

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



Throughout Advent, we are collecting the prayers of our congregation, and worship artist Janet Dietz is weaving them into a beautiful tapestry. Today, write your prayer for the here and not-yet of joy on a ribbon found on tables in the Great Room or the Commons. Our prayers for hope, love, joy, and peace will be woven and lifted together this Christmas season.

Alternative Christmas Market

Honor a loved one this Christmas by donating to our Partners in Hope Ministry or Lafayette Transitional Housing Center through our **Alternative Christmas Market**. Shoppers receive a small token and Christmas card to give the person they've honored. Visit our table in the Commons today or next Sunday. Don't have cash or a check? Online donations are also accepted at our table, or anytime by visiting our church website: www.andrew-umc.org

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.

If you would like to help with the reception by bringing your favorite Christmas treat, cookies, appetizer, cheese and crackers, etc., sign up at the Welcome Center today. 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



Next Steps

Sunday, January 7, during both the 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. spaces, St Andrew will be offering **Next Steps** in the Intersection. This will be a time to learn more about the ministries, history, and people of St. Andrew while sharing some of your own story and questions. Opportunities to serve in these ministries and how to become a new member will be shared. So, whether you are a first time guest or have been coming for years and want to go deeper in your connection, this is for you.

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. 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.

Film screening of the documentary *13th* Sunday, Jan. 7 @ 3:30 p.m.

Want to have a deeper understanding of the problem of mass incarceration in our country and consider how we are called to respond? Come watch and discuss this award-winning film. Another study of *The New Jim Crow*, the influential book that helped launch our Partners in Hope Reentry Ministry, will be offered this winter during our Wednesday evening Midweek Connection (Chris Martin and Tamara Benjamin will be co-facilitators). The film *13th* is an excellent introduction to this timely topic.



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 the prayer quilt in the prayer room is for Anita Brusnighhan who is recovering from knee surgery. Please take time after the service to stop by, tie a knot and say a prayer for increased mobility and stamina for Anita.

Nels Oneal - 90th Birthday

You are cordially invited to a birthday celebration in honor of Nels Oneal on January 6, 2018 from 2-5 p.m. in the Intersection. Please RSVP to Cindy Oneal at 532-6056. No gifts requested.



Christmas Day Soup



If you do not have any family coming into town or just find yourself itching to get out of the house on Christmas Day, you are welcome to join the Seger family at the parsonage (3016 Decatur St) around 4 p.m. for a bowl of soup and some laughter. The soup will be on all evening so you are welcome early or late as we make new traditions together.

Echoes of the Gospel -January

January 21 we will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy*. Pat Skifstand will lead the discussion.

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

One Service Only On:

December 24 at 10 a.m.
December 31 at 10 a.m.

No Sunday School
December 24 and 31