

Moving FORWARD...

WORDS FROM PASTOR JOHN

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February Footprints

Grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ! The past many weeks have been like a whirlwind. I want to begin by saying thank you for all of your expressions of support and especially your prayers. I think with all that occurred over Christmas and New Year everything seemed even more surreal than I could imagine. In the past I've found myself asking, "Why God?" only to be facing that sense again now. I think we've all experienced those kind of moments only to come to understand some time later that God was in fact in the midst of what was happening.

Since all of you were recipients of the letter from me in December announcing the change in pastoral leadership I think it's important to communicate and clarify where we are today in this process. I continue to be the Appointed Pastor of St. Andrew UMC. I have taken some time away to be with and care for Michelle. We also had vacation scheduled the last two weeks of January which we are taking. My dear friend and colleague Rev. Carla Stengel had been scheduled to fill the pulpit during that time, and I pray that she has been a blessing to all of you. I will be returning to the St. Andrew pulpit on February 4th.

The move that was to take place has officially been put "on hold" by Bishop Palmer and the Cabinet for the time being. Without going into a lot of detail, on December 27, 2017 Michelle was hospitalized for 17 days, being released on January 12, 2018. There was an original misdiagnosis only to be later identified as DRESS Syndrome. The result of the extensive hospitalization and effects of the syndrome have left Michelle working to recover. She is very weak and for now requires much help.

Gem City Home Health Care is working with us through a home nurse, and home physical and occupational therapists.

As Bishop Palmer, Superintendent Roper and Superintendent Burns have expressed, Michelle's health and recovery are of utmost importance. At the appropriate time in the coming weeks the "pause" will be taken off and we will be moving to Defiance. But until then the church will continue, and together we will enter into the Lenten Season and Easter Celebration.

Many of you have asked how you can help. The first thing I would ask is that you keep us in your prayers. When we return on January 30th and I resume daily responsibilities at church, Michelle may need help as currently she can't be left alone. Also I will need to ask for help with some practical things related to our household. Everyone involved anticipates a full recovery, but we don't know how long that will take. As soon as we feel confident that she has reached that point, the "pause" will be taken off and the move will occur. I know some are anxious and wondering what the time frame might be, but at this point we just don't know. We are hoping it's not more than a few months.

Please know that Randy Durrum is providing excellent leadership in the midst of the transition. If you have any questions please contact Randy or myself. Thank you for your patience, your care, and your prayers.

Peace,

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 February Birthday!

Ron Shelton	2/02
Donna Shoup	2/02
Janice Garrett	2/05
Wendi Ganger	2/06
Bob Schalle	2/06
Chuck Lauersdorf	2/09
Andrew Kirk	2/11
Bill Hughes	2/14
Leslie Moad	2/14
Louise Ashbaugh	2/15
Alex Bennett	2/15
Amy Schalle	2/16
Jill Hitt	2/19
Ben Kirk	2/23
Michael Muller	2/28

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Looking Ahead

February 2018

- ~ **Saturday, 3**
Youth to Air Force Museum
- ~ **Sunday, 4**
Pastor John returns
Youth Super Bowl Party
- ~ **Sunday, 11**
Scout Sunday
- ~ **Wednesday, 14**
Ash Wednesday
- ~ **Thursday, 15**
Lunch, Prayer and a Movie
- ~ **Saturday, 17**
Lions Club Chili Cook Off
- ~ **Sunday, 18**
Footprints Deadline
- ~ **Monday, 19**
Hannah's Treasure Chest
- ~ **Wednesday, 21**
STARS to Bruckner Nature Center
- ~ **Wednesday, 28**
St. Andrew to One Bistro

March 2018

- ~ **Saturday, 10**
Youth Group Bistro Dinner
- ~ **Sunday, 11**
Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ~ **Sunday, 25**
Palm Sunday
- ~ **Thursday, 29**
Maundy Thursday
- ~ **Friday, 30**
Good Friday



Christmas Adopt-A-Family

Jerry Sedlacek

Our Christmas Adopt-A-Family program for the Wesley Center and Fairbrook Elementary School was a success. 82 gifts were collected for 22 individuals from 4 families, 2 from Wesley and 2 from Fairbrook. Food and cash donations were used to provide food, including a turkey and small ham, for 4 families for a week.

Thanks to everyone who supported this outreach program of St. Andrew.

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	Julie and Stan Erk	Betty & Jack Darst	Kara Sandberg
Vera Kercher	Chuck Lauersdorf	Marilyn Hackett	Ilene Shultz
Jan Garrett	Diane Hutton	Andrew Fox	Elda Fitzsimmons
Ed Barnett	Jeane Locke	Harriet Brown	Cindy Lawson & Tom Mann
Alex Reed, grandson, Art & Kathy Bauer			Pastor John and Michelle

“...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint.” ~ Isaiah 40:31

Dear St. Andrew Family,

My mother, Vera Hayashi, would have been 96 years old on February 17th. She was able to celebrate Christmas with her granddaughters and their husbands and extended family in Boston/Weymouth MA. Mom had a full life and died peacefully in her sleep on December 28 after a meal of pizza and a big bowl of chocolate ice cream (her favorite) the night before. It was a complete shock, but with your outpouring of love, comfort and prayers through your many cards and hugs I am able to celebrate her life. Thank you so much for the kind words of comfort and memories. Love, Ivy Spray



Martha's Closet

Jerry Sedlacek

We will continue our food collection for the Wesley Center in February. The need remains so please be generous with your gifts of food. The red wagon will be placed in the Atrium on Sunday, 2/4 as a reminder of our collection on Sunday, 2/11. Please support our St. Andrew outreach program by bringing food items you can spare.

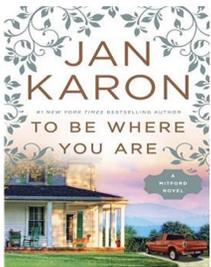


One Bistro

Jerry Sedlacek

One Bistro is a non-profit community restaurant located in Xenia to serve everyone who appreciates a good meal and to support those who might not otherwise be able to afford one. The restaurant is open Wednesday through Friday for lunch and Saturday for breakfast and lunch. A special community meal is provided each Wednesday evening at no cost to participants. A key to One Bistro is volunteers who compliment the cooking staff when meals are served.

St. Andrew has committed to help serve the community meal on Wednesday, 2/28, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and has also provided the funding for this meal via a generous donation from one of our families. A sign-up sheet for 6 volunteers and 2 alternates will be placed in the Atrium on Sunday, 2/4. A training manual and volunteer agreements will be placed with the sign-up sheet. Each volunteer will have to read the manual and sign an agreement to serve. One Bistro is a unique community outreach program for everyone. Please prayerfully consider whether this is a program you can support with your service. Contact Jerry Sedlacek, 426-6174, for more information.



To Be Where You Are

By Jan Karon

Reviewed by Pat Reynolds

This is the fourteenth novel from Jan Karon about our beloved town of Mitford and the now three generations of Kavanaghs. The cast of characters are familiar but everyone is getting older—like real life, right? Father Tim has been retired but is given a new job—one that he hasn't asked for, but as always he rises to it. Newlyweds Dooley and Lace face a financial crisis with their veterinary clinic, and four-year-old Jack Tyler looks forward to the biggest day of his life.

Karon's books never fail to disappoint. They allow us to hit the "pause" button and contemplate how life is always changing and moving on. We will always have challenges and hurdles to jump over, around and through but God is with us. Our relationships have meaning just as the relationships we have gotten to know in Mitford.

Youth Group

You will notice a calendar and some posters on the corkboard outside the youth room. Look for periodic additions and encourage your children to add their ideas or flyers for appropriate events.

On February 3rd, the youth group will be going to the Air Force Museum. We will leave the church at 9:00 am and return at 3:00 pm. Admission and parking are free. Lunch will be provided at the normal \$3.00/event price. Volunteers for transportation are always welcome, and if you are willing, please sign up on the calendar.

On February 4th there will be a Super Bowl party with details to follow via email. The youth will also be voting on a name for their group that day. Please encourage your young people to add their ideas to the board outside the youth room to be considered.

On February 17th, we will be doing servant evangelism at The Greene. We will leave the church at 11:00 AM and return at 2:00 PM. Volunteers for transportation are needed, and if you are available please sign up on the calendar.

Remember, youth nights are always on the FIRST and THIRD Sunday of the month. If your youth will not be able to attend, please notify Aaron by the previous Saturday at 5:00 PM. Contact Aaron Grefer in the church office 937-426-6491 or via email dfymAaron@gmail.com for more information or with questions.



ST. ANDREW UMW HONORS CHRIS WATTERS

St. Andrew United Methodist Women is privileged to make a Gift to Mission in honor of Chris Watters' outstanding service. Chris became a UMW member when attending Fairborn United Methodist Church. She and her late husband, George, are charter members of St. Andrew UMC since 1963 (54 years in its current location) and members of the church prior to 1963 in its Alpha and Fairbrook Elementary School developmental locations.

Chris served many years as the first UMW President for St. Andrew and has just completed another seven-year term as President. She is an obviously dedicated Christian leader who, despite mobility challenges, lets nothing stop her from achieving her goals of living independently, serving others and being active in her many church activities, which include but are not limited to: UMW, choir, adult Sunday school, Sow & Sew, annual church bazaar, SPRC, and the Memorial Committee. Her Eastern Star membership spans fifty-plus years having held two Chairs and Chaplin. She is an inspiring leader and encouraging delegator. It may be her thirty-eight-year career at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and her basic strength of character that affords her humility yet courage. Chris is loved and respected by all.

Since I will be following in Chris' footsteps as UMW President, be assured that we intend for Chris to continue supporting the St. Andrew UMW Executive Board as our experienced mentor.

Marcy Lauersdorf
St. Andrew UMW President

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, 19 February 2018, 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. 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, 28 January 2018. Please prayerfully consider where you can participate in this opportunity and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lynn Moad at [\(937\) 554-9301](tel:937-554-9301) or Molly Schwartz at [\(740\) 262-3577](tel:740-262-3577).

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			31 5:30 Super Bowl Dinner 6:30 Life Groups 7:00 Choir Practice	1 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 10:00 Worship Team/ Elements of Worship ^{CR}	2 8:00 NA ^{FH}	3 8:00 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 9:00 Youth Group to Air Force Museum 9:00 Basic Yoga ^{CR} 10:15 Chair Yoga ^{CR}
4 10:30 Combined Worship 9:30 Sunday School 5:30 Youth Group-Super Bowl Party 6:30 Women's Bible Study	5 4:30 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 5:30 Lions Club ^{CR} 6:00 Daisy Scouts 3 ¹¹⁹ 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH}	6 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 6:00 Oak Tree Corner ^{FH} 7:00 Scouts ¹¹⁶ 7:00 Ad. Council ^{CR}	7 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups 7:00 Choir Practice	8 9:30 Yoga ^{FH}	9 8:00 NA ^{FH}	10 9:00 Basic Yoga 10:15 Chair Yoga
11 SCOUT SUNDAY 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 6:30 Women's Bible Study	12 5:30 Lions Club ^{CR} 5:30 Daisy Scouts ^{FH} 5:45 Daisy Scouts ¹²¹ 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH}	13 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 6:00 Cub Scouts ^{FH}	14 Ash Wednesday 1:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Worship Service	15 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 11:00 Lunch, Prayer & Movie	16 8:00 NA ^{FH}	17 9:00 Esther Circle ^{FH} 11:00 Youth @ The Greene 3:00 Lions Chili Cook-off ^{FH}
18 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 5:30 Youth Group 6:30 Women's Bible Study FP Deadline	19 President's Day 4:30 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 6:00 Daisy Scouts ¹¹⁹ 6:00 Hannah's Treasure Chest ^{OS} 7:00 Missions ^{CR}	20 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 2:00 Naomi Circle ¹⁰⁵ 6:00 Oak Tree Corner ^{FH} . EDU	21 9:00 STARS Event 10:00 Koinonia Circle ¹⁰⁵ 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups 7:00 Choir Practice	22 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 10:00 Footprint Folders 7:00 Lydia Circle ¹⁰⁵	23 8:00 NA ^{FH}	24 9:00 Basic Yoga 10:15 Chair Yoga
25 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 6:30 Women's Bible Study	27 6:00 Lions Club ¹⁰² 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH 117}	28 9:30 Yoga ^{FH} 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 5:00 St. A @ One Bistro ^{OS} 6:00 Cub Scouts ^{FH}				



Do you make the Best Chili in the 'Creek?

Or just want to sample some delicious chili? Join us on Saturday, February 17th from 5-7 pm at St. Andrew United Methodist Church - 350 N. Fairfield, where the Beaver Creek Lions Club is presenting its 3rd Annual

Chili Cook Off. Beaver Creek Lions have designated Diabetes Dayton to receive half of the proceeds, so let's show them how much we appreciate it! Tickets are available at the door. Ticket price includes chili, sides, dessert, and drink: \$7 adults (ages 13+) \$3 children (ages 6-12) free for children under 6. Want to enter your chili and take a chance at some cash prizes? Entry Fee: \$10 (includes 1 ticket for entrant). Limited to 20 entrants.

Contact Lion Eleanor (937-572-2586) to enter.



February Stars Event



On Wednesday, February 21st, we will travel north to Miami County and the wonderful Brukner Nature Center. We will gather at St. Andrew at 9:00 AM and leave by 9:30 AM. Admission cost is \$2.50. There is an elevator to the bird watching room that looks out into the tree tops. Nature photos from the center's yearly photo contest will be displayed in the auditorium. We will have lunch afterward in Tipp City at the delightful Cold Water Café. Look for a sign-up sheet on the STARS bulletin board. Questions? Call Jane Henry at 937-963-2318.

**While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation.
Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.**

~ Patience Strong

Winter Weather

Please check the WHIO website or TV station and/or the St. Andrew Facebook page should we have more inclement weather. If the church is closed during the day, per our Trustee's policy, 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 our utmost concern. Thank you!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED¹

St. Andrew UMC had another successful Bazaar this year. Thank you to everyone who provided help to make it a wonderful day. This success allows us to provide funds to the following:



UMW for 2018 Missions and Programs
St. Andrew Youth Fund
Boy Scout Troop 56
Feed the Creek
Oasis House
Interfaith Hospitality Network
Beavercreek FISH
Michael's House
Domestic Violence Prevention
One Bistro
Wesley Center
St. Andrew Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Freezer repair