

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. and 11 a.m. Contemporary Services—Drawing upon the rich body of contemporary praise and worship music, this service features popular Christian songs and an occasional hymn. The music at this service 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 at both times.*)

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

NEXT STEPS

Starting today, during both the 9:45 and 11 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.

Film screening of the documentary *13th* TODAY, January 7 at 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 *13th* in the Great Room. Light refreshments will be served. 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.

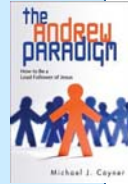


POSTPONED

QPR Training

The QPR training scheduled for TODAY has been postponed due to the weather. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

NEW Classes Begin Next Sunday



The Andrew Paradigm: How to be a Lead Follower of Jesus, facilitated by John Garner at 9:45 a.m. in the Adult 3 Classroom. January 14-February 25

How can we have God as our leader when we are in the process of leading others? How can we live as 'lead followers' in the kingdom of God? The group will explore these questions and empower leadership during the seven-week study.



Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say facilitated by Chuck Westfall at **11 a.m. in the Adult 3 Classroom.**

We've all heard simple phrases, such as, "Everything happens for a reason" and "God won't give you more than you can handle." They sound Christian – like something you might find in the Bible. During the six-week study, the class will search for the whole truth by comparing some common Christian sayings with wisdom found in Scripture and discover the greater truths of Jesus Christ.

CareNotes



Please join us on **Monday, January 8**, as we meet for our first CareNotes session of the year. Whether you are a master card maker or have never held a two-sided tape dispenser we have a job just perfect for you! **7 p.m. in Adult 2**

Caregiver Support Group

Our Caregiver Support Group now offers two meeting times beginning **Wednesday, January 17, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.** Both groups meet in the Adult 3 classroom. Please join us as we share our stories, find support and encourage one another, whether we care in our homes or from across the country.

Care and Share

St. Andrew Care and Share is a new group with an endeavor to include all who are interested in mission-oriented activities. Care and Share will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9. Please join this group for hands-on, active mission outreach. Care and Share will meet monthly, the second Tuesday of each month.

Blood Drives coming in 2018 ...

In an attempt to increase the blood donorship through St. Andrew, there is to be a change in the dates for blood drives in 2018. The Indiana Blood Center has set up Tuesday dates from 3-8 p.m. in 2018. The dates are January 16, May 15, and November 13. We all hope that this change might make it easier for blood donors to be available to donate. Your feedback regarding this date change is welcome. St. Andrew's next blood drive then is set for Tuesday, January 16, from 3-8 pm at the church. Hope there will be many heroes donating! Contact Peggy Hoover, 765-404-8128 cell, peg4billh@yahoo.com or you can sign-up @ donorpoint.org.



Weather Related Closings

We have entered the winter season when it might be necessary to suspend church operations for weather reasons. If you are ever in doubt as to whether a service will take place, please check our web page

(www.andrew-umc.org) for closings or check the website for WLFI.

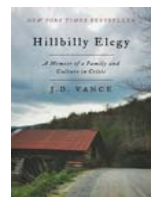
For committee meetings, please contact the chair of your committee for the most up-to-date information.



Echoes of the Gospel

January 21 we will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy: A memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance

Pat Skifstand will lead the discussion.



“Thank You” from The Staff



The staff at St. Andrew wishes to thank you for your generosity in donating to the staff love gift. It is a joy to be on staff but is also a joy to be recognized for the many hours of effort that go into helping the church and its worship services run smoothly. Thank you for remembering us at this special time of year. May 2018 bring many blessings.