



Reverend Bob Dexter to Retire

Former St. Andrew Pastor, Rev. Bob Dexter, and his wife, Cheryl, are retiring and moving to Colorado to be close to their children. Shiloh United Methodist Church, where Pastor Dexter is currently serving, is planning a celebration of their service and wants to wish them well in their retirement. This will take place at Shiloh UMC on Sunday, June 30, from 2-5 p.m. EST. The church is located at 1971 W. State Rd. 56 in Jasper, IN.

Shiloh UMC would like all those who remember the Dexters to know that they are welcome to join them in this celebration of ministry. They would also welcome pictures of Pastor Bob and Cheryl over the years that could be shared during the celebration, speakers who would share fond remembrances, and contributions to a gift for Bob and Cheryl.

They hope that you will come and help them celebrate! If you have questions, please call Jennifer Seger in the Shiloh Church office at 812-634-9542. (If Bob answers, play it cool He knows about the party, but not the details.) Thank you for helping to keep this a surprise.

Echoes of the Gospel Book Group

Date: Sunday, June 2

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Place: Adult 1

Discussion: *The Great Divorce* by C.S. Lewis—
discussion led by Dan Olson (Snacks Provided)



Book description from amazon.com: *What if anyone in Hell could take a bus trip to Heaven and stay there forever if they wanted to? In The Great Divorce C. S. Lewis again employs his formidable talent for fable and allegory. The writer finds himself in Hell boarding a bus bound for Heaven. The amazing opportunity is that anyone who wants to stay in Heaven, can. This is the starting point for an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment. Lewis's revolutionary idea is the discovery that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. In Lewis's own words, "If we insist on keeping Hell (or even earth) we shall not see Heaven: if we accept Heaven we shall not be able to retain even the smallest and most intimate souvenirs of Hell."*

For those of you who are fans of C.S. Lewis, please join us, even if you only plan on attending this one meeting. We are open to all levels of participation in our Book Club.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Welcome

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

Worship Services at St. Andrew

At St. Andrew, we are pleased to offer four 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. Our *Unplugged Praise* worship at **10:00 a.m.** features contemporary music played on acoustic instruments in an intimate setting, combining prayer, preaching, and praise to glorify God. The **11:15 a.m.** praise worship relies on high energy contemporary music, dramatic vignettes, and relational preaching. The Mid-Week Service is a passionate, fun, welcoming and intimate worship experience. Come on in, grab a cup of coffee and grow with us! The service is **Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** in The Intersection. It's our hope that one of these inspiring worship experiences will help connect you to the living God.



For Our Guests

If you are a first-time guest with us today, you are invited to receive a Welcome Packet from a greeter or at the Welcome Center. 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.



Coffee in 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 a.m. and continues through 11:15 a.m.

Blood DRIVE

Blood Drives in 2013

St. Andrew once again has scheduled a couple of blood drives for 2013—June 23 and October 13. Please put these dates on your calendars! The Bloodmobile will be located just outside the back door by the Intersection on Sunday, June 23. The processing doesn't take long—20-30 minutes tops. Prayerfully consider becoming a donor! A sign-up sheet will be available in The Commons soon for scheduling or you may schedule a time online at donorpoint.org (last minute drop-ins are accepted as well). Notices for the October blood drive will be coming early in the fall.



BreakAway Registration

If you have a student who is finishing 5th grade and will be in 6th grade for the 2013-14 school year, then sign them up for *BreakAway 2013—FaithQuest—One King to Rule Them All!* Break-Away is the greatest mini-camp around—full of adventure and fun! A registration fee of \$20 (scholarships are available) should accompany your registration forms and permission slips. All forms can be downloaded from the St. Andrew website – www.andrew-umc.org. All forms and fees must be turned in to be considered registered. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Klenosky at 497-7755 or Sue Burchill: burchillfamily@msn.com.

Pick Up Your Directory

If you had your photo taken (or provided one) for the pictorial directories, there is one with your name on it in the office.

Please pick yours up so we can save on the postage for mailing them.

If there is not a directory for you, and you would like one, please write your name on the list by the boxes of directories.

We have several of the “imperfect” directories that only list one email. If you would like to have an extra copy of one of these directories, please take one from the marked boxes in the workroom. Questions? Ask Tricia Sembroski or contact her at tricia@andrew-umc.org.



Africa University Choir in West Lafayette

The Africa University Choir Ensemble will present a concert on June 9, 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in West Lafayette. This event is being co-sponsored by St. Andrew and First Church. The admission is free, but there will be free will offering to help with the expenses of the choir.



The touring choir features students from various African countries, all with a passion for music ministry. Its repertoire is drawn from the African praise and worship tradition and features songs in more than 18 languages. These songs speak of abiding faith in the face of trials and celebrate the fullness of God's love. They inspire movement and are often joyful expressions of gratitude and hope in Almighty God.

You will want to set aside time to hear this marvelous choir!



VBS T-Shirts Available Today

We love for our VBS volunteers to wear St. Andrew t-shirts during the week of Bible School. T-shirts are available to sign out *today* by the church office. Stop by and get your t-shirt to borrow for the week!



Healing Prayers Offered

In connection with Communion this morning, we will offer the opportunity for anointing of oil and prayers for healing. Since the earliest times, Christians have participated in opportunities for Communion and Prayer for Healing as necessary instruments for health and wholeness (see James 5:13-16). To be clear: We understand the laying on of hands and humble prayers offered for healing, not in magical terms, but rather, as Christ's caring response to our very human real need for physical and emotional healing, for healing of relationships, confession of sin, the need for forgiveness and oneness with the risen Christ and with His Body, the Church. Simply come as you are led during or after receiving the Gift of Communion, kneel at the small kneeler, communicate your need to the attending pastor and receive the anointing and brief prayer for wholeness.