

ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# SPRING GUIDE

*Worship, Learn, and Serve with Us*



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**Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm**

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

## FROM OUR PASTOR

I can get into trouble quickly by labeling some activity as my favorite one, but I am going to risk the wrath of all the other groups by noting one particular event this spring. I cannot wait for the Super Wednesday program presented by Sam Gaskin followed by the Thursday organ concert (with Daeun on the piano for part of the concert). Sam was the organist at St.



Andrew when I started here back in 2016. He is an incredible organist, as well as a wonderful person with whom to engage. Those two nights will be stellar events at St. Andrew. As you browse the Spring Guide, you may find a different "favorite" event, Super Wednesday teaching series, fellowship activity, mission project, Sunday school class, or worship service. In fact, even though I began by noting a "favorite," I am looking forward to multiple activities at St. Andrew this spring. I hope you will find some that will excite you, or push you in your thinking, or offer you new fellowship opportunities as we grow in our discipleship here at St. Andrew.

Yours in Christ,

*Richard*

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# 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. 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 Spring 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 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 Our Daily Bread, Kids Against Hunger, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, the Denton Community Food Center or join us on a mission trip!
- Find important community resources here that share our facility like The Children's Place, a preschool and kindergarten program, The Treehouse, an afterschool program for school age children kindergarten through fifth grade, and our newest partner, Lifeworks Community.

## 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. Class meetings will be on February 9 through March 2. Those wanting to join will then meet with the Session to be received into the membership. Classes meet at 9:15am in the Parlor. Contact the church office to sign up or to ask questions.



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# 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!

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## **Nursery**

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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.

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN DENTON

## **American Red Cross Blood Drives**

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](http://redcrossblood.org) or through the Red Cross app. Walk ins are also welcome. If you wish to assist in checking in donors, please contact the coordinator, Teresa Golden, [tdg0010@unt.edu](mailto:tdg0010@unt.edu).

## **Denton Christian Preschool Supply Drive**

The school was founded in 1970 by a group of concerned citizens representing 17 different churches who believed that the first few years of a child's life are the most important. Art, school supplies, and basic necessities are donated to the school during the yearly event. Funds may be donated at [standrewdenton.com/giving](http://standrewdenton.com/giving) by choosing Denton Christian Preschool Supply Drive from the options to the right of your monetary donation. Contact coordinator, Jim White, [acewalton1969@gmail.com](mailto:acewalton1969@gmail.com).

## **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](http://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](mailto:@untcampbell@gmail.com).

## **Interfaith Ministries Apple Tree Project**

This project began in 2002 to reduce the hardship for low-income families with children enrolling in Denton ISD. It allows students to start the school year on the same competitive platform as their peers by providing needed school supplies. The drive typically takes place during June & July, so watch for announcements in the bulletin and Shield for how you can contribute. For more information contact coordinator Caia McCullar (940) 380-8003.

## **Friends of the Family Mother's Day Gift Bags Project**

The purpose of this project, which typically takes place yearly in April, is to give encouragement and bring a bright spot into the lives of homeless and less fortunate mothers in our community. You may donate new personal care and beauty products or donate funds online at [standrewdenton.com/giving](http://standrewdenton.com/giving) and choose Mother's Day Gift Bags from the options to the right of your monetary donation. Contact Amy Whiting at [avickers@hotmail.com](mailto:avickers@hotmail.com) with any questions, or offers to help pack the bags.

## **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 Marc Brown, [marcb727@gmail.com](mailto:marcb727@gmail.com), with any questions.

# 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](mailto: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.



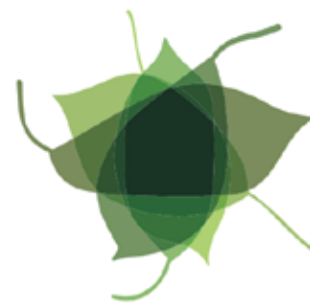
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## The Treehouse

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:treehouse@standrewdenton.com).

## Kids Against Hunger.

**Worship Through Work**  
Sunday, February 2  
9:30am, Sanctuary  
10:15am Fellowship Hall

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## FOR CHILDREN

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## 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*

The Pastors' Class will be discussing the book of Deuteronomy. This study will continue to Sunday, May 25. Join us for this interesting study rich with learning and discussion.

### Imago Dei Class

#### *Amy and Chris Fair*

#### *Room 205, 9:30am*

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 this adult Sunday school class. 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.

### *2025 Mo-Ranch Women's Conference* *June 6-8, 2025*

The women of St. Andrew are invited to participate in this year's Mo-Ranch Women's Conference! The weekend is filled with worship, fellowship, and learning in the beauty of Mo-Ranch and is a can't-miss experience for women of all ages! If you are interested, you can register online. Questions? Contact Amy Fair at [amylonghorn@yahoo.com](mailto:amylonghorn@yahoo.com) or Marissa Glasschroeder at [marissamarkg@gmail.com](mailto:marissamarkg@gmail.com), who serve on the Women's Conference planning committee. Scholarships available from Ruth I. Anderson endowment fund – contact Lisa Patterson at [lisa@standrewdenton.com](mailto:lisa@standrewdenton.com) for scholarship information.

Registration link: <https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/>

### **Save the Date!** **"Our Sexuality: A Gift from God"**

**Parent Information Class**  
*Sunday, February 2*  
*3:30pm-5:00pm*  
*Room 206/208*

**Parent Classes**  
*Sundays from 3:30pm-5:00pm*  
*February 9, 23, and March 2*

**Children's Classes**  
*Sundays from 3:30pm-5:00pm*  
*February 9, 23, and March 2*

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:lou@standrewdenton.com).

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

**After-worship fellowship** – Serve by bringing snacks to share with the congregation and visitors after worship. Please contact Lisa Dorr, [DORLL@yahoo.com](mailto:DORLL@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 January 8, 2025. There is no audition; simply contact Christine Le at [christine@standrewdenton.com](mailto: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-8:45pm 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 5:00pm-6:00pm 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade)** meets from 6:00pm-6:20pm. **Covenant Choir (2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### One Great Hour of Sharing

*April 20, 2025*

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday, April 20. 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 8, 2025*

This annual offering is received each year on Pentecost Sunday. It is used by our denomination in programs that assist At-Risk Children, 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.

*Ash Wednesday  
Worship Service  
March 5, 2025  
6:30pm, Sanctuary*



# SUPER WEDNESDAY

## January 15-April 30, 5:30pm-7:30pm

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

### 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, \$2	Adults, \$7
College Students, no charge	Family Maximum, \$15

*Also available this semester: a season pass!*

Individuals, \$84  
Family Maximum, \$180

Season pass holders enjoy a standing weekly reservation and pay for 13 of the 15 Super Wednesday meals.

*Please note that unused meals are non-transferrable.*

### Children's Activities

Nursery for infants & preschoolers, Room 102, 5:30-7:30pm  
Noel Choir, grades K-1<sup>st</sup>, Children's Choir Room,  
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm  
Covenant Choir, grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, Children's Choir Room,  
Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm  
Recreation Grades K-1<sup>st</sup>, Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

### Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School  
Rec Center and The Den @ 5:30pm-7:30pm  
High School Extended Time  
Rec Center and The Den @ 7:30pm-8:30pm

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

#### Prehistoric Texas

#### Reid Ferring

#### January 15 and January 22, Fellowship Hall

**January 15** - The archaeology of Texas was shaped dramatically by the diversity of regional environments, from Transpecos deserts to subtropical coastlines. We'll explore the archaeological record, beginning with the First arrivals to Texas more than 14, 000 years ago, and illustrated by the Aubrey Clovis Site, discovered and excavated by the speaker at Lake Ray Roberts.

**January 22** - Corn, beans and squashes were introduced to Texas from both the western Mississippi Valley and the northern Rio Grande Valley of New Mexico. We'll survey history of populations that called Texas home, like the Caddoan Mound Builders, the Wichitas, the Kiowas and Comanches.

#### America's Presidents: Inspiring Stories and Trivia

#### Dory Wiley

#### January 29, Fellowship Hall

Did you know that George Washington owes about \$300k in overdue library fines, or that John Quincy Adams had a pet alligator? In this session, members will learn trivia, anecdotes, and inspiring stories they may not know about our presidents, including Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, Grant, Arthur, Adams, and others.

#### The San Jacinto Campaign and Battle

#### Andrew Torget, University of North Texas

#### February 5, Fellowship Hall

Although far less known than the Alamo, the Battle of San Jacinto was – without doubt – the pivotal fight of the first half of the nineteenth century in North America. In only eighteen minutes, the clash at San Jacinto ended the Texas Revolution and set into motion a series of events that would ultimately create the modern American Southwest, forge the modern U.S.-Mexico border, and establish the United States as a transcontinental power. Dr. Andrew Torget of UNT's history department will tell the story of the unlikely path of Sam Houston's army to San Jacinto (nearly coming apart in the process), their improbable victory in battle, and the remarkable aftermath that ended the Texas Revolution and reshaped a continent.

#### Herbs! Cooking with Herbs and their Medical Use

#### Sherri Ursini

#### February 12, Fellowship Hall

Sherri Ursini will join us to speak on all things herbal! Sherri is a member of The Herb Society of America, and has led the Denton County Master Gardener Herbal Branch in 2023-24. She enjoys creating items that incorporate herbs in their contents, whether fresh or dried, including herbal remedies.

She will lead an interesting presentation spotlighting her passion for herbs, what God has provided, and how these herbs benefit us all. She will also bring modern times into her talk with a focus on how herbs can best be used here in Denton County - in our food, health benefits and more.

#### Vexillology of the Lone Star Flag

#### Diana Mason

#### February 19, Fellowship Hall

Vexillology is the scientific study of the history, symbolism, and usage of flags, or, by extension, any interest in flags in general. In this Q&A presentation, we talk about the storied history of the flags that have flown over Texas from the 1500s until today.

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# SUPER WEDNESDAY (CONTINUED)

## **A Pompeian Villa in Port Arthur - Experiencing the Ancient Mediterranean in America** *Neville McFerrin*

**February 26, Fellowship Hall**

This talk will focus on the ways in which Greek and Roman art and architecture inspired the creation of some great spaces in Texas, and how these spaces relate to some larger trends in American architecture. We will start by thinking about Jefferson, then move into spaces like the Pompeian Villa in Port Arthur and department stores in Chicago to see the ways that these ideas changed over time.

## **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**

**March 5, Sanctuary**

## **Vexillology: The Study of Old Glory**

*Diana Mason*

**March 19, Fellowship Hall**

Vexillology is the scientific study of the history, symbolism and usage of flags, or, by extension, any interest in flags in general. What do you know about our Stars and Stripes? Attend and learn a few new facts about what makes her special.

## **Pilgrimage**

*Elizabeth Ranieri*

**March 26, Fellowship Hall**

This course explores the (sacred and profane) reasons people travel—specifically “pilgrimage.” Dr. Ranieri will give a historical and theoretical framework for understanding the practice of pilgrimage while referencing some noteworthy routes and destinations. We will learn that sometimes the journey is more important than the destination!

## **Fredrick Sanders Live!**

**April 2, Sanctuary**

Jazz pianist and Super Wednesday favorite, Fredrick Sanders, returns to St. Andrew to perform for us. Fred’s masterful piano style has been enthusiastically enjoyed by audiences ranging from heads of state to elementary school children. In recent years, Fred has been commissioned by Wynton Marsalis to accompany and record with the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra

on piano. He has also recorded with notable artists such as Norah Jones, David Newman, and Doctor John. Join us for what is sure to be a wonderful evening of music!

## **Sam Gaskin Organ Performance Presentation**

**April 9, Sanctuary**

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## **Hear the story of Denton’s Bianca Babb Bell**

*Annetta Ramsay*

**April 16, Fellowship Hall**

Many Texans know the story of Cynthia Ann Parker, the child captured by Comanche warriors who married a Comanche Chief. But Denton’s Bianca Babb Bell was also captured by Comanches in 1866 near present-day Decatur. She returned to her family, married into a prominent Denton family, and raised her own family in Denton. Annetta Ramsay will tell this compelling story.

## **The Phenomenology of the Homecoming Mum**

*Neville McFerrin*

**April 23, Fellowship Hall**

This talk will focus on the ways that homecoming mums relate to some growing theories of how and why we wear large things with moveable parts. We will think a bit about the tradition of the mum in Texas, and how such mums might be related to the kinds of things that were once worn in places like ancient Mesopotamia.

## **Hymn Sing with the Children’s Choirs**

**April 30, Fellowship Hall**

ALSO AT  
SUPER WEDNESDAY

### **Super Wednesday Women’s Book Study**

*Amy Cole and Amy Fair*

**6:30pm, Library**

*The Book of Joy* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Abrams

*The Book of Joy* documents a week-long conversation between Archbishop Desmond Tutu and His Holiness the Dalai Lama about the nature of joy—what it is, why it matters, and how we can find it. Join us for a study on this book written by two great spiritual masters who share their own hard-won wisdom about living with joy even in the face of adversity.

### **Bridge for Beginners**

*Joyce White*

**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 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](mailto:jfwhite0973@gmail.com).

# 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, we are here to be with anyone who needs care until we are not needed. We are also looking for others who feel led to walk this journey with us in a new training class in the Spring of 2024. Contact either one of our ministers or Karen Dower, referral coordinator by phone 940-367-1001 or [dowerks@gmail.com](mailto: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 item you may click on the online SignUpGenius link printed in the Shield, sign the list on the Narthex table on Sundays, or contact Lisa Dorr, at [DORRL@yaho.com](mailto:DORRL@yaho.com). While homemade is wonderful, store bought is just fine. Thank you ahead of time for helping SAPC be a friendly & welcoming congregation.

## Bereavement Teams

Three teams take turns arranging for and serving a reception, or luncheon for family, at the time of a memorial service. Team members are needed! If you would like to help, please contact Leigh Kitchens, (940) 597-6036 or [lwkitchens@gmail.com](mailto:lwkitchens@gmail.com).

## Chancel Flower Delivery

After worship, chancel flowers are taken by deacons and congregation members to home ministry members, persons on the prayer list, or another person who could use a lift. If you know of someone who would appreciate the cheer of beautiful flowers, you would like to provide flowers, or volunteer to deliver them, please contact Caia McCullar, (940) 391-8472. You may also sign up to donate chancel flowers on the roster on the bulletin board in the office hallway.

## Cradle Crosses

A cradle cross is given to the parents' on the occasion of the adoption, birth, or baptism of their baby. With the cradle crosses, we convey the love, support, and inclusion of these children in the St. Andrew family. For more information please contact Sylvia Hobdy, [snowbunny50@verizon.net](mailto:snowbunny50@verizon.net) or (940) 391-6814.

## Diaconate Liaison for Pastoral Concerns

The Diaconate Liaison contacts individuals and families with pastoral concerns. If you have a need, or know of a member in need, please contact Lynda Schupp, [l.schupp@verizon.net](mailto:l.schupp@verizon.net) or (972) 965-3458.

## Home Ministry

The Home Ministry committee strives to strengthen the bonds of the SAPC community with its members who are not able to attend regular physical gatherings of the church. Cards, phone calls and personal visits are common interactions to combat the feelings of isolation.

Recently, we have had requests for assistance with rides to medical appointments and prescription pick-up for those no longer driving. 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 contact Sylvia Hobdy, [snowbunny50@verizon.net](mailto:snowbunny50@verizon.net) or (940) 391-6814.

## 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 Meal Train email requests for meal providers, please contact coordinator, Brenda Crawford, [bcrawford11940@gmail.com](mailto:bcrawford11940@gmail.com) or (214) 675-9010.

## Prayer Ministry Teams

The 4 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 coordinator, Ronda Skelton, [rondaskelton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rondaskelton@sbcglobal.net), or Lauri Goldston, [laurigoldston@gmail.com](mailto:laurigoldston@gmail.com) for more information.

## Emergency Relief Fund

The emergency relief fund at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is designed to provide monetary assistance for members of the congregation or community members that are experiencing some temporary financial hardship. The intent of the fund is to help recipients bridge a short-term financial challenge. Applicants must be a member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church or be nominated by a current member of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

[standrewdenton.com/temporary-relief-fund](http://standrewdenton.com/temporary-relief-fund)

# CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

## Presbyterian Women

With a history going back to 1941, The Presbyterian Women of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church support the mission of the Church, help one another grow in Christian faith and understanding, and provide leadership to our local congregation.

All women are welcome to attend our monthly Circle meeting in the Narthex on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30am-11:00am where we engage in a wonderful Bible study. (Horizons is the magazine and Bible study of Presbyterian Women across the country, all of whom read the same study each year). The 2024-2025 study continues on January 14 with refreshments and fellowship starting at 9:30am. Please contact Karen Dower with any questions: 940-367-1001.

## Theology on Tap

**Second and Fourth Mondays @ 6:30pm**

**Kirsten Brown**

Theology on Tap meets the second and fourth Monday of most months, 6:30pm, at Denton County Brewing Company, 200 E McKinney Street (in the back room). Meetings consist of a discussion on a variety of theological issues and questions. All thoughts and opinions are welcome. Our first meeting of the new year will be on January 13, 2025. Please email Kirsten Brown (brownk444@aol.com) if you would like to be added to the TOT email list.

## Men's Study Group

**Wednesdays, 8:00am**

**The Great Egg, 1800 S. Loop 288**

The Men's Study Group meets each Wednesday morning from 8:00am-9:00am at The Great Egg, 1800 S. Loop 288, #200 (across Brinker Rd. from Kroger.) This spring we will continue using the Revised Common Lectionary as our study source. Each week a different class member prepares a presentation utilizing 4 of 6 possible scriptures from that week's suggested lectionary study material. We urge St. Andrew men of all ages to join us for table fellowship and study as we seek to discern how God would have us live our lives.

## Save the Date!

### Women's Retreat Coming

**February 21-22, 2025**

We look forward to welcoming Melissa Hunter back as guest speaker at our annual women's retreat. We'll gather Friday evening at Lisa Patterson's house and then meet at the Hilton Garden Inn, Denton, on Saturday. The cost to attend is \$75, which will cover all expenses except an overnight stay. Registration information, scholarship and other details will be available in early January.

*Make plans to join us for fellowship and spiritual nurture in February of 2025.*

## Prime Time

Usually the first Friday of the month @ Noon 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 these announcements for upcoming dates and locations. Contact Brad Dunn (acapulcosunset@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the email list."

## Women's Tuesday Afternoon Study

**Room 209, 1:30pm**

**Terry Widmer**

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

## Women's Lenten Book Study

**Wednesdays at Noon**

**March 5-April 16**

**Lisa Patterson**

**"A is for Alabaster" by Anna Carter Florence**

Join this group of women during Lent to read and discuss Scripture and interpret it as we read and dig deeper into the lively Word of God. The readings for the book discussion group will be short, and we will read several per class session. We will meet in-person with a Zoom option.



## 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.

**Spring dates: 1/11, 2/8, 4/12, and 5/10**



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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5  
6:30PM

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 13  
10:45AM, SANCTUARY

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
DINNER AND WORSHIP  
APRIL 17  
5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 18  
SERVICE OF TENEBRAE, 7:30PM  
PRELUDE, 7:00PM

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER  
SATURDAY, APRIL 19  
FRONT LAWN

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 20  
8:30AM AND 10:50AM, SANCTUARY  
9:30AM-10:30AM, BREAKFAST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
*One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Received*