

GRATITUDE

WORDS FROM PASTOR JOHN

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

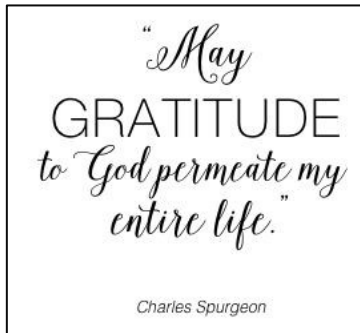
November Footprints

It is that wonderful time of the year when there is a chill in the air and the leaves are starting to fall. The signs are undeniable. Fall is upon us. For me the season brings with it a multitude of memories--the smell of a campfire and the taste of toasted marshmallows. I remember raking leaves, going on hayrides, and drinking fresh apple cider. And now in the present there are the wonderful walks just to take in the beauty of God's good creation.

If there is a theme for the month of November, I think it must be that of "Gratitude." The Thanksgiving celebration is just around the corner, and we will be gathering with loved ones and family in special ways. Those are the moments I treasure most--around the table with my family. We will find our places once again at the table to remember, to be present with, to celebrate, and to give thanks.

Reflecting on an "attitude of gratitude," the Scriptures are filled with examples. Here are two that I just love: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." Psalm 126:3 "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

It is a bit of a process, to first recognize the blessings in our lives, and then respond with praise and thanksgiving to God. Everything that we are and everything that we have comes from God. "The Lord has done great things for us." To say that the events from this past year have deeply impacted my life would be an understatement. There is an phrase which I've come to know that expresses much of what I have experienced: Post Traumatic Shock Growth. Because of what happened I will never look at the world in the same way. I believe that I am much more intentional, more grateful, more aware, and especially more thankful than ever before.



I look forward to joining with you, especially in this season for worship, for our response to God--giving our praise, our worship, and giving God all the glory for the work that he has done in our lives. May our hearts overflow, may our worship be pure, and may God be always present in our midst.

May God Bless you and your household in this season.

May God watch over you and keep you safe as you travel.

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 November Birthday!

Russ Hackett	11/01
Wil Tucker	11/03
Noel Ashbaugh	11/06
Brycon Baxter	11/06
Sue VerStreate	11/07
Ryan Smith	11/09
Amy Fenning	11/10
Betty Darst	11/11
Cindy Lawson	11/14
Alice Bennett	11/16
Gracelynn Baxter	11/18
Wyatt Brun	11/20
Jane Henry	11/22
Austin Cheney	11/24
Bounpheng Boualavong	11/25
Sarah Doebereiner	11/26
Benjamin Micheals	11/26
Joanne Miller	11/26
Donna Bales	11/28
Michelle Schlicher	11/28
Morris Miller	11/29

Sermon Topics & Scriptures

November 5, 2017

God Our Redeemer
Psalm 107

November 12, 2017

A Meaningful Relationship
with God
Psalm 78

November 19, 2017

Moving from Darkness to Light
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

November 26, 2017

Saved by Grace
Matthew 25:31-46

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8:15am, 9:30am & 11:00am

9:30am & 11:00 am Sunday School

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Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER 2017

~ **Sunday, 5**

All Saints Sunday
Bazaar Set-Up Begins

~ **Saturday, 11**

St. Andrew Holiday Bazaar

~ **Sunday, 12**

Footprints Deadline

~ **Thursday, 16**

Footprints Folders

~ **Sunday, 19**

Thanksgiving Food Drive
Combined Service
Thanksgiving Dinner

~ **Thursday and Friday, 23 & 24**

Thanksgiving Holiday
Office Closed

~ **Sunday, 26**

Advent & Christmas Decorating

~ **Thursday, 30**

Holiday Lunch, Prayer & a Movie

DECEMBER 2017

~ **Sunday, 3**

First Sunday of Advent
UMW Christmas Celebration

~ **Sunday, 10**

Christmas Musical Sunday
Combined Service
Poinsettia Orders Due

~ **Wednesday, 13**

STARS Christmas Celebration
Staff Christmas Party

~ **Thursday, 14**

No Promises Concert

~ **Friday, 22**

Church Office Closed

~ **Sunday, 24**

Combined Service
7:00 and 9:00 PM Services

~ **Monday, 25**

Merry Christmas!
Church Office Closed

~ **Sunday, 31**

Combined Service

Christmas Tree Donations

Jerry Sedlacek

The Wesley Center is looking for 50 unneeded Christmas trees this year they can distribute to families who don't have a tree for Christmas.

If you have an artificial Christmas tree which you no longer use, please consider donating it to Wesley for a family in need. Call Jerry Sedlacek, 426-6174, if you have a tree you would like to donate.





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	Elda Fitzsimmons
Ed Barnett	Jeane Locke	Harriet Brown	Cindy Lawson & Tom Mann	
Alex Reed, grandson, Art & Kathy Bauer		Marcy Lauersdorf		

“God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.” ~ John Wesley

Breakthrough Prayer Meetings

The Breakthrough Prayer Team is holding four introduction sessions to explain our Breakthrough Prayer and answer any questions you may have concerning our work. There are sign-up sheets for the meetings in both the Atrium and the church lobby near the office. The sessions are on Monday, October 30th at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 14th at 1:00 PM, and Monday, November 20th at 7:00 PM. Please come join us for this exciting new chapter in the life of St. Andrew.

Christmas Adopt-A-Family

Jerry Sedlacek

Our Christmas tree with gift ornaments for children and adults in our Adopt-A-Family program will be up in the Atrium the Sunday before Thanksgiving,

November 19. This year we will gather Christmas gifts and food for families from the Wesley Center and Fairbrook Elementary School. Cash donations designated for our Adopt-A-Family program will be used to complete the gift and food packages we assemble for each family. Gift, food, and cash donations should be returned to the church in December so our gift packages can be completed and sent to the Wesley Center and Fairbrook Elementary School in time for Christmas. More details on our families and the donation timeline will be in the November and December Sunday bulletins.



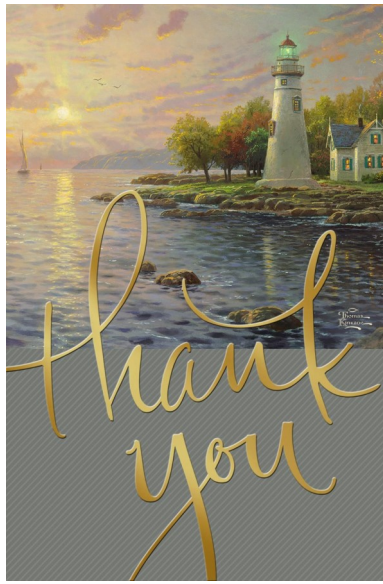
Memorial Garden Bricks

The Memorial Committee will be ordering bricks for the memorial garden on January 15, 2018. The prices are: 4” x 8” for \$30.00 8” x 8” for \$50.00

There are order forms in the church office. Please leave completed forms in the office or give to Karen Spencer or Betty Hughes.

Footprints Deadline Reminder

Please note, the deadline for all information for the combined December/January edition of Footprints is Sunday, November 12th. Please email articles, etc. to standrewumc@ameritech.net or leave written items on the office desk. Thank you!



A beautiful card and the following thank you note were received from Robert and Joanne Hickernell in Texas. (The card is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office.)

Dear Friends,

When my Robert opened the box with the prayer shawl in it, we both cried. Elvin and Lynn Moad and Barbara Johnson have been our family for many, many years and this special gift was not a surprise because that's just how beautiful their hearts are! But when Lynn said others also said prayers over the shawl [that] just made it that more special. Robert says he can feel the prayers and gets comfort as well as warmth.

Thank you just doesn't seem enough to say but know this act of kindness will never be forgotten. God is good and we will take this journey with His hands on our shoulders. God bless each and every one of you. With hearts filled with gratitude and the Grace of God, we will get through this.
Sincerely, Robert and Joanne Hickernell

Kroger Community Rewards

Signing up for Kroger Community Rewards is an easy way to support St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Register online at krogercommunityrewards.com by editing your "Kroger Community Rewards" information. Our number is 84209. There is no cost involved.

Please remember, purchases will not count for our group until after you have registered your Kroger Plus card. Members must swipe their registered card or use the related phone number when shopping for each purchase to count. This does not impact your fuel points.

Kroger will send St. Andrew a quarterly check with a percentage of total sales for each person who registers us as their community rewards recipient. If we all set up St. Andrew UMC as our Kroger Community Rewards choice, the funds we receive will grow substantially. Need help? Call Laura in the office 937-426-6491 or email to standrewumc@ameritech.net.

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Sunday School, Kids Club and Youth Group

As October comes to a close, we can look back on all the wonderful things going on in our church with the young people. The Sunday School Explorers and Seekers have been learning about heroes like Goliath and Samuel. On Sunday, October 15th, the youth group had a fun bonfire at the Burja's with a fireside chat where they were encouraged to check in with each other during the week. The youth group will also work with New Hope UMC to serve a meal to the less fortunate on Sunday, October 29th. The Cool Kids Club learned all about listening, watching your tongue, and did sword drills with fun activities mixed in. There was a great turnout for the harvest party/trunk or treat night. Many families visited and had a good time.

November is sure to be just as fulfilling with the youth helping make the Bazaar a success as well as new activities in the Cool Kids Club and Sunday School classes, and youth group night on November 19th.

Contact Aaron Grefer in the church office 937-426-6491 or via email dfymAaron@gmail.com for more information or with questions.

The Giving Garden: Grateful for a Great Season

~ Donna Shoup

The 2017 growing season for the Giving Garden has exceeded our expectations. God always has a way of doing that, and He has been very good to us. For this and for the blessings of fellowship this ministry gives us, we are very grateful. This year, to increase our production, we tried some raised bed and vertical gardening. We also did a second planting of some crops. Most notably was the late August green bean crop that gave us beautiful green beans through the third week of October which really excited the folks at the St. Paul food pantry. In total, we harvested and delivered to the food pantries 511 pounds of produce this summer, over 100 pounds more than last year's harvest. None of this would have been possible without the many servants who grow seedlings, plant, mulch, compost, weed, water, harvest, package and deliver. Thanks also to those who have donated funds and who continue to immerse this ministry in prayer. Next season, we'll be looking forward to finding new ways to build relationships within the community and with the recipients of our produce while continuing to grow an abundance of healthy vegetables to feed those in need. Here are some of the dedicated crew who helped make this season a success:

Harvesters/ Packagers

Margaret Erin
Edie Keast
Joanne Miller
Jane Henry
Marge Sedlacek
Cindy Lawson
Sarah Smith
Lisa Smith
Jerry Sedlacek
Karen Muller
Lynn Moad
Elvin Moad
Sue Fisher
Jolynne Rogers
John Rogers
Carol Ach
Twinkle
Lisa
Caleb
Tabbitha
Pat Reynolds
Susan White
Emma Schwartz
Eric Schwartz
Donna Shoup
Bill Shoup

Watering Crew

Sheryl Powell
Alia Powell
Karen Muller
Ernie Muller
Jerry Sedlacek
Marge Sedlacek
Cindy Lawson
Radu Burja
Bill Shoup

Seedling Fosters:

Karyle McMannama
David Burja
Luke Burja
Howard Bethel
Sue Fisher
Pat Reynolds
Schwartz Family
Donna Shoup
Wilma Hensley
Karen Muller
Jim & Bonnie Neidhart
Jere & JoAnne Miller
Cheryl & Alia Powell
Sue Berner
Lauren Miller

Delivery Crew

Bob Gray
Rose Gray
Pam Wren
Louise Ashbaugh
Noel Ashbaugh
Greg Williams
Dorie Williams
Bill & Donna Shoup

Composting and Planting:

Radu Burja
David Burja
Melanie Burja
Luke Burja
Nic Burja
Justin Miller
Lauren Miller
Marge Sedlacek
Jerry Sedlacek,
Margaret Erin
Cindy Lawson,
Donna Shoup
Bill Shoup
Karyle McMannama
Karen Muller
Ernie Muller



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Lego League ¹¹⁴ 6:30 Life Groups 7:00 Choir Practice	2 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 7:00 Charge Conference ^{CR}	3 8:00 NA ^{FH}	4 9:00 Basic Yoga ^{CR} 10:15 Chair Yoga ^{CR}
5 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All 4:00 Pastor John Summit 5:30 Youth Group Bazaar Set-up 6:30 Women's Bible Study BAZAAR WEEK	6	7 6:00 Oak Tree Corner	8 1:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Lego League ¹¹⁴ 7:00 Choir Practice 7:00 Breakthrough ¹⁰²	9	10 8:00 NA	11 BAZAAR 9-3
12 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All 6:30 Women's Bible Study 3:00 Normandy Charge Conference 7:00 Belmont Charge Conference FOOTPRINTS DEADLINE	13 10:00 Worship Team ^{CR} 5:30 Lions Club ^{CR} 5:30 Daisy Scouts 1 ^{FH} 5:45 Daisy Scouts 2 ¹²¹ 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH} 7:00 Missions ¹⁰⁵ 7:00 Yellow Springs Charge Conference	14 9:30 Sew & Sow ¹²¹ 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 1:00 Breakthrough ^{CR} 6:00 Cub Scouts ^{FH} 7:00 SPRC ^{CR}	15 9:30 JS MCCI Cohort Training Columbus STARS 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Lego League ¹¹⁴ 6:30 Life Groups 7:00 Choir Practice	16 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 10:00 FP Folders CR	17 8:00 NA ^{FH}	18 9:00 Esther Circle ^{FH} 6:00 Boy Scouts Game Night
19 FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION 9:30 Sunday School-Adults 10:30 Combined Worship 10:30 Children's SS TH Thanksgiving Dinner ^{FH} 2:00 Eagle Scout Ceremony & Reception ^{FH & SAN} 5:30 Youth Group 6:30 Women's Bible Study	20 6:00 Daisy Scouts 3 ¹¹⁹ 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH} 7:00 Finance ^{CR} 7:00 Breakthrough ¹¹⁶	21 9:30 Sew & Sow ¹²¹ 6:00 Oak Tree Corner ^{FH, EDU}	22 NO WELL ACTIVITIES NO CHOIR PRACTICE 6:00 Lego League ¹¹⁴	23 THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED FH reserved	24 OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 NA ^{FH}	25
26 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 6:30 Women's Bible Study Church Advent and Christmas Decorating Poinsettia order forms available	27 5:30 Daisy Scouts 1 ^{FH} 5:45 Daisy Scouts 2 ¹²¹ 6:00 Lions Club ¹⁰² 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH} Laura Vacation Day	28 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 6:00 Cub Scouts ^{FH}	29 5:30 Dinner 6:00 Lego League ¹¹⁴ 6:30 Life Groups 7:00 Choir Practice	30 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 11:30 Special Holiday Lunch, Prayer and a Movie ^{FH, TH}		





Christmas Celebration

Save the Date! All ladies of St. Andrew UMC are invited to the St. Andrew United Methodist Women's Christmas Celebration on Sunday afternoon, December 3, 2017 at 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The refreshments and program will be provided by Koinonia Circle. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy, age appropriate, for infant to 18 years old for donation to Michael's House.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our annual Thanksgiving food collection for The Wesley Center will take place on Sunday, November 19th. There will be grocery bags available on Sunday, November 12th for your convenience. Please take one or two home and bring them back on the 19th filled with non-perishable food items.

Your generous donations are greatly needed and appreciated by the recipients.



STARS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 11:30 AM

Park Hills Crossing Clubhouse, Fairborn, Ohio

Come and celebrate the season with great fellowship, food and games!

We'll be playing BINGO, maybe even sing some Christmas songs, and EAT! Please bring your favorite side dish to complement the baked ham that Bonnie is cooking, or bring a dessert. We're also asking that each person bring a \$5 prize for the games.

Please check the STARS Bulletin Board for more details and a sign-up sheet. Deadline is Sunday, December 10, 2017.

Winter Weather

Please be sure to check the WHIO website, TV station or radio station should we have inclement weather. If the church is closed during the day, it will remain closed *all day and all evening* as well. The safety of our congregation and all the outside groups who meet here is of utmost concern.





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St. Andrew Thanksgiving Meal

**November 19th after the 10:30 AM
Combined Worship Service**

Dinner will be served in Fellowship Hall,
and you and your guests are welcome.

Please sign-up in the Atrium, Gathering
Grounds or church office or send an
email or call to RSVP.



Advent & Christmas Decorating

**Sunday, November 26th
after the 11:00 AM
Worship Service**

**Volunteers are needed to
help make St. Andrew even more
beautiful this blessed holiday season.
Please call or email the office.**