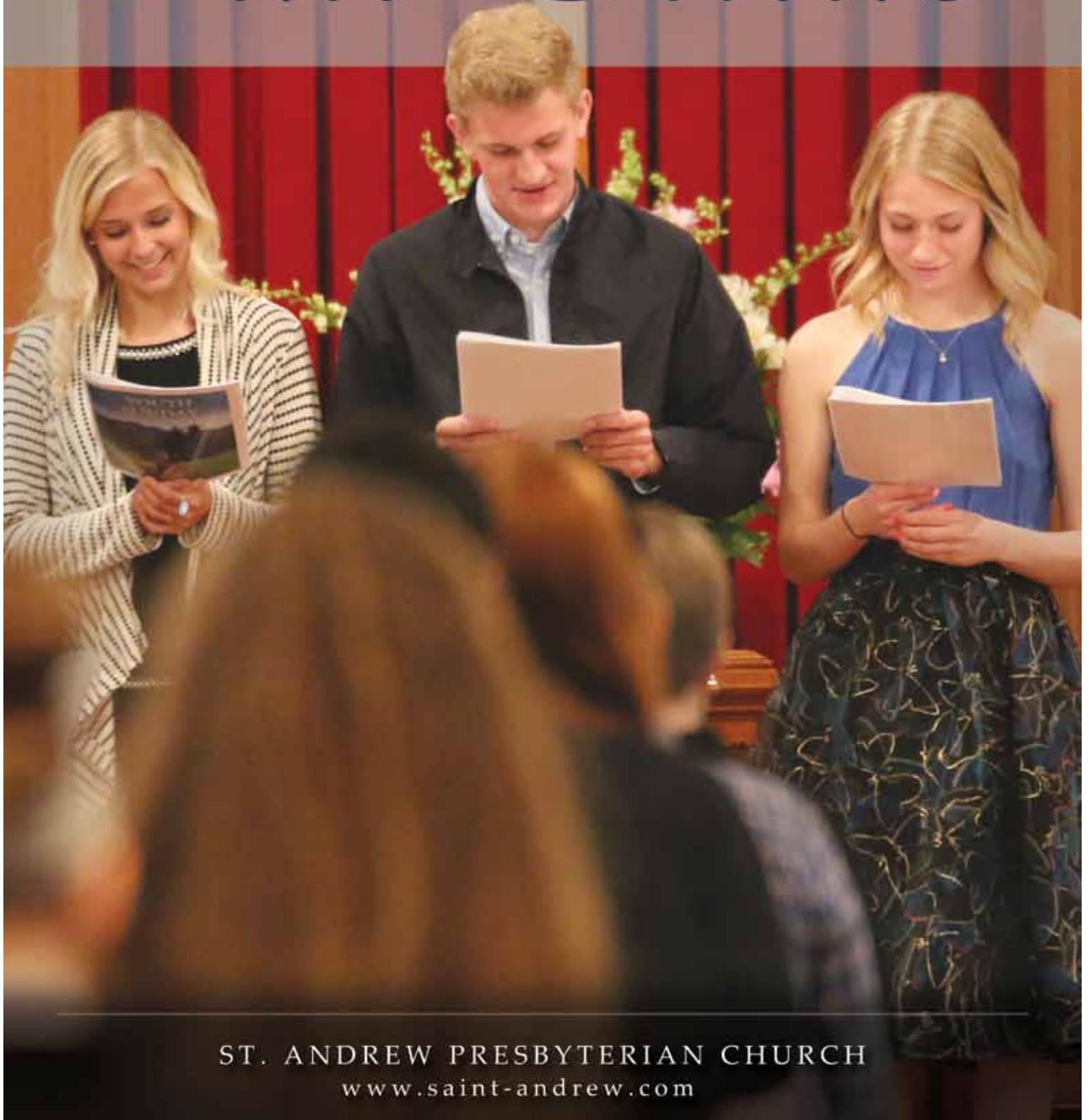


# *The Fall Guide*



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30am & 10:50am

Children's Chapel - after the  
children's sermon @ 10:50am

# FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

*This is an exciting time to be involved in the Christian Education program here at St. Andrew. Our Mission Study Committee has put into words the overall philosophy and aspirations of our vision for Christian Education:*



- We aspire to create an inter-generational place of intellectual freedom where life's difficult questions can be freely asked.
- We aspire to create a learning environment of trust and mutual respect where knowledge, grace, and God's people grow together.
- We aspire to be a faith community where Christian education is valued, where disciples are shaped and formed as we engage both the mind and the heart.
- We aspire to provide a class, meeting, or small group for all age groups and seasons of life.

*As you look through this Fall Guide, I think you will see the spirit of the above vision on most every page. I encourage you to explore the offerings and discover where you fit in. Our Christian Journey is always ongoing, and we are all growing in our exploration of faith and practice. If you have not yet participated in our education program, I encourage you to give us a try. I think you will find it to be a blessing to you and your family as we learn and grow together.*

*Grace & Peace,*

*Alan Baroody*

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# WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

*St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith committed to worshiping in ways that inspire awe and praise; Growing in God's Word; Practicing the radical hospitality of divine grace; Sharing God's love with people of diverse backgrounds and ages; Reaching out to human need in Denton and beyond; Growing in all forms of giving—time, talent, and treasure; Becoming faithful disciples of Jesus as we learn to love God with all that is in us, and the neighbor as the self.*

- We worship and study together on Sundays at 8:30am with soloists and 10:50am with chancel choir. Sunday School is at 9:30am, with a nursery for infants and young children and a Children's Chapel for pre-K and K children.
- We periodically hold a Service for Wholeness on weekday evenings where respite from busyness of life can be found, as well as weekly Bible studies and activities for men and women and various monthly gatherings.
- We serve our congregation, our community, and the world, including a Fall Festival of Faith and Stephen Ministry.
- We gather mid-week during Fall and Spring semesters for a Super Wednesday meal, program, and activities for all ages, including Chancel Choir, whose membership is open to all with no auditions, and a Handbell Choir.
- We have an active Youth ministry for middle and high school students and a dynamic program for elementary and pre-school children, including two children's choirs, which also attend a Worship and Music Conference at Mo Ranch in the summer.
- We provide The Children's Place, a preschool, and the Treehouse, an after school program for elementary children.
- We house Denton's ecumenical soup kitchen, Our Daily Bread, in Fellowship Hall M-F every week at noon, and we volunteer working with Hearts for Homes, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, HOPE, Inc., the Denton Community Food Center, Spirit Horse, and provide mission trips throughout the year for all ages.

## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership at St. Andrew is the first step in what we consider a life-long process of discipleship, and we invite you to join us on this journey. Becoming a member affirms your faith in God and love for God's people. Membership is a commitment to this particular part of God's family, where we nurture growth in faith, worship, and service to others. We hope you find the simplicity of our membership process an engaging introduction to our life together.

There are four steps to becoming a member of St. Andrew:

1. Fill out and turn in a New Member Information Form. You will find the forms on the Visitor Information table in the narthex.
2. Come to the parlor after the 10:50am worship service. The Session, our governing body, formally receives new members at that time. We receive new members in one of the following ways: Letter of Transfer (can be requested by our church office), Reaffirmation of Faith, or Profession of Faith and Baptism.
3. Join us during the 10:50am worship service the following Sunday when we recognize our new members during the service.
4. We encourage all new members to participate in an Inquirer's Class, which is offered periodically during the year.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY MORNING

### **Nursery, Room 102, 8:30am-Noon**

Our nursery for infants and toddlers is located in the Education wing and is fully staffed on Sunday mornings. Pagers are available for you to take with you for your peace of mind, in case the nursery staff needs to get in touch with you.

### **Children's Chapel**

#### ***Sunday Mornings, 10:50am Worship Service***

For preschoolers and kindergarteners, this worship time begins after the children's sermon in the 10:50am service. Godly Play helps them explore the purpose and meaning of worship in the children's chapel upstairs. Parents pick their children up from chapel after the worship service concludes.

### **Preschool, Room 100, 9:30am**

#### ***Sue Elliott & Vera Odei***

Preschool children three through five years old will learn the stories of the Bible through story time, art, music and play. They will experience the stories through a rotation model curriculum, preparing them for entry into the K-5<sup>th</sup> grade rotation model Sunday school when they enter kindergarten.

### **K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Media Room, 9:30am**

All children in grades K-5 will meet in the media room next to the library, for the morning's Gathering. After the Gathering, K-3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will learn and explore each Sunday morning's story in a deeper way through art, mission, storytelling, media and games. Join us in our dedicated children's area!

### **Sacraments Workshop for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders and Parents**

#### ***Sunday, September 20 & 27 @ 9:30 in Children's Chapel***

Children and their parents are invited to come and learn more about the two sacraments in the Reformed tradition, Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Children and parents will explore the important themes and abundant promises of the sacraments that are instituted by God and commended by Christ. Led by Michael & Amy Ball

### **Acolyte Training for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

#### ***Sunday, September 20 @ Noon in the Sanctuary***

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## AT ST. ANDREW

### **Ushers**

Ushering for the Sunday morning worship services is open to all youth and adults of the congregation. To learn more, please get in touch with June McNeill, 940.591.6080.

### **Super Wednesday Volunteers**

#### ***September 9 - April 27, Fellowship Hall, 4:30pm***

Many willing hands are needed on Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall in order for Super Wednesdays to be successful. Volunteers are needed each week to help serve the meal and staff the money table. Sign-up sheets will be posted in Fellowship Hall, so please volunteer an evening or two this spring. Jane Jaegerman and Peggy Wiseman will give you a reminder call as your turn to help approaches. Thank You!

### **Stephen Ministry**

#### **Christian care is available to you.**

The Stephen Ministry motto is "God's love in action." Stephen Ministers provide one-on-one confidential Christian care for people in our congregation and community who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, illness, disability, job loss, or any of life's many difficulties. To receive confidential care for yourself, a friend, or family member, talk to one of the pastors.

#### **Training to provide Christian care to others.**

*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2*

Stephen Ministers are lay people who complete 50 hours of training in Christian caregiving. They serve others, as Paul has instructed above, by listening, supporting, and encouraging those going through a difficult time. Is God calling you to help others in this ministry? Watch the church publications this fall for information about the upcoming training class or talk to one of our current Stephen Ministers.

# YOUTH

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

*element: an existence that satisfies all the conditions of belonging to something*

**Super Wednesday *element* | 5:30-7:30pm**

**Location: Gym and The Den**

*element* is a community for middle school students to come and be themselves, play games and have fun, build friendships, and engage in our faith together. Join all the youth in the gym at 5:30 for games, energizers and more! At 6:30, we will move to the Den for time with other middle school students and we will explore the Fruits of the Spirit and how to make them relevant in our lives today.

**Sunday Morning**

**element Sunday School | 9:30-10:30am**

**Location: The Den**

Join other middle school students as we take a look at characters in the bible and the Christian language. We will look at people and words that we often hear about in church and discuss how they connect to our lives today.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

**CREW: *Community, Risk, Experience, Worship***

**Super Wednesday CREW | 5:30-8:30 pm**

**Location: Gym and The Den**

Start off in the gym with all youth for games, energizers and more! As you move into the Den, you will have time to discuss life and faith with other high school students and will participate in new activities that stretch us to serve beyond the walls of St. Andrew and into our community.

**High School Sunday School | 9:30-10:30**

**Location: The Cave**

This is the place for high school students to hang out with friends, engage in discussion about the joys and struggles of being a teenager, and explore what it means to have faith in God in today's world.

# COMING THIS FALL

**Fall Youth Kickoff!**

**September 9, 5:30-7:30pm**

Super Wednesday Youth group will start off with a bang this year! We will meet from 5:30-7:30 for both CREW and *element*. Dinner will be provided for all and games, including water fun, will happen on the front lawn. Come wearing appropriate clothing for getting wet! It will be a great welcome to our newest *element* members.

**Youth Fest West, October 16-18**

All youth are invited to Glen Lake Camp in Glen Rose, Texas to join with youth from around Grace Presbytery for a weekend retreat! Youth will enjoy games, energizers, song, small group and more! Sign up with Brandi by September 20, 2015. Cost is \$125.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## FOR CHILDREN

### Nursery — 8:30am-Noon

#### *Room 102*

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### Mission Mixer

Sunday, September 27, 9:30-10:30am  
in Fellowship Hall

Looking to find your place in the mission of St. Andrew? Join us Sunday, September 27 from 9:30-10:30am in Fellowship Hall to learn more. We will have informational booths setup from the non-profit agencies we support so that you can learn more about the various ways you can serve St. Andrew, the Denton community, and our world!

## FOR ADULTS

### The Breakfast Club and The Inquirer's Class meet together

#### *Alan Baroody & Lisa Patterson, Room 206/208*

#### *September 20-October 25*

Inquirer's Class in The Breakfast Club will feel a bit like a confirmation class for adults from September 20-October 25. All visitors, new members, those who want a quick refresher on what it means to be a presbyterian or anyone looking for a Sunday school class are invited. We will cover theology, polity, Reformed spirituality and how St. Andrew lives out the Reformed tradition in how it worships, serves and structures its polity. Come and join us. Questions are encouraged. The Breakfast Club will then complete *The Mighty Acts of God* New Testament section beginning November 1.

### Mighty Acts — 9:30am

#### *John Mikow, Room 100*

The *Present Word* engages participants in an experiential style of learning and connecting faith and life. Through the exploration of the biblical text, class members are invited into a deepened relationship with God. This fall, the Christian community comes alive in the book of Acts. It's alive with seeds of new growth, giving bold testimony and spreading the gospel.

### Pastor's Class — 9:40am

#### *Fred Cassell, Room 207/209*

Join this inquisitive, faithful, lively and welcoming group for the Fall semester. They are faithfully led by Fred Cassell and study the Bible in all of its complexities and meaning. They will complete Acts on September 20, 2015 and will begin a new study in October.

### Pathfinders — 9:30am

#### *Richard Sale, Room 205*

This Fall the Pathfinder's Sunday School Class will use the series, "Living the Questions" for its curriculum. The class is led by Richard Sale and meets in room 205. This DVD series is a small group exploration of progressive Christianity featuring premier religion voices of our day. Each week, the class will view a brief DVD followed by a discussion of the topic. All views are welcomed and encouraged.

# MUSIC MINISTRY

## **Chancel Choir | Jeff Snider, Director of Music**

The Chancel Choir is open to all members of the congregation as well as non-members. There is no audition; simply contact Jeff Snider at [Jeff@saint-andrew.com](mailto:Jeff@saint-andrew.com). The ability to read music is helpful but not required. We rehearse in the adult choir room at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings and in the chancel on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. If you feel the call to sing, please consider joining this group of dedicated singers.

## **Handbell Choir | Jean Harden, Director**

The handbell choir offers another option for musical participation in worship. This intergenerational group consists mostly of St. Andrew members but over the years has usually included non-members as well. The handbells play in worship several times each year, most often during Advent, Lent, and the Easter season. Some familiarity with music notation is strongly recommended, but previous ringing experience is not required. We will teach you what you need to know about ringing.

Membership is open without audition to ringers from senior high through adult. Junior high students with substantial past musical experience may be accepted into the group after consultation with the director. Small ensembles for more advanced ringers are filled by invitation only, from the ranks of the principal group. The full handbell choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the adult choir room.

Beginning date TBA

## **Children's Choirs | Jannette Hindman, Director**

Participating in choir gives children the opportunity to serve God as they offer up their singing in worship as a gift. The children's choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings after the meal in Fellowship Hall. The Covenant Choir, for second through fifth grades, rehearses from 6:15-7:00pm, and the Noel Choir, for kindergarten and first grades, rehearses from 7:00-7:30pm. The children's choir room is located on the floor directly above the church office. All children are invited to join a choir!

## **Youth Choir | Jannette Hindman, Director**

Youth Choir meets from 9:00-9:45 on Sunday mornings in the children's choir room and is open to all middle school and high school youth. It provides an opportunity for our youth to worship through music and to serve God by enhancing the worship services of St. Andrew. Singing in choir also enables our youth to participate more fully in the worship life of our church, and is a way for them to give back to their church, which supports its children and youth programs fully. Last but not least, listeners are blessed by the beautiful sounds of our teens singing praise to God. Come join us!

## **Instrumental Ensemble**

### ***Adam La Spata, Director***

The instrumental ensemble provides string, wind, and percussion musicians the opportunity to honor God by playing hymn orchestrations and original compositions and arrangements for instruments. We play in worship several times each year, seeking to enhance the meaning of the liturgical seasons. Membership is open without auditions to instrumentalists from high school age on up even if they are not St. Andrew members; junior high students with sufficient musical experience may be accepted into the group after consultation with the director. All members of the ensemble should be able, at a minimum, to play a notated hymn melody and harmony, at a tempo suitable for singing. The full ensemble rehearses on Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 1:30pm in the adult choir room. Rehearsals will begin on January 18. For more information, please contact the director at 773-412-4264.

# SPECIAL OFFERINGS



## **World Communion Sunday**

**October 4, 2015**

We will receive the Peacemaking Offering during worship on World Communion Sunday. This annual offering is allocated using the apportionment of 25% for local use, 25% divided between Grace Presbytery and Synod of the Sun, and 50% for the General Assembly Mission Council for its peacemaking efforts. Please plan to give generously to this special offering. Thank You!



## **Christmas Joy Offering**

**December 20, 2015**

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 20 at all worship services. From the Presbyterian Mission Agency website: "By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you'll be helping families of active and retired church workers and providing opportunities for education. The Christmas Joy Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges." You can give to this offering by picking up an envelope in the pews and placing your donation with "Christmas Joy Offering" written on the memo line. Children may give to the offering by picking up a bank in the Narthex.

# SUPER WEDNESDAY

## September 9-December 9, 5:30-7:30pm

*Super Wednesday offers something for people of all ages, and we invite you to join us this spring. After our meal in Fellowship Hall, everyone scatters to participate in a variety of studies and activities, which you'll find described below.*

Meal, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

Children & Youth, \$2, College Students, no charge,

Adults, \$5

Family Maximum, \$10

### Children's Activities

Nursery for infants & preschoolers, Room 102, 5:30-7:30pm

Covenant Choir, grades 2-5, Children's Choir Room, Jannette

Hindman, 6:15pm

Recreation K-1st Grades, Malicia Curran, 6:15pm

Noel Choir, K-1st, Children's Choir Room,

Jannette Hindman, 7:00pm

Recreation Grades 2-5, Malicia Curran, 7:00pm

### Activities for Youth

Middle School *element*

Rec Center and The Den @ 5:30pm

High School CREW

Rec Center and The Den @ 5:30pm

### Adult Studies, 6:30-7:30pm

#### **Humor as a Laugh Resort**

*J.B. Keith, Storyteller*

*Fellowship Hall, September 9-October 14*

Story is the medium through which people share the experiences of life, and humor is one of the highest levels of human intelligence. With his original "entertainments", J.B. may stimulate your creativity, stretch your imagination, twist your assumptions, make you groan, or just turn over your tickle box. A professional storyteller, founding member of the Tejas Storytelling Association, and recipient of the John Henry Falk Award for his contributions to the art, he invites us Presbyterians who have been called the frozen chosen, to thaw out a bit and join in laughter for its own reward.

#### **Mighty Acts of God**

*Amy Cole & Stephanie Raesz*

*Room 205, September 9-November 18*

Whether you have already studied parts of this book with the Breakfast Club Sunday school class or this book will be new to you, join us as we spend the semester reading and studying this "essential tool for learning more about the Bible". Copies of the book can be obtained through Lisa Patterson if you are interested, or just come each week and join the discussion.

#### **Great Decisions in Foreign Policy**

*Dr. Jim Goodnow, Adjunct Professor of International Studies UNT*

*Room 207/209, September 9-October 14*

This course is a continuation of the Great Decisions in Foreign Policy discussions started in spring 2015. It is part of a national dialogue concerning major issues facing U.S. foreign policy makers, organized by the Foreign Policy Association. Class sessions will include background videos followed by group discussions concerning sectarianism in the Middle East (September 9 and 16), the Syrian refugee crisis (September 16 and 23), U.S. policy toward Africa (September 30), human trafficking (October 7) and Brazil in metamorphosis (October 14). Participants may order briefing books for the course on line from the Foreign Policy Association ([www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org)).

#### **Parenting Young Children**

*Arminia Jacobson*

*Room 206/208, September 9-October 7*

The class will be interactive and focus on topics of interests of participants. The context of discussion will be knowledge and understanding of how parenting can meet the developmental needs of young children, needs of parents, and foster healthy family life.

#### **What's up, Doc?**

*Susan Davis, Documentary Filmmaker and Founder of Curious Dog Creative*

*Media Room, October 14-November 18*

Documentary films turn the camera lens and our own eyes to people, places and circumstances around the world and often in the places we live.

This six-week class will highlight documentaries that open the history book as well as contemporary stories that champion courage and compassion, illustrating ways each one of us can make a positive difference wherever we are. Special guests from Denton filmmaking and nonprofit organizations will be featured. Class participants will be encouraged to discover creative ways for "documenting life" in preparation for a proposed follow up class in the Spring of 2016.

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# SUPER WEDNESDAY

## **Human Trafficking – A Roadblock to the Path**

*Darhyl Ramsey*

*Fellowship Hall, October 21-November 18*

Human trafficking, in its many forms is a roadblock to Peace, Conflict Resolution and to Personal freedom for many people. We often hear about trafficking in Europe and Asia, but the United States (and Denton, TX) is not immune to its far-reaching impacts. Based around a video series and book entitled A Path Appears by Kristof and WuDunn, with literature from PC USA, and local guests to discuss the issue that exists in Denton, we will explore the problem and possible solutions that St. Andrew could pursue.

## **Genealogy**

*Leigh Kitchens and Lisa Rosenberg*

*Library, October 21-November 18*

Have you ever wondered where your family REALLY came from? Is there a mysterious relative who seemed to come from nowhere? Come join Leigh Kitchens and Lisa Rosenberg for an Introduction to Online Genealogy. We will spend 5 weeks on the basics of how, who, and where to search in order to build your family tree. Bring a notebook or binder (as there will be handouts) and laptop if you have one. A few computers are available to share in the church library.

# SPECIAL SUPER WEDNESDAYS

## **Advent Adventure**

*Wednesday, December 2*

Join us on Wednesday, December 2 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall for our yearly Advent Adventure. We will enjoy a delicious meal at Super Wednesday prices and then enjoy our annual, intergenerational Advent Adventure. We'll make crafts, play board games and enjoy a night of crafting, playing and fun in preparation for the Christmas Season. Questions? Ask Amy Ball amykball@charter.net or Lisa Patterson lisa@saint-andrew.com.

## **“Hallelujah! An Introduction to Handel’s Messiah”**

*Wednesday, December 9*

Since its premiere in 1741, Handel’s Messiah has remained an important part of the sacred choral repertoire. How did it come to be written? How is it organized? How is it different from other works? What are the reasons for its enduring popularity? Music Director Jeffrey Snider (who has performed the work many times) will discuss these questions and more.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## **Service for Wholeness**

**December 2**

You are invited to a Service for Wholeness in the sanctuary at 7:30pm on Wednesday, December 2. This informal service affirms God’s love for us in the face of spiritual and perhaps physical pain and suffering. It is a way for us to be present with one another in love. Consisting of a short meditation from one of the pastors, responsive reading, and prayer, the service offers a quiet and contemplative approach to worship. In part of the service, worshipers are invited to bring a need or concern before God by coming forward for prayer with one of the pastors or Stephen Ministers. Perhaps it is an illness, or treatment for an illness. Or maybe it involves a family or business matter, or a relationship of one kind or another. Whatever the need, the Service for Wholeness is an opportunity to bring that need into the presence of God in a confidential environment. The service concludes with the celebration of the Holy Communion.

## **Hymn Sing**

**October 18**

The Chancel Choir will join with the choirs of First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church for a “hymn sing” at 3:00pm on Sunday, October 18 in the Sanctuary. A variety of classic and newer hymns will be sung. Please mark your calendars and bring your friends!

## **Water for Life**

**with Ed Hiler**

**Sunday, September 27**

**Noon, Fellowship Hall**

**Luncheon and Presentation**

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DENTON

## Community Outreach Committee

This diaconate committee provides opportunities for members of St. Andrew to assist with community needs. Activities for the remainder of 2015 include the following:

- **Diaper Drive (August through September):** The committee will collect children's and adult diapers for Interfaith Ministries.
- **Our Daily Bread Gift Bags (October through November):** The committee will collect toiletry items that will be donated to Our Daily Bread for Christmas Gift Bags.
- **Give-A-Meal-A-Month:** Food is collected each month for distribution to the Denton Food Center.

The committee welcomes others to become a member of the Community Outreach Committee. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m.

## Treehouse Volunteers

The Treehouse After School Program is a mission of St. Andrew that cares for children of low-income families who are not otherwise able to afford after-school daycare. Students are picked up at their elementary schools by the St. Andrew bus and brought to the our recreation building. They are fed a nutritious snack, helped with homework, and allowed time for recreation, crafts, reading, and other activities each day.

The program is dependent upon volunteers both to provide our daily snack and to help the director with set-up and supervision of the children each day.

If you are interested in volunteering to provide snack and/or to help in the afternoons, or if you would like more information about the Treehouse, please contact the director at [stephanieraesz@verizon.net](mailto:stephanieraesz@verizon.net) or through the church office.

## Give a Meal

Our monthly food drive for the Denton Community Food Center is organized by the diaconate's Community Outreach committee. The monthly menu is in the bulletin each week, and the committee asks that we bring our staples to the collection bin by the Coke machine near the doors to Fellowship Hall. They will deliver the food to the Food Center at the end of the month. Our monthly food drive is a simple yet powerful way to help feed our hungry neighbors in Denton. Thank You!

## Birthday Endowment

This endowment was established in 2007 and provides income to fund mission efforts not covered by the annual mission budget. Income has been used in previous years to send children and sponsors to Mo-Ranch's Worship and Music Conference, as well as for mission projects such as water filtration systems for people in Guatemala. Traditionally, members contribute an amount equal to the number of years being celebrated. So on your next birthday remember this endowment and contribute toward making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

## Our Daily Bread

Many in Denton turn for help to this community soup kitchen housed at St. Andrew. The kitchen staff always needs volunteers, and there are other avenues to serve as well. To volunteer, visit their website, <http://www.ourdailybreaddenton.org/>, and follow the directions under Volunteering.

## ADVENT AT ST. ANDREW

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES  
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, & SATURDAYS  
DECEMBER 1-17  
6PM, SANCTUARY

ADVENT ADVENTURE  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2  
5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

MARKET FOR MISSION  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6  
9AM-1PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL  
SUPER WEDNESDAY: MESSIAH  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9  
5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13  
8:30AM & 10:50AM, SANCTUARY

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & DINNER  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13  
5PM, SANCTUARY  
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIT SERVICES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24  
5PM & 7PM, SANCTUARY

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

## Presbyterian Women

### September

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> - Horizon Bible Study Overview in Parlor presented by Lisa Patterson 9:30am til 11am

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> - Circle I & II meets 9:30am til 11am

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> - Horizon's Study Overview at First Presby. Church, Ft. Worth

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> - Denton Association of Christian Women meet at First United Methodist Church 9:30am til 11am

### October

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> - Circle I & II meet 9:30am til 11am

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> - Women of Church meet 9:30am til 11am.

Book Review by Patsy Wilson, Celebrate Thanks offering

### November

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Business Meeting in Parlor 9:30am

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> - Circle I & II meets 9:30am til 11am

### December

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> - Women of the church meet in parlor 9:30am til 11am. St. Andrew Musicians share Christmas songs. Honorary Life Membership Award given and Installation of Officers

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> - Circle I meets 9:30am til 11am.

Circle I and II will meet each month as printed in our 2015 Yearbook.

## Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study

**Room 206, 1:30pm**

**Helen Davis**

The Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study's fall semester begins Tuesday, September 8 in rooms 206-208 at 1:30-3:00pm. It is a 26-week study by N.T Wright of the book of John.

This group welcomes any who care to join us. We are a group of women who care for each other and enjoy discussing God's word. We share our thoughts on the study as well as our prayer concerns. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Davis at 940-262-0871 for further information.

## Women's Advent Book Study

**Wednesdays at Noon, Room 206/208**

**October 14 - November 4**

**Lisa Patterson**

Lisa Patterson will lead this ecumenical group in an Advent study this fall. The book being discussed will be *The Road to Character* by David Brooks. He responds to what he calls the culture of the Big Me, which emphasizes external success. Brooks challenges us, and himself, to rebalance the scales between our "résumé virtues"—achieving wealth, fame, and status—and our "eulogy virtues," those that exist at the core of our being: kindness, bravery, honesty, or faithfulness, focusing on what kind of relationships we have formed. Join the group for lively and thoughtful discussion. And bring a friend and your lunch, if you'd like.

## Theology on Tap

**Every Other Monday @ 6:30pm | Wine Squared**

Drink. Conversation. Faith. God.

Theology on Tap is a multi-generational gathering where inquiry and reflection cross with leisure and a good drink. More specifically, it is a discussion on matters of human interest with theological significance. We aim to connect theology and life, and learn about God and ourselves in the process.

On a typical night, we'll gather for drinks, food, and discussion. The facilitator for the evening will frame the topic for discussion, make some remarks to get the discussion going, and then prompt a larger discussion with the group. Each participant is responsible for helping others think through the topic and move the discussion in a stimulating, engaging, and fruitful direction. We typically meet at 6:30 pm, but will be meeting at 7:00pm at Wine Squared. Watch the bulletin, Facebook and emails for updates on times.

**Fall Dates: September 7 and 21; October 5 and 19; November 2, 16 and 30; December 14 and 28**

## Men's Study Group

**Cartwright's on the Square, 8:00am**

Beginning Thursday, September 10, the St. Andrew Men's Study Group will meet at 8:00am at Cartwright's on the Square. Each Thursday we'll discuss a different devotional selection from Richard Halverson's book entitled: *Man to Man*.

We encourage all interested men to join us weekly for fellowship and discussion, as we discern how God would have us daily live our lives.

## Cornerstone

Cornerstone group is a social group of individuals/couples in their 30's-40's wanting to establish roots and build bonds in Denton and at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. We gather every month or two for social events to have fun and build bonds. We welcome anyone that is interested in getting involved, and we hope you can help this group grow and develop. Please join the Facebook page "Cornerstone" to get updates on events, and email Lauren Patton at cocinas1981@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining the e-mail list for events.

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*FALL FESTIVAL OF FAITH*

**Topic: Forgive and Remember**

**Saturday, October 17**

5:30 p.m. — Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. — Presentation by Dr. Rigby

**Sunday, October 18**

8:30 a.m. — Sermon by Dr. Rigby

9:45 a.m. — Presentation by Dr. Rigby in Fellowship Hall

10:50 a.m. — Sermon by Dr. Rigby



Professor Cynthia Rigby joined the faculty of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1995. In an article in the Dallas Morning News, on March 28, 2006, Rigby was cited as one of the great theologians of our time. Dr. Rigby's special area of interest is setting Reformed theologies in conversation with theologies of liberation, particularly feminist theologies.

An energetic scholar, Dr. Rigby is the author of more than thirty articles and book chapters. She is the author of *The Promotion of Social Righteousness* (Witherspoon Press, 2010) and she is currently completing a book titled *Shaping our Faith: A Christian Feminist Theology* (Baker Academic, forthcoming). Dr. Rigby is also working on two additional projects, one focused on the doctrines of "sin and salvation" and the other on developing a systematic theology especially for pastors.