

Welcome

We warmly welcome all 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. If you are a first-time guest with us today, you are invited to receive a gift from the Welcome Center. Also, make your presence known to us by filling in the friendship pad as it is passed down the row. 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

We are pleased to offer three different Sunday morning worship services. **The pastors preach the same sermon at each service on Sunday mornings, and all three services have a time of congregational sharing of joys and concerns.**

8:30 a.m. Informal Traditional Service—If you connect with God through singing traditional Methodist hymns and listening to a wonderful choir, this service will be a great inspiration. Though it is branded as “traditional,” the dress and the style is informal.

9:45 a.m. Unplugged Praise Service—Drawing upon the rich body of contemporary praise and worship music, this service features acoustic versions of popular Christian songs and an occasional hymn. The praise team is led by a band made up of guitars, percussion, and a group of singers. If you are inspired by the songs on Christian radio, this would be a great choice. *(Sunday School is available.)*

11:00 a.m. Plugged-In Praise Service—The music at this service is led by the praise team with guitars and drums plugged in. Otherwise, it is identical to the 9:45 a.m. service. It maintains the same relaxed and informal feel in style and dress. *(Sunday School is available.)*

Together We Are More - As a church body, we are called together by God to work, play, live, love and make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. Here at St Andrew, there is much ministry already underway and more to come which would be blessed by your presence and service. Please contact our church office to share where God is leading you. If you are unsure where to offer your gifts, feel free to complete a free spiritual gifts test at www.andrew-umc.org or contact Pastor Joseph at joseph@andrew-umc.org.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Plea for Pastor's Assistance Fund *Helping in Times of Need*

Throughout the year, our church gets several requests for financial assistance from both members of our congregation and those in our community. The requests can range from gas cards or help with groceries to more significant requests for rental assistance or help paying utilities. So far this year, we have helped over 40 people through our pastor's assistance fund. This fund is solely supported by donations designated to it. The account is currently under \$500 and we are going into a season when we will get lots of requests. If you feel moved to contribute to this account, please mark your giving envelope or check memo line with **“pastor's assistance fund.”** Your generosity continues to help those in need. Thank you.

Sounds of the Season

An all-church Christmas program filled with St. Andrew talent will be presented December 10 following a yummy pot-luck meal. **Do you have a talent or fun skit to share?** This fun evening could be filled with music, vocal groups and solos, special readings, puppets, piano pieces, specials of all kinds. Please contact Jeni Leaird (Jenileaird@gmail.com) with questions or to offer your talent for the program.



Help Decorate the Church **TODAY** for Advent

A light lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Decorating after the 11 a.m. worship
JOIN US!



Coffee in the Commons

Join us for coffee in the Commons beginning about 8:15 a.m. & continuing through 11:15 a.m.



Worship With Us
Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Worship Services

- 5:30 p.m. Contemporary Service
- 6:30-9 p.m. Christmas Eve Reception—Adult classrooms
- 7:15 p.m. Traditional Service
- 9 p.m. Traditional Service

Jubilee Christmas



The tree with tags is in the Commons and still has a few tags. Please deliver toys (unwrapped and with batteries) to the church by Tuesday, December 5.

Stocking stuffers, new books (appropriate for ages 0-12), and mittens/gloves are always appreciated. In addition, financial contributions can be placed in the offering plate, dropped off in the church office, or made online on the church website. Please be sure to note “Jubilee Christmas” on your check or giving envelope. All financial contributions go to our Jubilee families in the form of hams, food certificates, gift certificates, household cleaning products, toiletries, etc. Thank you to everyone who has already agreed to help with this wonderful ministry! Questions? Contact Melissa Martin (586-5503, cjmmkm@gmail.com) or Cindy Nycz (714-8255, cindy@nyczideas.com).

Bakers and Makers and Takers, Oh My!

December 16 is Blessing Box delivery when cookies, mini bread loaves, spiced nuts, handmade lotion and other goodies are packaged and then taken to those who have had illness, surgery, a death or other challenge throughout the year. If you would like to bake cookies, make bread, or package the lotion or nuts, please contact Cathi Parish in the church office: 497-7755 or cathi@andrew-umc.org.

Prayer Quilts

There are two prayer quilts in the Prayer Room. One is for Mary, the daughter of a family friend of Erika Steuterman, who lost her twins at five months. She has suffered physically and emotionally due to this loss. Please stop by, tie a knot and say a prayer for comfort and healing in this trying time.

Kelsey Sutton is requesting prayers for her grandmother, Jackie Parrott, whose health has been declining. Please pray for peace for Jackie and her family while they face this difficult transition.



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CHRISTMAS MARKET
ST. ANDREW UMC
Gift-giving that makes a difference.

New this year, St. Andrew will offer an Alternative Christmas Market beginning December 10. You will be able to donate to ministries supporting the formerly incarcerated and the homeless. Your donation can be made in honor of a friend or family member as a gift for them this Christmas, similar to Heifer International. You will receive a symbolic token and Christmas card to give the person you have honored. Keep this December market in mind as you make your Christmas lists.

LUM Meal Volunteers Needed

On December 10, the St. Andrew congregation is responsible for preparing meals for Lafayette Urban Ministry’s overnight shelter. Contact Peggy Hoover, 404-8128 or peg4billh@yahoo.com, to volunteer.

New Facebook Name

The name of our Youth Ministries Facebook page is now **St. Andrew UMC Youth**

<https://www.facebook.com/saint.andrew.umc.youth/>

