

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

The Alternative Christmas Market Opens Today!

Make a donation in honor of a loved one this Christmas to two local ministries. A gift of \$30 provides one month of public transportation for a formerly incarcerated neighbor, and a gift of \$15 provides services for a neighbor experiencing homelessness. Visit the table in the Commons for more details. Donations can also be made [online](#) on our church homepage. The Alternative Christmas Market will be open at St. Andrew during the Sounds of the Season meal this evening, the morning of Sunday, December 17, and Christmas Eve morning.

<https://andrew-umc.org>

TODAY— December 10 Sounds of the Season Christmas Program and All-Church Dinner

5:30 p.m. potluck/carry-in meal

6:30 p.m. Christmas entertainment



Christmas Eve Reception



The reception on Christmas Eve is always wonderful for family and friends to gather between services to share Christmas greetings. It will be open from 6:30-9 p.m. Be sure to take this special time into account when you are planning your evening at the worship services.

Have a favorite appetizer or treat? Fantastic! You have the opportunity to share that time and talent at the St. Andrew Christmas Eve reception. *Don't like the kitchen...*no problem! There are numerous opportunities for the entire family to participate by helping with set-up, serving, making punch behind the scene, or clean-up.

Sign-up sheets to indicate how you would like to help are available at the Welcome Center today and next Sunday.

Please contact the church office if you have any questions (497-7755).



The giving envelopes for 2018 are available in the church office. Contact Larry Biehl if there are questions: larrybiehl@indy.net or 418-0193

Blessing Boxes

Please join us on Saturday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m. as we assemble the Blessing Boxes, pray a special blessing on them and deliver to almost 70 folks in our congregation. If you can assist in spreading Christmas cheer in this way, please contact Cathi Parish in the church office cathi@andrew-umc.org or 497-7755 so she can add you to the schedule of deliveries!

United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, December 14, starting at noon in the Intersection. Bring 3-4 dozen cookies to share with Cary Home for Children and for a cookie exchange. Also bring something to share for lunch. Beverages will be provided. All are invited. If you've not attended a UMW gathering, this would be a wonderful time to come!

Staff Love Gift

Each year during the holiday season, the Staff Parish Relations Committee invites members of the congregation to consider making a free-will offering called a staff "love gift" which will be distributed among the staff members of our church. We are blessed to have wonderful staff members who work hard every day to bring God's message to us and to our community. In this season of giving, please consider participating in this opportunity to show our staff that we appreciate their hard work.

Checks can be made payable to St. Andrew UMC, and you can place your monetary gifts in the boxes located in the Commons, or you can designate staff "love gift" on one of the regular offering envelopes.

Pack Away Hunger- January 15, 2018

Please make plans to join us at **Christ United Methodist Church**, located at **3610 South 18th Street in Lafayette**, on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, **January 15**, to help Pack Away Hunger! Sign up at <https://donate.packawayhunger.org/lafayette/events/lafayette-area-mlk-day-packing-event-2018/e150182> or at the Welcome Center today.

If you have questions, please contact Laurie Klenosky in the church office (497-7755 or laurie@andrew-umc.org).



Prayer Quilts

This Sunday, there are two prayer quilts in the prayer room. Please take time after the service to stop by, tie a knot and pray for Mary, the daughter of a family friend of Erika Steuterman, who lost her twins at five months pregnancy. She has suffered physically and emotionally due to this loss. Say a prayer for comfort and healing in this trying time. Also remember Kelsey Sutton's grandmother, Jackie Parrott, whose health has been declining. Please pray for peace for Jackie and her family while they face this difficult transition.

Blood Pressure Check Today



Please visit our blood pressure volunteer in **Pastor Joseph's office between 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.** and have your BP checked! Almost 75 million American adults, one in three, have high blood pressure... where are you in the statistics?

Christmas Cantata

Join us on Sunday, December 17, as the chancel Choir presents the cantata "Morning Star" as part of the services at 8:30 and 9:45 a.m.



The 11:00 a.m. service will be the contemporary service.

Donations in December

For the month of December, St. Andrew will NOT be collecting food items. Instead, please consider donating funds to the food pantry by writing a check and in the memo line write **United Food Pantry**.



Christmas Eve Services

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Service
6:30-9 p.m. Christmas Eve Reception Adult 1,2,3
7:15 p.m. Traditional Service
9:00 p.m. Traditional Service

COME JOIN US FOR A
CROSSROADS MINISTRY CELEBRATION

HELP US CELEBRATE THE PAST WHILE LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE!

Wednesday | December 13 2017 | 6:30PM
Refreshments & Childcare Provided

