



# Connections

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## THE SON OF MAN HAS NOWHERE TO LAY HIS HEAD



Some of you may or may not know that my daughter, Abby, a Junior at West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School, has fallen in love with Art History. It doesn't hurt that she's got a knack for it either. As we have talked on and off about various projects that our church or the churches of Greater Lafayette might undertake to communicate the gospel through the arts, Abby is always reminding me that the church has been far and away the greatest patron of artistic endeavors great and small. I get the sense, every now and then, that she thinks the modern American church is failing to uphold that tradition.

Then just this weekend I came across an article on the internet about a Canadian sculptor, Timothy Schmalz, who created a life-sized figure of Jesus, nearly totally wrapped in his robe, sleeping on a park bench. In fact, the only way to know it is Jesus is the nail holes in his feet which stick out from beneath his robe/blanket. It is a very realistic sculpture—so much so that several in the affluent

North Carolina community of Davidson have called the police to report what they thought to be a wayward vagrant.

The sculpture and bench were commissioned by St. Alban's church which is



across the street. The statue was a gift in memory of a deceased parishioner. It was meant to be a statement in line with Matthew's gospel, chapter 25, in which Jesus tells us to look for him in the guise of the last, the lost, and the least in our midst. God not only became one of "us," the church contends, but he became one of "them" as well. How we treat the marginalized all around us is to our credit or our indictment, depending on the nature of our response.

The prone statue is not without controversy among the Christians of Davidson. *"Jesus is not a vagrant, Jesus is not a helpless person who needs our*

*help,"* said Cindy Swannack, who called police after seeing the statue. *"We need someone who is capable of meeting our needs, not someone who is also needy."*

Jesus is the source of deliverance from life's deprivations, she wants to argue, not

someone who is overwhelmed by them.

In any case, it made for some good discussion between Abby and myself. It is not art for art's sake. It is art that attempts to participate in the mission and purpose of

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*Our Mission: God has called us together to become like Jesus in authentic community for the sake of the world.*

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Christ's church. It is an act of provocative imagination and skill, designed to lead both Christians and non-Christians into new empathy, awe, worship, and discussion. We both agreed that this is exactly the kind of artwork that our church should consider offering to our own community.

Abby and I are not 100% sure where to go with this, but both of us feel strongly that it is time for the church to get back to its role of marrying beauty and inspiration to the cause of Jesus Christ. I would simply invite all those within our congregation who have a similar interest to contact Abby at [arts@andrew-umc.org](mailto:arts@andrew-umc.org) and let us put our heads and hearts together and see where God leads us.



To read the entire article check out: <http://>

## CENTER STAGE

As announced earlier, we will meet in May. Diana and Steve Pennell will host our group on Sunday, May 18, at their home at 5293 Gardenia Court in West



Lafayette. Bring a dish to share and come to enjoy great food and fellowship with

others who, in later life, have no child-rearing responsibilities. If the weather is warm, we are promised a chance to enjoy Steve and Diana's deck. If you have any questions about the meal or the group, please contact Jan Coleman at 463-6051 or Steve and Diana at 463-5170.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> SOFTBALL PRACTICE APRIL 27!

Thanks to everyone who registered to play on our St. Andrew Softball Team this year.



SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Special thanks to Aaron Baker and Dan McNeff who will coach our team. This interest-based

small group will make a big impact. It is my prayer that friendships are strengthened, new friendships formed and God's love is evident to all who play our team. Winning a few games would be a great bonus!

The first team practice is this Sunday, April 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Bring your gear and meet at the St. Andrew picnic shelter.

Have a great idea for another interest-based small group? Contact: [barb@andrew-umc.org](mailto:barb@andrew-umc.org)



of Bible Study



Thanks to Anita and Dean Brusnighan who led this class. Pictured above: seated-Dean and Anita Brusnighan; standing-Ron Reckhemmer, Judy Schimmel, Carolyn Thompson, Susie Blom, and Karen Field; not pictured—Ruth Reckhemmer, Donna Biehl, and Tricia Sembroski.

## ORIENTATION CLASS

Are you interested in learning more about

St. Andrew and what it means to be part of our congregation?



It's not too late to sign up and join us at our upcoming **Orientation Class**. It is set to begin this Sunday, April 27, in the Intersection at 10 a.m. We would love for you to get to meet more of us, and we want to get to know you! We will meet five Sundays from April 27 to May 25 at 10 a.m. Call 463-5570 to let us know you plan to attend.

Becky Bolin  
Church Growth

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Forty volunteers are needed to staff a Food Finders Food Bank mobile food pantry on Saturday, May 17, at Trinity United Methodist Church. First Methodist, St. Andrew, and Trinity are funding this effort and



providing volunteers. We need 8-10 people from 8-10 a.m. to welcome and register guests, serve them coffee and a snack, host bingo, and help set up for the mobile food pantry. We need another 30 people from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to set up, distribute food, and then clean up. You can sign up to volunteer at:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090845A8AA2FAA8-mobile2](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090845A8AA2FAA8-mobile2)

Contact Jeanne Norbert at [jnorberg@purdue.edu](mailto:jnorberg@purdue.edu) or 491-1460 with any questions.

# Keeping in Touch with Intouch Ministries

Loving our neighbors through acts of caring that bring healing and health to those in need.

April 2014



## Faithfully Fit...In The Kitchen Proudly Presents Cinco de Mayo: A Taste Sensation!!

Join **Faithfully Fit...In The Kitchen** for a very special night as we discover the delicious tastes that accompany this holiday which celebrates Mexican culture and heritage.

St. Andrew's very own **Juan Valdez** will be our featured chef for the night. He brings his own authentic recipes for dishes like chicken flautas and Mexican rice pudding which he will use in the restaurant he eventually hopes to open in Mexico. If you know anything about Juan, you know that he likes to throw a great party, and this will be no exception!!



Join us on **Friday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Andrew kitchen  
Childcare is provided  
Bring a friend...or three!

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## St. Andrew Gardeners Going Farm-to-Table for Those Who Hunger



Have you ever thought that the hungry in our community could use something other than the typical non-perishable foodstuffs that our local food pantries offer and would benefit from locally grown fresh produce? Well, we did too! This idea has led to the creation of an exciting new ministry: *The Tithing Garden*.

St. Andrew is using some of the land which surrounds our beautiful building to offer free garden plots to anyone who would like to put their green thumb to use. As the name *Tithing Garden* suggests, we ask that you set aside at least 10% of your produce to feed the hungry in the greater Lafayette area. We are pleased to partner with Food Finders, who will assist us in getting the food from our property to people in need.

If you are interested in being part of this effort to help eliminate hunger and feed others with local produce (which packs a nutritional wallop), join us for an information session in early May. We'll discuss what resources are available for our plots, logistics involved in donating our produce, and what's required to tend our plots. Please come!



Questions?  
Contact Andrew Daigle  
zowilveram@hotmail.com

**Sunday, May 4**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room**

*What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. 1 Cor 3:7-8*



## Westminster Residents Receive Communion

InTouch Ministry hosted its first communion service for Westminster residents who might not always be able to attend church regularly. Hyesook Kim presided over communion, and LuAnn Boggess shared her musical gifts by playing keyboard and leading us in two special hymns.



This worship service was a wonderful chance to reconnect with some of our St. Andrew folks, as well as to meet some new faces. We hope to continue to offer this sacred moment of open communion for all Westminster residents on a regular basis. Stay tuned for information about when the next service will be held.



Left: LuAnn Boggess plays beautiful music. Above: Norma and Jim Dirlam, Dorothy Hinchman, and Margie Sharples enjoy communion.

## BREAKAWAY REGISTRATION

Red Hot Faith!



BreakAway 2014

If you have a student who is finishing 5<sup>th</sup> grade, then sign them up for BreakAway 2014—Red Hot Faith! BreakAway is the greatest mini-camp around—full of adventure and fun! A reduced fee of \$10 is available only until May 18. If you register after that date, the price is \$20 (scholarships are available). The registration forms and permission slips can be downloaded from the St. Andrew website—[www.andrew-umc.org](http://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 at [burchillfamily@msn.com](mailto:burchillfamily@msn.com).

## Bring on the Babies!!



Swaddling Cloths is excited to announce that it has three women who are heading up this ministry that brings beautiful handmade baby blankets to each child and grandchild born to our congregation. **Sarah Vallier, Jacqui Evans, and Danya Cain** all decided that the chance to ooh and ah over a newborn was too tempting to resist.

They will share the responsibility of delivering both the blankets and the healthy power snacks from **Munchies for Mommas**. Our new parents are sure to feel loved and cherished by these two caring ministries.



If you know of any new babies in our midst, please let us know—you can call the church office or email Sue Burchill ([sue@andrew-umc.org](mailto:sue@andrew-umc.org)). We don't want to miss a single one!

## Let Us Know!

Our ministry works best when we know who and how we can help! Just call the Church (497-7755) or click on the support tab (<http://andrew-umc.org>).

## PRAYER QUILTS



The idea behind a prayer quilt is simple, yet powerful. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers and the ends are left free to be tied with a square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is offered for someone in special need. When all the ties are knotted, the quilt is given to the person(s) for whom it was made.

You are invited to come to The Prayer Room and say a prayer while tying a knot on the Prayer Quilts made for:

**Beverly Adams**

**Claudia Edwards and her  
mother, Mary Jo Boyd**

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Traditional Worship: Sunday 8:45 a.m.  
Contemporary Worship: Sunday 10 & 11:15 a.m.  
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

## Your St. Andrew Staff Addresses

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