

# The Spring Guide



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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**Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9:00am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

# FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

*Our Christian Faith provides a lens through which we can view all of life – the interpretation of scripture, social issues, theology, nature, history, politics, music, religious practices, heritage, and much more. The subjects and courses covered in our Spring Guide help us to focus that lens more sharply.*



*Here at St. Andrew, we have a educational tradition of examining and discussing issues in such a way as to become well informed so that each can reach his or her own conclusion as the Spirit leads. Some subjects are difficult and controversial. Some are challenging and informative. All are included in the course offerings at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church this spring.*

*I believe that there is at least one subject (if not more) that you will find enriching and informative. It may be a Bible study, or prayer practice, or social issue, or Ted Talk, or trip through the heritage of our national parks. In any case, I invite you to put on your spectacles, and gaze through the lens of your Christian Faith as you view a different and intriguing slice of life on God's creation.*

*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 10:30am with chancel choir. Sunday School is at 9:00am, 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, Monday-Friday 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.

# 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 preschoolers and kindergarteners, 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, 9:00am**

#### ***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, 9:00am**

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!

### **The Gift of Sexuality Classes for Elementary-Aged Children will be Offered Spring 2016**

The Gift of Sexuality is a class offered every other year to a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class and a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Classes are offered at the same time for parents of these age groups. Drs. Karen and David Goff have been teaching these classes at St. Andrew every session, and they are joined by our own teachers and other medical professionals in Denton. We will announce the date the first of the year, but the three weeks of classes are traditionally on Sunday afternoons. Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson, [lisa@saint-andrew.com](mailto:lisa@saint-andrew.com) or Amy Ball [amykball@charter.net](mailto:amykball@charter.net).

# 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) or 940-566-3170.

### **Super Wednesday Volunteers**

#### ***January 13 - 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 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. Questions? Please contact Karen Dower at [dowerks@hotmail.com](mailto:dowerks@hotmail.com).

# YOUTH

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

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

### **Super Wednesday *element* | 6:00-7:30pm**

#### ***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. This semester we will take a look at how the Ten Commandments are relevant to our lives today.

### **Sunday Morning *element* Sunday School | 9:00-10:20am**

#### ***Location: The Den***

Middle School students will be using the Re:Form curriculum to continue learning about the history and tenets of our faith each Sunday.

### **Confirmation Class | 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

The Confirmation class and their mentors will gather four times this spring to delve deeper into the reformed faith and discover what our journeys are all about. Our first date will be January 10 in the Den from 12:00pm-2:00pm. Future dates will be set at that time.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

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

### **Super Wednesday CREW | 6:00-7:30pm**

#### ***Location: Gym and The Den***

Start off in the gym with all youth for a rousing game of Bodgeball, kickball & other fun activities. Connect with friends and adults with a free, home cooked meal each week. Hang out with your friends, discuss life and faith and participate in new activities that stretch us to serve beyond the walls of St. Andrew and into our community.

### **High School Sunday School | 9:00-10:20am**

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 SPRING

### **SHYC (Senior High Youth Conference) @ Austin College January 29-31**

Join with high school students from the presbytery at our annual winter conference in Sherman, Texas. Cost is \$90 and is due by January 15.

### **Summer Trip Deposits Due February 15**

A reminder to families that a \$50 deposit for each trip is due by Feb. 15.

### **Youth Sunday, February 28**

One of the best ways our youth share in our life together, and know that they belong and are making a difference, is the opportunity for them to lead in worship. Our youth will lead us in worship on Sunday, February 28th. Please come worship under their leadership and let them know we stand with them as they serve God and our congregation. We hope to see you there!

### **Spring Youthquake at Camp Gilmont, April 1-3, 2015**

All 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to Camp Gilmont in Gilmer, Texas to join with youth from around Grace Presbytery for a weekend retreat! Youth will enjoy games, energizers, song, small group and more!

\$50 deposit due by Feb. 1. Remaining \$75 due by March 15.

### **2015 High School Senior Luncheon, May 1**

Everyone is invited to a luncheon honoring and celebrating our graduating seniors immediately following worship on Sunday, May 1st. Please join us as we celebrate our 2016 graduates: Jackson Anderson, Samantha Guerrero, Jordan King, Evangel Odei, Katie Raabe and Sarah Rosenberg.

### **Youth BBQ, May 15**

Mark your calendars for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Youth BBQ following worship on Sunday, May 15. We'll have delicious food, a bake auction, music, face painting, for kids and more! All donations go directly to St. Andrew's youth program!

### **Confirmation Sunday, May 22**

Our eighth grade Confirmation class will be received during worship, with their mentors standing alongside them, on Sunday, May 22. A reception in their honor will be held in the narthex immediately following worship.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## FOR CHILDREN

### Nursery — 9:00am-Noon

#### **Room 102**

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## FOR ADULTS

### The Breakfast Club — 9:00am

#### **Lisa Patterson, Room 206/208**

The Breakfast Club will be completing their study of *The Mighty Acts of God* New Testament section until the end of spring. This class is an informal, discussion-based group that centers its questions and conversation on the Bible's claim, hold, and challenge on their lives.

### Pastor's Class — 9:00am

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

Join this inquisitive, faithful, lively and welcoming group for the Spring semester. They are faithfully led by Fred Cassell and study the Bible in all of its complexities and meaning.

### Pathfinders — 9:00am

#### **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 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 Spring term begin January 13.

## **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 11:30 to 12:30pm in the adult choir room starting January 17. For more information, please contact the director at 773-412-4264.

# SPECIAL OFFERINGS

## **One Great Hour of Sharing March 27, 2016**

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, March 27. You will find the envelopes in the pew racks. This offering is distributed among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Self-development of People Program. Please give generously as we remember to share joyfully through our giving.

## **Pentecost May 15, 2016**

This annual Offering is received each year on Pentecost Sunday. It is used by our denomination in programs that assist Children at Risk, Youth, and Young Adults. Envelopes are in the pew racks and children's banks are in the narthex. Children will bring banks forward during the children's sermon.

# SUPER WEDNESDAY

## January 13 - April 27, 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-1<sup>st</sup> Grades, Malicia Curran, 6:15pm

Noel Choir, K-1<sup>st</sup>, 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 @ 6:00pm

High School CREW

Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm

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

## Tales from the Trail: The National Park Service at 100

*January 13-February 17, Fellowship Hall*

*Jake Blosser*

Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service, this class tells the stories of the unique people, places, and landscapes central to the development of National Parks in the United States. We will encounter Teddy Roosevelt, John Muir, and a host of lesser-known Americans who dedicated their lives to preserving places of natural beauty and historic significance. In studying the history of the parks, we will examine their role in shaping American identity today. We'll also share fun and easy itineraries for your next adventure in the National Parks.

### TED Talks

*January 13-February 17, Room 205*

*Elizabeth Hinkle-Turner*

Representing the convergence of Technology, Entertainment and Design, the TED talks ([www.ted.com](http://www.ted.com)) began as a conference in 1984 and have since emerged as not only a thought-provoking series of discussions on a diverse selection of topics but have also revolutionized how information can be presented in a "lecture" format. Literally hundreds of these talks exist about science, global affairs, art, music and other topics. We will view one or

more TED talks per session with discussion afterwards. The topics chosen are specifically designed to encourage spiritual formation and reflection and will center upon compassion, fundamentalism and purposefulness.

### Active Prayer Practices: Drawing a New Path to God

*January 13-March 9, Art Room*

*Stephanie Raesz*

*Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God*, by Sybil MacBeth. From the book, "Maybe you love color. Maybe you hunger to know God better. Perhaps you struggle with a short attention span, a restless body, or a tendency to live in your head." If so, come explore a new way to pray and connect to God through coloring and doodling! This class requires NO ARTISTIC SKILL or purchase of the book.

### Journey through Grief

*January 13-February 17, Parlor*

*Valerie Sanchez & Faith Presbyterian Hospice*

Faith Presbyterian Hospice invites you to join us for an informative grief group where you will have an opportunity to explore your grief and process your mourning over six weeks. We will discuss the following topics:

- What is Grief?
- Grief Myths
- Mourning & Spirituality
- Milestones: Anniversaries, Holidays, Birthdays
- Living With Memories
- Honoring Service

### The State of...

*February 24-April 20, Fellowship Hall*

Did you ever want to know what is really going on in Denton? This is your chance to find out. We have asked Denton notables and informed persons to tell us what is really going on in Denton. Come and hear short presentations from each and have the opportunity to ask questions from our own experts.

- February 24 | The State of Religion, Christy Thomas
- March 3 | The State of Denton, Perry McNeill
- March 9 | The State of Fine Arts, Tracy Bays-Boothe & Susan Davis
- March 23 | The State of Parks and Recreation, Janie McLeod
- March 30 | The State of Denton County, Hugh Coleman
- April 6 | The State of Denton Independent School District, Barbara Burns & Glenna Harris
- April 13 | The State of Denton's Economic Development, Joey Hawkins
- April 20 | The State of Higher Education, Ed Hiler

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# SUPER WEDNESDAY

## The Church's Response to Marriage Equality

February 24-April 20, Room 205

*Kirsten Brown & Richard Sale*

At their August meeting, the St. Andrew Session passed a motion bringing our church in to concurrence with our denomination's recent decision on marriage, thus allowing for Christians of the same gender to be married in our sanctuary. In an effort to better understand the biblical and theological dimensions involved in our denomination's and Session's position on marriage, Richard Sale and Kirsten Brown will lead a study to delve into the issues using Mark Achtemeier book *The Bible's Yes to Same Sex Marriage: An Evangelical's Change of Heart*. Books may be ordered at the first meeting.

## Soul Collage, Labyrinth & Prayer Walking

March 23-April 20, Art Room

*Trish Matthews*

We will learn together about the creative prayer practice of soul collage. For more information, go to <http://www.soulcollage.com/>

Here is some of how the site describes this process:

### HOW to SoulCollage®?

Do you have a big pile of images you have saved in the closet or under the bed that you have been waiting to figure out what to do with? Following the simple SoulCollage® directions, your hands move fragments of cut-out magazine pictures around, fitting them together in a surprising new way and gluing them down on a card. Cards containing the images you select -- or the images that select you -- come straight through your Soul, bypassing the mind.

### WHO Can SoulCollage®? Everyone!

This is a multi-leveled, creative process which anyone can do. All you need is a good pair of scissors, pre-cut mat board cards, and images you can cut out from magazines, greeting cards, personal photos, postcards, catalogues, and calendars. You can do this work individually, but it is also wonderful to have other people with whom to share the process. The cards are fun to take to a friend's house, to work with in therapy or support groups, or to keep on your coffee table.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The St. Andrew Presbyterian Women meet monthly for Bible Study in Circle Meetings either at church or in homes. We publish a Presbyterian Women Yearbook each year listing our purpose and activities for the year.

Circle I & II meet the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30am until 11:00am, except in July and August. We start January with Communion in the Sanctuary on January 19, 2016 from 9:30am to 11:00am.

March 1, 2016 the women will hold its first business meeting in the church parlor at 9:30am

April 19, 2016 Presbyterian Women will meet in the church parlor for program and dedication of Birthday

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The Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew participate in the Denton Association of Christian Women who meet the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month and this March 29, 2016 we will be hosting the meeting and providing refreshments and program for the morning.

The Presbyterian Women also participate in Grace Presbytery Women meetings several times a year.

We welcome all Women of St. Andrew to join us at all our events! For more information, please contact Jo Cassell, Moderator or Linda Heilig, Moderator Elect

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Service for Wholeness

March 1

You are invited to a Service for Wholeness in the sanctuary at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 1. 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 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.

### Women's Retreat

Ladies of St. Andrew, join with your friends Friday, January 29 and Saturday 30 at the beautiful Prothro Center at Lake Texoma for a two day retreat from your every day responsibilities. "Acceptance... by Friends, Family, Self, and God" is the theme this year for the Winter Women's Retreat. You can register online at <https://www.saint-andrew.com/womens-retreat>. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Patterson or Kathi Sale at [kathisale@yahoo.com](mailto:kathisale@yahoo.com).

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DENTON

## Community Outreach Committee

This diaconate committee provides opportunities for members of St. Andrew to assist with community needs identified from a variety of community agencies and organizations. Activities for January-May 2016 include the following:

- **Give-A-Meal-A-Month:** Food is collected each month in the bins by the soda machines near Fellowship Hall for distribution to the Denton Food Center.
- **January & February:** Community Outreach will collect congregation donations of needed supplies for the Denton Christian Preschool.
- **March through May:** Community Outreach will collect congregational donations for Giving Hope, Inc. Mothers Day Gift Bags.

The committee welcomes others to become a member of the Community Outreach Committee. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 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.

## WORSHIP THROUGH WORK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

On February 7, the Mission Committee is planning something very different for the St. Andrew congregation. On that Sunday (Super Bowl Sunday and Souper Bowl for Hunger Sunday), we will have a short devotional service at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, followed by moving to the Fellowship Hall to construct meals for an organization called Kids Against Hunger. This event is one that can be inter-generational and rewarding for all participants. There will be jobs for young and old; strong and weak and everyone in between. The plan is to be done with the meal construction by 11:30am. The meals we prepare will be distributed to children and families around the world who have need for them.

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

## **Prime Time**

Prime Timers is a group of individuals 50 and over who get together once a month for fun and fellowship. We meet at the church on the first Friday of the month, usually in Room 206/208 at 12:30pm. Many people bring sack lunches and dessert is provided. Program changes each month but is on a topic that interests the group. Watch for an announcement in the Shield at the end of the month. Email Clarice Luce at mamaluce\_29@yahoo.com for more information. Everyone is welcome!

## **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.

## **Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study**

**January 12-May 3, Room 206, 1:30pm**

**Terry Widmer**

The Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study's fall semester begins Tuesday, January 12 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 Terry Widmer at 940-368-5035 for further information.

## **Women's Lenten Book Study**

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

**Ash Wednesday through Holy Week,**

**February 10—March 23**

**Lisa Patterson**

Mark your calendars for Wednesdays at noon in Room 206/208 during Lent, beginning February 10 and concluding on March 23. We will read, discuss and walk through the season of Lent as a community focused on the journey of Jesus to the cross and our own journeys of faith. Book TBA. We hope you will join us. Questions? Lisa Patterson lisa@saint-andrew.com

## **Theology on Tap**

**Every Other Monday @ 6:30pm**

**Oak Street Draft House**

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. Watch the bulletin, Facebook and emails for updates on times and locations.

**Spring Dates: 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23**

## **Men's Study Group**

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

On January 14, the St. Andrew Men's Study Group will begin its spring presentations and discussions of material contained in Richard C. Halverson's book, *Man to Man*. We'll meet at Cartwright's on the Square from 8:00-9:00am each Thursday morning through April 29. All interested men are invited to attend this time of fellowship, study and discussion as we continue to discern how God would have Christian men live our lives every day.

## **Small Group Bible Study**

The members at St. Andrew are committed to our common life together, which is born from our connections to Christ and his Church. Because of this, we will be offering small group bible studies where people can come together in fellowship to learn more about the Bible, explore questions of faith, and examine our role as Christ Followers in today's society. Small groups will meet on Sunday or Thursday evenings beginning February 14 and 18. To sign up or for more information, please email Kirsten Brown at brownke@lisd.net. Please indicate your night preference.

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:30PM

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 20

10:30AM

NOON MEDITATIONS

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21-23

SANCTUARY AT NOON

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 24

MEAL AT 5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 6:15PM

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 25

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 27

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING RECEIVED