

Footprints

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**We are Family because
we are children of God...**

1 John 3:1 "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!"

As children of God we are related and become a family. A family that comes together to worship and pray; a family that laughs and cries together; a family that cares for one another.

One way that helps us to stay connected and to recognize each other is a family photo album. Ernie Muller, Bill Shoup & Randy Durrum, have agreed to take family portraits in February to create our Pictorial Directory. **We really want the whole church family in the directory.** Please be sure to register your family for the photo sessions by calling the church office, or signing up on the board near the office or use the "Sign up Genius" through our web page.

You will receive a free digital copy of your picture. Sessions are at 10 minute intervals.

Feb 16, Saturday 9 am to 12 noon

Feb 17, Sunday 2 pm to 5 pm

Feb 23, Saturday 9 am to 12 noon

Feb 24, Sunday 9 am to 10 am

and from 12 noon to 3 pm

The Family Photo album will only be complete with your picture in it.



If you are unable to come at these times, please contact the Church office for alternatives that will enable your picture to be in the directory and to update your contact information for the directory. We will try to contact families to update information for the new directory if you do not attend a photo session.



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DON'T FORGET

We collect non perishable food for Wesley Center on the 2nd Sunday of each month. You can put your donations in the red wagon in the hallway.



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

MCCI—Update

MCCI is a resource for the pastor and the congregation to discover God's will for us as a congregation. Through this journey we can discover how we can grow in our faith, and serve as faithful disciples of Christ.

The leadership team is compiling our story, and I am grateful for their dedication and willingness to give of their time and energy. In addition to the team, Walt White has done some important gathering of financial data for the last 15 years. At my training in January I learned that Rev. Joseph Bishman will be coming to St. Andrew to share with us an exciting training "Resource, Refocus". I will keep you informed when that will be. ALL of us are invited to come and learn from him and his team. You will not want to miss this.

I want to encourage you to become more aware of the answers to our breakthrough prayers both in our personal lives and the life of our church. Please share them with me or put them on the bulletin board in the hallway, so we can praise God together. God has brought numerous families to St. Andrew through our scouting groups. We have an awesome God.

What are your "Aha" moments—God is ever present with us. Can we recognize those special times when we see God at work?

Lord open our eyes and ears to see your presence with us daily.



Feb. 3rd Breaking Free from the battles of the flesh & the Spirit.

Feb. 10th God's Love letter to us. Communion Service.

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders (If you have a 3rd grader or a 4th

grader who didn't get a Bible last year please call the Church office as soon as possible)

Feb. 17th Scout Sunday "Be Prepared"

Feb. 24th What is Worship?



Be Sure to check the bulletin boards for the letters of appreciation from The Wesley Center and Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County, Inc.

Church Bulletin Bloopers

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

The sermon this morning: Jesus Walks on the Water.

The sermon tonight: Searching for Jesus.

"and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:19, ESV:



Fairbrook

Prayers make a difference - be sure to pray for the teachers and students of Fairbrook daily. A smile makes a difference - during the lunch break a smile can convey caring, and bring a smile to a sad child. Contact Abby if you can give a few hours to share your smile on a regular schedule. Give a smile - get a smile.



Children's Ministry



Children, Families & Youth!
Join us for an afternoon of Family Fun!!
Beaver-Vu Lanes February 10th at 2:00 pm
\$3.75 per game Shoes are free
Get your reservations to
Abby by Wednesday, Feb, 6th.

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 February 17th following the second service for a brainstorming session.

Children, Youth, and Families are working on a service project of arts & crafts to be taken to Trinity Nursing Home. Fairbrook families will be invited to join us. Please plan to attend after second service on the Feb. 24th.

YOUTH MINISTRY

2019 kick off took a slide with the winter weather. Events at Pastor Lilanthi's house were postponed but hopefully can be rescheduled.

Sunday Feb. 3rd - Parent & youth meeting directly after church to plan baked potato bar, small group Bible study and other fun stuff.

Saturday, Feb. 16th- Winter Jam, Cincinnati, come invite friends, and join Ware's Chapel UMC and head to see artists like the Newsboys, Mandisa, and more. We'll even stay the night in Cincinnati at Anderson Hills UMC and see what services are like at another Methodist Church.

Sunday, March 3rd, after church- Baked Potato Luncheon fundraiser for youth ALL are welcome. Mark your Calendars.

S.T.A.R.S. (St. Andrew Retirees) The February STARS Trip is to the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce and will be on **Thursday, February 21**. We will carpool from the church and depart between 8:30 & 8:45 am and tour the museum and then have lunch at a local Xenia restaurant. Admission is \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors, and Ohio History Connection Members are free. **Please let Amy & Bob Schalle know by February 1 if you will be attending or tentatively attending so we can make restaurant reservations.**

February Birthdays

God Bless YOU

Donna Shoup	02/02
Wendi Ganger	02/06
Bob Schalle	02/06
Chuck Lauersdorf	02/09
Andrew Kirk	02/11
Bill Hughes	02/14
Leslie Moad	02/14
Louise Ashbaugh	02/15
Alex Bennett	02/15
Amy Schalle	02/16
Michael Muller	02/28

Our apologies if we missed your Birthday.

Please inform the church office to update our information



Proverbs 17:22

²²A cheerful heart is good medicine,
but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Weekly Meetings

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

Committee Meetings

- Feb 5 Ad Council 7:00 pm
Feb 12 MCCI 6:30 pm
Feb 19 Giving Garden 7:00

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

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

6th Breakfast for Dinner

13th Red & White Dinner
6:00 pm

20th Chuy's Tex Mex

27th Sloppy Joes &
Chicken Salad



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 choose 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. For additional info contact Jeff Smith.

Women's Study—2 opportunities offered.

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

Let it Go" by Karen Ehman (6 week study). Study will help us as women to become healthier in our relationships with our families and also with ourselves. If you can not make it during these times—you can borrow the video and do the study with a group of friends. Great discussion and learning opportunity.



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.

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

Men's Study—"Confronting the Controversies" By Adam Hamilton

Adult Study—"The Gospel of Luke" Discussion questions based on the Scripture that leads to living the Christian life.

Chancel Choir— All are welcome. Practice begins at 7:00 p.m. (Except on February 13 at 7:30 pm) Contact Shawn Stanley for more details shawnstanley630@yahoo.com

Red & White Dinner February 13th 6:00 PM

Suggested donation \$15.00 person

Catered by Miss Ann Marie's Kitchen

Contact the office to purchase tickets and make your dinner selections. Make your reservations no later than 12 pm, Monday February 11th.

All proceeds are to benefit St. Paul and the Wesley Center.

INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY



BECOME A PART OF UMW
(150 YEARS IN MISSION)

On March 23, 1869, in Boston, Massachusetts, Clementine Butler and Lois Parker informed six women members of the Methodist Episcopal Church about the desperate health care and educational needs of women in India. Their Call to Action raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn, a teacher, and Clara Swain, a doctor to India. The meeting in March led to the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the first of many Methodist women's mission organizations to address the injustices imposed on women and girls in the 19th century. United Methodist Women is their successor, and we celebrate 150 years of changing the lives of women, children, and youth.

From the beginning, United Methodist Women members have led the way in countless endeavors. Our membership is comprised of women from all backgrounds and experiences, compelled by their Christian faith to serve and lead in places near and far. These areas include tutoring children and youth in after-school programs, volunteering at community food pantries, visiting the infirmed in hospitals, advocating against legislation and policies that marginalize women and children, and supporting the 100 National Mission Institutions in the United States and the 107 international organizations in 110 countries that provide a pathway to healthy, productive and empowered living.

From United Methodist Women living out their faith in Liberia to girls dreaming of college education in China; from women farmers feeding their families in Haiti to women and children receiving treatment for Tuberculosis at a missionary hospital in the Philippines; from crisis intervention for migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong to unlocking financial opportunities for rural communities in Mozambique; our membership and contributions to United Methodist Women impacts more lives than can be counted.

St. Andrew UMC has 4 active UMW Circles each which support missions such as: Redbird Mission, Feed the Creek, Greene County Family Violence Prevention Center, Wesley Community Center, and many more local organizations.

If you are looking for a way to make a difference for people near and far and become a part of a strong sisterhood, feel free to try any or all of our Circles. Give Marcy a call for more specific information on when and where each meet. Marcy Lauersdorf, St. Andrew UMW President 937- 938-7410 mlauerorf_marcy@aol.com

Hannah's Treasure Chest - Service Opportunity Monday, 4 February 2019, from 6-8pm



HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST

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.

Hannah's Treasure Chest is located at 124 Westpark Road in Centerville.

Sign-up in the atrium. 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 or Molly Schwartz at (740) 262-3577. "I went for the first time last month and it felt good to give a couple of hours to make a HUGE difference." Invite friends—have fun—and work to change lives. Many thanks to those who served last month sorting toys, diapers and socks. THANK YOU to all who are serving on committees and teams. When we ALL serve then the load is shared and the joy multiplies. Pray faithfully for one another.



**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. Come and learn more about what God is doing between Dayton and Tijuana. **Meet Pastor Brady Feltz, from Stillwater UMC after church in the conference room on Sunday, February 24, 2019.** Find out more about the dates and cost per person. Learn more about the other participating churches. A light lunch will be served. There is a sign-up sheet in the Atrium.

Ladies of the UMW

Our updated 2019 Program Book is available from your Circle Leader.

Please note the dates for special programs and your circle meetings and put them on your calendar.

A few minor changes have been made. They can be found in the paragraphs for the Bazaar, the Prayer Chain, and Funeral Meals program.

If you have any corrections, please let Marcy know. She will get the correction to all members. Let us all enjoy our year together. Be sure to contact any of your friends and or new St. Andrew attendees who would enjoy the fellowship in the United Methodist Women at St. Andrew.

Highlighting Ministries at St. Andrew



Giving Garden Planning Meeting Tuesday, February 19th from 7-8 pm

Little did we know when we planned for the first garden season in 2014 that after 5 growing seasons we would have grown and delivered over 1600 lbs. of vegetables (plus the 14 trunk loads from the first season before we weighed our produce), involved the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and over 65 church and community members in service to others, and sponsored a Growing Gardeners program for the children from the St. Paul neighborhood. Each new season in the Giving Garden brings evidence of God's work in this ministry and 2019 promises to be another year of surprises, joys, and miracles. ***Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting in the Conference Room as we plan forward for this garden season and discuss the possibilities for growth and service in the summer of 2019.***

Giving Garden Seedling Foster Day

Our seeds are ready for planting; we've cleaned the pots and trays and purchased the soil so all we need is people to sow the seeds and grow the young plants. This is a great activity for families and for anyone who likes to nurture growing things. We will help you plant or give you all the materials you will need to plant and grow the seedlings in your home.

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 3rd anytime between 9 am –12 pm to help us get a great start on the 2019 season!

Main plans submitted to General Conference of the UMC Feb.23-26 2019 in St. Louis

The most prominent plans submitted for consideration at the special conference are:

The One Church Plan would shift to churches and conferences decisions regarding ministry with or by LGBTQ persons rather than maintaining a single standard that operates throughout the worldwide church. It would also remove some of the language in the Book of Discipline that limit LGBTQ people's involvement as United Methodists.

The Connectional Conference Plan would create three connectional conferences based on perspective on LGBTQ issues. The three connectional conferences would function throughout the worldwide church and the five existing U.S. jurisdictions would be abolished.

The Simple Plan would remove all language from the Book of Discipline that excludes LGBTQ people from full participation in the church.

The Traditional Plan would affirm the current language about homosexuality in the Book of Discipline and seek to strengthen enforcement for violations.

The Modified Traditional Plan would add to the Traditional Plan a committee with authority to hold bishops accountable to the sexuality standards in the Book of Discipline. It would offer a \$200,000 grant to annual conferences that want to leave the denomination because of disagreement over LGBTQ issues.

We are all encouraged to watch Bishop Palmer's Call to Prayer on West Ohio Conference Web page or on Youtube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=I8SRJ8bOQIQ

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2018 Financial Summary

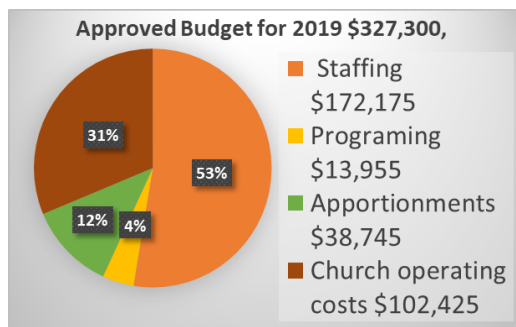
We celebrate that SAUMC is debt free for the first time in our recent history. The payoff of the building loan was done with contributions from the capital campaigns of recent years. In addition the fulfillment of paying those pledges have allowed us to begin building up a reserve fund for future building and mechanical repairs. At December 31, 2018 we had \$10,096 in that fund. If you made a commitment to the Building fund we want to encourage you to continue giving as there are several projects that need to be made to repair our building.

We ended the year with total receipts of \$319,311 (pledged giving and loose offerings) and total expenses of \$319,193 with a balance of \$118. We are grateful that God provided for what we needed. We had major savings in professional staff costs (\$12,141) developed because of vacancies, our new Pastor and changing job definitions. Despite one time increases in parsonage expenses, lower energy costs and lower insurance costs were significant contributors to our expense savings. All apportionment and mission commitments were fully paid by year end.

All this is great news, however the Finance team have made some observations in our pledged giving and want you to be aware and prayerful about our giving for the coming year.

2018 Budget	\$333,500	2018 Budget	\$333,500
Income from Pledges	\$318,894	Expenses	\$319,193
Shortfall	\$ 14,606	Shortfall	\$ 14,307

These shortfalls are significant when we compare them to 2017 and our 15 year average. For full financial analysis check the detailed financial report in the office.



Looking ahead, SAUMC has approved a projected balanced budget for 2019.

Consider this

If 80 people gave \$5 a week for a year, we would receive \$20,800 for reaching people for Jesus.

\$5 is not a huge amount, but put together it amounts to a whole lot for God's Kingdom work.

Will you be willing to invest an additional \$5 a week to see God's miracles in our midst?

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, Ruby Geist, Margaret Griffith (recovering from surgery), Jane Henry, Diane Hutton, Dorothy Kuula, Chuck Lauersdorf, Sean McCullum, Joyce McCready, Alex Reed, Kara Sandberg, Nancy Schlicher, Ilene Shultz, Zach Vann (recovering from back injury) Lewie Wiese. Melinda Nutter & Marge Reed (Praise God treatments are finished) Laura Smith -(got a job, Praise God). **Janice Garrett and Ann Shelton went to their home in glory. Please keep their families in your prayers.**



BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER—PRAY AT 7:23 A.M. OR 7:23 P.M. "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."



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Feb. 10th Communion
(not on the 3rd)
“God’s Love Letter To Us.”
Presentation of Bibles
to 3rd Graders & any 4th graders
that did not get one last year.

Feb. 17th Scout Sunday
“Be Prepared”

Feb. 24th “What is Worship?”

