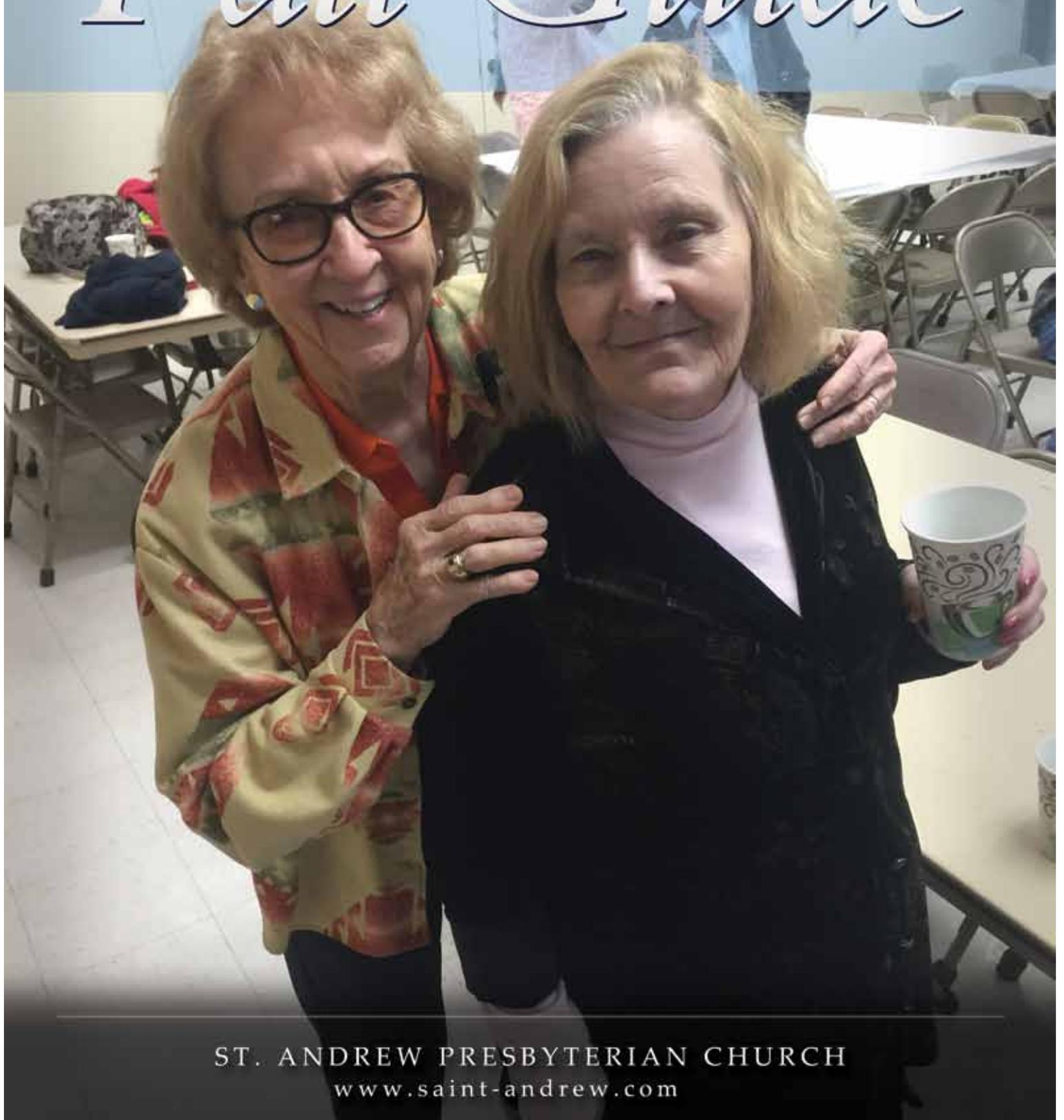


# *The Fall Guide*



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service

## FROM OUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*The Pastor Nominating Committee invites you to join us as St. Andrew welcomes the Rev. Dr. Richard Culp on his first Sunday with us on Sunday, October 2. The congregation is invited to stay following the worship service for lunch in Fellowship Hall where we'll get to learn more about Richard. Lunch will be catered by Cartwright's Ranch House. Richard was elected to the position of Senior Pastor/Head of Staff at the meeting of the congregation on Sunday, July 24.*

*A pastor of 25 years with deep roots at St. Andrew, Richard has spent the last 17 years as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Troy, Ohio. He's been a voice in our denomination having served the denomination on committee, moderator of presbytery, and at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He's also served locally on boards in the community.*

*As part of Richard's introduction to St. Andrew, the Pastor Nominating Committee plans to introduce Richard at a number of gatherings in the congregation and in the community. Please be sure to watch for details in upcoming issues of the Shield and in the bulletin.*

*As we start this new chapter of our journey together, we give thanks to God for God's faithfulness to St. Andrew during this time, and for God's call to Richard that he would minister here.*

*The Pastor Nominating Committee*

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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 10:30am 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, and we volunteer working with Hearts for Homes, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, HOPE, Inc., the Denton Community Food Center, 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 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 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.

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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY MORNING

### **Nursery, Room 102, 9:00am-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, 10:30am Worship Service***

For children aged three years through Kindergarten, this worship time begins after the children's sermon in the 10:30am 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 experiential play. The stories will be taught through the lens of the love of God in Jesus Christ, and the children will begin the work, through play, of becoming grounded in the narratives of the faith.

### **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-5<sup>th</sup> will learn and explore each Sunday morning's story in a deeper way through art, mission, story-telling, media and games. Join us in our dedicated children's area!

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## IN DENTON

### **Community Outreach Committee**

This diaconate committee provides opportunities for members of St. Andrew to assist with community needs. If you are looking for a place to serve and get involved, please consider joining this committee. Some of the activities are:

- **Apple Tree Project** - members of the congregation choose an apple and purchase two sets of school clothing or a gift card.
- **Our Daily Bread Gift Bags** – the committee will collect toiletry items that will be donated to Our Daily Bread for Christmas Gift Bags for the clients.
- **Give-A-Meal-A-Month** – food is collected each month for distribution to the Denton Food Center. Monetary contributions may also be made and this allows the food center to purchase 6 or 7 pounds per dollar.

### **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.

### **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 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.

### **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. Please contact Bob Stewart at [bobscout@grandecom.net](mailto:bobscout@grandecom.net) to get involved.

# 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 Cave**

*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 our faith in terms of our own questions, doubts and within the context of current events.

**Sunday Morning**

**element Sunday School | 9:30-10:20am**

**Location: The Den**

Join other middle school students as we take an in-depth look at the Old Testament and how these ancient stories apply 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 snack, check in with each other on how life is going, play games, discuss life and faith with other high school students and participate in new activities that stretch us to serve beyond the walls of St. Andrew and into our community.

**High School Sunday School | 9:30-10:20am**

**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.

### Youth Fest West

**October 14-16**

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, songs, small groups and more! Sign up with Brandi by October 1. Cost is \$125.

### Toys for Treehouse

**October-December**

We are gearing up for Christmas! Starting in October we will host our second Toys for Treehouse fundraiser. In November we will plan and shop for the Treehouse children and in December we will wrap the gifts and deliver them during a party on the last day of school.

## COMING THIS FALL

### Fall Youth Kickoff!

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

**(for all youth ages!)**

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. Activities will include new games and a secret activity that involves spray paint! Come wearing appropriate clothing for spray paint! It will be a great welcome to our newest Drew Crew members!

# ADVENT AT ST. ANDREW

ADVENT ADVENTURE  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30  
5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

MARKET FOR MISSION  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4  
9AM-10:30AM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING & COOKIES  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7  
5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11  
10:30AM, SANCTUARY

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & DINNER  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11  
5PM, SANCTUARY

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24  
5PM & 7PM, SANCTUARY

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25  
10:30AM, WORSHIP SERVICE

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## FOR CHILDREN

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### **Parents' Night Out**

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, with age-appropriate activities, with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening begins at 4:00pm-8:00pm, for infants-3 yr. olds, in the Nursery. In the Rec. Center, 4 yr. olds-elementary age will meet from 4:00pm-9:00pm. We ask parents to make reservations no later than Thursday, the week of PNO. Please email Ms. Sue at: [toddlerqueen2@gmail.com](mailto:toddlerqueen2@gmail.com), or call at 940-300-9262, for reservations.

**Fall dates: 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10**

## FOR ADULTS

### **The Breakfast Club – 9:30am**

#### **Rafat Haddad and Jonathon Fite, Room 206/208**

Join us as we eat a continental breakfast, drink coffee, and discuss the questions of life as they intersect with the Bible's claim, hold and challenge on our lives of faith. This class is an informal, discussion-based group. September 18 - Get acquainted class. September 25-November 6: Rafat Haddad will lead. November 13-December 18: Jonathon Fite will lead. Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson at [lisa@saint-andrew.com](mailto:lisa@saint-andrew.com).

### **Pastor's Class – 9:40am**

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

Join this inquisitive, faithful, lively and welcoming group for the Fall semester. They are led by Fred Cassell and study the Bible in all of its complexities and meaning. The class will continue in a study of Romans this fall.

### **Pathfinders – 9:30am**

#### **Richard Sale, Room 205**

The Pathfinders' class is a mixed age group for all adults. The class is composed of people with a variety of theological viewpoints and backgrounds. This fall we will be discussing M. Craig Barnes book, "Body and Soul: Reclaiming the Heidelberg Catechism." There will be short videos followed by discussion. Dr. Barnes will be at St. Andrew for the Fall Festival of Faith.

*Save The Date!*

## Denton Holiday Lighting Festival

*Friday, December 2*

St. Andrew is participating as a proud sponsor of the Denton Holiday Lighting Festival for our 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Come to our designated festival stage, on the corner of Oak and Bolivar, where our pageant children will form a living nativity followed by caroling from both our youth and adult choirs. Our sidewalks will be warmly lit from the glow of around 200 luminarias as we serve hot wassail to folks who stop by. This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to share the true spirit of the season.

On Friday night, December 2, St. Andrew will be participating in the Denton Main Street Holiday Lighting Festival and Wassail Contest! This year we will be an OFFICIAL Wassail stop, to be fully included in the contest. We are sure to have lighting, a manger, and any other festivities we can line up again this year! Be sure to save the date and join in the festivities!

# 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 9:30am. 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 choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the adult choir room. Rehearsals for the Fall term begin September 7.

## **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 9:00-9:45am 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 11:30 to 12:30pm in the adult choir room starting September 21. For more information, please contact the director at 773-412-4264.

# SPECIAL OFFERINGS



## **World Communion Sunday**

**October 2, 2016**

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 18, 2016**

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 18 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 7-December 7, 5:30-7:30pm

*Super Wednesday offers something for people of all ages, and we invite you to join us this fall. 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

#### Checking Our Church's Compass: A Brief Review of the Book of Confessions

*September 7-October 12, Fellowship Hall*

*Fred Cassell*

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has a compass. It's called the Book of Confessions. The 12 Creeds and Confessions included in that document are an overview of our theological stance over two millennia. In our six sessions we will quickly review those creeds and confessions, and their histories, focusing on the most recent addition, adopted by our church in 2014: the Belhar Confession.

#### The American Musical: Theatre, Film and Television from 1866 to the Present

*September 7 - October 12, Room 206/208*

*Dr. Max Morley*

An audio-visual lecture of the American Musical from 1866 to the present, featuring discussions of more than 90 musicals, their composers, lyricists, actors, actresses, and especially the music. Expect to hear interesting information and the best songs from the past 100 years from the American Musical.

Dr. Max Morley retired from the School of Music at Stephen F. Austin State University in 2009. He held three positions at SFA: 20 years as trumpet specialist; 15 years in Arts Programming and

Development; and 5 years teaching music history and literature. He holds the degrees: B.M., M.M., and D.M.A. from the university of North Texas.

### Foreign Policy

*September 7 - October 26, Room 207/209*

*Dr. Jim Goodnow, Adjunct Professor of International Studies, University of North Texas*

This course will consider eight current U.S. foreign policy issues, seven of which are part of the nationwide grassroots Great Decisions dialogue sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. While the first topic will include an introductory lecture, the seven remaining topics will be introduced by videos. Participants may prepare for the sessions by accessing free materials and/or purchasing a book of related essays at [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org) Session topics are:

**September 7** - Globalization versus Nativism in the U.S. Presidential Election

**September 14** - Shifting Alliances in the Middle East

**September 21** - The Rise of ISIS

**September 28** - The Future of Kurdistan

**October 5** - International Migration

**October 12** - The Future of the Two Koreas

**October 19** - Climate Geopolitics

**October 25** - Cuba and the USA

### Stress-free Living

*September 7 - November 16, Room 202*

*Clarissa Christensen*

In this class you will learn simple skills you can apply to your everyday life. At the end of the 8 weeks, you will hopefully notice a decrease in your stress level and have a higher quality of life. This class will be taught by Clarissa Christensen, a licensed professional counselor in private practice in Denton. Clarissa Christensen obtained her Master of Science in Counseling and Development from Texas Woman's University. She is an LPC at Pecan Branch Counseling with areas of interest including personal crisis, anger management, and anxiety. [www.considertheconversation.org](http://www.considertheconversation.org).

### Advent in Narnia

*October 19- November 16, Room 206/028*

*Amy Ball*

This class will prepare you for the Advent season with the use of the books "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe" by C.S Lewis and "Advent in Narnia" by Heidi Haverkamp. Each week we will spend time exploring Narnia and discussing the Christian themes in the book.

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# SUPER WEDNESDAY

## Got Answers?

*October 26 - November 16, Fellowship Hall*

*Rev. Christy Thomas*

Got Answers? Discuss with the Rev. Dr. Christy Thomas, AKA known as "The Thoughtful Pastor" some of the toughest questions coming her way for the newspaper column in the past year. We'll happily critique my answers and see if we can come up with better responses. I will also be delighted to receive submissions of questions for later columns.

## End of Life Issues with Faith Presbyterian Hospice

*November 2 - November 16, Room 207/209*

*Valerie Sanchez*

The Conversation Project asks:

- What's most important to you as you think about how you want to live at the end of your life?
- What do you value most?
- What are your wishes?

Our goal is to begin this conversation with you, for you and your family. The first evening of our series begins with an award-winning documentary that asks these questions and invites us to contemplate the answers to these difficult questions.

## SPECIAL SUPER WEDNESDAYS

## Travels to South Africa with Harrison Edell

*Wednesday, October 19*

An evening of incredible photo adventure into one of the most game rich environments on the African continent, the Mala Mala Reserve. Explore the Duba Plains, renowned for the interaction that takes place between huge herds of buffalo and prides of lions. Helicopter over the wilderness of the Okavango Delta into Selinda Camp, in remote northern Botswana, where elephants, buffalo and wild dogs will be our closest neighbors. Cross the border into Zambia and on to Victoria Falls.

Harrison Edell is the Senior Director of Living Collections at the Dallas Zoo. Before coming to Dallas, he was the General Curator of the Sacramento Zoo for 4 years, Curator of Birds at the San Francisco Zoo for 4 years, and Education Specialist at the San Diego Zoo and Wild Animal Park for 3 years.

## Advent Adventure

*Wednesday, November 30*

Join us on Wednesday, November 30 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.

## Christmas Hymn Sing and Cookies

*Wednesday, December 7*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Service for Wholeness

*Tuesday, November 29*

You are invited to a Service for Wholeness at 6:00pm on Tuesday, November 29 in the sanctuary. 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.

### Day of the Dead Festival

*Saturday, October 29, 9am-3pm*

This fall the St. Andrew Diaconate is joining in a partnership with Texas Health Resources Faith Community Nursing, and the Diaconate is looking for interested volunteers from the congregation to join us. We will be holding flu vaccination clinics at St. Andrew on Sunday, October 9 from 9:00-1:00; at Our Daily Bread on Monday, October 10, from 4:30-8:00; during the Day of the Dead Festivities on Saturday, October 29 from 9:00-3:00; and during a Main Street Association Holiday Open House Health and Wellness Clinic at St. Andrew on Saturday, November 12. The vaccinations will be administered by nurses, but we will need people to help us register those who are receiving shots and to serve as hosts for St. Andrew. Please join us in the ministry of Compassion, Witness, and Service to our congregation and the Denton community! For more details you may contact Judy Stoughton at 940-383-2682 or candjstoughton@aol.com.

# 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 Jonny Ramsey at [jramsey18@verizon.net](mailto:jramsey18@verizon.net).

### Super Wednesday Volunteers

**September 7 - April 26, 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 fall. Jane Jaegerman will give you a reminder call as your turn to help approaches. Thank You!

### Stephen Ministry

When the early church grew beyond the Apostle's ability to minister to the needs of their members, they commissioned Stephen and six others to care for God's people. Today, Stephen Ministry equips congregations to empower lay caregivers to provide confidential, quality, one-to-one Christ-centered care to people going through any of life's difficulties. If you or someone you know could benefit by a Stephen Minister listening to your concerns and walking through a tough time with you, please talk to one of our pastors or any Stephen Leader.

### Prayer Ministry Teams

The Prayer teams are made up of members of the Diaconate and members of the Congregation. We pray for those who are suffering, grieving and/or stressed out from life's challenges. Consider becoming a member of one of the teams. Contact Roger Lewis, [rlewis44@verizon.net](mailto:rlewis44@verizon.net) or Barbara Merriwether, 940-367-2586.

### Mission Mixer

**Tuesday, October 4, 5:30-7:30pm  
in The Den**

Looking to find your place in the mission of St. Andrew? Join us Tuesday, October 4 from 5:30-7:30pm in The Den 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!

### Blood Drive

We sponsor a Red Cross blood drive every other month on the third Saturday. Our next scheduled drive is September 17, 2016, from 9 am to 2 pm. Sign up on line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). You can also walk in and sign up.

### Meal Train

Mealtrain.com is an online tool to organize meal delivery for our members who are experiencing a challenging life event such as birth of a baby, illness, surgery, death of a loved one, etc. A meal train will be set upon request typically for every other day for 2-3 weeks. Signing up to take a meal is purely voluntary. If you wish to be added or deleted from the contact list, or have a meal train need, please contact Leigh Kitchens at [leighkitchens@verizon.net](mailto:leighkitchens@verizon.net), H-940-566-5140, C-940-597-6036.

### Bereavement Teams

Three teams take turns arranging for and serving a meal or a reception before or after the funeral of a family member. If you would like to help please contact Roger Lewis, [rlewis44@verizon.net](mailto:rlewis44@verizon.net).

### Home Communion

Teams of deacons take communion to homebound members or those in the hospital. Current or past ordained deacons or elders are needed for this ministry. Contact Bob Stewart, [heybobstewart@gmail.com](mailto:heybobstewart@gmail.com), if you are interested in participating in the ministry.

### Diaconate Liaison for Pastoral Concerns

Diaconate contact is made to individuals of pastoral concerns. If you have a need or know of someone with a need, contact Lisa Patterson, Associate Pastor at the church office.

### Chancel Flowers

Delivery of chancel flowers after worship by deacons to shut-ins in the congregation. If you know of someone in need, please contact Chris Howell, [92steeler@gmail.com](mailto:92steeler@gmail.com). You can sign-up to donate chancel flowers by the sign-up poster outside the church office.

### Homebound Visitation

Deacons visit and/or send cards to homebound members.

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

## Presbyterian Women

Membership in the Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew is open to all women of the church who express a desire to accept the purpose and share in the work of this organization through service, gifts, and prayer. Membership includes participation in monthly gatherings of one of the two Circles, organized for bible study, prayer, and fellowship and held on the second Tuesday of each month. General meetings of the Association will be held this fall on October 18 and December 6. Information about each of these meetings can be found in the Sunday worship bulletin. For more information contact Jo Cassell (940) 483-8131.

Further details for each of the fall meetings are included in the Sunday worship bulletin.

The appropriate dates for fall are:

**Executive Committee meetings:** August 23, Oct 4, Nov 1 (9:30 in Narthex)

**Denton Association of Christian Women:** Aug 30, Nov 29 (9:30 TBA)

**General Meetings:** September 6, Oct 18, Dec 6 (9:30 in Narthex)

**Circle meetings:** Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8 (9:30 in homes)

## Prime Time

Prime Timers is a group of individuals 50 and over who get together once a month for fun and fellowship. The group meets at the church on the first Friday of the month in Room 206/208 at 12:30pm. Many people bring sack lunches and dessert is provided. The program changes each month but is on a topic that interests the group.

## Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study

**Room 206, 1:30pm**

**Terry Widmer**

The Tuesday afternoon Bible Study is an ecumenical group of women who gather at St Andrew to read and study the Bible and pray together. They will be reading a short term disciple study of the book of Genesis this fall by Peter Enns. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend. We meet upstairs in room 206 from 1:30-3pm.

Class Starts September 12 and runs through November 29. No class November 22.

## Women's Advent Book Study

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

**October 26-November 16**

**Lisa Patterson**

This is a discussion-based conversation with a group that welcomes questions, lively conversation, and a lot of laughter. We'll study *Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life* by Rowan Williams. Brown bag lunches are welcome. Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at [lisa@saint-andrew.com](mailto:lisa@saint-andrew.com)

## Theology on Tap

**Every Other Monday @ 6:30pm | Eastside Social Club**  
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 around 6:30 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.

This semester we will be reading and discussing the book *Jesus, Pope Francis and a Protestant Walk into a Bar*.

**Fall Dates: September 12 and 26; October 10 and 24; November 7 and 21; December 5 and 19**

## Men's Study Group

**Upper Park Cafe, 8:00am**

On September 8 through December 1, the St. Andrew Men's Study Group will ponder and discuss source material from various books authored by Craig Barnes. He is this year's Fall Festival of Faith presenter. We'll meet at Upper Park Cafe from 8:00-9:00am each Thursday morning.

We invite all interested men to join us for food, fellowship and dialogue as we continue the journey of discerning how God would have Christian men live our lives.

## Cornerstone

Cornerstone is a very diverse group of young adults. We have grad students, newlyweds, married with children, married without children, single parents, cultural diversity. Even with that diversity, we have a common goal; to develop friendship through christian fellowship to strengthen and maintain our church home. We look forward to game nights, sports events, charity events...the opportunities are endless. St. Andrew is dedicated to our mission and has kindly offered us childcare for Cornerstone events. We want to welcome members and especially visitors to join us. Be sure to watch for upcoming events in the Bulletin and Shield.

*Save the Date!*  
**Doug Burr Concert**  
*Friday, October 21*

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*FALL FESTIVAL OF FAITH*

**The Reverend Dr. M. Craig Barnes**

**Saturday, October 22**

5:30 p.m. — Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. — Presentation by Dr. Barnes

**Sunday, October 23**

9:30 a.m. — Presentation by Dr. Barnes in Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. — Sermon by Dr. Barnes

Craig was raised on Long Island, New York. After graduating from The King's College and Princeton Theological Seminary, he received a Ph.D. in the History of Christianity from The University of Chicago.

He has served as a pastor to three congregations including The National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. In the fall of 2002, he became the Meneilly Professor of Pastoral Ministry at Pittsburgh Seminary while also serving as the senior pastor of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

In 2012 he was elected president of Princeton Theological Seminary.

He has eight published books including *Searching For Home*, *The Pastor as Minor Poet*, and *Body and Soul*. He also serves as an Editor at Large and frequent contributor to *The Christian Century*.