



Connections

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PREACHING TO THE CHOIR

You've probably seen it before, but what if each profession had its own worship anthem or hymn? What would it be? Here's a sampling:

- ❖ The Dentist's Hymn...Crown Him With Many Crowns
- ❖ The Politician's Hymn...Standing on the Promises
- ❖ The Optometrist's Hymn...Open My Eyes That I Might See
- ❖ The IRS Agent's Hymn...I Surrender All
- ❖ The Gossip's Hymn...Pass It On
- ❖ The Shopper's Hymn...Sweet By and By
- ❖ The Pilot's Hymn...I'll Fly Away
- ❖ The Paramedic's Hymn...Revive Us Again
- ❖ The Baker's Hymn...When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
- ❖ The Shoe Repairer's Hymn...It Is Well With My Soul
- ❖ The Menswear Clerk's Hymn...Blest Be the Tie

Pretty silly really. The only thing sillier would be worship without music at all.



I think it is far too easy for us to forget how critical music is in our worship. In a sense, sacred music is a sacrament of air/sound that fills us and flows out from us: a mysterious combination of notes and rhythm

joined with the word of God or

words directed to God, all of which are surrounded and infused by the Spirit. Most of us could attend a worship service without a sermon and still feel as if we've been in God's presence. Few of us could say the same about a service totally void of



music or song.

As we start back to our fall schedule we welcome back the Chancel Choir, Joyful Sound, and our tried-and-true-year-round Praise Teams. It is so easy to take our church musicians, vocalists, and music staff for granted. We've been blessed with so many talented folks for so long, we tend to overlook the hard work and commitment that stands behind every anthem,

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HUNGER HIKE

2009

For the first time in history, more than 1 billion people in the world are hungry! The



Greater Lafayette Hunger Hike is the community's major effort to raise funds for hunger programs here and abroad. Lafayette Urban Ministry, Food Finders Food Bank, and the St. Tom's Haiti Ministry use the revenue from the Hunger Hike to make a difference for hungry children and families. **The Hike is Sunday, September 20. Registration is from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and the Hike starts at 2 p.m.**

The Hunger Hike will have a new 5K route for runners! Everyone can do their part by walking, or running, and setting a goal of raising at least \$50 per walker by asking friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to be sponsors. On the day of the Hike, bring your paid pledges to the registration area at Riehle Plaza. There will be traveling trophies and great prizes for participation and great donations.

Go to www.hungerhike.org for more information; pick up brochures at Lafayette Urban Ministry, or call Patti O'Callaghan at 423-2691.

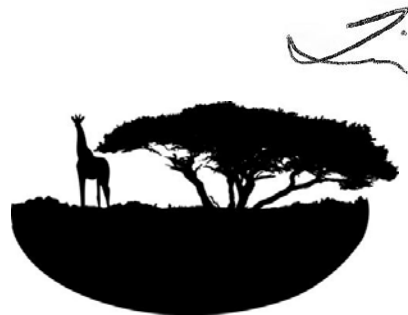
offertory, praise song, doxology, hymn, and special music offering. It is a labor of love, no doubt—it represents women and men to whom God has given a love of music—but they have also taken the time to develop that gift and have responded to a call to share that gift with us, week after week.



and for your own spiritual growth is immeasurable.

I also ask you to keep lifting up our music staff when you pray for your church. May Dave Evans, LuAnn Boggess, Lisa Tally, and Jeni Leaird always be surrounded by passionate volunteers, grateful worshippers, and the constant encouragement of their church. May we provide them with whatever they need to inspire and minister to us through word, music, and song.

I need our chancel choir to bring our traditional worship alive for me. I rely on them to take what is sometimes an insight of the 'head' and move it down to my heart. I count on our praise team to help me tune out the distractions around me and look upward to God. Simple words of gratitude very often become my prayer of thanks



MARGARET TAGWIRA HERE SUNDAY

Following the second service on September 13, the Center Stage group will be hosting a pitch-in luncheon. Margaret Tagwira, from Africa University, will attend the luncheon and will share some of her recent experiences working to improve the diets of HIV positive women and their children by adding amaranth grain to their traditional diet. The luncheon will be held in the Intersection, and all are welcome to attend. Please remember to bring a dish to share. It will begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. Table service and beverages will be provided.



for all that Jesus Christ has done on my behalf. The Joyful Sound always brings joy to my heart and a smile to my face. For me, it hardly matters what kind of 'sound' they end up making.

If you haven't stopped a choir member or praise team musician in a while and thanked them personally for our worship, please do. If you have thought to yourself that God might be able to use your voice or your instrument to lead and inspire others in worship, I encourage you to talk to me or Dave Evans, our Director of Music. We need you and others like you who have been given musical gifts to share those gifts if we are going to touch and transform lives Sunday after Sunday. It isn't easy. It takes a serious commitment, but the pay off for the Kingdom

GET YOUR SMILES READY!



St. Andrew is working with Olan Mills to do a new pictorial directory. The photography dates are November 17 to 21. Be the first to sign up online at www.signup.olanmills.com using the church phone number—765-497-7755—or our contract number—45729. Each participating household will receive a complimentary directory and an 8 X 10 custom color portrait.

ARE YOU NEW TO ST. ANDREW?



Become Part of Our Church Family Want to learn more about our church structure, our mission, or our

ministries? Here's your chance. The Church Growth work area will be holding a series of five orientation classes on Sunday mornings starting on October 4. Sign up sheets will be available starting September 20 in the Sunday bulletin. In the meantime, if you have questions, contact Laurie Klenosky at laklenosky@gmail.com.



Al Segrist had surgery on Tuesday and is home now recovering nicely. The Segrists thank the Prayer Chain and their St. Andrew family for their support and concern. It has made all the difference to them.

ECHOES OF THE GOSPEL

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks is the book to be discussed at St. Andrew's book group meeting on Sunday, September 13, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Adult I classroom. It chronicles the story of a rare book, *The Haggadah* (one of the earliest Jewish religious volumes to be illuminated with images), which disappeared during the siege of Sarajevo in 1992, after it is found. The author tells a fictionalized version of the history of this precious volume and the people who were responsible for saving it over the years. Reviewers have described it as a thrilling mystery, complex love story, vivid history lesson and celebration of the enduring power of ideas. Brooks is a Pulitzer Prize winning writer.

Please plan to join the group for this book group meeting. "Echoes of the Gospel" is a group that talks about books, applying the lens of their faith and understanding of lessons they learn from the Bible. It is a "drop-in" type group. Some read every book and come to every session. Others attend just when the chosen book is of interest. You are always welcome to enjoy the conversation, whether you have read the book or not. It is a great way to get to know others at St. Andrew.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADERS NEEDED!!

We still have a couple of spaces open for Sunday school teachers and Children's Worship leaders. It is important that we fill these spots as soon as possible.

We need a teacher for the Sprouts class (ages 2-3) and a teacher for the 4th and 5th grade class. Teaching Sunday school is a great way to get to know the children in our church. Each teaching team sets its own schedule, but most teachers teach 4-5 months during the year.

We also need a leader for Children's Worship on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the 11:00 a.m. service. This is only a once a month commitment! All planning and prep work is done for you. We have an adult helper in place for this time, but we need someone to lead. Being a Children's Worship leader is a really easy way to be involved with our children!

Please consider helping! Contact Melissa Martin at 497-7755 or melissa@andrew-umc.org if you are willing to volunteer.



BE A CROSSROADS PRAYER PARTNER

If you have been with St. Andrew for very long, you realize how important prayer is to us as a congregation. We have four different prayer chains; we have a group that prays for the CrossRoads ministry as a whole, and then we have our faithful Prayer Partners that pray for specific individuals that serve in some capacity to the CrossRoads Ministry. This is the time of year that members of the congregation are asked to step up, commit up, and lift up our CrossRoads leaders in prayer. In the coming weeks, you will see bulletin inserts that you can fill out and turn back in to the office with your commitment to pray for one or more of our CrossRoads leaders. It would be ideal to have two or more people

praying for one individual. We will have a time during the September Taizé service to meet the CrossRoads leader that you will be praying for.

I cannot adequately express how deeply prayer can change things, whether it is a situation, someone's heart, or their mind. Please take time to pray and see if this is a small but powerful way that you can support Pastor Pat and this vital ministry that he is leading.

If you have questions, please contact Tami Snyder, Regi Abraham, Jane Kirkpatrick, or Cathy Potter.

With Blessings and Gratitude,
Tami Snyder





Sunday Morning for Kids

Sunday School and Worship Options

• SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes meet from
10:00-10:45 a.m.

- Sprouts (birthdates between 1/1/06-9/6/07)—classroom next to the nursery
- Preschool/Pre-K (born before 12/31/05 and not yet in Kindergarten)—Children’s Area
- Kindergarten/1st Grade—Children’s Area
- 2nd/3rd Grade—Children’s Area
- 4th/5th Grade—Children’s Area
- Jr. High—Intersection Hallway
- Sr. High—Adult Education Hallway

Please pick your children up promptly at 10:45 a.m. so that our Sunday School teachers can attend the 11:00 a.m. service.

• NURSERY

We have a professionally staffed nursery that is always open for children birth through age 3.



WORSHIP OPTIONS

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

• CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Ages 4 yrs.—1st grade are invited to leave the Great Room during the musical interlude and join Joyful Sound rehearsal for 15-20 minutes. They will then move to the Children’s Area for Children’s Worship. On **Communion Sunday**, all children attending Children’s Worship will return to their parents to participate in Communion.

• JOYFUL SOUND

Ages 4 yrs.—5th Grade are invited to leave the Great Room during the musical interlude for Joyful Sound rehearsal. When the rehearsal concludes, children **2nd—5th grade** will be brought back to the service to worship with their families.



Children ages **4 yrs.—1st grade** will be taken to Children’s Worship. The **second Sunday** of each month, Joyful Sound will sing in both services. Children sing in the service they attend but are welcome to sing in both.

• ACTIVITY BAGS

Children of all ages are always welcome to remain in the service. Activity bags are available at the back of the Great Room that include coloring pages, games, crayons and books. Please return them on your way out of church.



THIRD GRADE BIBLES TO BE PRESENTED

We will be presenting third graders with bibles during both services on September 13. If you haven’t already done so, please let Melissa Martin (melissa@andrew-umc.org or 497-7755) know which service your child will be attending and how you would like your child’s name to appear on the bookplate.

Keeping In Touch with InTouch By: Monica Arrowsmith

As the InTouch Ministry Team continues to connect with those who are unable to come to church, we also recognize that all of us, at one time or another, are going to go through challenging times where our physical, emotional or spiritual health and well-being, or of those we love or know, is stressed or at-risk. And, even though we may reach out to our faith community and come to church during such times, it is also in those times that we experience, in a new way, the wonder of love - when others, sometimes people we don't even know, reach out to us to encourage us and let us know they are walking with us in prayer and in spirit. What a gift!


It reminds me of a scripture verse where Paul is explaining the principle of generosity of spirit and our desire to give. He uses the term "plenty," and suggests that when one of us is low or hard-pressed, others are not, that there is plenty to go around, provided that those who have share with those who do not. This concept of plenty works with emotional and spiritual matters as well as with material goods. If your joy is diminished, share in mine. I have plenty today. If you're at your end with worry and sorrow, have some of my strength. I have plenty today. If you see

no end in sight, I'll give you my optimism. If you're scared, in pain, or suffering, lean on my peace, my faith. I have plenty. The InTouch Card Ministry is

one way you can share your plenty. This ministry sends cards to those who are going through a particularly chal-

lenging time with their health (physical or emotional) or the health of those they know or love. We would love more people to be involved in this ministry.

If sharing your plenty in this way interests you, please call the office, or email Laurie


If you know someone who would benefit from an InTouch visit, please contact the church office.

Visiting Ministry

Klenosky (laurie@andrew-umc.org) or Monica Arrowsmith (monica@andrew-umc.org). We would be delighted to share more info with you about this new and growing ministry!



Five Reasons to Eat an Apple Every Day:



You've heard, "an apple a day will keep the doctor away." While it will certainly take more than a daily apple to keep you healthy, it is a step in the right direction.

Your Diet - Apples are the perfect, portable snack: great tasting, energy-boosting, and free of fat.

Your Heart - Research confirms it! The antioxidant phytonutrients found in apples help fight the damaging effects of LDL (bad) cholesterol.

Your Digestion - Just one apple provides as much dietary fiber as a serving of bran cereal. (That's about one-fifth of the recommended daily intake of fiber.)

Your Lungs - An apple a day strengthens lung function and can lower the incidence of lung cancer, as well.

Your Bones - Apples contain the essential trace element, boron, which has been shown to strengthen bones - a good defense against osteoporosis.

Bike Safety Article By: Sue Burchill

The 2009 Tour de CrossRoads is almost here—we'd love to have you join us on Saturday, September 12 at the church and participate in our fabulous ride where you'll be treated to fun, fitness, great food, and awesome fellowship. We also want everyone to be safe on this ride, so we've compiled our Top Ten safety tips for cycling any time you're on the road. But be warned: we've been known to nag folks who don't follow this advice!



1. Always wear an approved bicycle helmet (this means you, Jeff!).
2. Wear brightly colored clothes. This is no time to wear your camo, no matter how "in" it is. We all may want to support the Boilers, but don't wear black. And don't worry about style—cycling clothes are pretty goofy, but at least we're all goofy together.

3. Ride as if you were driving a car by obeying all traffic signs and signals. This means, for example, if you are turning left, get to the left side of the road or in the left turn lane, and signal with your hand which direction you are going.
4. Ride on the right side of the road (going with traffic, not against it). Try to stay as far right as possible.
5. Don't ride more than two abreast, and ride single file when traffic is present.
6. When passing another cyclist, announce "on your left" as you approach, and pass on the left side of the slower cyclist.
7. When riding with other cyclists, help them by announcing traffic coming up from behind by calling out "car back" and announcing traffic coming on from ahead by calling out "car up."
8. If you need to stop, get your bike all of the way off of the road or bike trail.
9. If you ever ride on the West Lafayette trail system, be prepared to stop at any time. We have a great trail system, but it's common for people to... walk on either side of the trail... jump left as you are trying to pass on the left... walk dogs and let the leash stretch across the trail like a tripwire... park bikes or strollers on the trail while they go look at wildlife... and on and on. Honestly, the trails are wonderful, but be careful.
10. Before you begin riding, perform the ABC's of maintenance: check the Air in your tires, make sure that your Brakes work properly, and examine your Chain. Whether you're riding on the Tour de CrossRoads or out on your own, following these safety rules will let you focus on the fun and the fitness.



COAT DRIVE COATS FOR OLDER KIDS

The Missions Committee is collecting winter coats for **junior high and high school** students for Bashor Children's Home. New or very gently used coats sized M, L, and XL will be gratefully accepted and can be brought to church by October 18. There will be a box labeled "Coats for Bashor Children" in The Commons near the church office. Thank you for your help with this project.

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU

Dear Members at St. Andrew,
Thanks for your continued contributions to the Church Women United Food Pantry. The need for food is increasing—thanks for helping.
Sincerely, Food Pantry Comm.

What is the Food Pantry?

Church Women United of Tippecanoe County runs the food pantry at CFRC and Hanna's Sandusky House. The two food pantries, supplied and staffed by CWU, serve all those in Tippecanoe County who might need help with a two-day supply of food in an emergency situation. The congregation is occasionally made aware of the needs of the food pantry to help supply the food that is given out. We hope you will share these items with our neighbors who need help.

- Sept. Canned soups or dry ramen noodle type
- Oct. Canned vegetables—canned corn, peas, green

CASA FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

The first weekend in August, CASA's For Kids Fund held their biannual fundraiser at St. Andrew. Their Cycling Challenge was very successful, and they sent the following note in thanks:

Dear St. Andrew United Methodist Church, CASA's For Kids Fund wishes to thank you for the use of the church for our Cycling Challenge on August 7 & 8. To date, over \$22,000 has been raised (minus expenses).

CASA's For Kids Fund is able to help abused and neglected children have an opportunity to attend summer camps, have music, dance and art lessons, have furniture provided so a child may return home, have new clothing and sports equipment, and participate in other enrichment activities that other children may take for granted.

Thanks you again for helping us to play a part in making these children feel that someone does care about them.

*Sincerely,
Mary Hood, Secretary*

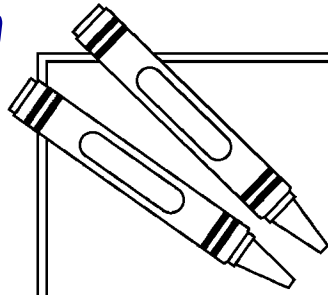


LOOKING FOR FINANCIAL/OFFICE ASSISTANT



With Melissa Martin moving to a new position on our staff as Director of Children's Ministries, we are looking for a new Financial/Office Assistant. This is an 8-12 hour a week position that includes an ability to work with finance and productivity software on the computer, organizational and proofreading skills, answer phones and interact with others, with a high premium put on confidentiality and discretion. If you or someone you know would be an excellent asset in our church office, please encourage them to apply through the church office as soon as possible. For more information you can contact our Staff Parish Committee at staffparish@gmail.com.

Just for Fun!



Just for KIDS

A Special Song of Thanks

Use the music code to find the words for this familiar song of thanks.

CODE:

A ≡	E ♪	I ♪	O ♪	U ≡
B ♪	F ♪	L <	P ♪	V ♪
C ♪	G ♪	M ^	R ♪	W #
D ♪	H ♪	N ♪	S ♪	X ♪
			T ≡	Y ♪

PRAYING BEFORE MEALS

Our three-year-old grandson, Daniel, stayed with us while his parents went on a weekend trip. As usual, we bowed our heads as my husband prayed out loud before all our meals. Daniel watched curiously each time his grandpa prayed.

On the day his parents came to pick him up, we all sat down at the table to have lunch. Just as his daddy started to pick up his sandwich, Daniel shouted, "Wait, Daddy, we can't eat 'til Grandpa reads his plate!"

—Diana L. James, Laguna Hills, CA. "Heart to Heart," Today's Christian Woman

PLACED BY THE HILTONS?

One day in junior church, I taught about Gideon. The following Sunday, for the sake of review, I asked who remembered last week's Bible hero. No hands went up. "Okay," I said. "I'll give you a clue: he fought a battle using only lamps, pitchers, and trumpets." Still no response. "Maybe you remember how he used a fleece to learn God's will," I said. Ten little blank faces stared at me. "One final clue," I pleaded. "There are people today with the same name as our hero, who go around hotels putting Bibles in the rooms." Finally an eager 8-year-old boy shot up his hand and said, "Oh! Oh! It was Hilton!"

—Davy Troxel, New Albany, Ind. "Kids of the Kingdom," Christian Reader

The musical notation consists of ten lines of music. Each line contains a series of symbols from the code, such as ≡, ♪, <, ^, #, and ♪, which correspond to the letters of the words in the song. The melody is simple and repetitive, typical of a children's song.

Challenge: What do we commonly call this song?

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Answer

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy ghost. Amen.

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Contemporary Worship: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Worship: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.—September—May

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Childcare provided at all times



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