

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Spring Guide

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LENT & EASTER 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
7:30PM

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 9
10:30AM

NOON MEDITATIONS
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10-12
SANCTUARY AT NOON

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 13
MEAL AT 5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER, 6:15PM

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 14
SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, 7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 16
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received



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Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service

FROM OUR PASTOR

Christ entrusted the church with many tasks, including being a witness in the world to God's ongoing work. As you browse the spring guide, notice how we at St. Andrew prepare people to be witnesses in the world and provide opportunities actually to be witnesses. I invite you to join with others in our classes and activities (Super Wednesday or Sunday School classes, for example) which help us prepare to be better witnesses as we grow in our understanding of how God is at work in our lives and our world. Or, you can participate in mission opportunities as we witness to Christ's call to serve others. Some activities integrate both preparing to be and serving as witnesses. For example, Worship through Work provides a wonderful chance to proclaim God's Word, come to our Lord's Table, and witness to the world God's concern for those who are hungry. Perhaps the best part of all of our activities offered this spring is they are done in community. As we witness to the world, we have others who join with us. I hope you will find ways to a part of what we all are doing at St. Andrew this spring to live out our calling as the body of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Richard



CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will start the year with Communion on January 17, 2017 at 10am in the Sanctuary.

Circles I & II meet on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30am until 11:00am.

Presbyterian Women will meet on Tuesday, April 18 at 9:30am for fellowship and then welcome Suzanne Baroody to hear about her mission work. We will celebrate the Birthday offering and dedicate the Least coin.

All women of the church are welcome at all our gatherings! Watch the Shield and Bulletin for dates.

Men's Study Group

Upper Park Cafe, 8:00am

Each Thursday morning from January 12 through May 4, the St. Andrew Men's Study Group will share various devotionals from Craig Barnes' book: AN EXTRAVAGANT MERCY. We'll continue to meet in the meeting room of the Upper Park Café, from 8:00-9:00a.m. The Upper Park is located at 222 W. Hickory St.

This is an invitation to all interested men to join us for food, fellowship and conversation as we seek ways to help us as Christian men to lead our lives as God would have us do.

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 Lent Book Study

Wednesdays at noon, Room 206/208

March 1-April 12

This is a discussion-based conversation with a group that welcomes questions, lively conversation, and a lot of laughter. The book will be announced soon! Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson at lisa@saint-andrew.com.

Theology on Tap

Every Other Monday @ 6:30pm

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.

Check out our Facebook page for up-to-date information, especially weather and schedule changes. <https://www.facebook.com/ToTStAndrew/>

Spring Dates: January 9 and 23; February 6 and 20; March 6 and 20; April 3 and 17; May 1, 15 and 29

WORSHIP THROUGH WORK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 9:30am, SANCTUARY

On Sunday, February 5th, the Mission Committee is planning another intergenerational mission project to support Kids Against Hunger. The morning will include a short worship service and an opportunity for us to work together as a congregation by constructing meals for children living in poverty. 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 in the U.S. and around the world who have need for them. Please join us as we worship through working together.

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.

Super Wednesday Volunteers

January 11 - 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!

The Diaconate has several programs to provide spiritual, physical, and emotional support to St. Andrew members on the occurrences of births, illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. We also serve members who are homebound.

These programs offer an opportunity for anyone to get involved in a rewarding service.

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, www.rlewis44@verizon.net or Barbara Merriwether, 940-367-2586.

Blood Drive

We sponsor a Red Cross blood drive every other month on the third Saturday. Our next scheduled drive is January 21, 2017, from 9am to 3pm. Sign up on line at 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, 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, www.rlewis44@verizon.net or Linda Heilig, l.heilig@verizon.net.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one, confidential Christian care to people going through difficult times. A new training class will begin on January 22, here at St Andrew, in conjunction with FUMC Denton and Argyle United Methodist Church. We have Stephen Ministers available to meet with you on a weekly basis to walk with you on this journey through life.

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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 Debby Ishee at debbyishee@hotmail.com, if you are interested in participating in the ministry.

Cradle Crosses

A cross is given to a family after a birth or baptism of a child or grandchild.

Diaconate Liaison for Pastoral Concerns

Diaconate contact is made to individuals with 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

Chancel flowers after worship by deacons to homebound members and persons on the prayer list. If you know of someone in need, please contact Chris Howell, www.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.

After Worship Fellowship Refreshments

Refreshments for the After Worship Fellowship in the Narthex are provided by volunteers. Five people per Sunday are needed to help contribute muffins, fruit, cookies, finger foods, etc., for everyone to enjoy with coffee and tea in the Narthex. The SignUpGenius online link is www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4AADA62FA4D0-providing. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer without having to do the online signup, please contact Sara Armstrong at 940.453.7046, sarm1407@gmail.com. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two.

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith committed to worshipping 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 three 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. Be welcomed in worship on a future Sunday when we recognize our new members.

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-5th 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-5th 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

Diaconate Outreach Committee

The St. Andrew Diaconate's new Outreach Committee is formulating plans for this year's activities, and we would appreciate ideas and support from the congregation. Thus far, we have partnered with the Denton Main Street Association, the American Red Cross, the Denton Historical Society, and Texas Health Presbyterian, in addition to working with Our Daily Bread, Giving Hope, Inc., Interfaith Ministries, and Goodland Boys' Ranch. We also hope to form campus ministries with UNT and TWU, as well as possibly pairing/sharing with other churches. However, we cannot possibly accomplish all this without congregational support. We are certain that some of you have background, suggestions, creative ideas, and talents which we can eagerly use. Please contact Judy Stoughton, 940-383-2682 or candjstoughton@aol.com.

Birthday Endowment Fund

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 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 to get involved.

SUPER WEDNESDAY

Did John Calvin Have Any Neighborhood Friends?

March 22-April 19, Fellowship Hall

Dr. James Duke

John Calvin, a pre-eminent leader of the Protestant Reformation, is likely a home-church name among Reformed and Presbyterian churches, heirs of his life and work. Praised as reformer of Geneva, Switzerland and brilliant biblical scholar, theologian, and ecumenist, Calvin even today gets much bad press as a hard-nosed authoritarian with a sour look on his face and a heart of stone. Our Super Wednesday sessions will highlight women and men in his neighborhood who treasured his warm friendship.

Places in Israel

April 5-April 12, Room 205

Jim Goodnow and David Strutton

This two session course provides background information on places to be visited during a trip to Israel with fellow members of Saint Andrew during spring break in 2018. The April 5 session will include an introductory video followed by a discussion of the geography and Biblical significance of sites near the Mediterranean Sea and the Sea of Galilee while the April 12 Holy Week session will focus on sites in and near Jerusalem. More information about the trip appears elsewhere in this Spring Guide. The course contains information that will be relevant to everyone including those who are not interested in going on the 2018 tour.

SPECIAL SUPER WEDNESDAYS

Travels to South Africa with Harrison Edell

Senior Director of Living Collections, Dallas Zoo

Wednesday, March 8

Share 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.

Hymn Sing and Bell Ring

Wednesday, April 26

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Children's Place

Spring Fundraising Dinner

Please join us on the evening of February 23 for our annual fundraising dinner. We will have delicious food and a silent auction. Auction items include: Rangers tickets, an American Girl doll, FC Dallas tickets, golf packages, a Great Wolf Lodge gift certificate, and many more great things! This is our major fundraising event of the year and helps raise needed funds to keep our tuition as low as possible as a mission to our community.

Third Annual

St. Andrew Scenes Spectacular!:

Musical Theater for All Ages

The third St. Andrew Scenes Spectacular is preparing to take the stage! This musical revue features a wide variety of showstopping scenes from opera and Broadway. St. Andrew singers and actors of all ages are welcome to participate in the show with no need to audition: just contact Emily Hagen at emily.june.hagen@gmail.com before Feb. 1, and we'll choose scenes that let your talents shine. Rehearsals and level of involvement are very flexible. This year's show will take place on the weekend of May 20.

SUPER WEDNESDAY

January 11-April 26, 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
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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

Everyday Life in Early America: A Museum Studies Approach to Understanding our Colonial Past

January 11-March 1, Fellowship Hall

Jake Blosser

Part show-and-tell and part detective story, this interactive course uses everyday objects from the 18th century to reconstruct colonial American culture. Go behind museum ropes to discover a new "mystery artifact" each week and unlock a new approach to understanding the past. Based on Jake's popular course at TWU.

Parenting in Challenging Times

January 11-April 19, Room 206/208

Armintha Jacobson and Richard Sale

The sessions will cover the book, "Available Hope—Parenting, Faith, and a Terrifying World." The second part of the study will be sessions on parenting at various stages of the life cycle—infants through adult children.

The Story of God

January 11-February 22, Room 205

Stephanie Raesz

In this 6-episode video series, we will "join Academy Award-winning actor Morgan Freeman in an epic new series that explores how religion has shaped the history of the world - and how it continues to mould the lives of every single one of us today, no matter what our faith - or lack of faith - may be. The Story of God with Morgan Freeman is a grand sweep through millennia of history, archaeology and theology. But it is also Morgan's personal exploration - through conversations with shamans, priests, imams and everyday believers - to discover what God means to all the people of planet Earth and to show that, despite our perceived differences, our beliefs are more alike than we think. Episodes include: Beyond Death Apocalypse Who is God? Creation Why Does Evil Exist? The Power of Miracles ...The Story of God with Morgan Freeman" This class will start promptly at 6:30 each week to have time to view the video and have discussion afterward.

Lenten "Big Book Study"

March 1-April 19, Parlor

St. Andrew Adult Faith Formation will be offering small group studies on Wednesday nights, Sunday mornings, and additional times as determined by the congregation's requests for type and variety of groups. One book will be studied by all groups, but they can be done in a variety of settings. If your Sunday school group wants to participate, they will do so in the Sunday school setting, but there can also be a Super Wednesday group that might focus on the spiritual disciplines and meet in the chancel. If a group wants to study the selected book through organizing a walking group, breakfast group, cooking group, or quilting group, for example, simply submit your interests to Kirsten Brown. The diversity of groups will be supported through having a diversity of leaders. If you're interested in leading or if you have a group that wants to study the book chosen in a creative way, please contact Kirsten Brown at brownke@lisd.net. A sermon series will be centered around the book themes during the season of Lent.

Save the Date!

Women's Retreat

*For all St. Andrew women
Prothro Center at Lake Texoma
March 24-25, 2017, Cost: \$110
For more information contact:
Kathi Sale: kathisale@yahoo.com*

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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 | 5:30-8:30pm

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.

COMING THIS SPRING!

SHYC (Senior High Youth Conference)

@ Austin College

January 27-29

Join with high school students from the presbytery at our annual winter conference in Sherman, Texas. Cost is \$125 and is due by January 15.

Mission Trip Deposit Due January 15

A reminder to families that a \$75 deposit for this year's mission trip is due by January 15.

All Summer Trip Deposits Due March 1

A reminder to families that a \$50 deposit for each trip, excluding mission trip, is due by March 1.

Youth Sunday, February 26

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 26. 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!

High School Senior Luncheon

It is a unique year, as we do not have any high school seniors this year. We look forward to celebrating again with seven youth next year.

Youth BBQ, May 7

Mark your calendars for the 11th annual Youth BBQ following worship on Sunday, May 7. 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 21

Our eighth grade Confirmation class will be received during worship, with their mentors standing alongside them, on Sunday, May 21. A reception in their honor will be held in the narthex immediately following worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN

Nursery — 9:00am-Noon

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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, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 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, or call at 940-300-9262, for reservations.

Spring dates: 1/14, 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13

The Children's Place Enrollment for Fall 2017

Enrollment for current TCP families and St. Andrew church members will be April 3 & 4 at 8:45 each morning with open enrollment for community members also beginning at 8:45 on April 5. Our classes tend to fill up quickly so we hope to see you at the beginning of enrollment. You are encouraged to stop by before enrollment to take a tour and pick up an enrollment packet. Please recommend our school to friends looking for a high-quality and developmentally appropriate preschool, pre-kindergarten, or kindergarten. Our half day pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes are a great way for children to transition into full day programs. Visit www.thechildrensplacedenton.com for more information.

FOR ADULTS

The Breakfast Club – 9:30am

Rafat Haddad and Lisa Patterson, Room 206/208

Join us as we 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, and we welcome all to join in the conversation. January 8-February 26 will lead weekly discussions centered on our response as people of faith to questions that arise in our daily lives. March 5-May 21 - Lisa Patterson will lead the book study that the congregation will embark upon studying during the season of Lent for seven weeks. Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson at lisa@saint-andrew.com.

Pastor's Class – 9:40am

Fred Cassell, Room 207/209

Join this inquisitive, faithful, lively and welcoming group for the Spring 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 Spring.

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. We will begin the spring with "Making Sense of the Bible." We will discuss "The Nature of Scripture" and "Making Sense of the Bible's Challenging Passages."

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. 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 11.

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. For more information, please contact the director at 773-412-4264.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

One Great Hour of Sharing April 16, 2017

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 16. 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 June 4, 2017

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.