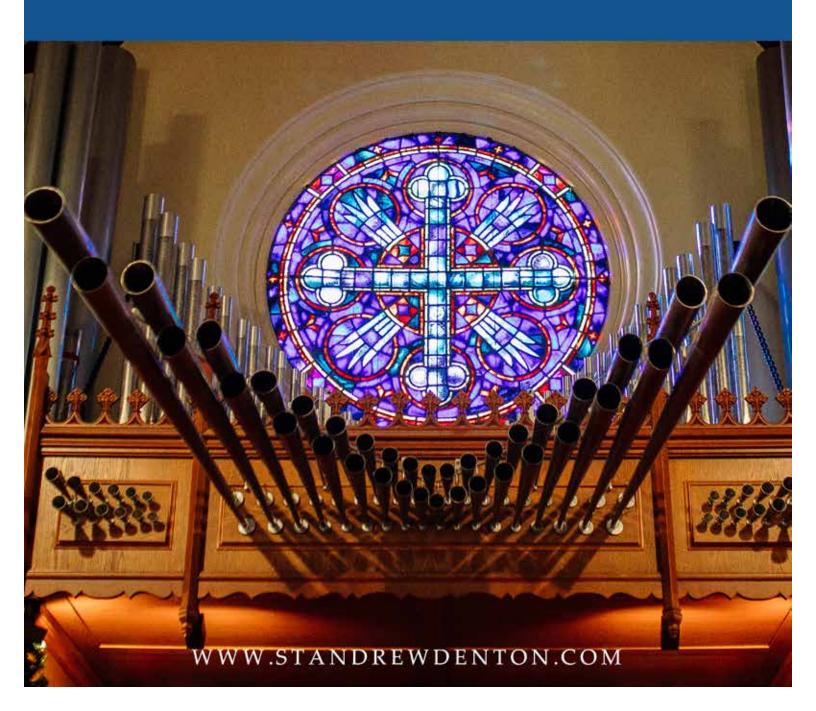
ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SPRING GUIDE

Worship, Learn, and Serve with Us



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Worship Service

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The new year and spring are times of renewal and new beginnings. This is an opportunity to grow deeper in understanding familiar topics and learn more about new ones. St. Andrew has long been a church community that has enjoyed learning, serving, gathering, and worshiping together. There are many ways to be a part of these aspects of St. Andrew and be engaged in the life of faith. If you see committee work taking place that you feel called to help with, let



the group know you want to join their group. Want to sing in the choir? Let the choir director know of your interest. Want to do mission work or serve on the committee, let the moderator know you would like to help. There are so many ways to give in service at St. Andrew. Contact information is listed in the Spring Guide. We also encourage you to find your place in the life of Christian education. There are Sunday morning classes, Wednesday night activities and classes, and classes throughout the week for men, women, children, and youth. Find the place for you. This is a wonderful way to live out our baptismal identity and respond to God's grace in Christ Jesus claimed through the waters of baptism.

Grace and peace,

Lisa Patterson

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. 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 10:45am. Experience a reformed worship service with 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 or 9:45am, 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 happen 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, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, the Denton Community Food Center or join us on a mission trip!
- Find important community resources here that share our facility like The Children's Place, a preschool and kindergarten program, The Treehouse, an afterschool program for school age children kindergarten through fifth grade, and our newest partner, Lifeworks Community.

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

- 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. Topics covered in the Presbyterian 101 Class will be announced prior to the first session in the Shield and the bulletin. Class meetings on February 11 through March 3. Those wanting to join will then meet with the Session to be received into the membership. Classes meet at 9:15am in the Parlor and on Zoom. Contact the church office to sign up or to ask questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Sunday School

K-5th Grade, 9:30am-10:30am

All children in grades K-5 will meet in the Media room for Sunday school. Each week students will explore a story through a rotation of art, story, puppet, and discovery. Join us in our dedicated children's area! Can't make it in-person? Join the class on Zoom!

Preschool

Room 100, 9:30am-10:30am

Preschool children two 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, 10:45am Worship Service

After the Time with Young Disciples, children three years through kindergarten are invited to participate in Children's Chapel. Each week children will explore stories of the Bible through Godly Play lessons, and they will 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

American Red Cross Blood Drives

St. Andrew hosts a blood drive every other month. The drive takes place in the Recreation Center from 9-3 pm. Members of the community and St. Andrew members may register to donate at redcrossblood.org or through the Red Cross app. Walk ins are also welcome. If you wish to assist in checking in donors, please contact coordinator, Bob Stewart, at heybobstewart@gmail.com.

Denton Christian Preschool Supply Drive

The school 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. Art, school supplies, and basic necessities are donated to the school during the yearly event. Funds may be donated at standrewdenton. com/giving by choosing Denton Christian Preschool Supply Drive from the options to the right of your monetary donation. Contact coordinator, Rachel Odei, at rachelasantewaa1@gmail. com for more information.

Give -A-Meal-A-Month

St. Andrew members help support the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity with monetary donations. A donation of \$2.29 feeds a person in need for a week. Donations can be made in several ways. To give online at standrewdenton. com/giving choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation. Please write 'Give-a-Meal on the memo line if paying by check, or on the envelope if using cash. For more information contact coordinator, Scott Campbell @untcampbell@gmail.com.

Interfaith Ministries Apple Tree Project

This project began in 2002 to reduce the hardship for lowincome families with children enrolling in Denton ISD. It allows students to start the school year on the same competitive platform as their peers by providing needed school supplies. The drive typically takes place during June & July, so watch for announcements in the bulletin and Shield for how you can contribute. For more information, contact coordinator, Linda Heilig at linda.heilig@verizon.net.

Friends of the Family Mother's Day Gift Bags Project

The purpose of this project, which typically takes place yearly in April, is to give encouragement and bring a bright spot into the lives of homeless and less fortunate mothers in our community. You may donate new personal care and beauty products or donate funds online at standrewdenton.com/giving and choose Mother's Day Gift Bags from the options to the right of your monetary donation. Contact Amy Whiting at avickers@hotmail. com with any questions, or offers to help pack the bags.

Our Daily Bread Outreach

The purpose of this ongoing drive is to collect items of immediate need for the clients of Our Daily Bread. Watch for announcements in The Shield & bulletin for specific items that are currently needed. A list is also attached to the white collection box in the Narthex where items may be placed. Contact coordinator, Larry Wilson, at lawclw80@gmail.com with any questions.

YOUTH

All middle school and high school students, grades 6-12, are invited to participate in St. Andrew youth activities. Contact Stephanie Raesz, youth director, at stephanie@standrewdenton.com if you have any questions.

Sunday School 9:30am-10:30am

Middle School: Students will meet in room 209 to engage in Bible study and discussions related to their faith using the Sparkhouse Connect curriculum. These grades alternate learning about the Old and New Testaments each year so that both are studied before entering their confirmation year. This year's study will focus on the Old Testament.

High School: High school students will meet in the Den to study the new PCUSA curriculum "Follow Me" which focuses on Biblical practices for faithful living. Units of study include honoring Sabbath, prayer, justice, and loving the neighbor, among others.

Youth Group

The goal of Youth Group is to foster youth connections to each other and to their faith, as well as to provide a weekly time of respite and relaxation from the stresses of the middle school and high school years. Youth Group, which includes 6th-12th grade students, meets each Wednesday night from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Our time together may include recreation, discussions related to both faith and daily life, mission work, occasional field trips, and games. We usually begin with a game of kickball in the gym followed by snacks and any of the previously mentioned activities in the Den. High school students meet additonally from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

Kids Against Hunger.

Worship Through Work Sunday, February 4 9:30am, Sanctuary

All ages are invited to come join your fellow members in participating in the Kids Against Hunger event scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2024 in Fellowship Hall. The event will start after the worship service when participants will work together as a team assembling prepackaged meals. Last year, over 15,000 meals were assembled that were later distributed to needy areas within and outside of the United States. To learn more about Kids Against Hunger see: https://www. kidsagainsthunger.org/.



Housed here in the St. Andrew Rec Center, the Treehouse After School Program is a mission of the church that provides affordable after school care for students at four Denton ISD elementary campuses who qualify for free or reduced lunch. We currently serve 14 students, with children ranging in age from kindergarten through 5th grade.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteer opportunities: If you have a talent, interest, or hobby you would like to share with the Treehouse students or would like to spend 20 minutes reading with them or helping with homework, you are invited to come spend an afternoon with us. Whether it's weekly, monthly, or a one-time presentation, contact Stephanie Raesz, Treehouse director, at treehouse@ standrewdenton.com to schedule a date.

Snack help: For the past 18 months, Treehouse has been blessed to have a grant to help purchase afternoon snacks for our students. However, that grant program hazzs ended. We are looking for volunteers to help provide our daily snack beginning in January. Snack volunteers will be provided a list of allowable snack options, and will be placed on a rotating schedule. With enough participation, snack providers should only need to provide 1 or 2 times per month. If you would like to be a snack volunteer, please contact Linda Heilig at l.heilig@verizon.net.

If you have questions about the Treehouse program or ideas for other ways you would like to contribute, please contact Stephanie Raesz, director, at treehouse@ standrewdenton.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For Children

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For Youth

Middle School

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High School

The Den, 9:30am-10:30am

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For Adults

Coffee and Covenant *Karen Jones and Alison McStravick Library and Zoom, 9:30am*

Grab a cup of coffee and join this group for conversation and to read the Bible, discuss and ask questions - as good Presbyterians do! All are welcome!

Pastors' Class Richard Culp and Lisa Patterson Room 206/208, 9:30am

We begin 2024 working through the Book of Confessions of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In March, we will shift to studying the Book of Numbers.

Pathfinders Beth Ann and James Black Room 205, 9:30am

Join Pathfinders this Spring as we begin with *The Gospels of Mark: A Beginner's Guide to the Good News* by Amy-Jill Levine.

We will explore the Bible's earliest source for the life of Jesus. Later this Spring we will study a Lenten topic to prepare us for Easter.



Pentecost Sunday: Gospel and Jazz Sunday, May 19, 2023 10:45am, Sanctuary

On Pentecost Sunday, saxophonist Brad Leile and a jazz quintet will lead our worship service as we integrate gospel music, jazz, and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

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 Lynn Carrico, lwcarrico@verizon.net.

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

AV Team - Members of the AV Team carry out the production of each Sunday's worship service. Please contact Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com.

Communion – Serve behind the scenes by helping to prepare the Lord's Supper. Please contact Debby Ishee, debbyishee@hotmail.com, or Dan Kyzer, dankyzer@ gmail.com.

After-worship fellowship – Serve by bringing snacks to share with the congregation and visitors after worship. Please contact Lisa Dorr, DORRLL@yahoo.com.

Chancel Choir | J. Christine Le, 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 Christine Le at christine@ standrewdenton.com, or show up to our Wednesday rehearsal! 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 10:00am. If you feel the call to sing, please consider joining this group of dedicated singers.

Handbell Choir | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

The St. Andrew Handbell Choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the adult choir room. The ensemble provides music for worship services on a monthly basis throughout the school year. Youth and adults are invited to participate. No prior experience is necessary, but basic music literacy is helpful. Childcare is provided during rehearsals.

Children's Choirs | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

Two children's choirs are offered at St. Andrew and both rehearse on Wednesday evenings. The **Noel Choir (age kindergarten and 1**st **grade)** meets from 6:00pm–6:20pm. **Covenant Choir (2**nd **through 5**th **grades)** rehearses from 6:20pm-7:00pm. 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 Ensemble | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

Participation in the Westminster Youth Ensemble gives middle and high school youth an opportunity to participate in the Church more fully and to deepen their relationship with God through music. The ensemble meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00am-9:30am in the children's choir room. All youth are invited to participate. No musical experience is necessary. Participants will learn instrumental (percussion, wind instruments, and hand chimes) and vocal music for participation in worship.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing March 31, 2024

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 9. 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 19, 2024

This annual offering is received each year on Pentecost Sunday. It is used by our denomination in programs that assist At-Risk Children, 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 10-April 26, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Super Wednesday offers something for people of all ages, and we invite you to join us this Spring.

Meal, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett

The Barnetts will be hand-crafting hearty meals with fresh ingredients for Super Wednesday. The menu will change week-to-week with nutritious meals for all to enjoy. *Please note the updated prices beginning this Spring!*

Children & Youth, \$2	Adults, \$7
College Students, no	Family Maximum, \$15
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Also available this semester: a season pass!

Season pass holders enjoy a standing weekly reservation and pay for 13 of the 15 Super Wednesday meals.

Individuals, \$84 Family Maximum, \$180

Please note that unused meals are non-transferrable.

Children's Activities

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

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

Women's Book Study: The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom Amy Cole and Amy Fair January 11-April 26, Library

This semster, the Women's Book Study will be reading The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom, a novel that follows the life and death of a ride mechanic named Eddie who is killed in an amusement park accident. In the afterlife, Eddie encounters five people who had a significant impact on his life and helps him understand the meaning and purpose of his own existence. Join us for a discussion of the book as we explore its themes of interconnectedness, forgiveness, and the ripple effect of our actions.

Ancient Roots of Abrahamic Hostilities' from the Jewish Wars Up Through the Origins of the Ottoman Empire

Dr. Reid Ferring

January 10 and January 17, Fellowship Hall

As the three Near Eastern monotheistic traditions evolved, intolerance marked the relations among Jews, Christians and Muslims. Relations in the Holy Land were complicated by outsiders, including Romans and Crusaders, and most importantly the spread of Islam in the 7th and 8th centuries, all of which contributed to diasporas of Jews and Christians. Ironically, however, tolerance among the Abrahamic traditions created the unstable patchwork of cultural-religious groups that still inhabit the Near East.

Swords & Plowshares: Geopolitics, War, and Peace in the Middle East

Dr. Michael Greig, UNT

January 24, February 7, and Febreuary 21, Fellowship Hall

In this series of discussions, we will explore the roots of violence, the risks of conflict escalation, and the challenges for peace in the Middle East. We will examine the network of relationships between countries in the region that make it both a critical area of interest for American foreign policy as well as a tremendously volatile region of the world. As part of our discussion, we will seek to understand why the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has been proven so resistant to efforts to establish a lasting peace. No background knowledge in the politics or history of the Middle East is expected for participants in this series, so all are welcome!

Preparing for Passion Week Stephen Morscheck, UNT February 14, Fellowship Hall

This talk is a continuation from two fall lectures about the musical genre, the oratorio. We will look at the St. Matthew Passion, composed by Johann Sebastian Bach. It follows every word recorded in Matthew 26-27, taking us through the last three days of the Lord Jesus Christ's life through his death on the cross. We will see how Bach causes us to stop, to look, and consider what it means for us still today.

SUPER WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

After the atrocity: how do people and societies recover?

Dr. James Meernik

February 28, Fellowship Hall

Learn more about the way in which restorative justice and retributive justice are both necessary after a society has experienced war or prolonged conflict to address how to deal with people who did horrible things. Stories of individuals and institutions to make these points about when forgiveness and atonement are possible and necessary and when it is better to focus on liability and prosecution.

The Origin of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Dr. Hanan Hammad, TCU

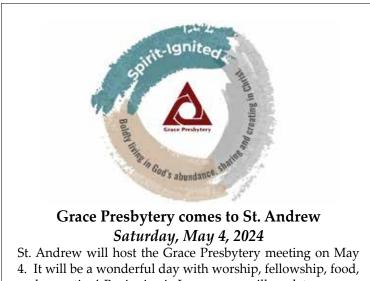
March 6 and March 20, Fellowship Hall

The two sessions will discuss the history of Jews in predominantly Arab and Muslim societies before the establishment of the state of Israel. We will trace the origin and historical developments of the Arab-Israeli conflict. The goal is to demystify that modern conflict and show it's a conflict over land and sources rather than a religious war between two ethnically and culturally different peoples.

Music and Traditions of the Black Church Fredrick Sanders, UNT

March 27 and April 3, Fellowship Hall

Bridging the gap between formal and non- formal learning; our journey from Gospel to Lincoln Center.



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Stump the Pastors

Rev. Dr. Richard Culp and Rev. Dr. Lisa Patterson April 10, Fellowship Hall

Historic and Contemporary Palestinian Heritage Dr. Nancy Stockdale, UNT April 17, Fellowship Hall

In this presentation, we will engage with the historic and contemporary cultural, political, and social heritage of Palestinians. Topics will include the centrality of land and the environment to Palestinian identity, the diversity of Palestine before Zionism, and the ways that exile, displacement, and Israeli occupation have changed Palestinian lives. Key to this presentation will be a discussion of the ways Palestinians experience Zionism and how the political ideology of the Israeli state is incompatible with peace in Palestinian eyes.

The Wave

September 14 - November 30 Terah Hatter and Wade Hatter, Room 205

The Wave college age ministry has a mission to explore, experience, and express our love of God. Young adult stage of life can be like a wave... at times we ride the waves, other times we can be tossed around in the roughness. Our relationship with God and others helps us be able to manage the waters of life.

Hymn Sing with the Children's Choirs *April 24, Fellowship Hall*



Parents' Night Out

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, ageappropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm to 8:00pm for infants-5yrs old in the Nursery. In the Rec Center, Kindergarten-elementary age will meet 4:00pm to 9:00pm, with pick-up from the media room in the main church building. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

Spring dates: 1/13, 2/10, 4/20, and 5/18

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST. ANDREW

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are the *After People*. They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support after experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. At St. Andrew, we are here to be with anyone who needs care until we are not needed. We are also looking for others who feel led to walk this journey with us in a new training class in the Spring of 2024. Contact either one of our ministers or Karen Dower, referral coordinator by phone 940-367-1001 or dowerks@gmail.com or call St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 940-387-3897.

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.

After Worship Fellowship

Volunteers provide finger foods for congregation members and visitors to enjoy as they take a moment to visit. If you would be willing to occasionally bring a item you may click on the online SignUpGenius link printed in the Shield, sign the list on the Narthex table on Sundays, or contact Lisa Dorr, at DORRLL@ yahoo.com. While homemade is wonderful, store bought is just fine. Thank you ahead of time for helping SAPC be a friendly & welcoming congregation.

Bereavement Teams

Three teams take turns arranging for and serving a reception, or luncheon for family, at the time of a memorial service. Team members are needed! If you would like to help, please contact Mary Smith at (940) 735-9234 or mdpsmith@verizon.net.

Chancel Flower Delivery

After worship, chancel flowers are taken by deacons and congregation members to home ministry members, persons on the prayer list, or another person who could use a lift. If you know of someone who would appreciate the cheer of beautiful flowers, you would like to provide flowers, or volunteer to deliver them, please contact Lynn Carrico at lwcarrico@gmail. com. You may also sign up to donate chancel flowers on the roster on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

Cradle Crosses

A cradle cross is given to the parents' on the occasion of the adoption, birth, or baptism of their baby. With the cradle crosses, we convey the love, support, and inclusion of these children in the St. Andrew family. For more information please contact Sandy Speigel at sandy.speigel@yahoo.com.

Diaconate Liaison for Pastoral Concerns

The Diaconate Liaison contacts individuals and families with pastoral concerns. If you have a need, or know of a member in need, please contact Mary Taylor, marytaylor34@gmail.com, 614-600-4963.

Home Ministry

The Home Ministry committee strives to strengthen the bonds of the SAPC community with its members who are not able to attend regular physical gatherings of the church. Cards, phone calls and personal visits are common interactions to combat the feelings of isolation.

Recently, we have had requests for assistance with rides to medical appointments and prescription pick-up for those no longer driving. If you would like to volunteer for one of these initiatives to aid those in Home Ministry or know someone who would benefit from the connection, please contact Leigh Kitchens at lwkitchens@gmail.com, C: 940-597-6036.

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. Signing up to take a meal is voluntary. To request a Meal Train for a member, or to start receiving Meal Train email requests for meal providers, please contact coordinator, Marc Brown at marcbrown727@gmail.com

Prayer Ministry Teams

The 4 Prayer Teams are composed of congregation members and Stephen Ministers. We pray for those who are suffering, grieving and/or stressed out from life's challenges. Each team prays for one week per month, with team members praying for different sections of the prayer list. Prayer requests may be made by contacting the church office, or placing a confidential written request in the wooden box in the Prayer/Columbarium room. Consider becoming a member of one of the teams by contacting coordinator, Ronda Skelton at rondaskelton@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Emergency Relief Fund

The emergency relief fund at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is designed to provide monetary assistance for members of the congregation or community members that are experiencing some temporary financial hardship. The intent of the fund is to help recipients bridge a short-term financial challenge. Applicants must be a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church or be nominated by a current member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

standrewdenton.com/temporary-relief-fund

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Presbyterian Women

St. Andrew Presbyterian Women was founded in 1941. The Presbyterian Women's Association of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (PWSA) was formed in 1988. PWSA is an independent organization within the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church congregation. It offers a variety of programs and resource options for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community. All women are welcome to attend our Monthly Circle meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11:00 am where we do a wonderful Bible study. The 2023-2024 study is "Sacred Encounters" continuing on January 9. There are 5 meetings a year that also include the Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew. Please contact Felecia Wynn with any questions, 214-709-6425.

Theology on Tap Second and Fourth Mondays @ 6:30pm

Kirsten Brown

Theology on Tap meets the second and fourth Monday of most months, 6:30 p.m., at Denton County Brewing Company, 200 E McKinney Street (in the back room). Meetings consist of a discussion on a variety of theological issues and questions. All thoughts and opinions are welcome. Our first meeting of the new year will be on January 8th, 2024. Please email Kirsten Brown (brownk444@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the TOT email list.

Men's Study Group Wednesdays, 8:00am

The Egg and I, 1800 S. Loop 288

The Men's Study Group meets each Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:00a.m. at The Great Egg, 1800 S. Loop 288, #200 (across Brinker Rd. from Kroger.) This spring we will continue using the Revised Common Lectionary as our study source. Each week a different class member prepares a presentation utilizing 4 of 6 possible scriptures from that week's suggested lectionary study material. We urge St. Andrew men of all ages to join us for table fellowship and study as we seek to discern how God would have us live our lives.



Spring Women's Retreat Friday, March 22, 5:00 pm -Saturday, March 23 at 4:00pm Lone Oak Retreat Center Cost: \$135, scholarships available

Prime Time

Prime Time is an opportunity for fellowship and learning for older adults. Announcements are made in the Shield and church bulletin.

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study Room 209, 1:30pm Terry Widmer

The Tuesday Afternoon Women's Bible Study is an ecumenical group who gather at St. Andrew to read and study the Bible and pray together. They will be reading Judges for You by Timothy Keller, a 13 week study of the book of Judges. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a friend. We meet upstairs in room 206 from 1:30pm-3:00pm beginning January 10, 2023.

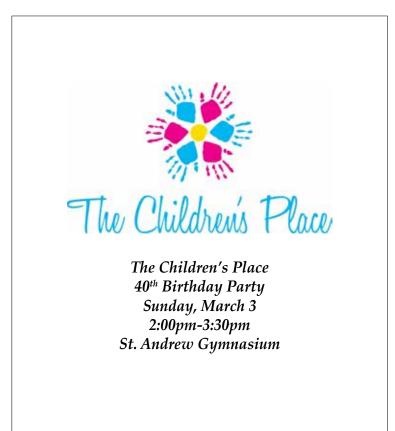
Women's Lenten Book Study

Wednesdays at Noon February 14-March 27

Lisa Patterson

Book: Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most

Join this lively discussion group as we discuss and share our thoughts on the book topic and the experience of our lives. All our welcome! Class will be in-person with a Zoom option. Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com.



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LENT AND EASTER AT ST. ANDREW

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, February 14 7:30Pm

Passion/Palm Sunday Sunday, March 24 10:45am, Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday March 28 6:00pm, Fellowship Hall Good Friday March 29 Service of Tenebrae, 7:30pm Prelude, 7:00pm

> Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, March 30 Front Lawn

Easter Sunday March 31 8:30am and 10:50am, Sanctuary One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received