

IT'S TIME TO DREAM, NOT PIPE DREAMS, BUT AMAZING GOD DREAMS

WORDS FROM PASTOR JOHN

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September Footprints

There was so much buzz leading up to it, the Eclipse of 2017 that is. It was one of those historical moments where I suspect most of us will be able to remember precisely where we were. I was at St. Andrew, and I had my eclipse glasses in hand, ready to watch. It was an ominous experience, one of those things that takes your breath away. It was one of those times where you are reminded just how big God is and how good God's creation truly is. As I watched, many scriptures and hymns of our faith came to mind. So, how was it for you? Did it live up to the hype? I found some pretty amazing quotes from folks who witnessed it which I thought you might enjoy.

- "I just saw the little piece and I'm just getting so emotional. It's just so humbling. It's a very humbling experience." — Jeanette Preniczky of Arlington, Virginia, at Clemson University.
- "Wow. I'm 77 and I've never seen anything like that." — Roland Anders, Baltimore, Maryland, who watched at Furman University.
- "We read a lot about it and kind of knew what to expect, but when it came it was indescribable. There are no words that can fully describe what you experience." — Mia Li of New Jersey, who was watching in Columbia.
- "We are not photographers. We want to experience, not take photographs. Some people get great photos, but I would rather see life by experiencing it than retrospectively looking at photographs." — Suhas Prabhu, India

We all come to certain moments or events from our own unique perspectives. I think that shapes our experience, and our responses. To be sure, we would all have varying accounts of our eclipse experience. Did you know that the next total solar eclipse that will cross the United States will happen on Saturday, August 12, 2045. God willing, Michelle and I will be retired, and I think it'll be a perfect occasion to throw our own eclipse party.

For now, I'd like to invite you to something that I believe will be equally incredible. I encourage you to think and dream about what our experience might be in the coming days, weeks, and months as we journey through the MCCI (Missional Church Consultation Initiative.) I have to share with you that God has laid on my heart in a way as never before, the significance of this moment that is now before us. I believe that in 40 or 50 years from now our children and grandchildren when they look through the history books will talk about "that moment" in the history of St. Andrew that changed everything.

For many years St. Andrew has experienced marginal decline in membership and attendance, and we've plateaued. We all know that the world is continuing to change at an increasingly rapid pace. What seemed like "Jetson" dreams have become realities in our time. What the future holds we do not know, but we do know who holds the future. I believe that God, in this time, is using the MCCI process to "jumpstart" a new lifecycle here at St. Andrew. As Bishop Palmer said in his initial invitation "many churches are not living into their Kingdom Potential." I love spirit of that concept, "Kingdom Potential." Isn't there so much more that you believe God is calling us to be, and become?

Well I believe now is the time that God is calling us forth as the Body of Christ to live more fully into the Kingdom Potential he intends for us. I invite you to join together in the MCCI and the Breakthrough Prayer movement in the church to usher in this new season of vitality, growth, and faithfulness.

Will you join with me? If not now, when? If not you, who?

In Ministry With You,
Pastor John

The people of St. Andrew have been called by God to embrace, equip and encourage persons of all ages to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. e³

Happy September Birthday!

Barbara Johnson	9/1
Elvin Moad	9/1
Don Fitzsimmons	9/3
Josephine McCallum	9/4
Karen Mateer	9/5
Vanhthong Boualavong	9/7
Lynn Anderson	9/13
Melanie Burja	9/13
Trevor Ganger	9/13
Amanda Hutchinson	9/13
Graham Tucker	9/14
Stanley Erk	9/15
Kaiya Fox	9/17
Jaiden Vassar	9/17
Mike Fenning	9/19
Charles Orr	9/23
Lynn Moad	9/25
Barb Trimbach	9/26
Noah Kirk	9/28
Elsie Matteson	9/28

Sermon Topics and Scriptures

September 3, 2017

“It’s Not Easy”

Matthew 16:21-28

September 10, 2017

Jocelyn Roper, Guest Pastor

September 17, 2017

“Forgiving From the Heart”

Matthew 18:21-35

September 24, 2017

Consecration Sunday

Matthew 20:1-16

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Looking Ahead

SEPTEMBER 2017

~ **Monday, 4**

Labor Day - Office Closed

~ **Wednesday, 6**

The Well on Wednesday begins
Choir practice begins

~ **Sunday, 10**

Stewardship Campaign Kick-off
Women’s Bible Study begins

~ **Tuesday, 12**

UMW St. Paul Meal

~ **Thursday, 14**

Lunch, Prayer & a Movie

~ **Sunday, 17**

Youth Group Kick-off

~ **Monday, 18**

Hannah’s Treasure Chest

~ **Wednesday, 20**

STARS

~ **Sunday, 24**

Consecration Sunday
Footprints Deadline

OCTOBER 2017

~ **Monday, 9**

Columbus Day

~ **Wednesday, 18**

STARS

~ **Sunday, 22**

Footprints Deadline

~ **Wednesday, 25**

Harvest Party
No Well Activities

~ **Sunday, 29**

New Hope Worship & Meal



Wesley Red Wagon/Martha's Closet

Jerry Sedlacek

We will continue our food collection for the **Wesley Center** in September. The red wagon will be placed in the Atrium on Sunday, 9/3, as a reminder of our collection on Sunday, 9/10. Please support our St. Andrew outreach program by bringing food items and paper products that you can spare.

Some people have asked about **clothing donations** to the Wesley Center since they have heard that Wesley no longer accepts clothing with our monthly food donation. Both St. Paul UMC and New Hope UMC in East Dayton take clothing donations so you can continue leaving clothes in Martha’s Closet by the restrooms near the Sanctuary. If the closet is full, clothing can be left by the red wagon under the coat rack across from the Gathering Grounds.





Please pray for these people who have been in the hospital, ill, and/or recuperating, grieving, or who are simply in need of our prayers and support. The St. Andrew prayer chain is always available to pray for you. Prayer requests can be made at the Atrium prayer box, or by contacting the church office in person, via phone (937-426-6491) or email: standrewumc@ameritech.net. Every week, a group of people pray for the needs of our members, our church, our community, our country and our world.

Sean McCallum	PM Schlicher	Julie and Stan Erk	Betty & Jack Darst	Kara Sandberg
Vera Kercher	Morris Miller	Chuck Lauersdorf	Marilyn Hackett	Ilene Shultz
Jan Garrett	Diane Hutton	Andrew Fox	Charles Thomas	Pat Reynolds
Elda Fitzsimmons	Ed Barnett	Jeane Locke	Harriet Brown	Marge & Jerry
Cindy Lawson & Tom Mann		Alex Reed, grandson,	Art & Kathy Bauer	

“Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.” 1 Chronicles 16:11

Hannah's Treasure Chest - Volunteer Mission Opportunity

Practicing our faith...serving as Jesus' hands and feet! We have an opportunity to do just that! While many families are fortunate enough to provide for their babies, toddlers and children, many parents struggle in raising their children with sufficient resources. Hannah's Treasure Chest responds to these needs by providing nonprofit and social service agencies in Butler, Greene, Montgomery, and Warren Counties with clothing, furniture, toys, books and other essential items for their clients. On **Monday, 18 September 2017**, from 6-8pm we have an opportunity to volunteer at Hannah's Treasure Chest to help with a variety of tasks that may include cutting out fabric for children's teddy bears or sorting donated clothing or diapers into quantities and sizes that assist the volunteers in packaging the needed items as requests come in (and with 6,000 children being served, those requests come in constantly). We would like to have 10-12 members of St Andrew UMC to participate in this volunteer mission opportunity - and please note this is an inter-generational opportunity as school-aged children and youth are welcome to participate. Hannah's Treasure Chest is located at 124 Westpark Road in Centerville. There will be a sign-up sheet available in the church atrium beginning Sunday, 6 August 2017. Please prayerfully consider participating in this opportunity and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynn Moad at (937) 554-9301.

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone for all their prayers, kind words and cards extended to us after the death of Kathy and James Stockdale, our daughter/sister and grandson/nephew. They were very much appreciated.

**Sincerely,
Morris and Barbara Miller and
Susan and Rod Berner**

JACKSON AREA MINISTRIES NEWS

THE FACTS:

- 4,428 potential growers in 18 counties of southeast Ohio including 14 community gardens
- JAM distributed 1,387 pounds of corn and 1,387 pounds of bean seeds
- We (and our volunteers) prepared 4,428 little packages of carrots, lettuce, etc.
- We distributed 26,568 tomato plants

AUGUST UPDATE:

Currently, gardens are growing well with extra large zucchinis and LOTS of tomatoes! The community garden in Jackson, Ohio is harvested twice weekly which helps keep their food pantry well stocked.

When you're out shopping and see seeds on clearance, please pick some up so we have a great start to our collection for early next Spring. JAM can use seeds that are up to two years old, so buying now is not a problem. Just keep the unopened seed packets in a cool, dry place, and then bring them to St. Andrew when you see the JAM signs out next year. Thanks!

September 12, 2017 St. Paul Meal

Once again we will have the opportunity to serve the needs of the St. Paul Tuesday Lunch community on September 12th. Willing hands and willing hearts will be needed both to bake cookies and also to serve the meal that day. Always it's a blessing both to those who come for the meal and also to those of us at St. Andrew who make the meal happen. Watch for a sign-up sheet as the date approaches. Questions? Give me a call at 937-963-2318.

~ Jane Henry

Thank you!

This short note is to thank all of you for the cards and prayers during my recent illness. I truly believe that my recovery was due to your kind thoughts, hope, and the wisdom of the health care professionals at Kettering Medical Center. I am extremely appreciative for all.

I remain extremely grateful,
Diane Hutton

Youth Group Begins Again!

The St. Andrew Youth Group, led by Aaron Grefer, will kick-off the 2017-18 season with bowling and pizza at Poelking South Lanes on **Sunday, September 17th** beginning at **3:00PM**. The cost is \$3.00 per person, and all youth are invited to bring friends! Connect with Aaron for more information via email or phone: dfymAaron@gmail.com or 937-426-6491.

Financial Health, Keeping Good Balance We are more than halfway through the year and wanted to share an update on our financial status. We want to share with you the general guidelines offered to us from the West Ohio Conference regarding budgeting guidelines, *Right Sizing Your Ministry*. They have broken down church expenses into four primary areas, our budget is divided according to these guidelines:

Conference Recommendations

1. Ministry Staff No more than 60% of a church's total budget.
2. Facility Costs Should not exceed 25% of church's total budget.
3. Missions 10 – 20 % (Including Apportionments)
4. Programming 10 – 20 %

Our Actual Budget

Ministry Staff	54.5%
Facility Costs	25.1%
Missions	12.9%
Programming	7.5%

Stewardship Campaign to Kick off Sunday, September 10, 2017

We are excited to kick off our 2018 Stewardship Campaign! The theme is, **Growing our Faith Through Generosity**. "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25 We want to thank you for your graciousness, understanding, faithfulness and stewardship throughout the years.

For the past several years, we've conducted our annual financial campaign in November, culminating with Consecration Sunday right before Thanksgiving. To plan a bit more in advance, and to eliminate the need for a second mile campaign, we've moved up the annual campaign from November to September for 2018. Our hope and prayer is that with the successful completion of this year's annual campaign in September, you won't hear from us again until the campaign for 2019 begins in September 2018.

Our Stewardship Campaign special guest speaker is Reverend Dr. Jocelyn Roper, District Superintendent of the Miami Valley District. Reverend Roper, who grew up in Springfield, Ohio and is a lifelong United Methodist, has served as Assistant to the Superintendent in the Ohio River Valley District for the past seven years. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Central State University, and both her Master of Arts in Theological Studies and Doctor of Missiology degrees from United Theological Seminary. Our superintendent will be sharing in all three services, and members of the Finance Team will be hosting information sessions between each service in the conference room. Special emphasis will be placed on growing people, programs, services, church assets and finances.

To date, all committees have gone above and beyond in cost controls with significant cost reduction especially in our energy costs and other utilities. Therefore, we will not ask for any increase in your pledge this year and no second mile giving campaign will be used, but we need each person to help us maintain our financial footing by keeping pledged income steady. Of course, should you be able to implement an increase for 2018, it would be greatly appreciated as we cannot predict the impact of any giving units which might be lost.

Prayerfully,
The Finance and Stewardship Campaign

Sunday School for children and youth is starting soon! Our kick off Sunday is September 10. Be sure to join us after children's moment during the 9:30 am service. Sunday school will last until 10:45 am. You may pick up your children in the Sunday school hallway.



The curriculum for the children is *Deep Blue Kids: Learn & Serve*, which is a comprehensive bible study for children, incorporating the pillar stories of the Old and New Testaments. Deep Blue incorporates bible stories, service learning, science activities, arts and crafts, animated video storytelling and active games into a lived-faith experience that will help children discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ today. Together with Asia, Edgar, Kat, and Caleb (and teachers Tammy, Sue, Karen, Ernie, Melanie, Radu, Molly, and Eric) your kids will travel the world from Guatemala to Kenya to Alaska and Armenia. This year Sunday school will be an around the world adventure full of new encounters with God.

We'll have a primary class called the "Explorers" for children preschool (age 3) through 1st grade. Our elementary class will be the "Seekers" from 2nd grade to 5th grade. Youth middle school and high school (grades 6-12) will be a combined class.

Join us to dive deep into God's Word!

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:00 NA ^{FH}	2
3 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 Sunday School-Adults 10:30 Combined Worship Special Music - Men's Chorus	4 LABOR DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	5 9:30 Sew & Sow ¹²¹ 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 6:00 Oak Tree Corner ^{FH} 7:00 Lions Club Board ^{CR}	6 1st Well on Wednesdays 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	7 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 7:00 UMW Exec Board	8 8:00 NA ^{FH}	9 9:00 Basic Yoga ^{FH} 10:15 Chair Yoga ^{FH}
10 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages Reverend Dr. Jocelyn Roper, Guest Pastor Choir—First Sunday back	11 10:00 Elements of Worship ^{CR} 5:30 Lions Club ^{CR} 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH} 7:00 Worship Team ^{CR}	12 9:30 Sew & Sow ¹²¹ 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 7:00 Scouts ¹¹⁶ UMW St. Paul Meal	13 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	14 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 9:30 JS MCCI Cohort Training Columbus 11:30 Lunch, Prayer & a Movie ^{FH/TH}	15 8:00 NA ^{FH}	16 9:00 Esther Circle th
17 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 3:00 Youth Kick-off at Poelking Lanes South 6:30 Women's Bible Study	18 6:00 Hannah's Treasure Chest 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH} 7:00 Finance ^{CR}	19 9:30 Sew & Sow ¹²¹ 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 6:00 Oak Tree Corner ^{FH, EDU}	20 STARS 1:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	21 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 2:00 Naomi Circle ^{OS} 7:00 Bazaar Meeting ^{CR}	22 8:00 NA ^{FH}	23 9:00 Basic Yoga ^{FH} 10:15 Chair Yoga ^{FH}
24 9:30 Sunday School-Adults 10:30 Worship 6:30 Women's Bible Study CONSECRATION SUNDAY	25 6:00 Lions Club ¹⁰² 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH}	26 9:30 Sew & Sow ¹²¹ 9:30 Yoga ^{FH}	27 10:00 Koinonia Circle ¹⁰⁵ 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	28 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 10:00 Footprint Folders 7:00 Lydia Circle ¹⁰⁵	29 8:00 NA ^{FH}	30 9:00 Basic Yoga ^{FH} 10:15 Chair Yoga ^{FH} Aaron Wedding



STARS in September

Sign-up now to join the STARS group for a tour of the **Boston Stoker Coffee Roasting Facility** on **Wednesday, September 20, 2017!** We will leave the church at 10:00 AM to head to

Vandalia to learn about Boston Stoker's unique coffees and teas. The tour provides comfortable accommodations throughout the one-story building, allowing for wheelchairs and walkers, and there are chairs here and there if a little break is needed. The tour lasts roughly one hour, and afterward, we'll go to lunch at the Hickory River Smokehouse restaurant in Tipp City. Your hosts, Bonnie and Jim, have a \$2.00 restaurant discount coupon for each person attending. A sign-up sheet is on the STARS bulletin board just outside the Gathering Grounds.



Wesley Center Baby Shower Time Again

For some time the Wesley Community Center has offered baby showers for expectant mothers in their neighborhood. We will join with the Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and Tree of Life Community again this year to host a shower at the center on Saturday, October 14. Each mother-to-be who has been interviewed and accepted into this ministry will receive a laundry basket filled with specific basic needs for baby care. Each of the three churches will contribute a designated number of baskets.

This will be a party with refreshments, games and time to get acquainted...and much more. Speakers will share information that could be life-saving for the babies. Then, in the months to come, the mothers will have opportunities to be mentored in a variety of ways.

You can tap into this unique opportunity in several ways.

- ~ Pray fervently. (This type of ministry is vital to the future of these families.)
- ~ Bring items to fill the laundry baskets. Each basket will contain:
 - 1 large blanket
 - 3 receiving blankets
 - 1 sleeper
 - 3 onesies
 - booties/socks
 - 1 small stuffed animal
 - 1 rattle or small hand toy
 - 1 baby towel
 - 1 bundle of 3 baby washcloths
 - 1 baby hat
 - 1 burp cloth
 - 1 large stuffed animal
 - 1 infant outfit
 - size 1 disposable diapers
- (Clothing, blankets, etc., can be pink, blue or neutral colors.)
- ~ Buy new or find gently used baby items: infant seats, car seats, bath tubs, play sets, cribs & other furniture (Make sure they are up to the latest standards.)
- ~ Contribute food or money for the refreshments. (*We'll list specific food items as soon as we can.*)

Sign-up sheets will be in the atrium September 3 through October 1.

Contact Marcy Lauersdorf at mlauersdorf_marcy@aol.com or 938-7410 or Marge Sedlacek at mwsedlacek@gmail.com or 426-6174 with questions or other responses to this opportunity.



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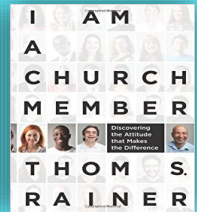
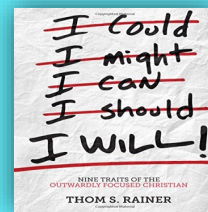
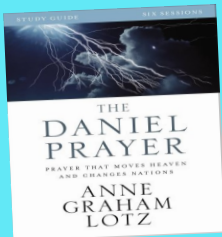
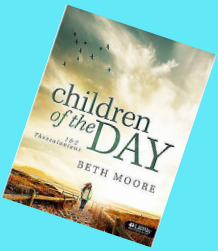
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED¹



It's back! Come to the **WELL (ON WEDNESDAYS)** and quench your thirst! We will fill your body, mind, soul and heart with delicious meals and amazing life group offerings! Jesus said in John 4:13 *"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."*

The kick-off is **Wednesday, September 6th** beginning with dinner at **5:30PM** followed by Life Groups at **6:30PM**. Sign-up sheets are outside the Gathering Grounds for both the first dinner, catered by City BBQ, and each of the different Life Group offerings.

SEE YOU SOON!



God in Media

