


ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH


The Fall Guide

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FALL FESTIVAL OF FAITH

The Reverend Dr. John Buchanan

Saturday, October 21

5:30 p.m. — Dinner in Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. — Presentation by Dr. Buchanan

Sunday, October 22

9:30 a.m. — Presentation by Dr. Buchanan in Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. — Sermon by Dr. Buchanan

Mark your calendars and plan to be in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 21, for the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan's light-hearted but serious reflection on the church, "Ah, the Church." The Rev. Buchanan will meet with adults again in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning to reflect on the legacy of Reformation for the 21st Century; then he will preach on the importance of our historic reforming impulse as Presbyterians during worship.

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

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

FROM OUR PASTOR



If you look around at those who form the community of faith we know as St. Andrew, you will see people at various stages of their faith journeys. Some learning what it means to be a disciple of Christ; others with many years of experience as followers of Christ; some with lots of experience but struggling to reignite their faith; and some who are on a roll as they excitedly move down their journey of faith. Our goal from a programming perspective is to meet people where they are on their faith journeys and help them move to the next spot. As we move along our faith journeys, there are five areas that shape our lives of faith: prayer life; community connections; worship; Bible study; and mission. My challenge to you is to find at least one, maybe more, area to focus on in your own life of faith. Perhaps make a commitment to be in worship regularly this fall, add a Bible study, and focus on prayer time each day. Or perhaps your prayer life is going well, so you might want to focus on participating in a mission project. Because we each are at different places in our own faith journeys, our needs vary. As you look through the Fall Guide, be prayerful and ask for God's guidance to reveal to you what activities God is calling you to at this point in your life of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Richard

New Membership Directory Coming this Fall!

Work will begin this fall on a new St. Andrew Membership Directory. It is hard to believe the last one was completed in December of 2014! Obviously, we have a new minister and many new families have joined since then, so the church really needs an update. The directory will be a smaller size containing photos and roster information. Photos will be taken various times in November (including Sundays), so photo packages can be delivered prior to Christmas. Sign-up for portrait appointments will take place in late September and through October, so watch for more announcements in The Shield and bulletin.

CONNECTING WITH OTHERS

Presbyterian Women

Circles I & II meet on the Second Tuesday of Each month in the Fall from 9:30am until 11:00am. Watch bulletin for places.

September 5 - The Presbyterian Women will meet in the Parlor for the Horizons Bible Study for 2017-2018 on the Book of Hebrews. Our Speaker will be Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Pense. All women are invited to attend from 9:30am until 11am. Refreshments will be served.

October 17 - The Presbyterian Women will meet in the Parlor for a Book review presented by Patsy Wilson! All women are invited to attend from 9:30am until 11am. Refreshments will be served. We will collect for the yearly Thank offering and approve the 2018 budget.

November 7 - Presbyterian Women's business meeting in the Parlor from 9:30am until about 11:00am. All women are invited to attend.

December 5 - The Presbyterian Women will meet in the Parlor for our Annual Christmas program presented by Peggy Capps! All women are invited to attend from 9:30am until 11am. Refreshments will be served. We will present women with the Honorary Life membership award and install new and continuing officers for 2018.

The Denton Association of Christian Women will meet on Tuesday, August 29 at First Emmanuel Church and Tuesday, October 31 at St. James AME church from 9:30am until 11am. Refreshments served and there will be a special speaker.

Men's Study Group

Upper Park Cafe, 8:00am

Each Thursday morning from September 14 through December 7 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 Advent Book Study

Wednesdays at noon, Room 206/208

October 25-November 15

Women's Advent Book Study meets Wednesdays at noon from October 25-November 15. Book study will be announced as we get closer to October. Questions? Contact Lisa Patterson, 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.

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 for more information.

Theology on Tap

Every Other Monday @ 6:30pm, Starts September 12

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/>

ADVENT AT ST. ANDREW

ADVENT ADVENTURE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29
5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

MARKET FOR MISSION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
10:30am, Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & DINNER
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

5pm, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24
Lots of Carols, Plus a Story or Two!
Casual Dress

10:30am, Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES
WITH COMMUNION

5pm & 7pm, Sanctuary

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AT ST. ANDREW

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.

Volunteers for After Worship Refreshments Needed

Do you enjoy conversing with friends over a cup of coffee with a treat in the Narthex after worship on Sundays? If so, please consider signing up to help one Sunday by hosting or providing refreshments. Contact Sara Armstrong at 940.453.7046 or sarm1407@gmail.com for available time slots. You may view the sign-up calendar online once you provide your email to Sara, or a printed copy is available in the Sacristy on the cabinets.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are laypeople trained to provide one-to-one, confidential Christian care to people experiencing a difficulty in life such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, relocation, or separation due to military deployment or empty nest. Stephen Ministers come from all walks of life, but have a common calling to bring Christ's love and care to others. If you or a loved one could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact one of our pastors. Questions? Contact Karen Dower, dowerks@hotmail.com.

Prayer Ministry Teams

The prayer teams are made up of members of the Diaconate and members of the congregation. We pray for those who are suffering, grieving, and/or stressed out from life's challenges. Contact Roger Lewis, rlewis44@verizon.net, or Barbara Meriwether, 940-367-2586.

Blood Drive

We sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive every other month on the third Saturday from 9am to 2pm. Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org. You can also walk in and sign up.

Meal Train

Mealtrain.com is an online tool to organize meal delivery for our members who are experiencing a challenging life event. A meal train will be set upon request, typically every other day for 2-3 weeks. Signing up to take a meal is purely voluntary. Please contact Leigh Kitchens for more information at leighkitchens@verizon.net, home-940-566-5140, cell-940-597-6036.

Bereavement Teams

Three teams take turns arranging for and serving a meal or a reception before or after the funeral of a family member. If you would like to help, please contact Roger Lewis, rlewis44@verizon.net or Linda Heilig, l.heilig@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 Debby Ishee at debbyishee@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating in this ministry.

Cradle Crosses

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

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church is a joyful community of faith committed to worshiping in ways that inspire awe and praise; Growing in God's Word; Practicing the radical hospitality of divine grace; Sharing God's love with people of diverse backgrounds and ages; Reaching out to human need in Denton and beyond; Growing in all forms of giving—time, talent, and treasure; Becoming faithful disciples of Jesus as we learn to love God with all that is in us, and the neighbor as the self.

- We worship and study together on Sundays at 10:30am with chancel choir. Sunday School is at 9:30am, with a nursery for infants and young children and a Children's Chapel for pre-K and K children.
- We periodically hold a Service for Wholeness on weekday evenings where respite from busyness of life can be found, as well as weekly Bible studies and activities for men and women and various monthly gatherings.
- We serve our congregation, our community, and the world, including a Fall Festival of Faith and Stephen Ministry.
- We gather mid-week during Fall and Spring semesters for a Super Wednesday meal, program, and activities for all ages, including Chancel Choir, whose membership is open to all 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, which also attend a Worship and Music Conference at Mo Ranch in the summer.
- We provide The Children's Place, a preschool, and the Treehouse, an after school program for elementary children.
- We house Denton's ecumenical soup kitchen, Our Daily Bread, in Fellowship Hall, and we volunteer with Hearts for Homes, Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Ministries, HOPE, Inc., the Denton Community Food Center, and provide mission trips throughout the year for all ages.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership at St. Andrew is the first step in what we consider a life-long process of discipleship, and we invite you to join us on this journey. Becoming a member affirms your faith in God and love for God's people. Membership is a commitment to this particular part of God's family, where we nurture growth in faith, worship, and service to others. We hope you find the simplicity of our membership process an engaging introduction to our life together.

There are three steps to becoming a member of St. Andrew:

1. Fill out and turn in a New Member Information Form. You will find the forms on the Visitor Information table in the narthex.
2. Come to the parlor after the worship service. The Session, our governing body, formally receives new members at that time. We receive new members in one of the following ways: Letter of Transfer (can be requested by our church office), Reaffirmation of Faith, or Profession of Faith and Baptism.
3. Be welcomed in worship on a future Sunday when we recognize our new members. Or, attend the Presbyterian 101 classes mentioned below.

PRESBYTERIAN 101

For four weeks this fall, we will have a class entitled Presbyterian 101. 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 on the following Sundays:

Sunday, October 1
"God's Call and Church Membership"
Richard Culp

Sunday, October 8
"We Presbyterians"
(including tour of the facility)
Lisa Patterson

Sunday, October 15
"St. Andrew in Particular"
Fred Cassell

October 22, everyone is invited to the Sunday school presentation by John Buchanan, our Fall Festival of Faith presenter.

Sunday, October 29
"Ministry and Fellowship"
Various members

Mission at St. Andrew Join us for the Mission Mixer Tuesday, October 3, 6:00pm

St. Andrew financially supports 20 non-profit agencies who focus on a wide range of needs within the community. The list of all the agencies and a link to their websites is on the St. Andrew website. The Mission Committee invites you to attend its yearly mixer, a time when all the agencies attend and share their mission and purpose with us as one of their long-time partners in ministry. This is a wonderful opportunity to support, inquire, and affirm the ministry of the people who encourage, nurture and guide the mission of service agencies in Denton and regionally. Many of these same agencies are supported by the congregation through hands-on efforts that includes Give a Meal a Month and Apple Tree donations.

Vaccination Clinic at St. Andrew Sunday, October 8 9:30am, Bride's Room

Once again this year, St. Andrew will be holding a FREE flu vaccination clinic on Sunday, October 8, beginning at 9:30am in the Bride's Room. Nurses from Texas Health Denton will be administering the shots to those over 4 years old, assisted by St. Andrew volunteers. All are welcome to get their shots at that time, especially those who have financial difficulties or are in a high risk group. We will have the regular vaccines as well as the super shots for those over age 60. We need volunteers to help with the registration for shots that morning, so please contact Roger Lewis at rlewis44@verizon.net or 940-435-0700 if you are able to help. Thank you for assisting this ministry of compassion, witness and service!

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-5th Grade, Media Room, 9:30am

All children in grades K-5 will meet in the media room next to the library, for the morning's Gathering. After the Gathering, K-5th will learn and explore each Sunday morning's story in a deeper way through art, mission, story-telling, media and games. Join us in our dedicated children's area!

Preschool, Room 100, 9:30am

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

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 that will provide school clothing for a child in need.

Our Daily Bread Gift Bags - the committee collects toiletry items that are donated to Our Daily Bread for Christmas Gift Bags for the clients.

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.

Our Daily Bread

Many in Denton turn for help to this community soup kitchen housed at St. Andrew. The kitchen staff always needs volunteers, and there are other avenues to serve as well. To volunteer, visit their website, <http://www.ourdailybreaddenton.org/>, and follow the directions under Volunteering. Please contact Bob Stewart at bobscout@grandecom.net to get involved.

Birthday Endowment Fund

This endowment was established in 2007 and provides income to fund mission efforts not covered by the annual mission budget. Income has been used in previous years to send children and sponsors to Mo-Ranch's Worship and Music Conference, as well as for mission projects such as water filtration systems for people in Guatemala. Traditionally, members contribute an amount equal to the number of years being celebrated. So on your next birthday remember this endowment and contribute toward making a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Treehouse Volunteers

The Treehouse After School Program is a mission of St. Andrew that cares for children of low-income families who are not otherwise able to afford after-school daycare. Students are picked up at their elementary schools by the St. Andrew bus and brought to our recreation building. They are fed a nutritious snack, helped with homework, and allowed time for recreation, crafts, reading, and other activities each day.

The program is dependent upon volunteers both to provide our daily snack and to help the director with set-up and supervision of the children each day.

If you are interested in volunteering to provide snack and/or to help in the afternoons, or if you would like more information about the Treehouse, please contact the director at stephanieraesz@verizon.net or through the church office.

SUPER WEDNESDAY

Coping with Today's Turbulent World

November 1-15, Room 207/209

Michael Greig, Professor, Department of Political Science at UNT

This course will examine the causes of instability and political violence in today's world and explore the means to transition conflicts from violence to peace. After examining the foundations of conflict, we will focus our attention on the most pressing global troublespots and discuss both the dangers that they present as well as policy options available to deal with them.

November 1 - Roots of Terrorism & Political Instability in Today's World

November 8 - Promoting Peace: Dealing with the Sources of Violence & Instability in Today's World

November 15 - Today's Global Trouble Spots

Cooking Class!

November 1-15, Recreation Center Kitchen

Berniece Condry and Amy Cole

Learn how to decorate a cake like a pro, make homemade tortillas that melt in your mouth and can be eaten filled with eggs and sausage or honey and butter, and make bread that sells for \$60 a loaf at the youth BBQ. Join us to learn from the experts: Berniece Condry and Amy Cole. Questions? Ask Lisa Patterson.

Sacraments Workshop

September 17 & 24 at 9:30am, Children's Chapel

Elementary-aged children and their parents are invited to attend this hands-on workshop that instructs and encourages children in their lives of faith through an exploration of the two sacraments of the Reformed tradition - baptism and the Lord's Supper. Led by Amy and Michael Ball, baptism, including our covenant family identity and belonging are explored along with the mystery and grace of Christ in our midst at communion. Recommended ages to attend are kindergarten through 2nd grade but additional ages and stages are welcome. Questions? Contact Amy Ball at amykball@charter.net.

Save the Date!

Lunch & Learn - September 17

War: What is it Good For?

Michael Greig

Professor, Department of Political Science at UNT

Fellowship Hall, 11:45am

War is among the most costly and destructive forces in the world, destroying cities, damaging economies, and harming both military personnel and civilians. Despite its enormous costs, war has been used throughout history as a means to resolve disputes between countries. In this Lunch & Learn session, we will explore why war happens, the conditions that encourage the outbreak of war, and policy options for preventing war from breaking out and stopping fighting when it does.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Community Service with Smiles on Day of the Dead

On Saturday, October 28, from 11am-3pm, St. Andrew will be assisting Texas Health Presbyterian Denton in providing a free flu vaccination clinic during the Day of the Dead festivities. We need some enthusiastic volunteers to help us administer 300 vaccines this year and entertain the many visitors to our space. Help is needed to set up, staff, and take down the St. Andrew booth. Face painters are needed all day, as well as those who can blow balloons into animals and give out treats to our visitors. We need people of all ages, both male and female, to help us. Please volunteer by emailing Roger Lewis, rlewis44@verizon.net.

Denton Wassail Fest and Lighting Festival

Friday, December 1, will officially kick off the Christmas season in Denton with the beloved Lighting Festival and Wassail Fest! We are already looking forward to the luminarias lighting our walkways, the heavenly sounds of music from three choirs wafting across our lawn, a living manger scene from our youth, the delicious scent of Liz's cider filling the air, and the peaceful calm of those visiting our decorated and lit sanctuary! It takes a huge effort and we need YOU! Each part of the Festival needs creative and energetic workers of all ages and sizes! Please email or call Judy Stoughton at candjstoughton@aol.com or 940-383-2682 to volunteer!

Holiday Home Tour

Last year a group of St. Andrew members discovered what fun it is to be a docent for the Holiday Home Tour, sponsored by Downtown Neighborhood organizer Randy Hunt. The Home Tours raise money to purchase the old-fashioned lamps which are gradually replacing lamps down Oak and Hickory streets, and some of which will soon grace St. Andrew's sidewalks. The Home Tours require only a few hours of time during the Lighting Festival on Saturday, December 2, between 1pm and 5pm. We'll collect tickets and chat with visitors in homes. In exchange, the docents are invited to a preview party on Friday night and receive complimentary tickets to see all of the homes! Some St. Andrew singers formed a beautiful group of carolers last year and they would welcome additional voices this year as they stroll the streets and homes! Contact Judy Stoughton at candjstoughton@aol.com or 940-383-2682.

SUPER WEDNESDAY

September 6-November 29, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Super Wednesday offers something for people of all ages, and we invite you to join us this Fall. After our meal in Fellowship Hall, everyone scatters to participate in a variety of studies and activities which you'll find described below.

Meal, Fellowship Hall, 5:30pm
Children & Youth, \$2, College Students, no charge,
Adults, \$5
Family Maximum, \$10

Children's Activities

Nursery for infants & preschoolers, Room 102, 5:30-7:30pm
Covenant Choir, grades 2-5, Children's Choir Room,
Jannette Hindman, 6:15pm
Recreation K-1st Grades, Malicia Curran, 6:15pm
Noel Choir, K-1st, Children's Choir Room,
Jannette Hindman, 7:00pm
Recreation Grades 2-5th, Malicia Curran, 7:00pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School *element*
Rec Center and The Den @ 5:30pm
High School CREW
Rec Center and The Den @ 5:30pm

Adult Studies, 6:30-7:30pm

Reformation Questions/Reformation Answers
September 6-October 11 | Fellowship Hall
Fred Cassell, Kim Warner, Richard Culp,
and Lisa Patterson

This class will attempt to highlight and answer questions about key facts, people, and theologies of the Protestant Reformation, as well as major legacies of the historical movement. Using Donald McKim's popular book, *Reformation Questions/Reformation Answers*, the class will learn and discuss the history of the Reformed tradition and help them better understand the critical moment in Christian history that still deeply affects who the church is today. The book is written in a simple, easy-to-use question-and-answer style. Books are not required but will be available at a cost of \$13.

Advent Adventure

Wednesday, November 29, 5:30pm

Join us on Wednesday, November 29, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall for our yearly Advent Adventure. We will enjoy a delicious meal at Super Wednesday prices, followed by our intergenerational Advent Adventure. We'll make crafts, play board games, and enjoy a night of crafting, playing and fun in preparation for the Christmas Season. Questions? Ask Amy Ball amykball@charter.net or Lisa Patterson lisa@saint-andrew.com.

Women's Bible Study

September 6-November 29, Room 205

Amy Cole and Stephanie Raesz

Join us as we examine *The Story of Ruth: Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life*. This book explores the short but powerful story of Ruth and Naomi, and examines topics that relate to all women including loss, change, aging, and more.

Great Decisions in Foreign Policy

September 7- October 25 - Room 207/209

Facilitator - Dr. Jim Goodnow, Adjunct Professor of International Studies at UNT

This Great Decisions discussion group is one of many across the USA. The program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association brings private citizens together to learn about and discuss selected foreign policy issues with the opportunity of sharing opinions with Federal Government policymakers. A background briefing book for the course can be purchased on line for \$25 from greatdecisions.org or toll free at 800-477-5836.

The dates and topics for this fall are:

September 6 - European Union
September 13 - Trade Policy
September 20 - South China Sea
September 27 - Saudi Arabia
October 4 - Energy Geopolitics
October 11 - Latin America
October 18 - Afghanistan
October 25 - Nuclear Security

From the Editor's Desk: Thinking Critically, Living Faithfully

October 18-November 15, Fellowship Hall

On the Wednesday before our annual Fall Festival of Faith with the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, and for the four Wednesdays that follow it, plan to be in Fellowship Hall as we explore some of the Rev. Buchanan's editorials penned while he served as editor of *The Christian Century*. If you enjoy thinking critically about faith and its relevance to faithful living, you'll feel right at home. So join us!

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Super Wednesday Volunteers

September 6-November 29

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 YOUTH

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

Super Wednesday *element* | 5:30-7:30pm
Gym and The Cave

element is a community for middle school students to come and be themselves, play games and have fun, build friendships, and engage in our faith together. Join all the youth in the gym at 5:30 for games, energizers and more! At 6:30, we will move to the Den for time with other middle school students and we will explore our faith in terms of our own questions, doubts and within the context of current events.

Sunday Morning

***element* Sunday School | 9:30-10:20am**

The Den

Join other middle school students as we take an in depth look at the Old Testament and how these ancient stories apply to our lives today.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

CREW: Community, Risk, Experience, Worship

Super Wednesday CREW | 5:30-8:30pm
Gym and The Den

Start off in the gym with all youth for games, energizers and more! As you move into the Den, you will have time to snack, check in with each other on how life is going, play games, discuss life and faith with other high school students and participate in new activities that stretch us to serve beyond the walls of St. Andrew and into our community.

High School Sunday School | 9:30-10:20am

The Cave

This is the place for high school students to hang out with friends, engage in discussion about the joys and struggles of being a teenager, and explore what it means to have faith in God in today's world. This semester we will be studying the series "The Story of God," narrated by Morgan Freeman. We will explore how the series challenges and invites us to explore our own faith journeys as Morgan Freeman travels to find God in the modern world.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes typically begin during the 8th grade school year for youth, but are open to any youth who are exploring their faith, their place in church and in the world. Classes study important topics and elements of faith, elements of the Presbyterian Church and what it means to be Presbyterian in today's world. Confirmation class concludes in the spring with students writing their faith statements, presenting them to session and their families, and being confirmed in the church in May. For information regarding the class, please contact Brandi (Brandi@saint-andrew.com).

COMING THIS FALL!

Fall Youth Kickoff!

September 6, 5:30-7:30 pm

For all youth ages!

Super Wednesday Youth group will start off with a bang this year! We will meet from 5:30-7:30 for both CREW and *element*. Did you miss out on some of the lock in fun? Join us on the front lawn of the church for an epic kickoff to our fall semester!

7:30pm- 8:30pm High School Extended Youth

The fun doesn't stop when Super Wednesday ends. Stay for an extended hour of time together and bonding as we start the semester off with a bang!

Youth Fest West, October 13-15

All youth, 6th-12th grades, are invited to Glen Lake Camp in Glen Rose, Texas, to join with youth from around Grace Presbytery for a weekend retreat! Youth will enjoy games, energizers, song, small group and more! Sign up with Brandi by October 1st. Cost is \$150.

Fall Chili Cook Off, November 12

Do you love chili? Do you think you have the best chili around? Are you looking to out cook Abby Lewis (last year's winner) for best Chili? Enter your best chili recipe in a variety of categories to see who will win this year's best Chili! Not a cook? Come eat all the delicious entries and help decide the winners! More information will come this fall.

Toys for Treehouse, October-December

We are gearing up for Christmas already! Starting in October we will host our third annual Toys for Treehouse fundraiser. In November we will plan and shop for the Treehouse children and in December we will wrap the gifts and deliver them during a party on the last day of school before the winter break. Want to help? Feel free to donate to the collection jar in the Den or talk to Brandi to find specific ways to help out.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR CHILDREN

Children's Sunday School

K-5th Grade, Media Room, 9:30am

All children in grades K-5 will meet in the media room next to the library, for the morning's Gathering. After the Gathering, K-5th will learn and explore each Sunday morning's story in a deeper way through art, mission, story-telling, media and games. Join us in our dedicated children's area!

Preschool, Room 100, 9:30am

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

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. Paggers are available to take with you for your peace of mind, in case the nursery staff needs to get in touch with you.

FOR YOUTH

element Sunday School | 9:30-10:20am

Location: The Den

Join other middle school students as we take an in depth look at the Old Testament and how these ancient stories apply to our lives today.

High School Sunday School | 9:30-10:20am

Location: The Cave

This is the place for high school students to hang out with friends, engage in discussion about the joys and struggles of being a teenager, and explore what it means to have faith in God in today's world.

Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night Out is a program for the young families of St. Andrew. The program has a two-fold purpose: it gives parents an opportunity to spend quality time together without their children and it gives the children an evening of fun, age-appropriate activities with their friends at St. Andrew. The evening runs from 4:00pm-8:00pm for infants-3 yr. olds in the Nursery. In the Rec. Center, 4 yr. olds-elementary age will meet from 4:00pm-9:00pm. We ask parents to make reservations no later than Thursday, the week of PNO. Please email Ms. Sue at: toddlerqueen2@gmail.com, or call at 940-300-9262, for reservations.

Fall dates: Sep. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9

FOR ADULTS

The Breakfast Club – 9:30am

Led by Members of the Class, Room 206/208

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 Rafat Haddad rafathaddad@msn.com or Lisa Patterson at lisa@saint-andrew.com

Pastor's Class – 9:40am

Fred Cassell, Room 207/209

Join this inquisitive, faithful, lively and welcoming group for the Fall semester. They are led by Fred Cassell and study the Bible in all of its complexities and meaning. The class will continue in a study of Philippians, Colossians, marching toward Revelation this Fall.

Pathfinders – 9:30am

Richard Sale, Room 205

The Pathfinders is a diverse group of adults seeking spiritual growth and development. The group is intergenerational and has members with a variety of theological positions. We study both books of religious interest and various content in scripture.

Save the date!

Acolyte Training

Sunday, September 17

Acolyte Training for 4th and 5th Graders is on Sunday, September 17, immediately following worship in the chancel area. This is an important way for our older elementary children to serve in worship, and it begins and ends each Sunday worship service. Questions? Contact Michael Ball at michaelball@charter.net.

Save the date!

Rally Day

Sunday, September 10

9:00am, Fellowship Hall

Food! Fellowship! Fun! Bring your favorite breakfast/brunch potluck dish and join everyone in Fellowship Hall for Rally Day 2017! There will be singing, Sunday School student and teacher introductions, and a great start to our Fall season of programs and worship. The line forms at 9:00am, Sunday September 10, beverages are provided – see you there!

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 Sara Armstrong, sarm1407@gmail.com.

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 the first Super Wednesday of the fall 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!

Instrumental Ensemble | Adam La Spata, Director

The instrumental ensemble offers musicians the opportunity to honor God by playing in worship. Membership is open without auditions; however, all members of the ensemble should be able to play a notated hymn melody and harmony, at a tempo suitable for singing. The full ensemble rehearses on Sunday afternoons from 11:30 to 12:30pm in the adult choir room. For more information, please contact the director at 773-412-4264.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

World Communion

Sunday

October 1, 2017

We will receive the Peacemaking Offering during worship on World Communion Sunday. This annual offering is allocated using the apportionment of 25% for local use, 25% divided between Grace Presbytery and Synod of the Sun, and 50% for the General Assembly Mission Council for its peacemaking efforts. Please plan to give generously to this special offering. Thank You!

Christmas Joy Offering

December 24, 2017

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 18 at all worship services. 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.

Save the Date!

Kirkin' O' The Tartans Service

October 29, 2017, 10:30am

Join us to celebrate the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian church with bagpipes and special music. Kilts and tartans are welcome, but definitely not required.