to guide us.

The series will begin on June 12. I invite you to join us, and even more, I invite you to email me ([hmartz@st-andrew-umc.com](mailto:hmartz@st-andrew-umc.com)) with some of the ethical issues you have faced in real life.

See you in church!!

### Pay It Forward Food Boxes

Food boxes will be for sale in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, June 26. Stop by the Outreach Ministry table in Fellowship Hall with \$10 and purchase a box of food and load it onto the cart. The following day it will be delivered on your behalf to an area food bank for someone in need. So easy! Perhaps, someday that person will pass the favor on, and the ministry will continue. Stop by on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month to pick out a box.

### Arizona/Mexico Border Mission Trip

Please join us on a mission, immersion and educational trip to the Arizona/Mexico border, August 25-28. Our group will be working at a soup kitchen in Nogales, Arizona doing humanitarian aid work in the desert and will have many opportunities to meet with people directly involved in immigration issues. This year's trip will be in connection with the group Borderlinks. Email [erin\\_swyers@hotmail.com](mailto:erin_swyers@hotmail.com) for more information.

# 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](http://www.st-andrew-umc.com). Please preregister for classes at the Pathways desk at church.

## The Saint John's Bible Exhibit is Open

- May 24 – June 28, 2011
- St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Harmon Library, Rooms B239, B241
- Exhibit Hours:  
M-F 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Sundays 8:00 am - Noon
- Guided tours:  
Sunday, June 5, 11:45am – 1:00 pm  
Thursday, June 9, 9:30 am – 11:00 am  
Additional guided tours may be scheduled by contacting Susan McCann at [smccann@st-andrew-umc.com](mailto:smccann@st-andrew-umc.com), 303-794-2683 ext. 156.

Written and illustrated entirely by hand, the Saint John's Bible is not only an historic undertaking but an artistic, cultural and spiritual journey. The exhibit consists of 25 magnificent gleece prints. Each print illustrates a particular portion of scripture.

Using ancient techniques, the skilled artisans have created a contemporary masterpiece intended to guide today's society in communication with the Infinite. The Saint John's Bible was commissioned by the monks of Saint John's Abbey and University, Collegeville, Minnesota.

## St. John's Bible Workshop

- Sunday, June 12, 2011
- Children and parents, 10:30 am – Noon
- Adults and youth, Noon – 1:30
- \$7.00 adults and youth, \$5.00 children

Please bring the family to learn how the exquisite art and calligraphy of The Saint John's Bible were created. See how ancient crafts and new technology merged to create this unique Bible. Preregister at Pathways desk or online at [www.st-andrew-umc.com](http://www.st-andrew-umc.com)

## Disciple Graduation Weekend

The weekend of June 4 and 5 is a time of celebration for St. Andrew's graduates of Disciple Bible Study. This year we honor 118 graduates and leaders from nine Disciple Bible Study groups.

On Saturday evening, graduates will be honored in a special time of recognition and awarding of certificates, as well as a special address by Dr. Amy Erickson, Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Iliff School of Theology. Dr. Erickson's topic will be *Feminine Personification of Wisdom in the Hebrew Bible*. Graduates and leaders, family, friends and the entire St. Andrew congregation are cordially invited to attend. The evening begins at 6:45 with a reception following.

Then on Sunday, June 5, graduates will be recognized at all worship services.

Registration for Fall Disciple classes will begin that Sunday and continue throughout the Summer at the Pathways desk and on the church website.

**On behalf of the Pathways Ministry Team and the St. Andrew congregation, we say, "Congratulations, graduates!"**



## Summer Book Study:

*Love Wins: A Book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*

Tuesday, June 7; 7:00–8:30 pm ; led by Dr. Harvey Martz

*Rob Bell loves Jesus, and he wants as many people as possible to do the same.* Christianity Today

Rob Bell, pastor of Mars Hill Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, is raising eyebrows all across North America. His book casts fresh light on biblical truths, engages readers with compelling metaphor, and reminds us that the love of God is more powerful and sweeping than we can imagine. Along the way, he raises a host of theological issues. Come find out what everyone's talking about!

## St. Andrew BIG READ 2011:

*Speaking Christian* by Marcus Borg

Best selling author and Jesus Scholar Marcus Borg will be our guest the weekend of September 30 – October 2. In preparation for this weekend, Pathways is sponsoring a BIG READ of his newest book, *Speaking Christian*. In this book, Borg discusses many common words used in Christianity and talks about how we can understand them in a more illuminating and transformative way. Purchase your copy of *Speaking Christian* at the Pathways Desk in Fellowship Hall today!

# Reading, Learning, and Serving

By Melissa Riley

Why don't kids read as much as they used to? Well, we read our text messages, we read Facebook status and twitter updates, we read the new high score that shows up on the screen while we play Mario Kart, but you don't often see kids picking up a book and actually reading. Maybe it's because of all the new technology, but we can still find ways to read the traditional way. Some younger kids will read to a real live pet or a stuffed animal and to their parents. As teenagers we often only read when a teacher requires it.



I have found a new reading friend, a woman to whom I read each Tuesday. She has an eye problem that makes it really difficult for her to read. I read her Christmas letters to her or anything else she wants to hear. Lately, I have been reading a book typed up by her neighbor's sister, a story about their family during World War II. The author lived with her brothers and she gives entries about their experiences serving in the war and what she would do at home during the day. I am learning about the war and events that happened during that time period in school, but now I am also seeing how it affected the people who actually lived through it.

This is a great experience for me because it's more than me just showing up, reading, and leaving. I am becoming closer to my new friend every time I go. We can have actual conversations about our lives and other current events. This is also a great way to serve in the community. I am exposed to something and someone new, including building a relationship with someone I wouldn't have otherwise met. I'm glad I said, "Sure, I can do that," when I was asked. I have enjoyed serving in the community in other ways and this ongoing commitment is very worthwhile to me.

*Melissa Riley has recently completed the eighth grade at Powell Middle School and will be a freshman at Arapahoe High School in the Fall. She is involved in several sports and is an accomplished triathlete. At St. Andrew, she helps in Children's Ministries and is involved in Talkin' About God, Confirmation, Holy Pretzels Youth choir, a weekly breakfast group and many service and outreach opportunities.*



Youth Summer Kick-off is Sunday, June 5, from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Youth (southwest) parking lot featuring games, food by the Men's Grill Team, and a wedding shower for long-time Youth volunteer Keith Winkel and fiancé Dottie Tarvestad. Cost for the event is \$10/youth, which includes dinner and a summer t-shirt, or \$3/person, \$10/family for dinner. Please honor Keith and Dottie by making a donation to one of the following organizations:

## Colorado Neurological Institute – Neurohealth Center

701 E. Hampden Ave., Suite 415  
Englewood, CO 80113-2759

CNI NeuroHealth Center ([www.thecni.org](http://www.thecni.org)) is a non-profit interdisciplinary outpatient rehabilitation center. They provide physical, occupational and speech therapies along with social worker support for people living with neurological conditions such as stroke, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis. Their focus is to assist people in achieving their highest level of function or independence. Services are provided to those who are medically uninsured and underinsured through the generous support of donors.

## Denver Urban Ministries

1717 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, CO 80218

DenUM ([www.denum.org](http://www.denum.org)) meets people in crisis in Outreach Services, develops self-sufficiency through job services, strengthens the community through advocacy, and fosters awareness and growth through urban education.

## St. Andrew United Methodist Church - Compassion Fund

Monies in the Compassion Fund are available to respond to the emergency financial needs of our church family. ([www.st-andrew-umc.com](http://www.st-andrew-umc.com))

# THE MATTER PROJECT



The Matter Project is a structured, extra-curricular enrichment and mentorship program for teens that is offered at St. Andrew UMC for youth in our surrounding community as well as those attending our church.

With the help of volunteer teachers and mentors, Project Manager Nicholas Henkel designs the program's offerings to respond to community needs. Courses focus on teaching youth positive ways to express themselves creatively, lead fulfilling lives and participate in society.

The project affirms the creative potential of youth and reinforces the notion that the choices they make now ultimately pave the road for future success. By offering access to vocational education that isn't always available in traditional classroom settings, the program's volunteers help teens to start planning for their future now. The Matter Project also heavily emphasizes the importance of grades, passion and proactive dreaming.

Depending on the skills of our volunteers and the needs of the community, classes may include sessions for young writers about how to master creation of free blogs, guitar lessons in which we focus on chord theory and graphic design using Adobe software. Classes are held during evenings and weekends. As teachers and mentors meet repeatedly with students, they see an overall improvement in attitude, school work and social skills.

Every minute, that teens are involved with The Matter Project, is supervised and productive in contrast to free time that may possibly be spent without the supervision of parents, teachers or other positive role models.

Whether you are an active or retired teacher or an individual who is passionate about one of the areas listed here, please consider donating some time to help facilitate a class or mentor a student. To learn more about us, please visit [www.thematterproject.org](http://www.thematterproject.org). To volunteer please see the 'Sign Me Up' sheet in the church bulletin on Sundays or go to the St. Andrew website and click on "Serve." Be sure to watch The Matter Project video showing in Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings, May 29 and June 5.



The program has taught participants the following gainful skill sets:

- Musical theory and group performance
- Graphic design
- Culinary arts
- Technical audio
- Marketing and basic accounting
- Creative writing, grammar and structure
- Basic web coding (HTML, CSS)
- Social media blogging (Tumblr, Wordpress, etc.)
- Team dynamics
- Public speaking and
- Group accountability

## 2011 Summer Concert Series

**Sunday, June 12, 8:00 pm:**

### **St. Andrew Outdoor Labyrinth Dedication**

The 2010 St. Andrew ministry expansion brought the construction of an outdoor labyrinth on the southwest corner of the property. A labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and the spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. The labyrinth represents a journey to our own center and back again out into the world. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools.

A small chamber orchestra will provide music that will lead people in a time of prayer, meditation and wonder. No cost; no tickets needed.

**Monday, June 13, 7:30 pm:**

### **Visiting Youth Choir Concert**

Come hear and experience 55 singers of the Youth Choir from Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church in Richardson, Texas. They are touring Colorado before returning to their home in Texas. Free will offering.

**Thursday, June 16, 7:30 pm:**

### **Holy Pretzel Homecoming Concert**

We welcome home our Youth choir from their several-state tour. This will also be the last concert given by our 17-year veteran Youth Choir Director Stacy Spehn. The concert will feature music from sacred to rock. It's a concert you won't want to miss! Free will offering will be received.

**Friday, July 15, 7:30 pm:**

### **Jim Becker Coffee House Concert**

A St. Andrew favorite for over 10 years, Jim Becker is a songwriter, guitarist and singer. Jim will offer an evening of original music that will lift your spirits and feed your soul. Coffee, tea and dessert will be offered at no cost. Jim will also have recordings available for your purchase. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local food bank.

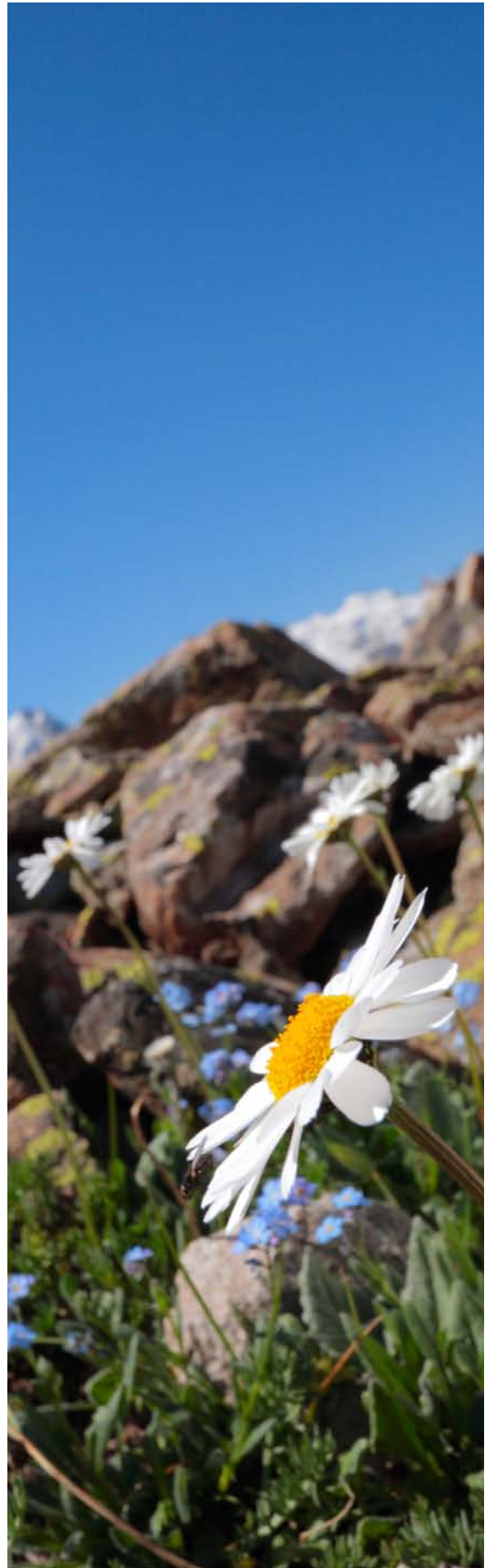
**Sunday, July 24, 7:30 pm:**

### **Ken Goodwin and Company**

Join us for an evening of delightful entertainment. Ken Goodwin will join forces, with some of the best performers from the Denver metro area, to create an unforgettable event. Free dessert, coffee, and tea will be available. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door.

## September 11 Concert Event

Mark your calendar for a moving musical experience to remember the September 11 tragedy. More than 250 singers, plus orchestra, will present two concerts at St. Andrew on September 11. Singers invited. More information on the Music and Arts page of the church website, and in future issues of *The Messenger*.



## Women's Choir forming for Father's Day

Serenade St. Andrew dads on their special day. Sing for the 9:00 and 10:30 am services on Sunday, June 19. The women will sing the beautiful *For The Fruit of All Creation*, with a multi-media presentation, and *Seasons of Love* from the musical Rent.

No audition necessary; just a desire to sing and come together with almost 50 women to make a joyful noise! Only one rehearsal required on Wednesday, June 15, from 7:15-9:00 pm.

## Holy Pretzel Perspective Tour 2011 Montana/Wyoming

Our Holy Pretzel Youth Choir will be on tour from June 9-16. The theme for the tour is *Perspective*. We have written a script and tailored our songs around the idea that we are always viewing things from our own perspective. There is usually much more going on than meets the eye, so it is up to us to have the care and compassion to look beyond appearances. Our own faith journey can help us have a shift in perspective. The Holy Pretzels will be giving 13 concerts in eight days -- singing at the Yellowstone Annual Conference, churches, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, a detention center, a retirement community, the YWCA, and for a group home for the developmentally disabled. Mark your calendars for the Holy Pretzels tour homecoming concert at St. Andrew on Thursday, June 16, at 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Come - you might just see a shift in *your* Perspective!

## Holy Moses!

### Coming soon... Summer music camp for kids

Music, crafts, games, dance, drama, and fun will all be part of the children's summer music camp scheduled for July 18-22 at St. Andrew. During camp hours, 9:00 am to Noon each day, campers will learn parts for the musical drama *Holy Moses!* which will be presented for family and friends on Friday, July 20 at noon and at the 9:00 and 10:30 am worship services on Sunday, July 24.

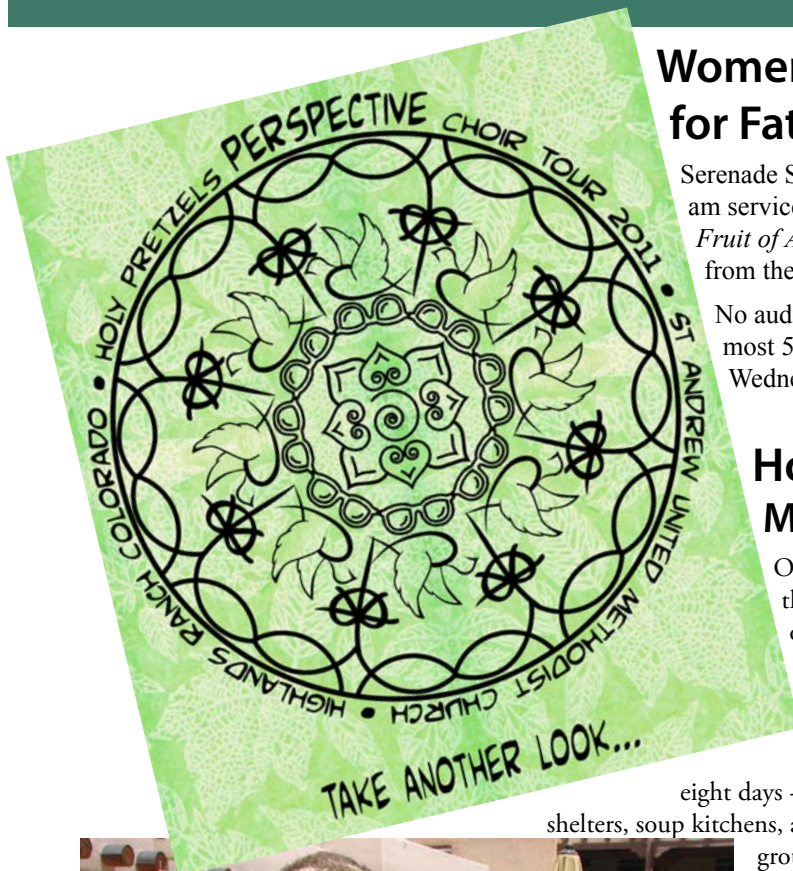
Enrollment is open to all children entering kindergarten through sixth grade for the 2011/12 school year. The enrollment fee of \$40 per child or \$75 per family will cover the cost of snacks, shirts, crafts, and supplies.

Leaders suggest you register children early, because music camp fills up fast. The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 29. Call or email Cathy Kolar, [ckolar@st-andrew-umc.com](mailto:ckolar@st-andrew-umc.com), or Ann Guerin, [aguerin@st-andrew-umc.com](mailto:aguerin@st-andrew-umc.com), phone 303-794-2683, to request a registration form.

## Summer Youth Handbell Camp

Ring in the summer with the Summer Youth Handbell Camp, July 25-29, from 10:00 am - noon each day.

We've designed the camp for youth in grades 6-12 who are interested in playing handbells. This is an opportunity to meet new friends, and be part of a music team that plays "heavy metal." There will be lots of music, snacks, practicing, and playing bells. Contact Larry Scalfari at 303-468-6860 if you're interested.



## Join a Sunday School Team and *Fill the Heart* July-December 2011!

The St. Andrew community is committed to serving God by serving others, developing relationships and developing leadership. You can be a part of each of these areas when you become involved in Children's Sunday School:



♥ **Give** to the St. Andrew community by serving 1½ hours every other Sunday, July-December.

♥ **Relate** with children and other adults as you explore Bible stories and connect the stories to daily living.

♥ **Lead** children as they experience the compassion and love of God, leading them to become disciples of Jesus.

### Choose a 9:00 or 10:30 Class

#### Join a team of Pre-school Teachers:

Experience a child's first thoughts about God and Jesus. Training and resources provided to help you share a Bible story, simple craft and learning activities.

#### Join a team of Elementary Guides:

Develop relationships with children. Experience interactive ways to jump in the Bible story and make the connection to everyday life. Nominal planning required.

### Join a team of Workshop Leaders:

Use your strengths, gifts and passions as you engage children in the Bible through kid-friendly multimedia workshops. Training and curriculum provided to help you plan and implement the lesson for 6 week units with team members.

Workshops offered: art, computer, cookery, games, music, science, story/drama and video.

### Upcoming Training Events Safe Sanctuaries

This one-time training is required for all persons who work with children at St. Andrew. Choose one class.

- ♥ Sunday, June 5, 8:00 am
- ♥ Sunday, June 19, 8:00 am
- ♥ Monday, June 20, 12:00 pm

### Nuts and Bolts

This training is designed for first time leaders to become acquainted with the policies and procedures of Sunday School.

- ♥ Wednesday, June 15 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

### Mapping for All Teachers, Guides and Workshop Leaders

Meet your teammates and become acquainted with curriculum, available resources and scheduling strategies.

- ♥ Wednesday, June 15, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

**For more information contact Kathleen Riley or Christy Boyle at 303-794-2683 or email [kriley@st-andrew-umc.com](mailto:kriley@st-andrew-umc.com).**

## 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, youth and adults is at 9:00 & 10:30 am.

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



## THE MESSENGER

The Messenger is published once each month. Submission deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 8:00 am.

The Messenger newsletter is available on the web at [www.st-andrew-umc.com](http://www.st-andrew-umc.com) and printed copies are at 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.



### Sunday School Volunteer

by Dana Woodbury

As parents raising four children, my wife and I have always enjoyed sharing scripture stories with our family. But now that we're empty-nesters, I've found volunteering with the children's Sunday School is a great way to carry on that tradition. Although I have other responsibilities at St. Andrew and run a national consulting firm, seeing the children embrace the Bible stories in my Story & Drama classroom makes me look forward to every minute I spend with them. Fortunately, the leadership from the Sunday School staff and

direction I receive for each class make preparation a snap. Bottom line, I may be too big for the swings and merry-go-round, but teaching Sunday School is almost as much fun as my favorite class in elementary school ... recess.

# Legacy Ministry



## Our primary responsibilities and activities include:

The purpose of Legacy Ministry is to provide resources, education, and management of donated gifts or bequests from our Christian disciples to create lasting legacies.

Very shortly, the Team will begin hosting a Legacy Ministry table in Fellowship Hall. Please look for our banner and drop by between the 9:00 and 10:30 am services. You can investigate upcoming Legacy Ministry presentations, learn more about Legacy Ministry including the Permanent Endowment Fund, or make arrangements to meet with someone with the financial expertise applicable to your specific situation. You can also check us out on the St. Andrew website, Click the Ministries tab and select Legacy Ministry.

As Christians, we are called to practice good stewardship over our income, our savings, and our estate planning. Legacy Ministry can help with the financial planning to meet your savings and estate planning goals. If you are considering a legacy gift to St. Andrew, as part of your will and estate planning, or in making a “living legacy gift,” you will want to look into the St. Andrew Permanent Endowment Fund. You may choose to designate all or part of your Legacy Gift to a specific ministry, or ministries. A gift to the Permanent Endowment Fund in essence multiplies your gift by combining it with gifts of others. The Permanent Endowment Fund serves as a testament to the faith and witness of each donor and offers stability and hope for future congregations at St. Andrew.

The current members of the Legacy Ministry Committee (pictured above, clockwise from left) are James LaFemina, Jim McCallen (Chair), Woody Herring, Don Kelley, Mike Cate (liaison from Board of Trustees and Finance), Benita Creacy, and Mick Kingston. Additional members Mike Welch, Chuck Curtis (X-Officio), and Larry Hofmockel (liaison from Lay Leadership) are not pictured. We encourage you to seek us out at any church activity or simply drop by our table in Fellowship Hall. Contact the team at: [LegacyMinistry@st-andrew-umc.com](mailto:LegacyMinistry@st-andrew-umc.com).

- Providing educational, financial, and retirement workshops for the congregation of St. Andrew

- Offering planning opportunities, for church members and constituents, for giving through wills, annuities, trusts, life insurance, memorials and various types of property

- Meeting individually with members of the congregation to discuss their financial plans and possible legacy gifting to St. Andrew.

- Managing the Permanent Endowment Fund for St. Andrew United Methodist Church.

## Single?

Are you interested in fellowship, study and service with other singles at St Andrew? We are holding an Exploratory Session for the development of a Singles Ministry, Sunday, June 5, from 9:00–10:00 am in room B241. Come share your interest and help us launch this exciting new ministry. For more information, contact Jenny Ricklefs, Director, Congregational Care, 303-794-2683 ext.106.



## Play Ball!

Let's Go Rockies!!! Guys Night Out! St. Andrew Men's Ministries is sponsoring an evening at the Colorado Rockies, Saturday, June 11. Game time is 6:15 pm. The group rate for 25 people or more is \$21. For more details, contact Bob Hahn: roosterbob@mac.com, phone 303-779-6607

## OutSpirit: Friends Embracing Diversity Begins to Meet Again

Christian fellowship, support, and educational opportunities for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered church community, their friends, family & supporters. All are welcome. OutSpirit's new meeting schedule is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, from 12:00–1:30 pm, in room B251. For more information, please contact Cathy Pearl, 303-740-7688, C.Pearl@yahoo.com.

## Picnic on the Patio – Food and Fellowship

Save yourself some cooking this summer and let the Grill Team serve you. They're serving up burgers, brats, and dogs. Stop by the Front Patio, North Side (outside main entrance doors) after worship for fellowship, food and fun. Our June Picnic is on June 12 (a 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday), and the rest are on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays: July 17, August 21 and September 18. Proceeds from the cookouts support church programs and outreach ministries. Men interested in helping with Grill Team cooking can contact Rev. Dale Wood, 303-794-2683 ext. 153.



## Summer Safety Tips: Stay Safe & Have Fun!

Ah summer! It is finally here, but all that fun can mean the possibility of unintended accidents and mishaps. Be extra careful with swimming, ATV use, sun exposure and hydration. Here are 2 tips for a safer summer:

1. Avoid food poisoning! With warmer temperatures, bacteria and other organisms that occur in our environment grow faster. Picnic and BBQ food should not be left out for more than 2 hours. Use a meat thermometer to ensure hamburgers are grilled to "perfection" (160 degrees).
2. Playground equipment can get VERY hot (> 140 degrees F) on hot summer days. Avoid burns on little hands and feet by testing the temperature of equipment before letting your child play. Going barefoot on hot equipment can result in 2nd or 3rd degree burns.

Watch for more safety tips from the Health Ministry team throughout the summer!

## Crisis in Education Funding Cuts - June UMW meeting

Save the date! Sunday, June 12, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Get information on the current crisis in education due to cuts in funding. All are invited to attend the luncheon and discussion featuring a panel of St. Andrew educators addressing the impact of current funding on education, locally and nationally. Not only will you be enlightened by the discussion, but you will also be able to enjoy a time of fellowship during the lunch that will be served. Plan on attending this event sponsored by St. Andrew United Methodist Women. For more information, contact Jean McHarge, jeanmcharge@gmail.com.

## Rocky Mountain Conference School of Christian Mission

The annual School of Christian Mission is July 21 – 23 at Boulder First United Methodist Church. The study topics this year are Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity; The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation; and Haiti: Challenges and Hope. The class on Haiti will be taught by Jim Gulley, from UMCOR, who has worked extensively in Haiti and survived the recent earthquake. Information and registration forms will be available at the UMW table in Fellowship Hall. Registration is due by June 27.

## Summer UMW Mission Study: Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity

Tuesday, June 21 & 28, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. “The church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning.” Come and learn about the history of women in mission and what it means to be in mission today. Sponsored by United Methodist Women. Sign up for this class at the UMW table in Fellowship Hall. Books will be available for purchase for \$10.

## Congregational Care Prayer

By Cheryl Arnold

Loving God,  
We give thanks for the challenges and changes of life. We are thankful for a future filled with possibilities and promise. We are aware that we live in a time of diminishing peace and increasing war. We ask for your Spirit to guide us so that we will be bringers of peace and justice to the nations of the earth. Enable us to share unconditional love and treat everyone equally with dignity in every aspect of their life. Keep us ever mindful of the opportunities to look at the world around us with new eyes. Guide us as we work to build Your kingdom. Amen.



## Caring for our Congregation



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

**Brain Injury Support Group** Third Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 pm. For persons living with brain injuries, and those providing support. Della Krochta, 720-344-1250.

**Covenant Visitors** Thursdays, 9:30–10:30 am in the Library. This team visits older home bound. Barbara Pomarico, pomarib@aol.com.

**Depression Support Group** Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays, 6:30–8:00 pm with Nancy Williams, Ph.D., Psychologist.

**Employment Search Group** Will not meet during the summer months and will be redesigning the curriculum. The “Jump: Get Unstuck” Workshop will meet Mondays, August 22 & 29 and September 11 & 19. Employment Search Weekly group meetings will resume after the “Jump” workshop. Contact: employmentsearch@st-andrew-umc.com.

**Health Ministries**  
**Yoga Mondays**, 5:30-6:30 pm; **Weds**, 9:45–10:45am;  
**Free Blood Pressure Check** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays, odd months, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, room B269. Knowing your blood pressure is OK prevents many health problems.  
**Special classes** and informational groups throughout the year. **Fresh Fruit** available Sundays on the donut table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Infertility Support Group**  
This group has been discontinued for now.

**Intercessory Prayer Team**  
Meets Wednesdays 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** First and Third Fridays, 9:45 am. Friendship, support, learning, speakers, discussions and outreach. Childcare available with one week notice. Contact Kirsten Parus, 303-799-9125.

**OutSpirit: Friends Embracing Diversity** Christian fellowship, support, and education opportunities for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered church community, friends, family and supporters. 4th Sundays, Noon. Call Cathy Pearl, 303-740-7688.

**Parent's of Teenagers Support (PoTS)** Second Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30 pm. Info: Kathleen Riley, 303-741-6726, corileys@msn.com, Dona Kooy, mdkjk@msn.com.

**St. Andrew Moms**  
Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 9:30–11:30 am, returns in Sept. Room 243. Childcare is provided with one week's notice. Info: Melinda Howard, melsmail73@comcast.net.




**Remember  
Fair Trade**

Fair Trade chocolate, coffee and teas are available on June 19 in Fellowship Hall! Right now they are only available on the third Sunday of each month. We hope to add the first Sunday of each month soon.

## Bonfils Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held Saturday, June 25, 8:00 am - noon in the Children's area. Please see the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall at the Congregational Care table, or contact George Coon, 303-794-3830 to reserve a time. It's such an easy way to make a difference.



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