

# *The Spring Guide*



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

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

## FROM OUR PASTOR

In preparation for Lent, Lisa and I have been reflecting on what I would call a “when/then” statement. For example, consider how you might respond to this phrase: “When God makes covenant with us, then I...” We can, of course, rewrite the phrase in a variety of ways and reflect on what God has done (and is doing) in our



lives and how we have responded (or are responding). As we reflected on those possibilities, I also realized how valuable community and Christian education are in helping us shape our responses. We need to be pushed, prodded, and supported as we contemplate how we respond to what God has done in our lives. Additionally, we need places where we can learn and explore how our responses can be formed. One of the strengths of St. Andrew is the opportunities we give people to gather in community to do mission, reflect on faith, pray for each other, worship God, and break bread together. These opportunities shape us as we grow in understanding of how we can respond in Christian discipleship to what God has done for us. I invite you to look through *The Spring Guide* and find those places where you will be nurtured and challenged on your faith journey.

Yours in Christ,

Richard

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# 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 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 without audition, 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. The children's choirs 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 with Hearts for Homes, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, HOPE, Inc., the Denton Community Food Center, and offer 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 or, attend the Presbyterian 101 classes mentioned below. 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.

## PRESBYTERIAN 101

Presbyterian 101 will take place over four weeks this spring. It is designed for people who are interested in joining St. Andrew or have recently joined, but anyone who is interested in learning more about God's call to membership, being Presbyterian, or St. Andrew and its many ministries, can attend. The classes will take place in the Church parlor from 9:15am-10:15am starting February 11.

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## Children's Chapel

### *Sunday Mornings, 10:30am Worship Service*

For children aged three years through Kindergarten, this worship time begins after the Time with Young Disciples 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.

## Children's Sunday School

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

All children in grades K-5 meet in the media room next to the library. K-5<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Preschool, Room 100, 9:30am

Preschool children three through five years old learn the stories of the Bible through experiential play. The stories are taught through the lens of the love of God in Jesus Christ, and the children begin the work, through play, of becoming grounded in the narratives of the faith.

## 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.

# 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 "pick an apple" and purchase a gift card to provide school clothing for a child in need.

**Give-A-Meal-A-Month** - monetary donations and food are collected each month for distribution to the Denton Food Center.

**Diaper Drive** - Coming in September, the Outreach Committee is, again, partnering with Interfaith Ministries of Denton for the annual diaper drive. Diapers sized from newborn to adult will be collected. Please watch the bulletin and The Shield for details.

**Mother's Day Gift Bags for Giving Hope, Inc.** - the committee collects items from the congregation and community and assembles gift bags for clients of this United Way agency that assists homeless families achieve self-sufficiency.

**Denton Christian Preschool** - art and school supplies are donated by the congregation to assist this Interfaith Ministries program, founded in 1970 by a group of concerned citizens representing 17 different churches (hence the school's name), who believed that the first few years of a child's life are the most important.

## 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 [heybobstewart@gmail.com](mailto:heybobstewart@gmail.com) to get involved.

## 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.

## Super Wednesday Volunteers

*January 10-April 25*

*Fellowship Hall, 4:30pm*

Many willing hands are needed on Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall 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!

# YOUTH

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

### Super Wednesday (all youth), 5:30-7:30pm

#### Location: Gym and The Den

Come join our middle school and high school students as we play, share and engage in conversations, discussion and lessons that connect us to each other and the world around us, through the lens of the faith we have and/or are seeking.

Join all the youth in the gym at 5:30 for games, energizers and more! At 6:30, we move to the Den for time to explore our faith in terms of our own questions, doubts and within the context of current events.

### Extended High School Time, 7:30pm-8:30pm

Join us each Wednesday after our regular youth time for an extra hour of time together. We talk, learn, discuss and play about topics that are close to our experiences and delve into questions we have about life as teenagers and what life can look like after high school.

## Sunday Morning

### Youth Choir, 9:00-9:40am

#### Location: Ms. Hindman's Room

### Youth Sunday School, 9:30-10:20 am

#### Location: The Den

Come hang out each Sunday morning as the class is taught by different teachers. This spring we are discussing and learning about key questions asked by youth in the Presbyterian faith, such as "why do we worship" or "what's the point of getting baptized?" Each week will offer discussion and reflection to help youth grow in their own faith.

### Confirmation Class, 9:30-10:20 am

#### Location: Room 200

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## COMING THIS SPRING!

### SHYC (Senior High Youth Conference) @ Austin College

#### January 26-28

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.

### All Summer Trip Deposits

#### Due February 1

A reminder to families that a \$50 deposit for each trip their youth is signing up for is due by February 1.

### Youth Sunday, February 25

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 25th. 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!

### Youth Spring Garage Sale! Date TBA

Keep an eye for further details as we host our 3rd annual Youth garage sale as a fundraiser for the youth's summer travels. As you spring clean your closets, keep us in mind for donating items; no clothing items please. More information, including date, to come!

### Confirmation Sunday, April 29

Our eighth-grade Confirmation class will be received during worship, with their mentors standing alongside them, on Sunday, April 29. A reception in their honor will be held in the narthex immediately following worship. This year's confirmation class (& mentors) are: Tristan Ball (Chris Garcia), Rylie Glasschroeder (Karen Jones), Christian Luevano (Chuck Stoughton) and Eta Tako (David Hines).

### High School Senior Luncheon, May 6

We have a large class of seniors, many of who have been together since kindergarten. Join us as we celebrate all of our graduating seniors with lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship on May 6th. Graduating seniors are: Austin Cooper (Denton HS), Sam Garcia (Denton HS), Hannah Guerrero (Denton HS), Tysen Hatter (Braswell HS), Landry Raesz (Denton HS), Jerry Turner (Denton HS), and Cole Waring (Sanger HS).

### Youth BBQ, May 20

Mark your calendars for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Youth BBQ following worship on Sunday, May 20. 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!

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## FOR ADULTS

### The Breakfast Club – 9:30am

#### *Led by Members of the Class, Library*

Join us for an unstructured, yet lively, conversation on a topic of the day or just on conversation centered around daily life, joys, and struggles each Sunday morning. No preparation is required. Questions? Contact Amy Cole, [jascole@earthlink.net](mailto:jascole@earthlink.net) or 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 Spring semester. They are led by Fred Cassell and study the Bible in all of its complexities and meaning. The class will continue its studies in the New Testament, marching toward Revelation.

### Pathfinders – 9:30am

#### *Richard Sale, Room 205*

The Pathfinders is an intergenerational group from various backgrounds and beliefs. We seek to find common ground in Christ. This Spring we will be discussing "Covenant," which is a study of scriptures illustrating God's covenant relationship with people of the Old and New Testaments and how that covenant relates to us today.

### 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](mailto:toddlerqueen2@gmail.com), or call at 940-300-9262, for reservations.

**Spring dates: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10,  
Apr. 14, and May 12**

# WORSHIP & MUSIC

## Serve on Sunday Mornings

Do you feel called to serve the church on Sunday mornings? There are many opportunities to serve during and after the worship service. Here are the places where you can get involved. Find your niche!

**Liturgist** – Serve with the pastors by leading parts of the worship service. Please contact Sherry VanAtta, sherry\_vanat@hotmail.com.

**Bell Ringer** – Help call St. Andrew to worship by serving as a bell ringer. Please contact Emily Hagen, emily.june.hagen@gmail.com.

**Acolyte** – Illuminate our worship space by lighting the candles before worship begins on Sunday morning. Please contact Debby Ishee, debbyishee@hotmail.com.

**Ushers** – Help St. Andrew to be a warm and orderly place on Sunday mornings by serving as an usher. Please contact Jonny Ramsey, jramsey18@verizon.net.

**Communion** – Serve behind the scenes by helping to prepare the Lord's Supper. Please contact Ronnie VanAtta, ronnie.vanatta@ca.com.

**Ambassadors** – Ambassadors help to introduce people to the life of St. Andrew beyond the worship service. Please contact Clarice Luce, mamaluce\_29@yahoo.com.

**After-worship fellowship** – Serve by bringing snacks to share with the congregation and visitors after worship. Please contact Jan Hillman, jhillman3@verizon.net for more information.

## 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.

## Handbells | Jean Harden, Director

The handbell choir 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. Some familiarity with music notation is strongly recommended, but previous ringing experience is not required. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in the adult choir room, beginning on January 10 (the first Super Wednesday of the spring season).

## 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 second floor directly above the church office. All children are invited to join a choir!

## Youth Choir | Jannette Hindman, Director

Youth Choir meets from 9:00-9:40am 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. Come join us!

# SPECIAL OFFERINGS

## One Great Hour of Sharing April 1, 2018

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 1. 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 20, 2018

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 10-April 25, 5:30pm-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<sup>th</sup>, Malicia Curran, 7:00pm

### Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School

Rec Center and The Den @ 5:30pm

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

#### Women's Bible Study

**January 10-April 18, Room 205**

**Amy Cole and Stephanie Raesz**

Following our sometimes inspiring and sometimes controversial fall study of the Book of Ruth, The Super Wednesday Women's Bible Study will continue our discussions of what we can learn from women of the Bible with a study of the book of Esther. Please join us again, or for the first time, for great conversation and fellowship.

#### Music of St. Andrew

**January 10-February 14, Sanctuary**

This series of musical concerts will be held in the Sanctuary and will include our organist, Sam Gaskin, Director, Jeff Snider, soloists Hannah Ceniseros, Nicole Stover, Ben Howard and Matthew Morales.

#### World Religions

**January 10-March 7, Room 207/209**

**Jim Goodnow**

This course offers an overview of the foundations, major beliefs and practices of major world religions and their main branches. Its outline is contained in Michael Coogan is (and eight other authors) *The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained* (New York: DK Publishing 2013). Interested participants can purchase the book in either hard copy or electronic format.

Weekly topics are:

**January 10** - Similarities and Differences Among the World's Major Belief Systems

**January 17** - Hinduism

**January 24** - Buddhism

**January 31** - Other Asian Belief Systems (Jainism, Confucianism, Daoism, Shinto)

**February 7** - Judaism

**February 14 and 21** - Christianity and Christian Denominations

**February 28** - Islam

**March 7** - The Evolution of World Religious Traditions After the Protestant Reformation

#### Science

**February 21-March 7, Fellowship Hall**

**Steve Danbom**

**Wednesday, February 21** – Science of Fracking -- Discussion of hydraulic fracturing (aka frac'ing or fracking) with one slide set and a two-page handout for all; visitors outside the church are welcome.

**Wednesday, February 28** – Seismic Exploration -- Seismic exploration both onshore and offshore; examples of seismic sources and other sometimes controversial equipment (e.g. whales and air guns in the water with my trip to Offshore Spain, 2013 used to show this and a discussion of the Conoco patented land seismic source Vibroseis) using two slide sets and a movie within the second set.

**Wednesday, March 7** – Science Education in China -- Discussion of geophysical education in China using a PowerPoint slide set showing five UNESCO world sites in and around Beijing. This is a travelogue (PLUS) of the trip Susan and I took to Beijing in 2008 (the year of the Beijing Olympics), where I taught an eight-day short course of 32-hours (1000slides) to students at the China University of Geosciences-Beijing (CUGB). Susan also taught students at a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade elementary school in Beijing.

#### Lenten Prayer Class

**February 21-March 28, Chancel Area of Sanctuary**

**Bekah Barnett and Lisa Patterson**

Do you desire to pray with greater frequency, creativity, and with a deepening sense of connection between you and God? Come and join a group who seeks to grow in deeper relationship to God and, in the process, with one another. Bekah and Lisa do not have a magic formula for prayer, but we will learn and practice ancient disciplines as well as explore contemporary ones in order to encourage our Lenten practice of walking the path of discipleship guided by Jesus and following in his way. Questions? Contact Bekah Barnett, michaelandbekah@yahoo.com or Lisa Patterson, lisa@saint-andrew.com.

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# SUPER WEDNESDAY

## **Coping with Today's Turbulent World**

*March 21 & 28 and April 11, Fellowship Hall*

*Michael Greig, Professor, Department of Political Science at UNT*

In many ways, the 21st century has been a time of considerable flux for American foreign policy, with both new challenges and opportunities facing the United States. At the same time, Americans are also questioning the U.S. role in global affairs, with some arguing for deeper engagement and others promoting retrenchment to focus on domestic concerns. In this class, we will touch on these debates as we discuss some of the key questions facing American foreign policy today.

*March 21 - Russia: Potential Partner, Resurgent Foe, or Something Else?*

*March 28 - Coping with a Rising China*

*April 11 - The U.S. & Democracy: Should Spreading Democracy Be a Goal of American Foreign Policy?*

## **Panel Discussion on Israel Trip**

*April 4 and 18, Fellowship Hall*

These two sessions feature a panel or presenters composed of some of the participants in the St. Andrew trip to Israel in March 2018. They will share their Holy Land experiences, observations and travel photos.

## **Broadway Reformed**

*March 21-April 18, Room 207/209*

*Richard B. Culp*

The class will listen (maybe sing) some Broadway tunes as a guide to exploring themes of Reformed theology.

*Save the Date!*

**Women's Retreat at Prothro Retreat Center**

*March 2-3, 2018*

Join us for a relaxing time filled with good discussions, new information, and opportunities to build friendships. Questions? Contact Kathi Sale, [kathisale@yahoo.com](mailto:kathisale@yahoo.com).

*Lunch and Learn*

**I'll Never Need To Know This Stuff, But Just In Case . . . .**

*February 4, 11 and 18, 2018,*

*11:45am to 1:45pm (a 3-part lunch & learn series)*

Join us for this painless overview of hot topics in aging: What care is available at home and in facilities; how on earth do you pay for it; what is a Power of Attorney and Will and why do you want them; and what are the choices you might need to make at the end of life? DeLila Bergan, a retired elder law attorney and practicing bioethicist, will explain options to help protect your own future and those you love. Invite your family and friends to attend with you.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## **Women in Faith**

*Sunday, January 28*

*2:30-4:30pm, Sanctuary*

Women of all faith traditions are invited to join us for Women in Faith, an event to promote community and understanding. A multi-faith panel of Christian, Catholic, Muslim, and Jewish leaders, including our own Lisa Patterson, will discuss the topic, "The Changing Role of Women in Faith." Trish Matthews will moderate the panel. Join us as women from across the Metroplex discuss this important subject together.

## **Worship Through Work**

*Sunday, February 4, 2018*

*9:30 am, Sanctuary for Worship*

On Sunday, February 4, 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 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.

*Save the Date!*

*Saturday, April 21, 2018*

## **Mission Funday for Hearts for Homes**

Be at St. Andrew at 8:00 a.m. ready to work and sweat on a mission project. We partner with Hearts for Homes to help senior citizens remain safely in their homes long term by maintaining them through regular maintenance done on workdays. Questions? Ask Bob Stewart, [heybobstewart@gmail.com](mailto:heybobstewart@gmail.com)

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST. ANDREW

## 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 [stephanierasz@verizon.net](mailto:stephanierasz@verizon.net) or through the church office.

*The Diaconate has several programs to provide spiritual, physical, and emotional support to St. Andrew members at birth, illness, hospitalization, and death. 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 congregation and the diaconate. We pray for those who are suffering, grieving and/or stressed out from life's challenges. Each team prays for a week. We each take part of the prayer list, and each team member prays for some of those in need. Consider becoming a member of one of the teams. Contact Jan Hillman at 940 206-6980 or [jhillman3@verizon.net](mailto:jhillman3@verizon.net).

## Blood Drive

We sponsor a Red Cross blood drive every other month. Please sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). You may also walk in and sign up. Check your bulletin for the date of the next drive.

## 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, or death of a loved one. A meal will be sent upon request, typically every other day. Signing up to take a meal is voluntary, and several members volunteer per family. Please contact Jan Hillman at 940-206-6980 or [jhillman3@verizon.net](mailto:jhillman3@verizon.net) to sign up to take a meal.

## Bereavement Teams

These 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 Jan Hillman at 940 206-6980 or [jhillman3@verizon.net](mailto:jhillman3@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 Jan Hillman at 940 206-6980 if you are interested in this ministry.

## Cradle Crosses

A cross is given to a family after the 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 please, please contact Lisa Patterson, Associate Pastor at the church office.

## Chancel Flowers

After worship, chancel flowers are taken by deacons to homebound members and persons on the prayer list. If you know of someone in need, please contact Jan Hillman at 940 206-6980 or [jhillman3@verizon.net](mailto:jhillman3@verizon.net). You can sign up to donate chancel flowers on the roster in the hallway outside of the church office.

## Homebound Visitations

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. The sign up is online at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4AADA62FA4DO-providing](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090B4AADA62FA4DO-providing). If you have any questions or would like to volunteer off-line, look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex during the fellowship time. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two.

## St. Andrew Scenes Spectacular!

Each spring, St. Andrew's many talented singers, dancers, and actors take the stage in a musical theater/ opera performance. Scenes range from beloved family favorites like *The Sound of Music* and brand new Broadway hits like *The Last Five Years* to masterworks of the operatic repertoire like *Carmen*. All are welcome to participate, and our team chooses scenes that will make each performer's special skills shine. This year, the flexible coaching/ rehearsal schedule will run from January to April with performances on April 21 and 22; for info, contact Caitlin. [Coyner@gmail.com](mailto:Coyner@gmail.com).

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

## Presbyterian Women

**Second Tuesday of each month** - Both Circles meet from 9:30am-11:00am. Specific dates and locations will be listed in the bulletin. Join either Circle as we continue the 2017-2018 Bible study "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." The author of Hebrews believed the people he addressed were in a serious situation and he wanted them to remain faithful to Jesus. His message still holds meaning for us today.

**January 16** - Circle I will host a meeting in the Parlor from 9:30am-11:00am. It has become a tradition for this first program of the year to include Communion. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

**January 30** - The Denton Association of Christian Women meets at Blue Mound UMC, 8421 N Interstate 35 from 9:30am-11:00am. Refreshments will be followed by a program.

**March 6** - All women are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women's business meeting in the Parlor from 9:30am-11:00am.

**April 17** - Lydia Gober, our "Pillowcase Ambassador" to Uganda, shares how this project began. She will describe the impact of dresses sewn and t-shirts provided by our members has had on one village. This meeting is hosted by Circle II in the Parlor from 9:30am-11:00am.

**May 29** - The next meeting of Denton Association of Christian Women will be held at a location to be announced later in the Spring.

## Men's Study Group

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

Each Thursday morning from January 11 through May 10 the St. Andrew Men's Study Group will meet to discuss one of the devotionals from Craig Barnes' book, *An Extravagant Mercy*. We will convene from 8:00-9:00a.m. at the Upper Park Cafe, located at 222 W. Hickory St.

All St. Andrew men are invited to participate as we continue our perpetual journey to discern how God would have Christian men live our lives.

## Women's Lenten Book Study

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

**February 14-March 28**

Women's Lenten Book study meets Wednesdays at noon from Ash Wednesday to the Wednesday of Holy Week. Book study will be announced as we get closer to the start-up. Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson, [lisa@saint-andrew.com](mailto:lisa@saint-andrew.com).

## Presbyterian Social Club

The Presbyterian Social Club is purely for socializing with others at St Andrew in order to have fun and grow in community and church. We have one event per month to gather and have fun, and anyone is welcome to join! Events to be posted in The Shield and the bulletins, on our Facebook page, and via email. If you wish to be added to the emails, please contact Lauren Patton at [cocinas1981@yahoo.com](mailto:cocinas1981@yahoo.com).

## 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. Contact Clarice Luce at [mamaluce\\_29@yahoo.com](mailto:mamaluce_29@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Theology on Tap

**Every Other Monday @ 6:30pm, Starts January 8**

### *Denton County Brewing Company*

Theology on Tap aims to connect theology and life, and learn about God and ourselves in the process. On a typical night, we'll gather around 6:30pm 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 the Theology on Tap Facebook page for updated information and announcements through the semester! <https://www.facebook.com/ToTStAndrew/>

*Save the date!*

## **Women's Retreat at Mo-Ranch**

**June 1-3, 2018**

We will take the St. Andrew bus and enjoy a long weekend of worship, recreation, building friendship, and lots of laughter. You will be responsible for making your hotel reservations but the church will take care of transportation. We already have several women signed up! Here is the link to make reservations <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/> Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson

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7:30PM

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 25

10:30AM

SERVICE FOR WHOLENESS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

7:30PM, SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 29

5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 30

SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, 7:30PM

PRELUDE, 7:00PM

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1

8:30AM AND 10:50AM, SANCTUARY

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