

Footprints

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At the cross...

What does the cross mean to you? When did the cross have significance for your faith journey? We have all heard the meaning of the cross for our salvation. We know that the shed blood of Christ was the ransom paid for our sins, which gives us the hope of mercy and grace and the promise of life eternal.

But what do you recall about the words of Jesus from the cross? What meaning does the last words of Jesus have for our lives today? Often when someone is dying we want to pay attention to their last words—we hang on to them, as a means of hope.

Come and hear the words of Jesus from the cross and discover healing for your wounds during this season we call LENT. A period of forty days prior to Easter Sunday when we take time to reflect on our mortality, our faith journey and prepare for the hope of the resurrection.

Be sure to participate fully in worship - where you will encounter people who were near the cross. Come to one of the studies either on Wednesday or Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. when we explore these final words of Jesus with author Adam Hamilton. You do not need anything but to come with an open spirit.

We hope to have a book "Grace from the Cross" by Kyle Idleman also on the final words of Jesus, available for each family to pick up on Ash Wednesday (March 6 at 7:00 p.m.). You are invited to read one chapter each week and come pre-prayered for worship and life transformation.

Max Lucado said *"God loves you just the way you are but loves you too much to leave you that way. He wants you to be Just like Jesus. "* let us become more like Jesus during this Holy Season.



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DON'T FORGET

Our Mission to reach out...



Bring non perishable food for Wesley Center on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

Sunday March 31 come and connect with families at NEW HOPE as we serve food and share fellowship.

God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is. John 4:24

MCCI—Update (Missional Church Consultation Initiative) Giving tools for pastors and churches to be transformed to be the church for today and tomorrow through change.

I am reminded through MCCI that all we do is focused on our mission to introduce people to Jesus and for ALL of us to experience the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit that helps us to remember and appreciate God's love and grace.

Our breakthrough prayer opens the door for God to work in and through us to bring hope and life transformation to us and those 10,000 people in our community who have yet to hear the message of salvation.

We have over 25 families that come to St. Andrew during the week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. How will you offer gracious hospitality to these families? Being a member of this church family is all about our responsibility to serve, care and be the presence of Christ wherever we are. Let us be intentional about building relationships with these families.

ALL are invited to come meet Rev. Joseph Bishman on Tuesday May 21 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening of fun and learning as we consider ways in which we reach out to our community and explore ways we can make a difference for the mission of the church.

Mark your calendars and invite others to come with you. DON'T be left out.

Please remember Pastor Lilanthi in your prayers. She will be at MCCI on Tuesday March 12 and the MCCI leadership team who are collecting information for our church story.

Lord open our eyes and ears to see your presence in our midst as we walk with you daily.



Holy Week Experiences

Palm Sunday April 14 at 10:30 a.m.
Joint Worship - Come Join the Procession

Holy Thursday April 18 at 7:00 p.m.
Holy Communion and Meditations

Good Friday April 19 at 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - RESURRECTION SUNDAY
Join the Celebration Sunday April 21
8:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Our Mission as Disciples of Christ is to share the GOOD NEWS about Jesus .

This is the purpose we are here.

Christ's Crucifixion and Resurrection is

THE MESSAGE of HOPE

WHO WILL YOU PRAY FOR?

WHO WILL YOU INVITE

to experience the message

Friends

Relatives

Acquaintances

Neighbors?

The Worship team will be purchasing Daffodils & Tulips in lavender & pink, Begonias in pink & yellow, Hydrangeas in blue, purple, pink & white along with white Easter Lilies to adorn our Sanctuary for Easter. There will be a sheet in the Atrium for you to indicate which flowers (Approx. \$10 each) you would like to sponsor in honor of or in memory of a loved one. You may also take them to a nursing home or plant them in the Church gardens. Flowers will be available for pick up after the 10:15 a.m. Worship Service. Any additional plants purchased will be available for sale after Easter Sunday worship. (colors based on availability)





Fairbrook

On Tuesday March 5 Fairbrook will be hosting a Math & Science Night from 5:30—7:00 p.m. If you can serve during this time please contact Abby. This is an opportunity for us to connect with families to build relationships.



Thursday March 21—Opportunity for us to shower the teachers with appreciation—providing lunch. If you can prepare, donate or serve in this ministry please contact Abby.

Children's Ministry



Children, Youth and families as well as adults are invited to come Sunday March 17 at 2:00 p.m. to TRINITY Nursing home to have a party with the residents to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Wear green and meet at the nursing home. We'll make a craft, play some lucky games, and enjoy fellowship sharing God's love.

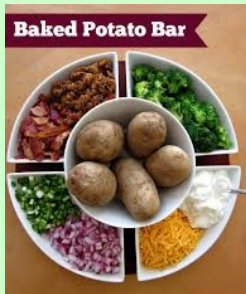
**Girl Scout Sunday March 17 (Girl Scouts present at 10:15 a.m. worship only)
Come and celebrate the growing number of Girl Scouts that meet at St. Andrew.**

Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday April 13.

Please begin collecting individually wrapped Candy. Consider this as an all church event as we invite and welcome the whole community. Contact Abby if you are able to serve by helping set up, or clean up.



YOUTH MINISTRY



**Sunday, March 3rd (after 2nd service)
Baked Potato Luncheon & Fundraiser for
Rebuild Dayton.**

Mark your Calendars.

ALL are welcome.

Invite a Friend or Relative

Bring an Acquaintance or Neighbor

Can't Stay? Get yours to go!

**Youth group is meeting immediately after Church on
Sunday, March 17th & 31st**

Come for fun, food and fellowship!

S.T.A.R.S. (St. Andrew Retirees) "Be Prepared" —give a gift to your family" Come on Wed. March 20 at 10:30 a.m. (Conference Room) for information regarding making end of life decisions that will give you and your family peace of mind.

March Birthdays

God Bless YOU

Our apologies if we missed your Birthday.

Please inform the church office to update our information

Margaret Griffin	3/01
Naomi Schalle	3/01
Leslie Williams	3/01
Lisa Gilbert	3/04
Ian Evans	3/05
Susan Nicholson	3/05
Susan White	3/06
Lewie Wiese	3/06
Bonnie Fenning	3/08
Jody Garrett	3/09
Tom Mann	3/09
Wendy Garrett	3/11
Ken Hutton	3/13
Mike Miller	3/15
Jerry Sedlacek	3/21
Christopher Erin	3/24
Timothy Hackett	3/24
Pat Reynolds	3/24
Elwin Spray	3/25
Karyle McMannama	3/27





GROW If we want to be come more like Jesus come with friends to read the Scriptures and apply it to daily life. It's not about the teacher, it's not about the study - but it's about how you engage with God's word and allow the Holy Spirit to transform your mind, heart, and actions. What a difference it would make if everyone in our church was growing in faith?

MARCH 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

3 Giving Garden Seedling
7 UMW Exec. Meeting
21 UMW Agape Meal

Committee Meetings

- 4th Mission Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12th Worship Team 7:00 pm
- 18th Finance Team 7:00 pm

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

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

6th Chuy's Mexican

13th Meatloaf

20th Irish Stew & Biscuits

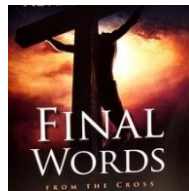
27th Pizza Party

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

Beginning March 10th the study will focus on "Wind in the Wilderness" by DJ del Rosario. This Lenten study considers a different prophet, compares his teaching to that of Jesus, then elucidates resemblances to similar issues in our day.

Men's Study - Confronting the Controversies By Adam Hamilton

Wednesdays 6:30 pm in room 105.



Lent Study for Men & Women.

Come on Wednesday or Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. to listen to the "Final Words of Jesus" through the teachings of Rev. Adam Hamilton a UM Pastor.

Lent Study—if you can not come to a study on Wednesday or Sunday evening be sure to read your copy of "Grace from the Cross" as your devotional for Lent. Available in the Atrium.



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 by joining others also on a journey of faith. We are ALL in it together.

Study opportunities on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. (NO STUDY on ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6)

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

Adult Study—"The Final Words of Jesus" from the cross offers us healing for wounds. If you know anyone who is hurting invite them to join you in these studies.

Chancel Choir— All are welcome. Practice begins at 7:00 p.m. Contact Shawn Stanley for more details shawnstanley630@yahoo.com

Update from General Conference: The decision was made to maintain our current language in our Book of Discipline, regarding homosexuality which does not allow same sex marriage or ordination of someone who is a self avowed homosexual. Decisions made are still a work in progress. Please let us be mindful that this does not change how we continue to love and care for ALL people sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for our congregations as well as Clergy and Bishops. A simulcast message from our Bishop Gregory Palmer will be broadcast at various churches in our Conference on Saturday March 2 at 10:00 a.m. Troy UMC or Mason UMC are the closest to us. The simulcast will be broadcast on the West Ohio Conference web page at a later date. Car pool from St. Andrew at 9:00 a.m.



**NEW HOPE UMC (536 Xenia Av. Dayton) Sunday March 31
Worship at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

Come be the heart and hands of Jesus by joining the fellowship of believers at New Hope for worship and then serve them food. We will car pool from St. Andrew at 4:30 p.m.

How can you be part of this ministry?

1. Pray for God’s Holy Spirit to work in the lives of both congregations New Hope and St. Andrew.
2. Donate items or money for the pulled pork dinner we will prepare. Sign up sheets in the Atrium for both serving and donations.
3. We feed 100 individuals and families—so come and serve the meal and build relationships with our brothers and sisters who are at New Hope.
4. Come and worship with the New Hope Congregation. This is an opportunity for us to be get to know members of New hope in a personal way.

5. Donate items for the New Hope “Free Store” This is a store where the neighborhood can trade items that can be purchased with food stamps for those items that can not be purchased with food stamps. (something that most of us take for granted) Items needed:

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| Laundry detergent | cleaning products | paper towels | lotions |
| Toilet paper | aftershave | acne products | soap |
| Baby lotion | baby wipes | body wash | shampoo |
| conditioner | sanitary pads | denture cream/paste | |

Can you imagine life without these items? Opportunity for us to share the blessings we have with those in need.



Opportunity to feed the hungry through Jackson Area Ministry (JAM) covers several counties in South Eastern Ohio in the Appalachian area. The seed program is one of the many ministries supported by JAM. Watch for seeds in the store - **vegetable seeds** - and donate them by end of March.

Baskets for seeds will be in the Atrium and Gathering Grounds.

“Rebuild Dayton” seeks to create safe and healthy homes for Dayton’s low income seniors in the Edgemont neighborhood on April 27.

Doug Fisher will be attending a meeting in early March to bring us details about the rebuild. In the past we have helped with work on the house, with preparing and serving lunches and yard work. Prayerfully consider serving in this ministry to make a difference to our elderly. Call Doug Fisher if you have any questions.

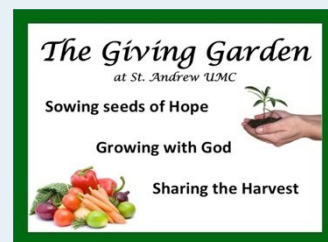
Matthew 25:35-36

35 I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, 36 naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.’



HANNAH’S TREASURE CHEST

Daisy Girl Scout Troup 30611 is collecting children’s new underwear and gently used or new socks for HTC . If you can contribute, please bring them in by March 10th to put in the box in the atrium or by the elevator downstairs. See Molly Schwartz (740-262-3577) for more details.



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!

Thank you to ALL who came for the planning evening. Updates about the Giving Garden will be in Next month’s footprints.

Highlighting Ministries at St. Andrew



Wesley Community Center Winter's are long for everyone but particularly so for those struggling to put food on their table. We will continue our food collection for the Wesley Center in March. The red wagon will be placed in the Atrium on Sunday, March 3rd, as a reminder of our collection on Sunday, March 10th. Please support our St. Andrew outreach program by bringing food. If everyone picked up one extra can of food each time we go grocery shopping we could donate a lot of food and maybe fill Jerry's trunk to overflowing?



Martha's Closet Did you know we have a clothing closet for Wesley Center?

Gently used clothes we have outgrown could be just what someone needs for that job interview, or just to keep warm. How many coats do we really need?

During lent consider taking up this challenge— if not 40 bags in 40 days try 40 items of clothing in 40 days?

Giving up can truly bless someone else.



Invitation to ALL WOMEN in the congregation.

Come to the Fellowship Hall on **Thursday March 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

Experience and "Agape Meal" which is a "love feast" a simple and quiet meal with devotions served by the women in Esther Circle.

Experience a Call to Prayer and Self Denial as we reflect on the Gospel of Christ and make an offering to help sustain ministries

around the country and the world, specifically programs that promote

well being and equal opportunities for children and youth in need.

Over the years United Methodist Women have:

- * Built & equipped schools, libraries and clinics
- * Trained rural and urban women for specialized ministries.
- * Provided nutrition and medical assistance to women, children & youth
- * Offered relief to those uprooted by wars and other disasters
- * Advocated for public policy changes to benefit women and children.

In addition to our monetary offerings to the UMW to support these programs we will also make a free will offering and food donation to Beaver Creek FISH. Please join us for this special meal and service. **INVITE** other women to come with you.

Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances and Neighbors.

Sign up in the Atrium or contact Karen Muller.

Monday, March 18, 6:30-7:30 pm at Christ Church - Kettering Campus Sanctuary

You are invited to attend a Dayton community awareness and prayer event to support the fight against local human trafficking. There will be speakers, a time of prayer, and time for discussion with community service organizations. Invite others to join you.

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THANK YOU

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What do I do if couldn't come? Good news is there will be another day - most likely in April when those who missed it can have their picture taken. We will keep you posted. You may also send your own digital picture to the church office. A good tip to follow is to make sure that your camera phone is set to HDR before you take the picture and that you have a plain background. For further tips contact Ernie Muller.



Red & White Dinner

Thank you Annmarie for the delicious dinner & Shane Spanier for the great music.

Thank you to all who helped with the set up, preparation, serving and clean up.

Paul & Donna Bales, Russ Hackett,

Jeanne Hanseman, Edie Keast, Marge Reed, Jerry Sedlacek and the youth who helped serve Sam Aquino, Ella Adkins and Shay Spanier.

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, 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. Remember in your prayers former pastor Linden Damschroder who has been diagnosed with Parkinson's and prayers for comfort for him and his family on the death of his wife Claudia. Also prayers for the family of Tom Reike who went to his home in glory last October. Please keep Ed Baker and his family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of Sandy his wife. Prayers for Sandy's son Stephen who is recovering from hip surgery.




REMEMEBR TO PRAY THE 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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Come to the Cross and hear the last words of Jesus as heard by those near the cross – during Worship and Bible Study Wednesday and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. **LENT** 

March 10 “Father forgive them...” Simon of Cyrene
March 17 “Today you will be with me in paradise...” Thief on the Cross
March 24 “Behold your son behold your mother...” Mary the Wife of Clopas
March 31 “My God my God, why have you forsaken me?” A person in the crowd
April 7 “I thirst...” Nicodemus
April 19 “**Good Friday**” “It is finished!...” The Centurion
Jesus offers healing and hope even from the cross

