

Peace THAT PASSED ALL UNDERSTANDING...

WORDS FROM PASTOR JOHN

One of my favorite TV shows is, “The Big Bang Theory.” In one episode, Howard Wolowitz (the fictional aerospace engineer) was selected to be a member of the Expedition 31 crew aboard the International Space Station. When Howard returned to Earth, he spoke enthusiastically, yet incessantly, about his time in space. Needless to say people grew weary of his sharing, and Howard finally realized this amazing thing that he experienced didn't need to be woven into every conversation.

While the events we experienced on 1-6-17 won't define my life, there are a few things I'd like to share. First, in the midst of the great evil we encountered on that day, there was an amazing peace that overcame us. It was a peace that passed all understanding. It was the peace of God. As the gunman stood over us, shell casings were literally falling to the ground around us. Later the FBI confirmed that a bullet had grazed my head, and another bullet had been shot into Michelle's back pack. I told Michelle that our guardian angels were working overtime that day. It seemed like an eternity, as the gunman reloaded his weapon at least once, and maybe three times. He only stopped firing after he had used all of his ammunition. They say your life flashes before your eyes in such a time. My mind was filled with Scripture and hymns of our faith. “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*” Philippians 4:13. Over and over again, I heard those words echo through my mind, as well as the hymn, “*It is Well.*”

As soon as the shooting stopped I heard Michelle call my name. I could finally assess that she and her mom were safe, and that none of us had been wounded. We started to check on those around us. I will always remember the man who Michelle helped—

his name was Ed. His wife Mary had been shot and killed, but Ed had survived, although critically wounded. I saw Michelle applying pressure to his wound and quietly saying to him, “It's going to be ok. I'll stay with you till help comes.” She was softly caressing his back as she comforted him. There were two others around us who were already gone. I started to call our family on my phone: my mom, our daughter and sons. I wanted them to know we were ok; that we had made it through the unspeakable.

Someone asked me why I called Shepard Smith and Lester Holt. I didn't call them; they called me. Our daughter Jami spoke with a colleague who is a producer, and that's how they got my phone number. I hope and pray that I reflected Christ in all that I said to the news agencies. It was by the grace of God that we emerged from those circumstances. I pray that my voice was used to bear witness to the love and grace of God. As awful as the day was, it did bring out the best in people. In those moments, and the days and weeks that followed, we have experienced God's grace and love as never before. I don't even know how to begin to express my gratitude and thanks to everyone for your prayers. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Prayers matter! Prayers make a difference.

I've always lived my life in such a way that I know when that day comes when I am called home to be with Jesus, I won't have any regrets. There won't be any unfinished business. I pray that the peace of Christ may abide in your hearts as well. And as my dear friend Chris Heckaman said in his sermon on Sunday, “May we let our light shine brightly for Christ.”

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	2/2
Donna Shoup	2/2
Janice Garrett	2/5
Wendi Ganger	2/6
Cindy Miller	2/6
Bob Schalle	2/6
Chuck Lauersdorf	2/9
Andrew Kirk	2/11
Bill Hughes	2/14
Leslie Moad	2/14
Louise Ashbaugh	2/15
Alex Bennett	2/15
Amy Schalle	2/16
Vera Hayashi	2/17
Jill Hitt	2/19
Ben Kirk	2/23
Michael Muller	2/28



Congratulations to State Representative Rick Perales!

He is now serving his third term in the Ohio House of Representatives. "I am humbled to serve the 73rd House District, including western Greene County. I am a retired member of the Air Force & am a blessed husband & father of 4 and grandparent of 6."



Sermon Topics and Scriptures

February 5, 2017

"Peer Pressure"

Matthew 5:13-20

February 12, 2017

"Directions"

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

February 19, 2017

"God's Life App"

Psalms 119:33-40

February 26, 2017

"The Lordship of Christ"

Matthew 17:1-9

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9:30am Sunday School

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Looking Ahead

MARCH 2017

FEBRUARY 2017

- ~ **Saturday, 11**
Bistro Dinner
- ~ **Sunday, 12**
Combined Service
- ~ **Thursday, 16**
Luncheon, a Prayer and a Matinee
- ~ **Saturday, 18**
Boy Scouts Game Night
- ~ **Sunday, 19**
Footprints Deadline
- ~ **Thursday, 23**
Footprints Folders



- ~ **Wednesday, 1**
Ash Wednesday
- ~ **Saturday, 11**
Church-wide Game Night
- ~ **Sunday, 12**
Daylight Savings Time
- ~ **Thursday, 16**
Luncheon, a Prayer and a Matinee
- ~ **Sunday, 26**
Footprints Deadline
- ~ **Thursday, 30**
Footprints Folders

Please pray for these people who have been in the hospital, ill, and/or recuperating, or who are simply in need of our prayers and support. Thank you.

Sean McCallum
Jack Darst
Morris Miller
Ilene Shultz
Diane Hutton
Jane Novean
Alex Reed, grandson, Art & Kathy Bauer

PM Schlicher
Kara Sandberg
Chuck Lauersdorf
Jan Garrett
Andrew Fox
John and Michelle Schlicher

Julie and Stan Erk
Vera Kercher
Marilyn Hackett
Edie Keast
Charles Thomas
Amy Schalle



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. "...do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God..." **Isaiah 41:10**

Wesley Food Collection / Martha's Closet

Jerry Sedlacek



We will continue our food collection for the Wesley Center in February. The red wagon will be placed in the Atrium on Sunday, 2/5, as a reminder of our collection on Sunday, 2/12. Please support our St. Andrew outreach program by bringing food items that you can spare.

The Cross and the Switchblade

By David Wilkerson

Reviewed by Pat Reynolds

David Wilkerson is a young minister to a small Pennsylvania church with a growing family to support and a full life with just these responsibilities. When he answers a calling to minister to the tough street gangs of New York City, he is met with numerous obstacles—from the authorities in NYC to his congregation and family in Phillipsburg, PA.

Without even the necessary funds to get a hotel room, he begins his ministry bringing the word of God to the youth of a violent gang whose leaders are on trial for the murder of a physically challenged teen. As this true story unfolds, David comes to know how much the various gangs are filled with hate for one another, but most of all for authority figures in their lives. He turns his attention to two gangs and begins to minister to them focusing on how much God loves them no matter who they are or what they do. He feels that if he can reach the leaders, he may have a chance at guiding them toward a new beginning of making the right choices in life. Every step of the way brings new risks as the violent drug scene, which is at the heart of these gangs, reveals the challenges facing David.

This book was written over forty years ago, but the problems facing our urban youth still ring true today. Gang fights, drug addicts, teenage runaways and prostitutes continue to bring challenges facing our city authorities as well as the clergy and lay people called to offer the Word as their first hope to recovery.





**The St. Andrew Theater Presents:
Luncheon, A Prayer & A Matinee
Hosted by Pastor John & Laura Smith**

Midnight Lace

Thursday, February 16, 2017

A Light Lunch at 11:00

Movie Begins at 11:30

Make your reservations in the Atrium, Gathering Grounds or call the office.

Please join us for this spine-tingling 1960 thriller! See you at the movies!

Christmas Adopt-A-Family

Jerry Sedlacek

Our Christmas Adopt-A-Family program for the Wesley Center and Fairbrook Elementary School was a success. 91 gifts were collected for 25 individuals from 7 families, 5 from Wesley and 2 from Fairbrook. Food and cash donations were used to provide food, including a turkey and small ham, for 7 families for a week. Thanks to everyone who supported this outreach program of St. Andrew.

National Rebuilding Day

Jerry Sedlacek

Mark **Saturday, April 29**, on your calendar for the **National Rebuilding Day at the Wesley Center**. Last year there were over 700 volunteers working on projects in neighborhood homes and throughout the area served by Wesley. This year St. Andrew hopes to provide volunteers to prepare sack lunches for all volunteers and to work on a project for one of the neighborhood homes. The project has not yet been identified so details for both efforts will be provided in the March Footprints.

Church-wide Game Night

March 11th, 2017 starting at **5 PM** in the Conference Room.



Please come for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! All ages are invited. Soup and drinks will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share and a favorite game. Childcare will be provided (5 - 8 PM).

To get an approximate headcount, please email Molly Schwartz (mliving3@gmail.com). RSVP is not required for attendance.

Yoga at St. Andrew UMC

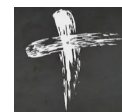
We are continuing to offer yoga classes at St. Andrew UMC with instructor Cindy Brinson. Cost for 'drop ins' to any session is \$10. The dates are: February 4th, 11th, 25th and March 4th. (Please note there will be no class on February 18th.)

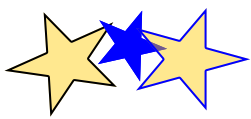


Basic Yoga –9:00-10:00 am **Chair Yoga—10:15-11:15 am**

These classes are open to community members so feel free to spread the word and invite your friends and neighbors. If you have any questions about these classes, call Donna Shoup at 426-3949.

This year, **Ash Wednesday** is **March 1st**. There will be an evening service at **7:00 PM**. Everyone is welcome as we begin a new Lenten season.





The STARS outing for **February** will be to the National Air Force Museum on the **15th**. STARS will meet at the church at **9:00 a.m.** to carpool to the museum. Lunch will be at the Valkyrie Cafe in the museum to maximize our time at the museum. Lunch options will be to pre-order a box lunch for \$4.75 or to order from the menu. A description of the box lunch and the lunch menu is posted by the sign-up sheet on the STARS bulletin board. Tours of the museum are free and 3D movies are \$8.00 (\$7.00 for seniors (60+) and military [active and retired]). A description of the tours and movies is also posted by the sign-up sheet. Because the tours, movies, and times of each varies, nothing specific is planned for our group. Individuals will pick and choose with others touring the museum to fill their visit. Contact Jerry Sedlacek, 426-6174, if you have questions.

Coming Up In February 2017...



From The Kitchen

February 1st City BBQ

Join us for delectable selections from the award-winning, authentic & inspired City Barbecue. Enjoy an array of smoked meats, delicious hot and cold sides, and of course—dessert!

February 8th Picnic In February

Beat the winter blahs at our Indoor Winter Picnic featuring your favorite picnic foods: fried chicken, an assortment of salads, potatoes, and desserts. We'll have it all except the ants.

February 15th Olive Garden

The Olive Garden restaurant believes that “life is better together, and that everyone is happiest when we’re with family.” Our St. Andrew family will be treated with an Italian feast from Olive Garden featuring their made by hand and with heart lasagna and spaghetti.

February 22nd Bodacious Baked Potato Bar

Piping hot, tender baked potatoes with **ALL** the toppings: ham, bacon bits, broccoli, cheeses, chili, taco fixins’, butter, sour cream, scallions, and MORE! If your stomach has room, you can also dine on salads, fresh fruit and dessert.

The Giving Garden...Fellowship, Service, & Growth 2017

Genesis 1:29

Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you;

Do you have a sunlit window ledge, a table space where a grow light can shine, or a greenhouse or sunroom area? Then the Giving Garden needs you to help foster some seedlings for our spring planting. On **Sunday, February 19th from 9:30 am-12:30 pm**, we will have a seed planting area set up in the Fellowship Hall with all the materials necessary to plant your seeds. You can stop by, and we will help you with the planting, or you may pick up cups, trays, potting soil & seeds to take home and plant on your own. Spring planting in the garden will take place the 1st or 2nd weekend of May (weather dependent), so you will be fostering the seedlings for about 2 months. This is a great activity for all ages, so please join us as we begin another bountiful growing season!



Donna Shoup

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	2 7:00 Ascent Practice	3 2:00 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 8:00 NA ^{FH}	4 9:00 Basic Yoga 10:15 Chair Yoga
5 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 6:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 Youth Group	6 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH}	7 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 6:00 Oak Tree Corner ^{FH, EDU} 7:00 Scouts ¹¹⁶ 7:00 Ad. Council ^{CR}	8 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	9 7:00 Ascent Practice	10 2:00 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 8:00 NA ¹¹⁶	11 9:00 Basic Yoga 10:15 Chair Yoga 5:30 Bistro Dinner
12 10:30 Combined Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 6:30 Women's Bible Study No Youth Group	13 5:30 Lions Club ^{CR} 7:00 Boy Scouts ^{FH}	14 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 7:00 SPRC ^{CR}	15 STARS 1:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	16 11:00 Lunch, Prayer & Movie "Midnight Lace" 7:00 Ascent Practice	17 2:00 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 8:00 NA ^{FH}	18 9:00 Esther Circle ^{FH} 6:00 Boy Scout Game Night ^{FH, YR}
19 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School-All Ages 9:30 - 12:30 Giving Garden Seedling Pick-up 1:00 Pizza with the Pastor 6:30 Women's Bible Study No Youth Group	20 Presidents' Day 7:00 Missions ^{CR}	21 10:00 Quilt Group ¹⁰⁷ 6:00 Oak Tree Corner ^{FH, EDU}	22 10:00 Koinonia Circle ¹⁰⁵ 5:30 Dinner 6:30 Life Groups meet 7:00 Choir Practice	23 10:00 Footprint Folders 7:00 Lydia Circle ¹⁰⁵ 7:00 Ascent Practice	24 2:00 Girl Scouts ^{FH} 8:00 NA ^{FH}	25 9:00 Basic Yoga 10:15 Chair Yoga
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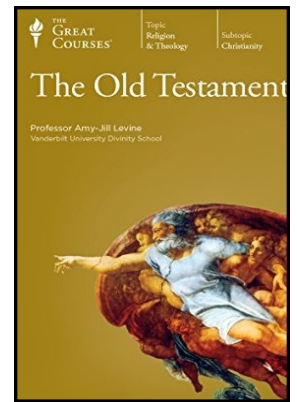
HANNAH'S TREASURE CHEST
Enriching the Lives of Children in Need

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, 6 March 2017**, 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 (you may recall our St Andrew UMC Vacation Bible School children helped with that last summer!) 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, 29 January 2017. A second way to help with this effort is to donate infant/toddler/children's reading books. We will take the **books** to Hannah's Treasure Chest on **6 March 2017**. There will be a bin available in the church atrium to collect the books. 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.

The **Combined Adult Sunday School Class** will begin a new study series on the **Old Testament** on **March 19, 2017**. The study will be based on the "Great Courses," program entitled The Old Testament presented by Professor Amy-Jill Levine from Vanderbilt University. The study:

- Takes an in-depth look at stories in the Old Testament from Book of Genesis through the Bible's Apocalyptic Literature. The course consists of 24 lectures.
- Spans the time from creation (Gen. 1) to Judaism's encounter with Hellenism in the wake of Alexander the Great (Daniel), and for each setting it provides a variety of literatures. Its genres include cosmological myths and stories of origin (Gen 1-11), sagas of culture heroes (Gen. 12-50, Joshua, Judges), law codes (Leviticus, Deuteronomy), prophetic oracles (Amos, Isaiah), court tales (Esther, Daniel) and apocalyptic visions (Zechariah, Daniel). Diverse questions such as, "Who are we? What is our history: What are our standards of morality? How do we relate to those outside our community? How, and whom, shall we worship?" will be addressed.
- Is oriented toward historical context and literary import and the lectures sometimes raise issues of religious concerns. The goal of an academic course in biblical studies is to provide members of faith communities with richer insights into the literature that forms their bedrock and not to undermine religious faith.



The class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. Everyone interested in learning more about the Old Testament is invited. For more information, contact Bill Hughes, Walt White, Jeff Smith or Debbie Caudill.

LOST AND FOUND: The church's aluminum-framed, commercial front and rear projection, vinyl screen with folding, collapsible legs is missing. Should you have it, please return it as soon as possible as it is St. Andrew property, and we do have use for it. Thanks very much!



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The Bistro

at St. Andrew

an elegant but casual event for all to enjoy

Saturday, February 11, 2017

5:30 Gathering & Hors D'oeuvres

6:00 Dinner

Mr. John Slate is our guest musician and will be playing from 5:30 to 6:30.

Seating is limited; we encourage you to make your reservations early by calling the church office at 937-426-6491 or signing up in the Atrium or in the Gathering Grounds.

LOVE
IS ALL YOU NEED

**ARE YOU
READY?**

FUTURE

One Combined Worship Celebration

On February 12, 2017 at 10:30 am

It will be a special time of coming together as we enter into 2017.

We know that wonderful Spirit we experience and look forward to when we all come together.

Save the date, and anticipate the way that only God can move in and through us once again.