

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FALL GUIDE

Worship, Learn, and Serve with Us



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship Service

FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Fall is the time when the new school year begins, and even if you aren't personally enrolled in school, our collective awareness is stirred by the possibilities that a new start offers. One important thing Fall will bring is Richard's return from his sabbatical on September 22. We will have a welcome home meal for Richard and Leslie on Sunday, October 6 following worship. During Richard's sabbatical, we had the opportunity to hear and learn from guest preachers, teachers, and authors. Joining the guest speakers were our faithful St. Andrew pastoral teachers and preachers. We're grateful for their ministry in our midst. Fall is a time to build on what we have already experienced and learned in order to grow.

The classes, events, and ministries published in the Fall Guide are a guide to help support growth and travel on our lifelong faith journeys. Find the class, ministry, or events that are stirring a response in you and join those classes. If you want to serve on a committee, sing in the choir, or attend Bible or book study, let the group know of your interest. You will be welcomed! What we do at St. Andrew is grounded in our Reformed tradition's belief that we worship and serve God in gratitude and as a response to God's gifts to us.

Grace and peace,

Lisa



WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

We proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God, worthy of God's love and grace. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

- Worship with us on Sundays at 10:45am. Experience a reformed worship service with chancel choir and organ. Children will even find a place in worship during A Time with Young Disciples and Children's Chapel. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30am, with a nursery for infants and young children.
- Gather with us mid-week during the Fall semester for Super Wednesday, a time to gather for a meal and activities for all ages.
- Music is at the heart of St. Andrew's life and worship together. Find opportunities to use your musical gifts with our chancel choir, handbell choir, youth and children's choirs.
- Youth and children will find their place in our active youth ministry for middle and high school students or our dynamic children's ministry for elementary and pre-school children. Programs for youth and children happen each Sunday and Wednesday.
- You'll find a faith community that cares at St. Andrew. We offer opportunities to care for one another in tangible ways, such as providing meals via Meal Train for the sick and bereaved, serving in a prayer group, or meeting in a care-based environment with Stephen Ministry.
- Serve with us in the community by volunteering with Presbyterian Mission Agency, Kids Against Hunger, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, and the Denton Community Food Center or join us on a mission trip!
- Find important community resources here that share our facility like Life Works Community, a program giving instruction and guidance to help their clients achieve a personal level of independence, The Children's Place, a preschool and kindergarten program, and the Treehouse, an elementary after school program.

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. Attend the Presbyterian 101 classes mentioned below or 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.

PRESBYTERIAN 101

The Membership Committee offers the Presbyterian 101 Class for those who are new to St. Andrew and the Presbyterian Church or for those who are veterans of St. Andrew and the Presbyterian Church, but want to learn more about the history and theology of the Church and St. Andrew in particular. Topics covered in the Presbyterian 101 Class will be announced prior

to the first session in the Shield and the bulletin. Our class meets on September 22, 29, October 6 and 13. The meeting on October 13 will be with a meeting with the Session. Classes meet at 9:15am in the Parlor. Contact the church office to sign up or to ask questions.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Sunday School

K-5th Grade, 9:30am-10:30am

All children in grades K-5 will meet in the media room for Sunday school. Each week students will explore a story through a rotation of art, story, puppet, and discovery. Join us in our dedicated children's area!

Preschool

Room 100, 9:30am-10:30am

Preschool children two 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.

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.

Children's Chapel

Sunday Mornings, 10:45am Worship Service

After the Time with Young Disciples, children three years through kindergarten are invited to participate in Children's Chapel. Each week children will explore stories of the Bible through Godly Play lessons, and they will have the opportunity to respond through play and art. Parents pick their children up from the chapel after the worship service concludes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Sunday School Enrichment Classes for K-5th Graders

This year we will offer additional stories of the faith during the rotation Sunday school. We will also add enrichment classes throughout the year focused on Bible discovery, sacraments, worship and serving, Advent, Lent, and mission.

Rally Day Book Fair, Preschool-5th

Sunday, September 15

This Sunday children will explore each of the children's books received on Rally Day. They will check out the book given to each student at every class level. They will then come back together to share their book discoveries with the whole group.



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.

Worship Workshops

Sundays on September 22 and 29

Kindergarten Workshops, Kindergarten

This class will begin the transition from preschool to elementary-aged class and learn more about worship in age-appropriate ways.

Sacraments Workshop, Grades 1st-2nd

Elementary-aged children and their parents are invited to attend this hands-on workshop that instructs and encourages children through an exploration of the two sacraments of the Reformed tradition - baptism and the Lord's Supper. Led by Amy and Michael Ball, the leaders will explore the sacrament of baptism, including our common covenant family identity and belonging. They will also lead the class in a discussion of the mystery and grace of Christ present in our midst through communion. Recommended ages to attend are 1st and 2nd grades but additional ages and stages are welcome. Questions? Contact Amy Ball at amykball@charter.net or Michael Ball at michaelball@charter.net.

Serving in Worship, Grades 3rd-5th

Acolyte Training on September 22

Usher and Liturgist Training on September 29

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Advent Enrichment, K-5th

The children will learn more about the meaning and rituals of Advent for church and home.

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Market for Mission, K-5th

Children will participate in raising money for their mission project through selling their art projects at Market for Mission.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN DENTON

Community Outreach Committee

This diaconate committee provides opportunities for members of St. Andrew to assist with community needs. The upcoming projects and ministries are:

Give-A-Meal-A-Month

St. Andrew members help support the needs of those who are experiencing food insecurity with monetary donations. A donation of \$2.29 feeds a person in need for a week. Donations can be made in several ways. To give online at standrewdenton.com/giving choose Give-a-Meal from the fund options to the right of your monetary donation. Please write 'Give-a-Meal' on the memo line if paying by check, or on the envelope if using cash. For more information contact coordinator, Scott Campbell, untcampbell@gmail.com.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Andrew hosts a blood drive every other month. The drive takes place in the Recreation Center from 9-3 pm. Members of the community and St. Andrew members may register to donate at redcrossblood.org or through the Red Cross app. Walk ins are also welcome. If you wish to assist in checking in donors, please contact coordinator, Bob Stewart, at heybobstewart@gmail.com.

Diaper Drive

We will be collecting all sizes of disposable diapers, newborn to adult, during the month of September for Interfaith Ministries of Denton. Monetary donations will also be accepted online at standrewdenton.com/give through the drop down menu, or by check marked Diaper Drive on the memo line. For further information please contact Alex Lindberg, alindber@yahoo.com, 214-674-1693.

Flu Vaccination Clinic

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church will be hosting a free flu vaccination clinic with the support of the Texas Health Resources on Sunday, October 13. Please tell your neighbors and friends about the clinic. Nurses from the Texas Health Resources Faith Community Nursing will be administering the shots to those over four (4) years old. Questions? Please contact Dottie Tillman, detillman17@yahoo.com, (601)529-7974.

Our Daily Bread Outreach

The purpose of this ongoing drive is to collect items of immediate need for the clients of Our Daily Bread. Watch for announcements in The Shield & bulletin for specific items that are currently needed. A list is also attached to the white collection box in the Narthex where items may be placed. Contact coordinator, Larry Wilson, at lawclw80@gmail.com with any questions.

St. Andrew will be taking another trip!
Progressive Pilgrimage: The Travels of Paul
October 9-20, 2025

Presentation on Wednesday, December 11, with details.
Look on page 9 for more information!



The Treehouse
AT ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Housed in the St. Andrew Rec Center, the Treehouse After School Program is a mission of the church that provides affordable after school care for students at four Denton ISD elementary campuses who qualify for free or reduced lunch. We are able to serve 14 students each day, with children ranging in age from kindergarten through 5th grade.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Volunteer opportunities: If you have a talent, interest, or hobby you would like to share with the Treehouse students or would like to spend 20 minutes reading with them or helping with homework, you are invited to come spend an afternoon with us. Whether it's weekly, monthly, or a one-time presentation, contact Stephanie Raesz, Treehouse director, at treehouse@standrewdenton.com to schedule.

Snack help: Our daily snack, which is a very important part of the day, is provided by volunteers. Snack volunteers are given a list of allowable snack options, and are placed on a rotating schedule. Snack providers are generally scheduled to bring food 1 or 2 times per month. Snacks can be left on the designated shelf in the church office any time before 2:00pm on your designated day. If you would like to be a snack volunteer, please contact Linda Heilig at l.heilig@verizon.net.

If you have questions about the Treehouse program or ideas for other ways you would like to contribute, please contact Stephanie Raesz, director, at treehouse@standrewdenton.com.

Rally Day Breakfast

Sunday, September 8, 10:00am

Join us for breakfast and a start to the Fall ministry of Sunday School and Super Wednesday. We will eat on the lawn and gather back after summer break. Register on Realm for a breakfast of sausage biscuits and all the sides by Wednesday, September 4, 2024.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN

Children's Sunday School

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Room 100, 9:30am-10:30am

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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.

FOR YOUTH

Middle School and High School

The Den, 9:30am-10:30am

All youth will meet in the Den for Sunday school. We will begin with a full youth gathering, then separate into middle and high school classes. We will also have a corresponding class for youth parents, as well as any other adults who would like to attend. All classes will be using our new Imago Dei curriculum developed by Kirsten Trachsel.

FOR ADULTS

Coffee and Covenant

Karen Jones and Alison McStravick

Library, 9:30am

Grab a cup of coffee and join this group for conversation and a Bible study in the book of Romans! Everyone is welcome!

Pastors' Class

Richard Culp, Lisa Patterson, and Darhyl Ramsey

Room 206/208, 9:30am

PC(USA) Study Catechism

Have you every wondered what the beliefs of your church are and why? This is what the Pastors' Class will discuss using the PC(USA) Study Catechism. Using The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and the 10 Commandments, the catechism explores these ancient beliefs in new ways for today. Join us for this interesting study rich with learning and discussion.

New Adult Class Begins this Fall!

Amy and Chris Fair

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the beliefs of the Reformed tradition? Do you want to learn in a class that is discussing important beliefs and topics that are being discussed by the Confirmation Class? If you want to learn more about the beliefs in the Reformed tradition and St. Andrew, you can participate in the new adult Sunday school class beginning this Fall. It is Imago Dei. This curriculum will parallel the confirmation curriculum but will be written for adults. It is hoped that the parents of confirmation students will attend as well as other interested adults.

YOUTH

All middle school and high school students, grades 6-12, are invited to participate in St. Andrew youth activities. Contact Stephanie Raesz, youth director, at stephanie@standrewdenton.com if you have any questions.

Sunday School 9:30am-10:30am

All youth will meet in the Den for Sunday school. We will begin with a full youth gathering, then separate into middle and high school classes. We will also have a corresponding class for youth parents, as well as any other adults who would like to attend. All classes will be using our new Imago Dei curriculum developed by Kirsten Trachsel.

Youth Group

The goal of Youth Group is to foster youth connections to each other and to their faith, as well as to provide a weekly time of respite and relaxation from the stresses of the middle school and high school years. Youth Group, which includes 6th-12th grade students, meets each Wednesday night from 6:00-7:30, with an extra hour until 8:30 for high school students. Our time together may include recreation, discussions related to both faith and daily life, mission work, occasional field trips, and games. We usually begin with a game of kickball in the gym followed by snacks and any of the previously mentioned activities in the Den.

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 Lynn Carrico, lwcarrico@verizon.net.

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

AV Team – Members of the AV Team carry out the production of each Sunday's worship service. Please contact Lou Korom, lou@standrewdenton.com.

Communion – Serve behind the scenes by helping to prepare the Lord's Supper. Please contact Debby Ishee, debbyishee@hotmail.com, or Dan Kyzer, dankyzer@gmail.com.

After-worship fellowship – Serve by bringing snacks to share with the congregation and visitors after worship. Please contact Lisa Dorr, DORRLL@yahoo.com.

Chancel Choir | J. Christine Le, Director of Music

The Chancel Choir is open to all members of the congregation as well as non-members, starting August 14. There is no audition; simply contact Christine Le at christine@standrewdenton.com, or show up to our Wednesday rehearsal! The ability to read music is helpful, but not required. We rehearse in the adult choir room at 7:30pm on Wednesday evenings and in the chancel on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. If you feel the call to sing, please consider joining this group of dedicated singers.

Handbell Choir | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

The St. Andrew Handbell Choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evenings from 6:00pm-7:00pm in the adult choir room. The ensemble provides music for worship services on a monthly basis throughout the school year. Youth and adults are invited to participate. No prior experience is necessary, but basic music literacy is helpful. Childcare is provided during rehearsals.

Children's Choirs | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

Two children's choirs are offered at St. Andrew and both rehearse on Wednesday evenings. The **Noel Choir (age kindergarten and 1st grade)** meets from 6:00pm-6:20pm. **Covenant Choir (2nd through 5th grades)** rehearses from 6:20pm-7:00pm. The choirs give children the opportunity to experience the joy of praising God through music and to participate in worship at a young age. The choirs will also have opportunities to learn and play hand chimes and percussion instruments. The children's choir room is located on the second floor directly above the church office. All children are invited to participate!

Westminster Youth Ensemble | Kirsten Trachsel, Director

Participation in the Westminster Youth Ensemble gives middle and high school youth an opportunity to participate in the Church more fully and to deepen their relationship with God through music. The ensemble meets on Sunday mornings from 9:00am-9:30am in the children's choir room. All youth are invited to participate. No musical experience is necessary. Participants will learn instrumental (percussion, wind instruments, and hand chimes) and vocal music for participation in worship.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Peace and Global Witness Offering

October 6, 2024

A gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Christmas Joy Offering

December 22, 2024

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 17, during worship. From the Presbyterian Mission Agency website: "By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you'll be helping families of active and retired church workers and providing opportunities for education. The Christmas Joy Offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges." You can give to this offering by picking up an envelope in the pews and placing your donation with "Christmas Joy Offering" written on the memo line. Children may give to the offering by picking up a bank in the Narthex.

Welcome Home Luncheon for Richard's Return

Sunday, October 6

The Sabbatical Committee invites everyone to lunch on Sunday, October 6. We'll hear a presentation on the sabbatical by Richard, and will welcome Richard and Leslie back home to St. Andrew. We have had jam-packed, fun-filled summer and a wonderful kick off to school and fall activities! But it would be a lie to say we were not eagerly awaiting the return of Richard.

SUPER WEDNESDAY

September 11-December 18, 5:30pm-7:30pm

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

Meal, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm

Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett

The Barnetts will be hand-crafting hearty meals with fresh ingredients for Super Wednesday. The menu will change week-to-week with nutritious meals for all to enjoy.

Children & Youth, \$4	Adults, \$7
College Students, no charge	Family Maximum, \$15

Children's Activities

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

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

Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm

Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th, Children's Choir Room,

Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

Recreation Grades K-1st, Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School

Rec Center and The Den, 5:30pm-7:30pm

High School

The Den, 7:30pm-8:30pm

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

Wednesday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 18

Sacred Spaces

Reid Ferring

September 11 - Introduction: For many today, sacred spaces include natural features: mountains, springs, trees. And of course, people create sacred spaces: temples, monuments, shrines and tombs. Archaeology allows us to recognize ancient sacred spaces and trace their changes and distributions through time. This week we'll explore examples of sacred spaces in the Near East and Europe, from their first appearance about 13,000 years ago.

September 18 - The diverse, rich archaeological records of New world cultures give us a 'laboratory' to study the character and changes in sacred spaces over the last 6,000 years. How do secret chambers in Maya temples, kivas at Anasazi Pueblos, monumental public buildings from Mexico to the Mississippi compare to spaces we saw in the Old World? Sacred spaces were made for individuals, families, clans, cities and even empires, providing us with food to discuss the scale and importance given to sacred spaces today.

Wednesday, September 25

Sacred Space Around the World: Religious Architecture in the Abrahamic Religions"

Elizabeth Ranieri

The study of Sacred Space involves the study of rituals, traditions, sacred texts, and people. Theorists of Sacred Space seek out the many commonalities between different religious traditions. In studying the architectural traditions of the Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) during this session, we will explore a number of elements that they share.

Elizabeth Ranieri, PhD, is a Clinical Assistant Professor in UNT's New College and an affiliate professor of Art History. She has lived, worked, and studied in Italy. Her research interests include the Art and Architecture of the Italian Renaissance and Baroque and Sacred Space.

Wednesday, October 2

"Early Christian Sacred Spaces: The Pantheon and the Politics of Religion in Imperial Rome"

Neville McFerrin

For emperors from Augustus to Hadrian, religion and religious spaces served as powerful tools to connect with the wider populace of Rome and to promote imperial agendas. Such concerns are especially evident through the construction and articulation of space in the Pantheon. This temple was once a site of controversy, as emperors and their agents confronted the limits of earthly power. This talk explores the history of the structure, contextualizing its construction to consider the ways in which achievements in engineering, and innovations in the articulation of religious space helped Roman leaders to consolidate power, even as they venerated the gods who supported them.

Neville McFerrin, PhD is an Assistant Professor of Art History in UNT's College of Visual Art and Design. She is an archaeologist and art historian specializing in the ancient Mediterranean region. Her current work focuses on the visual and material culture of the sites of Pompeii and Persepolis.

Wednesday, October 9

Early Christian Sacred Spaces: The Re-Imagination of the Roman Basilica"

Neville McFerrin

In the early 4th century CE, the basilica, a key Roman building type, underwent an innovative reimagining, one that leveraged its ties to community to create a space for Christianity. While the earliest Christian communities practiced without dedicated structures, due to the contentious and often perilous relationship between the religion and the power structures of the Roman Empire, in 313 CE, with the passage of the Edict of Milan, Christianity had the opportunity to craft spaces to reinforce and to build their communities. This talk considers how and why the basilica evolved to face this challenge under the emperor.

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Wednesday, October 16

Fall Festival of Faith: Becoming Articulate with God *Lance Pape*

The psalms model a most surprising spirituality—one that dares to talk back to God with boldness, creativity, and perfect candor. Whether pushing past gratitude to exuberant praise, or delving beneath petition to the depths of lament, these prayer-poems take human language to the very limit, and invite us to do the same. Join us as we explore the spirituality of the psalms, and develop our own capacity for such daring talk.

Lance Pape is the Granville and Erline Walker Associate Professor of Homiletics at Brite Divinity School, associated with Texas Christian University.

Wednesday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 30

“Sacred Spaces of Denton”

Annetta Ramsey and Randy Hunt

Longtime Denton residents Annetta Ramsay and Randy Hunt will explore Denton’s sacred spaces with a special emphasis on how these spaces are part of Denton’s history. Ramsay has written about Denton history. Hunt is the President of Historic Denton. As a team, they focus on preserving Denton’s history. Come join us for an exploration of how Denton’s past still connects us.

Wednesday, November 6

“Sacred Spaces of Heaven: Shedding Light on the Expanding Universe”

Ohad Shemmer

Ever since the 1929 discovery that the universe is expanding, astronomers have encountered several paradigm shifts in their quest to understand its origin and predict its fate. This session will focus on recent developments in modern cosmology, including the various ways astronomers are attempting to unlock the secrets that the universe holds.

Ohad Shemmer, PhD is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physics at UNT. His areas of research interest include astronomy, black hole mass, accretion rate, and metal abundances in active galactic nuclei.

Wednesday, November 13

“The Sacred Sanctuary of St. Andrew” *Malcolm Matthews*

Malcolm Matthews holds a Doctoral Degree in Organ Performance from the Eastman School of Music. He is one of only four organists to ever be awarded the prestigious Artist’s Certificate in Eastman’s 100-year history. Previously, Matthews taught organ and harpsichord at the Blair School of Music while simultaneously serving as Associate Organist and Choirmaster at Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville. Currently, he is an Assistant Professor of Organ and Harpsichord at the University of North Texas (UNT). Matthews particularly enjoys collaborative work and frequently accompanies both ensembles and soloists across a wide range of repertoire.

Wednesday, December 4

Advent Adventure

Come and make crafts, play games, decorate and eat a manger scene, and enjoy being with the entire church family. Friends are welcome! Dinner at 5:30pm at Super Wednesday prices!

Wednesday, December 11

Progressive Pilgrimage: The Travels of Paul *Eric Doss*

The 12-day pilgrimage traces the footsteps of Paul across Greece, including the well-preserved ruins of Ephesus, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, and more. Enroute to Athens, enjoy time in the scenic Meteora region, with its Byzantine monasteries. In Athens and nearby Corinth you’ll take in some of the world’s most ancient and fascinating historical sites, such as the Acropolis, Roman Forum, and Mars Hill, and ancient Corinth. The pilgrimage concludes with a 3-night cruise including Mykonos, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini.

Women’s Book Study

Looking for Lovely: Collecting the Moments That Matter, by Annie F. Downs
Amy Cole and Amy Fair, Library

As Christians, we are not promised lives of ease. Often it takes just a small moment of beauty to regain hope and continue on when life is chaotic and unpredictable. Only when we learn to spot the lovely in the midst of hardship can we experience the transcendent peace of God that keeps us persevering when we want to give up. Join us for a book study that examines the ordinary people of the Bible to reveal the moments they found beauty in everyday circumstances and hope in God’s timing.

Bridge for Beginners

Joyce White and Alison McStravick
Room 207/209

Want to learn how to play bridge? Want to learn and laugh together around the table playing a skill game? Learn the skills of beginners bridge. Joyce White and Alison McStravick will lead the small group made up of no more than twelve people and teach the class how to play bridge. Come and join the fun! Questions? Contact Joyce White at jfwhite0973@gmail.com or Alison McStravick at alison.mcstravick@gmail.com.

ALSO AT
SUPER WEDNESDAY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST. ANDREW

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are the 'after people.' They are ready to come alongside you—or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives—and provide comfort and support after experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment. At St. Andrew, Stephen Ministers are here to be with anyone who needs care until we are not needed. We currently have a group of 20 plus men and women trained to confidentially help people navigate through these difficult times with compassion and understanding. Contact one of our ministers or referral coordinator Karen Dower by phone, 940-367-1001, or dowerks@gmail.com or call St. Andrew Presbyterian Church 940-387-3897.

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.

After Worship Fellowship

Volunteers provide finger foods for congregation members and visitors to enjoy as they take a moment to visit. If you would be willing to occasionally bring a food item after worship you can sign the list on the Narthex table on Sundays, or contact Lisa Dorr, DORRLL@yahoo.com, 630-803-3074. While homemade is wonderful, store bought is just fine. Thank you ahead of time for helping SAPC be a friendly and welcoming congregation.

Prayer Ministry Teams

The Prayer Teams are composed of congregation members and Stephen Ministers. We pray for those who are suffering, grieving and/or stressed out from life's challenges. Each team prays for one week per month, with team members praying for different sections of the prayer list. Prayer requests may be made by contacting the church office, or placing a confidential written request in the wooden box in the Prayer/Columbarium room. Consider becoming a member of one of the teams by contacting Ronda Skelton, rondaskelton@sbcglobal.net, 817-950-7090.

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. Signing up to take a meal is voluntary. To request a Meal Train for a member or to start receiving emails for volunteers please contact Marc Brown, marcb727@gmail.com, 940-597-4991. Thank you for your caring heart and generosity.

Home Ministry

As a committee of the Diaconate, Home Ministry strives to strengthen the bonds of the SAPC community with its members who are not able to attend regular physical gatherings of the Church. We want everyone to feel fellowship with each other and the Lord. Cards, phone calls and personal visits are common interactions to combat isolation or being alone.

Recently, we have had requests for rides to medical appointments and prescription pick-up. If you would like to volunteer for one of these initiatives to aid those in Home Ministry or know someone who would benefit from the connection, please call or e-mail Leigh Kitchens, Chair, Home Ministry, at sandy.speigel@yahoo.com, 940-597-6036.

Cradle Crosses

A cross is given to a family after the adoption, birth, or baptism of a member's child. With the Cradle Crosses, we convey the love, support, and inclusion of these children in the St. Andrew family. For more information please contact Sandy Speigel, sandy.speigel@yahoo.com, 940-353-7805.

Diaconate Liaison for Pastoral Concerns

The Diaconate Liaison contacts individuals and families with pastoral concerns. If you have a need or know of someone with a need, please contact Mary Taylor, marytaylor34@gmail.com, 614-600-4963.

Chancel Flowers

After worship, chancel flowers are taken by deacons and members to home ministry members and persons on the prayer list. If you know of someone in need who would appreciate the cheer of beautiful flowers, or you would like to volunteer to provide chancel flowers, please contact Lynn Carrico at lw carrico@gmail.com, 940-453-7088. You may also sign up to donate chancel flowers on the roster in the hallway outside of the church office.

Bereavement Teams

These teams take turns arranging for and serving a meal, or a reception, before or after the funeral of a family member. Team members are needed! If you would like to help, please contact Mary Smith at (940) 735-9234 or mdpsmith@verizon.net.

Mission Mixer

All congregation members are invited to attend the annual St. Andrew Mission Mixer scheduled for Tuesday evening, October 15 starting at 6:00 pm. Hosted annually by St. Andrew's mission committee, the Mission Mixer facilitates opportunities for local assistance agencies and St. Andrew to learn about each other's capabilities, challenges, and resolutions. The event promotes discussion and awareness on emerging mutual challenges and opportunities.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Presbyterian Women

St. Andrew Presbyterian Women was founded in 1941. The Presbyterian Women's Association of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (PWSA) was formed in 1988. PWSA is an independent organization within the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church congregation and offers a variety of programs and resource options for women to live out their faith in an inclusive, caring community. All women are welcome to attend our monthly Circle meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30am-11:00am where we do a wonderful Bible study. The 2023-2024 study, "Sacred Encounters," begins on September 5 with an overview of the year. There are five meetings a year that also include the Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew. Please contact Karen Dower with any questions, 940-367-1001.

Theology on Tap

Second and Fourth Mondays @ 6:30pm

Facilitator: Kirsten Brown

Theology on Tap meets the second and fourth Mondays of most months, 6:30 p.m., at Denton County Brewing Company, 200 E. McKinney St. Each meeting consists of a discussion on a variety of theological issues and questions. All thoughts and opinions are welcome. The first meeting of the fall will be on September 9th. Please email Kirsten Brown (brownk444@aol.com) if you wish to be added to the TOT email list.

New Revelations Collegiate Mission

Andrea Godwin-Stremmer and Ted Godwin-Stremmer

New Revelations Collegiate Mission, headed by Andrea Godwin-Stremmer and her husband Ted, continues to offer off campus housing to college students in a Christian community setting. Now with two student houses close to campus.

Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study

Room 206, 1:30pm-3:00pm, Begins September 5

Terry Widmer

The Tuesday Afternoon Women's Bible Study is an ecumenical group who gather at St. Andrew to read and study the Bible. They will be reading from the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a friend. We meet in room 206 from 1:30pm-3:00pm.

Market for Mission

Sunday, December 8

This year's Market for Mission is scheduled to be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 8, starting at 9:00am. Local Denton area assistance agencies attend Market for Mission promoting their capabilities and offering Christmas goods for sale. In addition, several congregation members also sell handcraft goods.

Men's Study Group

Wednesdays, 8:00am

The Great Egg, 1800 S. Loop 288

The Men's Study Group continues to meet each Wednesday morning from 8:00-9:00a.m. at The Great Egg, located at 1800 S. Loop 288. As a study source we are utilizing the Revised Common Lectionary. We urge St. Andrew men of all ages to join us for table fellowship and Bible study.

Women's Advent Book Study

Wednesdays at Noon, Room 206/208

October 30-November 20

Somehow: Thoughts on Love, by Anne Lamott

Book cost: \$15

Join this group for discussion on writer Anne Lamott's thoughts on love. She writes, "One day at a time, and somehow one hour at a time, love will be enough to see us through, get us back on our feet and dust us off. Love gives us a shot at being the person we were born to be. . . Love looks like us." Love refuses to be defined in one particular way and continues to present itself in our lives in small, huge, miraculous, and everyday encounters. Join us as we discuss this book on love.

Prime Time

First or Second Fridays at Noon

Either the first or second Fridays of the month @ Noon over a bag lunch or at a nearby restaurant. Prime Time is an opportunity for fellowship for older adults. Announcements are made in the Shield and church bulletin. Please check announcements for location. Our first meeting will be on September 13. Contact Brad Dunn, acapulcosunset@gmail.com, if you would like to be added to the email list."

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 to 8:00pm for infants-5yrs old in the Nursery. In the Rec Center, Kindergarten-elementary age will meet 4:00pm to 9:00pm, with pick-up from the media room in the main church building. Registration is required on Realm or email Karen Raabe at karen@standrewdenton.com.

Fall dates: 9/7, 10/5, 11/9, 12/14


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