

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SPRING GUIDE

Worship, Learn, and Serve with Us



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

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

FROM OUR PASTORAL RESIDENT

There's something I love about the church calendar. It gives us rhythm. When we start a new calendar year, we get to move through the same sacred pattern. We get Ash Wednesday's somber beginning, the journey through Lent, the intensity of the Triduum, and finally, Easter's explosive joy. This isn't repetition for its own sake; it's the kind of repetition that shapes us.

But the liturgical year works best is when it's paired with a weekly rhythm too. Worship, learn, serve. These aren't three separate activities to squeeze into our schedules. They're three movements of the same faithful life, each one deepening the others. God's grace calls us to respond, both when we gather as a community for worship and service, and in the personal practices of devotion and discipleship that shape our daily lives.

This spring guide is full of invitations into St. Andrew's rhythm. There are classes on Sunday morning and Super Wednesday. There are mission projects where your hands and your heart are needed. There are worship services marking some of the high points of our liturgical year.

Worship, learn, and serve together. Find your place in the rhythm here.

Grace and Peace,

Chrissy



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, 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 via Meal Train 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 Presbyterian Mission Agency, Kids Against Hunger, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, and 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, and the Treehouse, an elementary after school 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.

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. Our next class meets on February 8, 15, 22, and March 1. The meeting on March 1 will be with a breakfast with the Session. Classes meet at 9:15am in the Parlor. Contact the church office to sign up or to ask questions. Child care is provided.

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!

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.

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, stephanie@standrewdenton.com, with any questions.

Save the Date:

Youth Sunday, April 12

Senior Sunday, May 17

Mission Trip, June 7-13

Sunday School 9:30am-10:30am

All youth meet in the Den for Sunday school. We begin with a full youth gathering that usually includes breakfast, then separate into middle and high school classes. We also have a corresponding class for youth parents, as well as any other adults who would like to attend. All classes will be using the Imago Dei curriculum developed by Kirsten Trachsel.

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 meets each Wednesday night from 6:00pm-7:30pm, with an extra hour until 8:30pm for high school students. Our time together may include recreation, discussions related to both faith and daily life, mission work, occasional field trips, and games. We begin with a recreation time in the gym followed by snacks and any of the previously mentioned activities in the Den.

Other annual activities include the Toys for Treehouse Christmas mission project, a lock-in for high school students at the end of the fall semester, Youth/Senior Sunday in spring, and an annual mission trip with other Grace Presbytery youth in June.

2026 Mo-Ranch Men's and Women's Conferences

Men's Conference: May 1-3, 2026

Women's Conference: June 5-7, 2026

The men and women of St. Andrew are invited to participate in the Mo-Ranch Men's and Women's Conferences! Both weekends are filled with worship, fellowship, and learning in the beauty of Mo-Ranch. If you are interested, you can register online at <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/>.

Questions? For the Men's Conference, contact Curtis Wells at curtis@theclassiccafe.com. For the Women's Conference, contact Amy Fair at amylonghorn@yahoo.com or Marissa Glasschroeder at marissamarkg@gmail.com.

Scholarships available from Ruth I. Anderson endowment fund – contact Lisa Patterson at lisa@standrewdenton.com for scholarship information.

Annual Winter Women's Retreat

February 6-7, 2026

We are looking forward to Ashley Drake Mertz as our guest speaker at our 2026 women's winter retreat. We'll gather Friday evening at Lisa Patterson's house and then meet at the Best Western Premier, Denton, on Saturday. The cost to attend is \$75, which will cover all expenses except an overnight stay. Scholarships are available for registration fees and overnight stays; please get in touch with Lisa Patterson for details.

Hotel Information for the Annual Women's Retreat

If you want to stay overnight at this year's women's retreat, you will need to make arrangements directly with the Denton Best Western. We have booked a block of rooms that will be placed together. Registration information coming soon.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN DENTON

Community 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

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 one week. Donations can be made in several ways. To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and choose Give-A-Meal from the fund options to 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, Anna Hendrix, abhendrix@verizon.net.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Andrew hosts the largest Red Cross Blood Drive in the county every other month. The drive takes place in the Recreation Center from 9:00am - 3:00pm. 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 the coordinator, Teresa Golden, tdg0010@unt.edu.

Apple Tree Project

The Diaconate of St. Andrew supports the Apple Tree Backpack Project, a project of Denton Interfaith Ministries. Backpacks benefit underserved students in Denton ISD. Donations can be made in several ways.

To give online, visit standrewdenton.com/give and choose Apple Tree Project from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation. A \$25 Amazon gift card may be placed in the basket by the Apple Tree Sign in Narthax. If donating by check, please write Apple Tree Project on the memo line or write Apple Tree Project on the envelope if using cash. For more information, contact coordinator, Brenda Crawford, bcrawford11940@gmail.com.

Friends of the Family Mother's Day Gift Bags Project

St. Andrew provides Mother's Day Gift Bags each year for Friends of the Family to give encouragement and bring a bright spot into the lives of homeless and less fortunate Moms in our community. We request help from the congregation in the form of new personal care and beauty products or a monetary donation would be appreciated as well. Personal care items may be placed in the Narthex (Mother's Day Gift Bag Box) or you may give online at standrewdenton.com/give by selecting Mother's Day Gift Bags from the fund drop down menu. For more information, contact coordinator, Caia McCullar, at macs50@verizon.net.

Our Daily Bread Outreach

The purpose of this ongoing drive is to collect items of immediate need for the clients of O Daily Bread. Watch for announcements in The Shield and Sunday Bulletin for specific items that are currently needed. A needs list is also attached to the white collection box in the Narthex where items may be placed. Contact coordinator, Marc Brown, march727@gmail.com, with any questions.



The Treehouse
AT ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Housed 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 are able to serve 14 students each day, with children ranging in age from kindergarten through 5th grade.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Snack help: Our daily snack, which is a very important part of the day, is provided by volunteers from the congregation. Snack volunteers are given a list of suggested snack options, and are placed on a rotating schedule. Snack providers are generally scheduled to bring food 1 or 2 times per month. Snacks can be left on the designated shelf in the church office any time before 2:00pm on your designated day. If you would like to be a snack volunteer, please contact Linda Heilig at l.heilig@verizon.net.

Reading Buddies: If you would like to spend 30 minutes reading with our Treehouse students, join us on Mondays from 4:15pm-4:45pm. Contact Stephanie Raesz, Treehouse director, at treehouse@standrewdenton.com for more info.

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 ADULTS

Coffee and Covenant

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

Please join us for Coffee and Covenant Sunday mornings at 9:30am during the Sunday School hour. We will enjoy fellowship together as we discuss the Bible, ponder theological conversation topics, or sometimes just talk about our lives. Bring a cup and let's talk!

Pastors' Class

**Richard Culp, Lisa Patterson, Chrissy Stevens and
Darhyl Ramsey
Room 206/208, 9:30am**

The Book of Joshua

We will study the Book of Joshua during the Spring. Join this multigenerational class full of intriguing Biblical study on Sunday mornings.

Imago Dei: Faith Exploration Sunday School Class Amy and Chris Fair

Imago Dei is a faith exploration class where we discuss topics ranging from the Trinity to our unique faith backgrounds. From lifelong Presbyterians to new church members, all are invited to learn and grow in faith. The curriculum will parallel the middle school Confirmation Class curriculum but will be written for adults. While it is hoped that the parents of middle school students will attend, anyone interested in exploring their faith is welcome to join us for thoughtful discussion.

Habitat for Humanity Build

We need your help! Tentative dates for building activities are posted below. There is something for everyone to participate. We usually need 2, sometimes 3, volunteers for each date. Additional dates will come later in the project. We will likely work from 8:00am-until 2:00pm with lunch provided.

Please email or text Scott Campbell, untcampbell@gmail.com or 214.683.8956, if you can help with any particular days or activities you are interested in.

Framing 1/23 or 1/24
OSB 2/6 or 2/7
Exterior Paint 3/13 or 3/15
Interior Paint 4/3 or 4/4
Landscaping 4/20 or 4/21

Worship Through Work

**Sunday, February 1
9:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

On Sunday, February 1, the Mission Committee will host an intergenerational mission project supporting Kids Against Hunger. The morning will begin with a shortened worship service at 9:30am in the sanctuary. Congregants will then move to the Fellowship Hall to continue worshipping by assembling meal kits for families experiencing food-insecurity. The packaged meals will be distributed to families in need throughout the U.S. and around the world by Kids Against Hunger. Please join us on this Sunday as we worship through work!

WORSHIP & MUSIC



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

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.

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 | Kathryn Davidson, 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 Kathryn Davidson at kathryn@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 Wednesday evenings from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the children's 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 (kindergarten and 1st grade)** meets from 6:00pm-6:20pm. **Covenant Choir (2nd through 5th grades)** rehearses from 6:20pm-6:55pm. 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.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

April 5, 2025

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 5. You will find special offering 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 with what we have received from God!

Aging with a Plan Series Sundays, February 8, 15, 22, Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Including lunch at Super Wednesday prices

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 from noon to 1:30pm on February 8, 15, 22. 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!

SUPER WEDNESDAY

January 14-April 30, 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

Laurel Fritz 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.

Children & Youth, \$2
College Students, no charge

Adults, \$7
Family Maximum, \$15

Also available this semester: a season pass!

Individuals, \$91
Family Maximum, \$195

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

Please note that unused meals are non-transferrable.

Children's Activities

Nursery for infants & preschoolers, Room 102, 5:30pm-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 @ 6:00pm-7:30pm
High School Extended Time
Rec Center and The Den @ 7:30pm-8:30pm

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

January 14, 2026

The Rise and Destruction of Nineteenth-Century Galveston

Andrew Torget, University of North Texas

In this presentation, Andrew Torget will chart the improbable rise of Galveston from an abandoned sandbar in 1836 to its emergence as the most important port city in the American Southwest (and the second wealthiest city in the United States) by 1895. Then, in 1900, the most violent hurricane in American history destroyed Galveston, obliterating the city like a modern-day Atlantis and remaking both Texas and the American Southwest once more. Dr. Torget will explore how the rise, destruction, and remaking of Galveston offer us an unparalleled window into the transformations reshaping Texas at the dawn of the twentieth century.

January 21, 2026

Winemaking in Texas

Andrew Snyder, University of North Texas

The presentation will cover the Texas Wine Industry and the challenges of growing grapes and making wine in the State of Texas. Andrew Snyder, CSS, CSW is the Fermentation Science Professor in the newly established Enology and Brewing minor in the Department of Multidisciplinary Innovation at UNT.

January 28, 2026

AI and Its Impact on Healthcare

Mark Albert, University of North Texas

Clinicians have their education and personal experiences to guide decision making, but decades of detailed data are available to train systems, as well. These AI systems are not intended to make the decisions for clinicians, but to be a second opinion, an opportunity for Q&A on a scan, or simply to help write reports more efficiently so clinicians can focus on patients rather than paperwork. Let's talk about how this is happening now in areas like family medicine, surgical decision making, radiology, and rehabilitation. Together we will see where it's all going.

February 4, 2026

Brad Leali Quartet Live

Brad Leali, University of North Texas

This concert will present an evening of all original music that explores the powerful relationship between blues and gospel. Each piece will reflect how closely these traditions are woven together, both historically and spiritually.

February 11, 2026

The Singular Saga of Denton's Texas Centennial Pioneer Woman Statue

Light Cummins, Austin College

This presentation will highlight the national Pioneer Woman statue movement of the early twentieth century to set the statue on the TWU campus into historical context. We will also analyze the explosive nationwide 1935-36 controversy occasioned by the Texas Centennial's proposal to place an unclothed pioneer woman sculpture in Denton. This presentation will highlight the activities of college president Louis H. Hubbard, former Texas governor Pat N. Neff, and a group of distinguished artists from Texas and New York.

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February 25, 2026

AI literacy: Hot topics in AI and how they impact us

Mark Albert, University of North Texas

Some terms sound like they're from education--active learning, continual learning, teacher-student models, knowledge distillation --but they have clear, technical definitions that are advancing AI. LLMs give way to Multimodal LLMs and large, expensive-to-make Foundation models can get specialized for a task using the processing of a laptop with terms like pretraining, fine tuning, RAG, and prompting. Let's explore the terminology together to have a better understanding of what is out there and what is coming.

March 4, 2026

The Economic Community of Denton

Jamie Adams, Denton Economic Development Partnership

Jamie Adams is the Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Denton Economic Development Partnership. The Denton EDP is a public/private partnership with the City of Denton and the Denton Chamber of Commerce. Denton EDP's focus is on business retention and expansion, community engagement and partnerships, recruitment and site selection, and event planning and project management with the ultimate goal of expanding the tax base in Denton, Texas.

March 18, 2026

Women Fashioning the World

Annette Becker, UNT College of Visual Arts and Design

Both practical and fantastical clothing populates our wardrobes, but rarely do we wonder about the origins of everyday design details,

common types of garments, and ubiquitous styles. Join us for an exploration of twentieth-century fashion innovations - all sparked by women designers and represented locally in the Texas Fashion Collection.

March 25, 2026-April 8, 2026

When Community Falls Apart: Navigating the Terror and Trauma of the Salem Witchcraft Trials

Jake Blosser, Texas Woman's University

Join Jake Blosser for an engaging look at the causes, experiences, and long-term impact of the nation's largest witchcraft outbreak. Explore the lives of women and men impacted by the events of 1692 with a special focus on the role of community in both the unraveling of society and in the healing that followed.

April 15, 2026

Are We Alone? The Relentless Search for Extraterrestrial Life in the Universe

Ohad Shemmer, University of North Texas

Throughout history, humans have wondered whether there is life beyond Earth. For the past century, we have developed the tools that would help us answer that question. This presentation will discuss the prospects and limitations of searching and potentially discovering a variety of life forms in the Universe.

April 22, 2026

Drew Schnurr, University of North Texas

Watch for more details in the Shield!

ALSO AT SUPER WEDNESDAY

Bridge for Enthusiasts

Linda Heilig

Room 207/209

Want to play bridge with other St. Andrew bridge enthusiasts? Join a group of dedicated bridge players at Super Wednesday. Whether you're learning or you're looking for other players, there's a spot for you around the card table. Come and join the fun! Questions? Contact Linda Heilig, l.heilig@verizon.net.

Women's Book Study

A is for Alabaster

by Anna Carter Florence

Amy Cole and Amy Fair

This semester we will continue our study of *A is for Alabaster*. We will cover an array of characters and stories in the Bible—from an alabaster jar of ointment to Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree. Join us for an enchanting tour of the New Testament with reflections that reveal ancient wisdom and spark imagination anew.

The Wave

January 14-April 30

Room 205

Led by Terah Hatter and Wade Hatter, The Wave is our college-age ministry. It has a mission to explore, experience, and express our love of God. The young-adult stage of life can be like a wave... at times we ride the waves, while other times we can be tossed around in the roughness. Our relationships with God and with others help us to be able to manage the waters of life. Here at St. Andrew, we have many opportunities for college-age folks looking for faith and friendship.

Sunday Lunch - After worship we gather and eat lunch together.

Wednesday Dinner - St. Andrew offers free dinner for college students attending Super Wednesday.

Wednesday Class - The Wave will meet in-person after the meal with bible study, faith engagement, and fellowship.

Fun - A few times a semester, we are planning on opportunities focused on fun and fellowship with one another.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Terah at (432) 352-4408. Wave member or text Terah at (432) 352-4408.

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, Stephen Ministers are here to be with anyone who needs care until we are not needed. We currently have a group of 20 plus men and women trained to confidentially help people navigate through these difficult times with compassion and understanding. Contact one of our ministers or referral coordinator Karen Dower by phone, (940) 367-1001, or dowerks@gmail.com, to begin. Or, call the church office and request Stephen Ministry (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 an 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 DORRL@yaho.com. While homemade food is wonderful, store-bought food is just fine. Thank you for helping SAPC be a friendly and 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 Leigh Kitchens, (940) 597-6036 or lwkitchens@gmail.com.

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, if you would like to provide flowers, or if you would like to volunteer to deliver them, please contact Caia McCullar, (940) 391-8472. 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 parents on the occasion of the adoption, birth, or baptism of their baby. With cradle crosses, we convey the love, support, and inclusion of these children in the St. Andrew family. For more information please contact Sylvia Hobdy, snowbunny50@verizon.net or (940) 391-6814.

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 Lynda Schupp, l.schupp@verizon.net or (972) 965-3458.

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.

Among our requests for assistance are 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 Sylvia Hobdy, snowbunny50@verizon.net or (940) 391-6814.

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 Brenda Crawford, bcrawford11940@gmail.com or (214) 675-9010.

Prayer Ministry Teams

St. Andrew’s 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, rondaskelton@sbcglobal.net, or Lauri Goldston, laurigoldston@gmail.com for more information.

Birthday Endowment Fund

This endowment was established in 2007 and provides income to fund mission efforts not covered by the annual mission budget. 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

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 and 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 9:30am-11:00am where we do a wonderful Bible study. The 2026 study, "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ," is led by BL Jordan. There are five meetings a year that also include the Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew. Please contact Susan Ramsay with any questions, 940-391-2615.

Theology on Tap

Second and Fourth Mondays @ 6:30pm

Facilitator: Kirsten Brown

Theology On Tap meets the second and fourth Mondays of most months, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company (200 E. McKinney St.), in the back room. Each meeting consists of a discussion on a variety of theological issues and questions. All thoughts and opinions are welcome. Please email Kirsten Brown (brownk444@aol.com) if you wish to be added to the TOT email list.

New Revelations Collegiate Mission

Andrea Godwin-Stremmer and Ted Godwin-Stremmer

New Revelations Collegiate Mission, headed by Andrea Godwin-Stremmer and her husband, Ted, continues to offer off campus housing to college students in a Christian community setting. Now with two student houses close to campus.

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study

Room 209, 1:30pm-3:00pm

Terry Widmer

The Tuesday Afternoon Women's Bible Study is an ecumenical group who gather at St. Andrew to read and study the Bible. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a friend. We meet in room 209 from 1:30pm-3:00pm.

Save the Date
Spring and Summer Camps for 2026!

Kidquake 2 at Camp Gilmont

April 24-26

For children K-6th grades.

Summit46 at Mo-Ranch

June 16-19

For children and youth entering 4th-6th grades.

Men's Study Group

Wednesdays, 8:00am

The Great Egg, 1800 S. Loop 288

The Men's Study Group continues to meet each Wednesday morning from 8:00am -9:00am at The Great Egg, 1800 S. Loop 288, #200, (across Brinker Rd. from Kroger.) This spring we will use Year 1 of The Revised Lectionary as our study source. Each week a different class member prepares a presentation utilizing 4 or more of the scriptures listed for that week's suggested study materials. We welcome all St. Andrew men to share Bible study and table fellowship, each Wednesday morning.

Women's Lenten Book Study

Wednesdays on February 18 & 25,

March 4, 11, 18, 25, April

Led by Lisa Patterson

Book cost: \$25

Join this group to read, discuss, think, respond theologically and personally, and share our lives of faith. This is an ecumenical group which meets at St. Andrew, and is joined by women of faith from other Christian denominations. The book we are using is *Always a Guest*, by Barbara Brown Taylor. You are invited to join the group for one session or all seven. If you would like to be on the email list for updates, please let Lisa Patterson know at lisa@standrewdenton.com.

Prime Time

First Fridays at Noon

Prime Time meets the first Friday of the month at a nearby restaurant or at church over a bag lunch. Prime Time is an opportunity for adults over 50 to meet in an informal lunch setting for fellowship and a chance to meet others in the congregation. Announcements are made in the Shield and church Bulletin that include gathering details and contact information.

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, age-appropriate 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. Parents are reminded to bring a dinner meal for their child. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

Spring dates: 1/17, 2/21, 4/18, 5/16

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
6:15 PM

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 29
10:45 AM, SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY
DINNER AND WORSHIP
APRIL 2
5:30 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 3
SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, 7:30 PM
PRELUDE, 7:00 PM

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
SATURDAY, APRIL 4
FRONT LAWN

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5
8:30 AM AND 10:50 AM, SANCTUARY
9:30 AM-10:30 AM, BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received