

The Spring Guide



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Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

FROM OUR PASTOR

Our Fall Festival of Faith presenter, missiologist Dr. Scott Hagley, invited us to reflect in different ways on where we see God at work in our lives and in the life of the church. As we move through 2020, the leadership of St. Andrew will be reflecting on where it sees God at work in the life of St. Andrew, and the whole congregation will be invited to consider where members see God at work in their lives and the life of the church. In fact, our Lenten time will focus specifically on those questions. As you browse through the Spring Guide, look for groups or activities which can be conversation partners with you as you reflect on where you see God in your lives. If you do not find a conversation partner that will work for you, speak to the church staff about what kind of group or activity you might need, and we can try to expand our offerings.



Yours in Christ,

Richard

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

- Worship with us on Sundays at 10:30am. Experience a reformed worship service with a chancel choir and organ. Children will even find a place in worship during A Time with Young Disciples and Children's Chapel. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30am, with a nursery for infants and young children.
- Gather with us mid-week during the Spring semester for Super Wednesday, a time to gather for a meal and activities for all ages.
- Music is at the heart of St. Andrew's life and worship together. Find opportunities to use your musical gifts with our chancel choir, handbell choir, youth and children's choirs.
- Youth and children will find their place in our active youth ministry for middle and high school students or our dynamic children's ministry for elementary and pre-school children. Programs for youth and children happens each Sunday and Wednesday.
- You'll find a faith community that cares at St. Andrew. We offer opportunities to care for one another in tangible ways, such as providing meals for the sick and bereaved, serving in a prayer group, or meeting in a care-based environment with Stephen Ministry.
- Serve with us in the community by volunteering with Our Daily Bread, Kids Against Hunger, Hearts for Homes, Interfaith Ministries, HOPE, Inc., the Denton Community Food Center, or join us on a mission trip!
- Find important community resources here that share our facility like Our Daily Bread, Denton's community soup kitchen, and The Children's Place, a preschool and kindergarten program.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership at St. Andrew is the first step in what we consider a life-long process of discipleship, and we invite you to join us on this journey. Becoming a member affirms your faith in God and love for God's people. Membership is a commitment to this particular part of God's family, where we nurture growth in faith, worship, and service to others. We hope you find the simplicity of our membership process an engaging introduction to our life together.

The three steps to becoming a member of St. Andrew are:

1. Fill out and turn in a New Member Information Form. You will find the forms on the Visitor Information table in the narthex.
2. Attend the Presbyterian 101 classes mentioned below or come to the parlor after the worship service. The Session, our governing body, formally receives new members at that time. We receive new members in one of the following ways: Letter of Transfer (can be requested by our church office), Reaffirmation of Faith, or Profession of Faith and Baptism.
3. Be welcomed in worship on a future Sunday when we recognize our new members.

PRESBYTERIAN 101

The Membership Committee offers the Presbyterian 101 Class for those who are new to St. Andrew and the Presbyterian Church or for those who are veterans of St. Andrew and the Presbyterian Church, but want to learn more about the history and theology of the Church and St. Andrew in particular. One hour sessions will

begin at 9:15am in the Parlor on Sunday, February 9, 2020, and will continue each Sunday, through March 1. Topics covered in the Presbyterian 101 Class will be announced prior to the first session. If you would like to be included in the next class, please contact the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Sunday School

K-5th Grade, 9:30am

All children in grades K-5 will meet in the Art/Mission room for Sunday school. Each week students will explore a story through a rotation of art, story, science, and discovery. Join us in our dedicated children's area!

Preschool, Room 100, 9:30am

Preschool children three through five years old will learn the stories of the Bible through experiential play. The stories will be taught through the lens of the love of God in Jesus Christ, and the children will begin the work, through play, of becoming grounded in the narratives of the faith.

Nursery, Room 102, 9:00am-Noon

Our nursery for infants and toddlers is located in the Education wing and is fully staffed on Sunday mornings.

Children's Chapel

Sunday Mornings, 10:30am Worship Service

After the Time with Young Disciples, children three years through kindergarten are invited to participate in Children's Chapel. Each week children explore stories of the Bible through Godly Play lessons, and they have the opportunity to respond through play and art. Parents pick their children up from the chapel after the worship service concludes.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DENTON

Outreach Committee

This diaconate committee provides opportunities for members of St. Andrew to assist with community needs. The upcoming projects and ministries are:

Give-A-Meal-A-Month

Food donations and monetary donations are collected each month for distribution to the Denton Food Center.

Denton Christian Preschool

Art, school supplies and basic necessities are donated by the congregation. The preschool was founded in 1970 by a group of concerned citizens representing 17 different churches who believed that the first few years of a child's life are the most important.

Mother's Day Gift Bags

We collect items for mothers that are being assisted.

Apple Tree Project

Members of the congregation pick an "apple" and donate a gift card for school clothing for a child in need. This is an Interfaith Ministries of Denton project.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Andrew hosts the Red Cross blood drive the third Saturday of every other month from 9:00am-3:00pm in the Rec Center. Members as well as members of our community participate by donating blood.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. ANDREW

Super Wednesday Volunteers

January 8-April 29

Fellowship Hall, 4:30pm

Many willing hands are needed on Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall for Super Wednesdays to be successful. Volunteers are needed each week to help serve the meal and staff the money table. Sign-up sheets will be posted in Fellowship Hall, so please volunteer an evening or two this spring. Jane Jaegerman will give you a reminder call as your turn to help approaches. Thank You!

Scenes Spectacular

Each spring, St. Andrew's many talented singers, dancers, and actors take the stage in a musical theater/opera performance called the Scene Spectacular Show. Scenes range from new family favorites like Mary Poppins Returns, and classic Broadway hits like West Side Story to newer Broadway shows such as Hamilton. All are welcome to participate and our team chooses scenes that will make each performer's special skills shine. There are options for acting only, helping with costumes/props, assisting in scene changes, as well as singing/acting. This year, the flexible coaching/rehearsal schedule will run from January to May with performance in May. For info contact Caitlin.Coyner@gmail.com.

Parents' Night Out

Spring Dates: Jan. 11, Feb. 8, Mar. 14,

Apr. 11, May 9

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm-8:00pm for 6 month olds to preschool in the Nursery. In the Rec. Center, elementary ages (K-5th) will meet from 4:00pm-9:00pm. We ask parents to make reservations no later than Thursday, the week of PNO. Please email Ms. Sue at: toddlerqueen2@gmail.com or call (940) 300-9262, for reservations.

YOUTH

All middle school and high school students, grades 6-12, are welcome to participate in St. Andrew youth activities.

Sunday School 9:30am-10:20am

Middle School: Students in grades 6-8 will meet in room 200 to engage in Bible study and discussions related to their faith using the Spark House Old Testament study.

High School: As suggested by the high school students themselves, students in grades 9-12 will meet in the Den for a different discussion each week based on topics provided by the youth. This “Hot Topics” forum will be led by Stephanie Raesz, youth director, with additional support from Shad Griffin, Beth Whipple, and Randy Whipple.

Youth Group

Youth group, which includes middle school and high school students, meets each Wednesday night beginning at 6:00pm.

6:00pm-6:45pm Gym time

Youth begin our time together in the gym playing kick ball, never ending dodge ball, or other games to provide a time for physical activity to let go of the day’s stress and to bond together as a team. Students who would like a quieter time can gather in the Den for relaxing or getting homework done.

6:45pm-7:30pm Den time

During this time, youth will participate in discussions, sharing, mission work, occasional field trips, and games to connect them to each other and their faith, helping them to learn and grow in their ability to live their faith within the church, at school, and in the world.

7:30pm-8:30pm Extended High School time

High school students are invited to stay for an extra hour of fellowship to discuss their experiences and questions about issues in their daily lives as teenagers, or to play games to help with stress relief.

COMING THIS SPRING!

Youth Sunday, February 23

This annual worship service is planned and led by the youth of St. Andrew, and provides an opportunity for the youth to understand that they have an important place in the life of this congregation, while allowing the congregation to experience the amazing talents and spiritual perspectives of our youth.

Youth Spring Garage Sale! Date TBA

Keep an eye open for further details as we host our annual garage sale as a fundraiser for the youth’s summer travels. As you spring clean your closets, keep us in mind for donating items (no clothing items please). More information, including date, to come!

Senior Sunday/Youth BBQ, May 17

This special worship service honors our graduating seniors, recognizing the time they have spent growing up at St. Andrew, and preparing to send them out from here to the next phase of their journey. Graduating seniors are Trinity Ball, Jackson Cook, James Fite, Gunnison Hays, Jonathan Luevano, Elijah Padia, and Nsoh-Nya Tako.

Following the worship service, we will host the annual Youth BBQ lunch and fundraiser. There will be a delicious lunch, a bake goods auction, and the always popular slide show honoring the graduating seniors! All donations go directly to St. Andrew’s youth program!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE TREEHOUSE

The Treehouse After School Program is a mission of the congregation of St. Andrew, commissioned to provide affordable after school care for children who qualify for free/reduced lunch within the Denton ISD. Fourteen children are picked up after school each day from three elementary schools. These children spend their afternoons in the rec center at St. Andrew enjoying a nutritious snack, help with homework, playtime in the gym, arts and crafts, science experiments, and fun with each other. The Treehouse provides a safe, family atmosphere where parents know that their children are loved, respected, and well cared for.

The Treehouse and its director are dependent on our volunteers in order for the program to be its best each day. The ways you can help include:

Afternoon Volunteer—1-2 people are needed each day to assist the director in preparing for the children’s arrival, serving snacks, homework help, and general supervision. These volunteers are needed from 2:30-5:30. Volunteers can be scheduled on a regular day each week, a regular day each month, or on an as-needed basis. Volunteers are required to pass a background check.

Snack Volunteer—In order to keep the program budget as low as possible, daily snacks are provided by volunteers. These volunteers are given specific dates when their snacks will be needed, usually 2-3 times each semester, and a snack suggestion list—no cooking required. Snacks can be delivered to the rec center any time before 2:30 on the day they are needed, including the Sunday prior to that date.

If you are interested in helping with the Treehouse program in any of the ways listed above, please contact the Stephanie Raesz, Treehouse director, at stephanieraesz@verizon.net or 940-297-9261.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN

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Worship Through Work Sunday, February 2, 2019

9:30am, Sanctuary for Worship

On Sunday, February 2, the Mission Committee is planning another intergenerational mission project to support Kids Against Hunger. The morning will include a short worship service and an opportunity for us to work together as a congregation by constructing meals for children living in poverty. There will be jobs for young and old, strong and weak, and everyone in between. The meals we prepare will be distributed to children and families in the U. S. and around the world who have need for them. Please join us as we worship through working together.

FOR ADULTS

Not Your Average Presbyterian

Karen Jones and Alison McStravick

9:30am, Library

Join this group serving young adults and adults with nursery to elementary-aged children as they dive into a Bible study of Matthew.

Pastors' Class

Richard Culp and Lisa Patterson

9:30am, Room 207/209

As we begin the spring, the Pastors' Class is working its way through the prophet Jeremiah, which depicts the return of the exiles to Jerusalem. We continue the same format - the teachers (typically Rev. Patterson or Dr. Culp, aided by some superb subs) offer up background material and lead the group discussions.

Pathfinders

Richard Sale

9:30am, Room 205

The Pathfinders' Sunday School class will be studying the parables of Jesus beginning January 12. The study will be guided by the book, *Short Stories by Jesus*, written by Amy-Jill Levine. The author is a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. This study will allow us to look at the parables of Jesus in a way that is unique to our past experience.

Aging with a Plan

February 9, 16 and 23 in Room 207/209

Light Lunch served

Should I "age in place," whatever that means? If I don't stay in my house, what are my options? What does any of this cost and how do I pay for it? Should I make a Will or sign Powers of Attorney? I'm not rich; do I really need those? My doctor asked whether, if I someday become seriously ill, I would want him to do everything. Define everything, please. And a friend mentioned funeral planning. Isn't that something family does for me after I die? I don't even want to think about that.

Are you contemplating these topics for yourself or for a family member? If you want to learn more about common aging issues, ask questions and create a plan for your future, join us for this 3-part lunch and learn series on February 9, 16 and 23, 2020. Some of the legal questions are important for young adults as well; college students are welcome. The series will be led by DeLila Bergan, a retired elder law attorney and a practicing bioethicist/mediator who works with families who are dealing with aging concerns. No aging experience required to attend!

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Serve on Sunday Mornings

Do you feel called to serve the church on Sunday mornings? There are many opportunities to serve during and after the worship service. Here are the places where you can get involved. Find your niche!

Liturgist – Serve with the pastors by leading parts of the worship service. Please contact Sherry VanAtta, sherry_vanat@hotmail.com.

Bell Ringer – Help call St. Andrew to worship by serving as a bell ringer. Please contact Kirsten Trachsel, kirsten@saint-andrew.com.

Acolyte – Illuminate our worship space by lighting the candles before worship begins on Sunday morning. Please contact Edie Chavira, eden51671@gmail.com.

Ushers – Help St. Andrew to be a warm and orderly place on Sunday mornings by serving as an usher. Please contact Jonny Ramsey, jramsey18@verizon.net.

Communion – Serve behind the scenes by helping to prepare the Lord's Supper. Please contact Ronnie VanAtta, ronnie.vanatta@ca.com.

Ambassadors – Ambassadors help to introduce people to the life of St. Andrew beyond the worship service. Please contact Clarice Luce, mamaluce_29@yahoo.com.

After-worship fellowship – Serve by bringing snacks to share with the congregation and visitors after worship. Please contact Leigh Kitchens, leighkitchens@verizon.net.

Chancel Flowers – Donate flowers in memory or honor of family or friends by signing the calendar posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and indicating the Sunday of your choice during the year. Please contact Lynn Carrico, lwcarrico@verizon.net.

Chancel Choir | Jeff Snider, Director of Music

The Chancel Choir is open to all members of the congregation as well as non-members. There is no audition; simply contact Jeff Snider at Jeff@saint-andrew.com. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. We rehearse in the adult choir room at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings and in the chancel on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. If you feel the call to sing, please consider joining this group of dedicated singers.

Handbells | Jean Harden, Director

The handbell choir is open without audition to ringers from senior high through adult. Junior high students with substantial past musical experience may be accepted into the group after consultation with the director. Some familiarity with music notation is strongly recommended, but previous ringing experience is not required. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the adult choir room, beginning January 8, 2020.

Children's Choir | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

Two children's choirs are offered at St. Andrew and both rehearse on Wednesday evenings. The Noel Choir (age 5 through first grade) meets from 6 – 6:20 p.m. Covenant Choir (second through fifth grades) rehearses from 6:20-7 p.m. The choirs give children the opportunity to experience the joy of praising God through music and to participate in worship at a young age. The choirs will also have opportunities to learn and play hand chimes and percussion instruments. The children's choir room is located on the second floor directly above the church office. All children are invited to participate!

Westminster Youth Choir | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

Singing in choir gives middle and high school youth an opportunity to participate in the Church more fully and to deepen their relationship with God through music. Westminster Choir meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:40 a.m. in the children's choir room. All youth are invited to participate. No choir experience is necessary. Opportunities for hand chime and instrumental participation may also be available.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing April 12, 2020

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 12. You will find the envelopes in the pew racks. This offering is distributed among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-development of People Program. Please give generously as we remember to share joyfully through our giving.

Pentecost May 31, 2020

This annual offering is received each year on Pentecost Sunday. It is used by our denomination in programs that assist Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults. Envelopes are in the pew racks and children's banks are in the narthex. Children will bring banks forward during the children's sermon.

SUPER WEDNESDAY

January 8-April 29, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Super Wednesday offers something for people of all ages, and we invite you to join us this Spring. After our meal in Fellowship Hall, everyone scatters to participate in a variety of studies and activities which you'll find described below.

Meal, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
Children & Youth, \$2
College Students, no charge
Adults, \$5
Family Maximum, \$10

Children's Activities

Nursery for infants & preschoolers, Room 102, 5:30-7:30pm
Noel Choir, age 5-1st Grade, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm-6:20pm
Covenant Choir, grades 2-5, Children's Choir Room,
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm-7:00pm
Recreation K-1st Grades, Malicia Curran, 6:20pm-7:30pm
Recreation Grades 2-5th, Malicia Curran, 7:00pm -7:30pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School
Rec Center and The Den @ 5:30pm-7:30pm
High School Extended Time
Rec Center and The Den @ 7:30pm-8:30pm

Adult Studies, 6:30pm-7:30pm

The Congregation Sings | A Biblical Mandate to "Sing to the Lord"

January 8, 15, 22, and 29 | Fellowship Hall
Robert Mann and Charlotte Kroeker, Church Music Institute

Just as Celtic Thunder sings "All God's children got a place in the choir," so the congregation is the essential choir for worship. Theologian Karl Barth says, "A Christian community that does not sing is not a community." Indeed, the health of a church can be perceived by its congregational singing. How and what shall we sing?

This same class will be offered at the Church Music Institute in Dallas, Texas on January 7, 14, 21, 28 at the CMI office 10-11 am with coffee at 9:30am. 8100 Lomo Alto Dr., Suite 260, Dallas, TX 75225. (214) 751-7669.

Nectar of the Gods

January 8, 15, and 22 | Room 206/208

Wade Hatter

Jesus turned water to wine; we just want to learn how to make beer. Come hear from award-winning brewer Seth Morgan on how to brew the perfect beer, and learn the history behind it. We will also discuss spirits and the art of mead. Questions?

Contact Jay Carradine at jaycarradine@aol.com or Wade Hatter at wrhatter@gmail.com.

Women's Book Study

January 8 through March 4 | Room 200

Amy Fair and Amy Brundeen

Join us for a study of *Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow. Even though we want to be content and trust God, we can still feel overwhelmed by worry. Filled with encouragement and practical guidance for overcoming anxiety, this book study will help us discover what the Bible says about contentment and ways to apply it to our daily life.

College Ministry - The Wave

January 8 through April 29 | Room 205

Leaders: Terah and Wade Hatter

Coordinating student: Tatum Specht

On Wednesday nights college students will have a place to eat, meet, and discuss "being Christian in our world today." College students are invited to eat in Fellowship Hall or get their meal to go and eat in Room 205 with other college students. Discussion will begin at 6:30. Invite your friends, keep up with the group on social media, and discover what it means to be Christian in this time and place.

Bird Food with Wings: The Importance of Moths

February 5 | Fellowship Hall

Sam Kieschnick

Insects are a crucial part of the diet of most birds at some time in their lives. In this program, learn about one of the most important groups of insects for birds: moths! Although not quite as famed as their day-flying cousins, moths are tremendously diverse and have some magnificent patterns. In Dallas/Fort Worth, we have documented over 800 species of moths! Learn ways you can manage your habitat to encourage moth diversity, and find out some ways that you can document and identify the various species that you might see. Sam Kieschnick is an urban wildlife biologist with TPWD serving the east side of the DFW metroplex.

Keys for Understanding Cultures

February 12 | Fellowship Hall

Dr. Jim Goodnow

Many people find the process of understanding multiple domestic and international cultures challenging. This session will highlight some keys to improving cross cultural understanding and appreciation including written, spoken and silent languages, religious and philosophical traditions as well as the research findings of well-respected scholars including Geert Hofstede's six cultural dimensions and Martiin Gannon's cultural metaphors.

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SUPER WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

China in a Nutshell

February 19 and 26, and March 4 | Fellowship Hall

Dr. Jim Goodnow

This three session class will summarize ways that China's geography, cultural traditions and very long dynastic history contribute to an understanding of contemporary issues affecting China in its role as the most populous and most important economic and geopolitical rival to the USA.

Beijing as seen by the Danboms during Eastertide, 2008*

March 18 | Fellowship Hall

Steve and Susan Danbom

To complement the three-session, extensive and historical discussion of China offered by Dr. Jim Goodnow before Spring Break, Susan and I will recall a fascinating (once in a lifetime) trip to Beijing during the two weeks framing Easter, 2008. We will let the 50 or so slides stimulate a stream-of-consciousness discussion that may often sound like historical fiction, as we remember events on our trip that we didn't expect. While the expressed purpose of the trip was to educate 100 or so students at China University of Geosciences – Beijing (CUGB), and that did happen on schedule with 87 certificates of completion handed to CUGB students, it was the story behind this amazing trip that held our fascination which will be recounted. *Yes...this was the year of the Beijing Olympics

This Is a Great Book!

March 25 | Fellowship Hall

Jean Greenlaw

As Book Talk columnist for the DRC, I will discuss how I select books for the column, the process of reviewing, and then a deep dive into some really good books that have been published in the past few years. Feel free to bring a book you think I should consider for review in my column. Choose one that was published no earlier than 2018 and be prepared to tell us why it should be reviewed.

Patriot PAWS Service Dogs: Helping Disabled Veterans One Leash at a Time!

April 1 | Fellowship Hall

The mission of Patriot PAWS is to train and provide service dogs of the highest quality at no cost to disabled American veterans and others with mobile disabilities in order to help restore their physical and emotional independence. Patriot PAWS builds relationships with local, state and national organizations to develop and support this goal.

Therapy Dogs

April 8 | Fellowship Hall

Michael Ball and Marissa Glasschroeder

Come hear Michael Ball, Marissa Glasschroeder, and David Dansby speak about their experiences serving with Therapy Pals, a local non-profit therapy dog group. You will have an opportunity

to meet their therapy dogs that serve in various settings including a mental health facility, schools, libraries, and nursing homes.

Hospitality

March 18 through April 29 | Room 207/209

Andrea Godwin-Stremler

What is your reaction to this word? Do you dismiss yourself saying, "Not me, I don't do that." Do you shudder at the thought of 'strangers' in your home? You worry, 'My house is not ___ enough.' Fill in the blank with; clean, nice, big, adequate. Maybe you think; I'm not a cook, I don't have time, I don't know how, etc. Just what is hospitality? Is there such a thing as "Christian Hospitality?" Do Scriptures say anything about hospitality? Come and discover the joy and ease of hospitality.

Is It Bermese or Bernese?

April 15 | Fellowship Hall

Pat Edell, *Lover of Swiss Mountain Dogs*

A dog of spectacular beauty and imposing stature, this dog is "nature's hauling company" with a pulling weight capacity estimated at between 1,000 and 2,200 pounds! It is the ultimate gentle giant, friendly and affectionate, who is happiest when working (or romping in the snow or sleeping). While it is an intelligent breed, it is usually slow to process new information, and often acts the part of the clown, repeating a behavior if it gets a laugh. Come share an hour of delightful, light-hearted facts and photos of this magnificent breed.

The Ultimate Rescue

April 22 | Fellowship Hall

Robert F. (Bob) Williams, *Founder & CEO, Ranch Hands Rescue*

"Connection is silent...it is powerful. Connection between an animal and a human is healing. Connection between an abused animal and an abused human is magical. Connecting through their trauma, they help to heal each other." Ranch Hands Rescue is the first organization in the world to partner rescued farm animals that have experienced abuse and neglect with clients in deep psychotherapy counseling sessions. Their cutting-edge counseling program provides an effective and alternative form of treatment for the more complex trauma cases, those suffering from being trafficked, sexual assault, physical abuse, domestic violence and other deeply affective life experiences. It is a counseling center and animal sanctuary where Animals help people and People help animals—a place where the most abused find healing. The statistics will stagger you! Plans for the future include a non-profit safe house for young boys and men who have been sex-trafficked, the first in the United States.

Walking Group

March 18-April 29

Amy Fair
and Amy Brundeen

Details to follow.

Scouting through Scotland

March 18, 25, April 1 and
8 | Room 206/208

Richard Culp

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST. ANDREW

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are here for you. Stephen Ministers are laypeople—Christian men and women—trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. We have a passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need. Our new training class begins in Jan. 2020. Please contact the church office or Karen Dower 940-367-1001.

The Diaconate has several programs to provide spiritual, physical, and emotional support to St. Andrew members at birth, illness, hospitalization, and death. We also serve members who are homebound.

These programs offer an opportunity for anyone to get involved in a rewarding service.

Prayer Ministry Teams

The Prayer Teams are made up of members of the congregation and the Diaconate. We pray for those who are suffering, grieving and/or stressed out from life's challenges. Each team prays for a week. We each take part of the prayer list, and each team member prays for some of those in need. Consider becoming a member of one of the teams. Contact Vickie Armstrong, bossarmst@aol.com.

Meal Train

Mealtrain.com is an online tool to organize meal delivery for our members who are experiencing a challenging life event such as birth of a baby, illness, surgery, or death of a loved one. A meal will be sent upon request, typically every other day. Signing up to take a meal is voluntary, and several members volunteer per family. Please contact Doug Waring at 940-597-6067 or djwaring@earthlink.net to sign up to deliver a meal.

Home Communion

Teams of deacons take communion to homebound members or those in the hospital. Current or past ordained deacons or elders are needed for this ministry. Contact Debby Ishee at 940-387-0741 if you are interested in this ministry.

Cradle Crosses

A cross is given to a family after the birth or baptism of a child or grandchild. With the Cradle Crosses, we convey the love, support, and inclusion of these children in the St. Andrew family. For more information about the cradle crosses, please contact Jim McIntyre at 940-497-3114 or SdajemO@yahoo.com.

Diaconate Liaison for Pastoral Concerns

Diaconate contact is made to individuals with pastoral concerns. If you have a need or know of someone with a need please, please contact Arminta Jacobson at 817-925-3984 or armintajacobson@verizon.net.

Chancel Flowers

After worship, chancel flowers are taken by deacons to homebound members and persons on the prayer list. If you know of someone in need, please contact Berniece Condry at 940-297-5422 or bcondry@hotmail.com. You can sign up to donate chancel flowers on the roster in the hallway outside of the church office.

Homebound Visitations

Deacons visit and/or send cards to homebound members who are no longer able to attend worship. Our goal is to help them feel connected to St. Andrew and know that they are valued members of the congregation. For more information please contact Trish Highland at 940-391-0163 or patriciahighland@gmail.com.

Bereavement Teams

These teams take turns arranging for and serving a meal or a reception before or after the funeral of a family member. Volunteers needed! If you would like to help, please contact Mary Smith at 940-735-9234 or mdpsmith@verizon.net.

Final Super Wednesday Hymn Sing & Bell Ring April 29, 2020

Come sing with the children's choirs and handbell choir as we close out the Super Wednesday season Wednesday, April 24. Dinner at 5:30pm and hymns at 6:30pm.

Birthday Endowment Fund

This endowment was established in 2007 and provides income to fund mission efforts not covered by the annual mission budget. Income has been used in previous years to send children and sponsors to Mo-Ranch's Worship and Music Conference, as well as for mission projects such as water filtration systems for people in Guatemala. Traditionally, members contribute an amount equal to the number of years being celebrated. So on your next birthday remember this endowment and contribute toward making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Presbyterian Women

Second Tuesday of each month: Both Circles meet from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. Specific dates and locations will be listed in the Bulletin. Join either Circle as we continue the 2019 - 2020 Bible study "Love Carved in Stone, a Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments." Through nine lessons, we are discovering how to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

January 14 - Circle I will host a meeting in the Parlor from 9:30 am - 11:00 am. Following refreshments, Rev. Dr. Richard Culp will distribute Holy Communion in the sanctuary.

March 3 - All women of the church are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women's business meeting in the Parlor from 9:30 - 11:00 am.

March 31 - The Denton Association of Christian Women will meet from 9:30 - 11:00 am. Location will be announced in the Bulletin.

April 21 - Circle II will host a meeting in the Parlor from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. Following refreshments, Robin Meyer will discuss the Denton Kiwanis Children's Clinic. Robin Meyer is the executive secretary for the Denton Kiwanis.

Theology on Tap

Second and Fourth Mondays @ 6:30pm

Denton County Brewing Company, 200 E. McKinney St.

Theology on Tap meets the second and fourth Mondays at 6:30pm at Denton Co. Brewing. Each meeting consists of a discussion of a variety of theological issues and questions. All thoughts and opinions are welcome.

Prime Time

Prime Timers is a group of individuals 50 and over who get together once a month for fun and fellowship. The group meets on the first Friday of the month between 11:00am-2:00pm. The program varies each month. Watch for announcements in the bulletin and Shield or contact Clarice Luce, mamaluce_29@yahoo.com for more information.

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study

Room 206, 1:30pm

Terry Widmer

The Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study is an ecumenical group of women who gather at St Andrew to read and study the Bible and pray together. This semester's Bible Study topic is TBD. Everyone is welcome. Please encourage your friends to attend with you. Weekly attendance is not required, drop in any Tuesday that you are available. We meet upstairs in room 206 from 1:30pm - 3pm. This study will probably begin January 21 and last 10-12 weeks. Please contact Terry Widmer (tbwidmer@gmail.com) to get on the email list.

Men's Study Group

Wednesdays, 8:00am

The Egg and I, 1800 S. Loop 288

The St. Andrew Men's Study Group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:00a.m. at The Egg and I, located at 1800 S. Loop 288. As we begin our Spring weekly gatherings on January 8, we'll continue our study of the book of Matthew. Our source material is *Matthew for Everyone*, by noted New Testament scholar and Pauline theologian N.T. Wright.

We urge St. Andrew men to join us as we continue to ascertain how God would have us live our lives.

Ladies' Lenten Book Study

Wednesdays of February 26, March 4, 18, 25, April 1, & 8 at noon in Room 207/209

Lisa Patterson

Join this lively discussion group as we read and discuss a book that can be a helpful challenge and renewing experience in the midst of Lent and our journey to Easter. Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson at lisa@saint-andrew.com.

2020 Mo-Ranch Men's Conference

May 1-3, 2020

Gentlemen: Mark your calendars today! Come and join hundreds of other men down in the beautiful Texas Hill Country at Mo-Ranch for the 69th annual Mo-Ranch Men's Conference. This year's keynote speaker will be Rev. Tom Are Jr., the pastor of Village Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, Kansas. This is a great time to sign-up for the conference. You can register for the conference by calling 800-460-4401 or online at www.moranch.org. For more information, please feel free to contact Michael Ball at 940-391-0178 or michaelball@charter.net.

Women's Retreat at Briarwood: Vision 20/20

January 24-25, 2020

The theme for this year's Women's Retreat is Vision 20/20. Life is full of ups and downs, seasons of calm and stress. Like Ecclesiastes says, there is a time for everything; however, sometimes in the midst of our living we lose sight of God in our midst. We may wonder what, if anything, is God doing in our lives? As we gather together for fellowship, fun and worship, we will examine and explore how we have experienced God in our past and then spend some time looking forward to see what God may be doing and what we need to do to be ready. Looking forward to our time together. Register online at saint-andrew.com.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:30PM

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

10:30AM, SANCTUARY

SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

7:30PM, SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 9

6:00PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 10

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, 7:30PM

PRELUDE, 7:00PM

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

5:00PM, FRONT LAWN

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 12

8:30AM AND 10:50AM, SANCTUARY

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received