

Footprints

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Happy New year

As we enter 2019 may you and your family discover that the greatest gift given to you at Christmas will remain with you each and every day. God's gift to us—Jesus can bring you HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE.

After all the festivities, and getting back to the same "old" routine it's easy to get back into the same habits. Habits that have developed over time. Some habits are healthy and others not so. Which is why we usually make a plan for New Year resolutions. What New Year resolutions will you be planning?

My prayer is that it will include giving an hour or two a week to strengthen your relationship with God and with your church family. When you make your relationship with God a priority, the rest of life's challenges do not become as hard.

Come and Worship God on Sundays. Get connected with a small group to study God's word. Get to know one another or connect with a small group to serve others. When we focus on others, somehow we get a better perspective on what really matters, and what is everlasting.

Come, develop a new habit this New Year. "Break Free" from the old ways that often leave you feeling stressed, frustrated and feeling empty. God intended our lives to be more than ordinary. We can experience "New Life" and we can experience "Miracles" every day. This year may you seek Him and find HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE.

On Sunday January 6th Deb Egloff will preach on "Living a WHOLE life" Deb is our District Children and Educational Consultant and a friend of Pastor Lilanthi for over 20 years and mentor to Abby Feltz.

On Sunday January 13th we will not only share in Holy Communion but also commission all who are serving in the ministries of St. Andrew. If you are on any of the committees or ministry teams please be sure to come to either worship service.

Come let us
adore
Him



Seek Him
Everyday



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DON'T FORGET

Time is running out.
The memorial Committee will be ordering memorial bricks on or about January 10, 2019. Order forms are in the office on the counter. There are 2 sizes (4x8) for \$30 and (8x8) for \$50. Bricks are placed in the garden in May. Please see Karen Spencer for any questions. All orders and payment should be turned in to the office.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

MCCI—Update

A new year is when we consider new beginnings and new ways of being. We often want the New Year to be different from the last year. We look for Hope.

Hope for St. Andrew Church Family for this year is for each of us to discover the joy of serving. Serving involves seeing the possibilities that come from caring for one another and being part of the miracles that happen when we allow God's Holy Spirit to work in and through us.

Volunteering is optional—it fits into our schedule whenever we have time to fit it in. Serving is different from volunteering. No longer will we say "We need volunteers."

Serving involves seeing the God possibilities and being passionate about what is essential and necessary to convey God's love to others. Offering hospitality, offering love, offering compassion, offering hope. Working together to accomplish something that we can not do on our own.

Where is your passion? What breaks your heart? What energizes you?

This New YEAR:

Let us not be complacent or apathetic or lukewarm about our faith.

Let us put it into action with vigor and excitement.

There is a place for each of us to serve—where will you serve—and how will you see God at work this New Year? Call pastor Lilanthi share your passion and dreams for serving.

The MCCI leadership team is gathering information to write the story of St. Andrew. Please assist them in however you can. Please contact pastor Lilanthi if you are willing to serve.

My next MCCI learning will be on Thursday January 24



A HUGE thank you from all the staff for the very generous Christmas gift given to each one of us. We were truly blessed.
THANK YOU

Consider this

Instead of telling God about your problems,
tell your problems about your God.

Who do you think is bigger?

Lisa Smith



Thanks to your generosity we were able to give gifts to students, lunch staff and the Principal.

We presented posters reflecting kindness to ALL the students and special gifts for the 5th graders , who serve in various capacities as the Blue Crew.

Mrs. Joell Mangan the Principal sent this note to Abby:

"I want to thank you so very much for the extremely thoughtful gifts you gave me. I was so touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness. I especially loved the pillow!!! It was awesome! I pray you have a very Merry Christmas!"



Children's Ministry

We are in the process of transforming the theater to be an area for children's church and programming. If you'd like to be a part of this task force, please join us on January 13th following church. Lunch will be served and Children are invited. We value their insight.

Save the Date

Children, Youth and Families Bowling:
Feb 10th
Come and join us as we have an afternoon of fun together.



YOUTH MINISTRY

2019 is the kick off to a new year of youth ministry. Come and join us at Pastor Lilanthi's house on Jan. 13th and 27th after church for lunch, Bible study, and games. 92 Beacon Hill Dr. Beavercreek, OH
Sunday Feb. 3rd – directly after church– next meeting for planning
Saturday, Feb. 16th– Winter Jam, Cincinnati, Details TBD
Sunday, March 3rd, after church– Baked Potato Luncheon

S.T.A.R.S. (St. Andrew Retirees), is just a name, **Everyone** is welcome to participate. Come, engage in activities that are educational, recreational, provide fellowship and fun, not to mention the food! Join others for fellowship once a month, usually on the third Wednesday for an outing or activity during the day. Dates and times are flexible as we have also attended evening events. Come join the fun and help plan our activities for 2019 at our STARS planning Meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in our Conference Room, 11:30 am. A light lunch will be provided. Bring suggestions for outings or activities that you think we might all enjoy.

January Birthdays

God Bless YOU

Edie Keast	1
Braxton Miller	3
Jim VerStreate	4
Ivy Spray	10
Aaron Cheney	11
Ben Fenning	11
Noah Miller	11
Dale Mateer	12
Nick Dhrkop	25
Stephen Moad	25
Eric Schwartz	29
Bob Steele	
Bob Gray	30



Our apologies if we missed your Birthday.

Please inform the church office to update our information

JANUARY MEETINGS

Weekly Meetings

- Tue. & Thu. 9:30 am Yoga
- New Saturday Yoga 9 am & 10:15 am
- Fridays N/A 8 pm
- Scouts, Girl Scout & Lego meetings on Mondays Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Committee Meetings

- 21st Finance 7:00 p.m.
- 22nd SPRC 7:00 p.m.
- 29th Trustee 6:30 p.m.

The Well
January Meals
at 5:30 p.m.

Please make reservations
by calling the
Church Office before
Noon on Monday

9th Soupalicious Soups

10th Bravo

23rd Chili

30th Breakfast for
Dinner



How are you GROWING in your love for God and one another?

Growing in faith is essential. So decide which of these opportunities will help you grow. If these studies or times don't work for you, then get a group of friends together and decide when you can meet. Lots of studies available for you to chose in the office.

Adult Sunday School Study 9: 05 am (Conf. Room—NOTE TIME CHANGE)

The next series for our adult class will be "Short Stories by Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. In this study, we'll take a look at some of the parables from the perspective of the first century Jewish audience that Jesus was speaking to. This 6-week series will start 1/27. We will continue our current study "Christmas from the Backside" through 1/20. Contact Jeff Smith for more details.

Women's Study—2 opportunities offered.

Sunday Evening 6:30 pm, Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

Each group will decide which study to engage in, ("Let it Go" by Karen Ehman (6 week study) or Emotionally Healthy Women by Geri & Pete Scazzero (8 week study)) at the first meeting, where we will spend time hearing about our hopes and fears for the New Year. Each study will help us as women to become healthier in our relationships with our families and also with ourselves.



Come to "The Well" to be renewed, refreshed and revived in between Sundays. Come for a delicious meal to be shared as a family and great fellowship. Then stay if you can to grow in faith.

Come to The Well on January 9th and 16th for two special nights about "The New Year: Dreams, Hopes, and Goals" as we dare to cast vision and dream dreams about what God has for us personally, as families, and as a church in 2019.

The 9th will be a night of doing activities to help us set dreams, hopes, and goals for 2019.

The 16th, we'll have some interactive kid and adult friendly prayer stations where we dedicate 2019 to God in prayer.

You won't want to miss these nights of intentionally dedicating and looking forward to 2019. Be on the lookout for the rest of the plans for The Well following these two nights

Study opportunities on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Men's Study—"The 13 Apostles"

Adult Study—"The Gospel of Luke" Resumes on January 23rd

Chancel Choir— All are welcome. Practice begins at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Shawn Stanley for more details
shawnstanley630@yahoo.com



**All I need today
is a little bit of coffee
and a whole lot of God!**

Are you looking for a way to serve AND you love coffee? Consider serving at the Gathering Grounds. We're looking for people to serve once a month making coffee and setting out cookies to offer hospitality before and after worship. The coffee, hot chocolate packets, cookies and instructions are ALL provided.

Skill required is making coffee!!

Contact Karen Muller 937-212-1586 or mulleroh@sbcglobal.net for more information. Sign up by either calling the church office or by indicating your willingness to serve on the insert Sunday morning.



Clothes left in Martha's Closet by the restrooms near the Sanctuary are taken to St. Paul UMC for their community outreach programs. If the closet is full, clothing can be left by the red wagon under the coat rack across from the Gathering Grounds.



We can make a difference to feed the hungry through the Wesley Community Center when we bring non perishable goods. Find the "Wagon" in the Atrium on Sunday, 1/6, as a reminder of our food collection on Sunday, 1/13. Our opportunity to help reduce hunger in our community. *"Jesus said, I was hungry and you fed me.....Whenever you did it to the least of these you did it for me.."*



Highlighting Ministries at St. Andrew



Oak Tree Corner
Support Center For Grieving Children

Oak Tree Corner meets twice a month on Tuesdays primarily in the fellowship hall. This program, more than 23 years old, serves the greater Beavercreek community at St. Andrew UMC with free meals, free support groups and sharing. Children ages three to eighteen plus their adult caregivers join together for the meal, then assemble by age. Adults who are with them remain in the fellowship hall for sharing and support. St. Andrew has been a joyful home for more than 10 years. The program provides support for the inner strength so children can develop resources to deal with loss on their own terms.

Admission is free and groups run all throughout the year except for July, when a picnic replaces the meetings.
For more information visit www.oaktreecorner.org or call 937-285-0199 Vicki Braun, Director

Serve one another as Christ has served...



HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST

Practicing our faith ... serving as Jesus' hands and feet! **Two different ways you can serve.**
1. Hands on: Looking for 10-12 people to serve on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 6-8 pm. at 124 Westpark Rd. in Centerville. HCT responds to the needs of families struggling with insufficient resources by providing nonprofit and social service agencies in Butler, Greene, Montgomery, and Warren Counties. We might cut out fabric for Children's teddy bears, or sort donated clothes and package items that have been requested for families. Sign up to serve in the atrium, or on the opportunity to serve insert, or call the church office.

2. Donations: of infant/toddler/children's reading books to be taken on Monday January 7. Prayerfully discover where God will have you serve. Please contact Lynn Moad at (937) 554-9301 or Molly Schwartz at (740) 262-3577 for more information

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY - FIND OUT MORE!!

In the summer of 2019, six churches in the Dayton area are working together to see what God is doing in Tijuana, Mexico, by partnering with Tijuana Christian Mission (TCM). For years, TCM has provided the hope of Christ to the people of Tijuana. If you're interested in learning more about what God is doing between Dayton and Tijuana, please come meet Pastor Brady Feltz, from Stillwater UMC after church in our St Andrew UMC Conference Room on Sunday, February 24, 2019. This will be a great opportunity to hear about what this mission trip plans to accomplish while in Tijuana. Find out more about the dates and cost per person, and learn more about the other participating churches. We'll provide a light lunch to accompany the discussion. A sign-up sheet will be available in the atrium beginning in January.

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who gave to the Adopt-a-family. Many families experienced gratitude for "Love" shared and "Hope" given.



There are many benefits to



here are a few.

1. Increases flexibility
2. Builds muscle strength
3. Drops your blood pressure
4. Increases blood flow
5. Increases heart rate
6. Helps you focus
7. Increases your self esteem
8. Reduces stress
9. Helps reduce allergies and viruses
10. Helps you deal with conflict and change

There are different types of yoga classes. Some are power classes and build your strength, some focus more on flexibility while some are designed for meditation and stress relief. You can pick the ones that are best for you.

Everybody's Yoga by Cindy Brinson RYT 200 Yoga Teacher

Classes are held at St. Andrew in the fellowship hall.

Stretch, balance, flow classes: Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and on Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.

Beginners Yoga on Saturdays at 9:15 a.m.

Classes are \$10 for each class or reduced to \$7 for a package of 6-10 classes.

For more details contact Cindy by phone, text or e-mail: 937-307-5626 or clbrinson@aol.com

Highlighting Ministries at St. Andrew



BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER WALL.

God is always doing something in our lives—but all too often we don't notice because we are not paying attention to the God moments. We might see coincidences but fail to realize that every coincidence is a "God-incident." PLEASE share your answers to prayers, or "Aha!" moments with your church family. Let us rejoice together and encourage one another as we remember that God is ever present with us.

BE SURE TO PRAY THIS PRAYER DAILY either at 7:23 AM or 7:23 PM

"Almighty God, we pray for the Holy Spirit to breakthrough our limits, into our hearts, and into the hearts of others. We have faith that You will give us a vision of Your miraculous possibilities and reveal to us Your path for St. Andrew United Methodist Church. Give us the courage to step out and trust You. Strengthen us and empower us to be living examples of your love and grace. Amen."

Please remember in your prayers: Betty Bracken, Harriet Brown, Harry Couch, Gail Cox, Marjorie Craver (still in pain), Betty & Jack Darst, Julie & Stan Erk, Elda Fitzsimmons, Andrew Fox, Mary Lou Fox (Praise she is recovering well after surgery), Jan Garrett (under Hospice Care), Ruby Geist, Jane Henry, Diane Hutton, Dorothy Kuula, Chuck Lauersdorf, Sean McCullum, Joyce McCready, Melinda Nutter, Alex Reed, Marge Reed, Kara Sandberg, Nancy Schlicher, Ann Shelton, Ilene Shultz, Laura Smith, Zach Vann (recovering from back injury) Lewie Wiese.



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Start the New Year by breaking old habits



Break Free
from the battles
... of the mind
... of the flesh
... of the spirit

New Series
begins
January 13th with
Holy Communion.
It's a New Year
for a
A New YOU!

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

Isaiah 43:19

**Welcome guest speaker Deb Egloff on Sunday January 6 at both
8:15 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services.**

Change for Change

Begin the New Year by putting any change you have in the jar (located in the office). When the jar is full we can discern how we can use the money to make a change in our world to share God's Love. Keep your eyes open for change. Keep your eyes and ears open to the voice of the Holy spirit that will give us direction on how we can put the change to use to make a difference in our world.

How soon do you think we can fill the jar?



ATTIC TREASURES

Blessings to everyone that contributed, donated, time and prayers. Over \$3300 was profit, with an approximate \$550 in clothing area and \$220 in jewelry. Without your generous support the success wouldn't have happened.

Thanks again,
Dorie, Greg & Bonnie

