

### **Echoes of the Gospel**

*Panther in the Sky*, by James Alexander Thom was described by the Indianapolis Star as "A spellbinding novel about the life of Tecumseh...The book is almost epic in its scope...Thom has carefully researched his facts. He has the care of a historian to go with the skills of the seasoned novelist." The St. Andrew Book Group will be talking about *Panther in the Sky* on Sunday, March 7, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Adult I at church.

Please join us. We are an informal group with coffee and snack... it is a good place to relax, while sharing ideas. We named ourselves "Echoes of the Gospel" because we talk about books applying the lens of our faith and our understanding of the lessons we learn from the Bible. You can just "drop in" when you have the time. Some read every book and come to every session (we have six to eight meetings each year), and others attend just when the chosen book is of special interest. You are always welcome to enjoy the conversations whether you have read the book or not. This is a good way to get to know others at St. Andrew.

### **Three Services on Easter**

In order to accommodate those who come on Easter morning, St. Andrew will have three morning worship services, all at special times. Remember to mark your calendars so that you won't miss out on a thing. The services will be at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. All services will feature special music and instrumentation with communion at the 11:00 a.m. service. These special times will be on Easter Sunday only.

## **For Your Information**

### **Welcome**

We warmly welcome our visitors who are worshipping with us today. Our worship is more complete because you are here. We pray that your time with St. Andrew has blessed you and that you will return to worship with us again. If there is anything you might need, please ask an usher. Also, make your presence known to us by filling in the registration pad as it is passed during the offertory.

### **For Our Guests**

If you are a guest with us today, you are invited to receive a Welcome Packet from a greeter or at the Welcome Center, if you have not received one already. In The Commons, there is a gift for each guest family from our Front Porch Ministry. Please stop at the Welcome Center after the service to pick up your gift, and you can drop off the completed visitor card that you will find in the Welcome Packet. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

### **Worship Services at St. Andrew**

At St. Andrew, we are pleased to offer two worship opportunities. Our 8:45 a.m. service on Sunday provides a blend of the great hymns and traditions of the faith along with an informal attitude of caring and warmth. The praise worship at 11 a.m. relies on contemporary praise music, dramatic vignettes, and relational preaching. It's our hope that you will find in one of these services inspiring worship that will help connect you to the living God.

### **Coffee in The Commons**

You are encouraged to come and enjoy fellowship along with coffee, tea, or juice, and donuts. Coffee in The Commons begins about 9:45 and continues through 11:00. Visiting with your church family and new friends is a great way to start your week.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), Sunday, March 14**

Today, what is known throughout the United Methodist Church as UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), is the remarkable agency of our church which had its origin 70 years ago at a meeting of the General Conference of the Methodist Church. There, retired Bishop Herbert Welch, in view of the horrific violence of World War II, called for the formation of an agency to respond to the vast needs of human suffering worldwide, and to act as a “voice of conscience among Methodists.” That was the beginning of UMCOR.

Throughout the United Methodist Church once each year, “The One Great Hour of Sharing” is celebrated to focus on the ministry of UMCOR. This special hour is essential to the United Methodist Committee on Relief in carrying out its mission to alleviate human suffering throughout the world—at home and abroad. Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR’s “cost of doing business.” That helps UMCOR keep its promise that 100% of every gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project, not on administrative costs.

UMCOR honors cultural differences, delivering aid to people without regard to race, religion, politics or gender. We seek input from local communities in identifying needs. All people have dignity and worth. The most essential partner in UMCOR’s work is the beneficiary, the ultimate end-user of our service. UMCOR always works with partners, usually in local settings. Civic organizations, faith communities, school leaders and other local resources are great assets to sustainable recovery and development, particularly after massive traumatic events.

March 14, is the designated date for this year’s One Great Hour of Sharing, the major UMCOR offering opportunity during the year. Please join other Christians following in the footsteps of those who have given more than \$600 million in the past 70 years to One Great Hour. Make a “sacrificial offering” to help those who are hungry, poor, refugees and displaced, or victims of war, earthquakes and other disasters.

### **Center Stage**

This is just a reminder that Center Stage is serving the community meal at Trinity UM Church today. If you have volunteered to bring food and/or to help, please be at the church by 11:45 so that things are set up for the noon start.

In addition, be sure to keep March 21 on your calendars for the 12:30 p.m. pitch-in luncheon at Larry and Julie Hoffman's, 57 W 650 N, West Lafayette. More about that later...

### **Walk to Jerusalem – It’s Not Too Late!**

Even if you were unable to start the Walk with us, it’s not too late. You can start this program at any time. Just look for NEW tally sheets at the Welcome Center each week – there’s a version for kids and a different version for adults. We’ll have new specials and a new devotional each week. Please turn in your completed tally sheets from this past week to the basket by the Walk to Jerusalem display located just outside the office. Even if you turn your forms in late, please turn them in so that we can make all your miles count! ! Please note that current forms are also available on the St. Andrew website at [www.andrew-umc.org](http://www.andrew-umc.org).

### **Directories Are Here!**

If your family participated in having your picture taken for the directory, you have a reserved copy with your family’s name on it in the Welcome Center. Please stop by to pick up your reserved copy today and save the office the cost of mailing yours!

### **Men Claim Their Ministry**

The men of St. Andrew are planning to meet on March 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the church. They will be announcing their leadership group and also seeking input from those attending on tasks at church and in our community in which the Men’s Group can be involved. In essence, it will be a brainstorming session. Please come and be a part of this new fellowship.