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**Our Mission Statement**

**St. Andrew United Methodist Church strives to be a family of caring, nurturing followers of Jesus Christ welcoming all those seeking to know and grow in God's service.**

**May 2024**

*"...every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus you will know them by their fruits.*

Matthew 7: 17b – 20 (NRSVUE)

April was quite the month for us here at St. Andrew. We have been celebrating the Easter season all month. We started a sermon series about the roots of our United Methodist faith and beliefs. But probably the highlight was our four-night revival that took place the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>. We enjoyed fabulous food and fellowship and then experienced powerful worship with meaningful music and inspiring messages from guest preachers. The revival focused on the beatitudes and challenged each of us to live into Jesus' teaching from the Sermon the Mount. It was good to be in the house of the Lord.

We always associate the beatitudes with the Sermon on the Mount, but did you know that Jesus continued to teach from the mountain after that? The next few chapters in the Gospel of Matthew continue Jesus' sermon from the mountain. The above passage from Matthew 7 is part of the same sermon.

As I reflect on all that we experienced at the revival and all the ways in which the preaching inspired and challenged us, I automatically thought of the teaching from this part of the Sermon on the Mount, all this talk about bearing good fruit or bad fruit. I think we can all agree that we want to bear good fruit in everything we do. What good fruit will our revival bear? If we just say how much we enjoyed it but leave it there, where's the fruit? Another way to ask this question is, "What's the 'so-what' of our revival?"

My prayer is that the fruit the revival bears is good fruit for us as individual believers, for us as a community of faith, and for the community and world around us. I pray that our "so what" may look like a renewed commitment to discipleship with personal and communal spiritual practices. I pray that our "so what" may look like a renewed focus on reaching out to others in our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. I pray that our "so what" may look like a renewed dedication to building the Kingdom with God so that everyone will know the abundant life that Jesus offers.

I hope that you are reflecting on what your experiences mean for you going forward. You can ask yourself, "Where do I feel the Holy Spirit moving in my life?" You can ask yourself, "What am I inspired to do as a result of this spiritual experience?" May those answers produce good fruit for you, St. Andrew, and the whole world.

Peace & grace,  
Dana

## From the Sr. Associate Pastor's Desk

Mother and Home (2 Timothy 1:1-7)

Some ministers were talking about their favorite translation of the Bible. One said he liked the King James Version because of its beautiful English. Another said he liked the New Revised Standard Version because it is a literal translation of the Hebrew and Greek. The third minister said that he liked the Moffatt translation because of its up to date vocabulary. The fourth minister said that he liked his Mother's translation because she translated it into life and it was a most convincing translation.

I believe that a Mother is the best friend a person ever has. This was true with Timothy. He had a sincere faith which dwelt first in his grandmother Lois and in his mother Eunice and now in him. His parents gave him physical birth and Christ eternal life. Therefore he is encouraged to rekindle the gift of God within him.

Most of us feel that way. A Mother's love is second only to God's love. A person may climb to the highest pinnacle of success but never to the heights of a Mother's love. Napoleon said, "Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons."

I believe that the Christian home is the most important institution in the world. One of the causes of the fall of the Roman Empire in 476 A.D. was the deterioration of home life. The family is the cornerstone of society. In 1970 Alvin Taffler said in "Future Shock", "The family has been called the "great shock absorber" of society, the place to which the bruised and battered individual returns after doing battle with the world, the one stable point in an increasingly flux filled environment."

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, let us remember our Mothers and our homes. If your Mother is still living go see her or call her and tell her how much you love her. Mother's Day is also the Festival of the Christian Home. Ask God to bless your home. In his book entitled "Miracle of Love" Dr. Charles Allen said, "Falling in love is easy but staying in love has to be worked at." Love is a tender plant and has to be cared for tenderly.

Yes, a Mother is the best friend we will ever have. The Christian home is the most important institution in the world. Let us honor our Mothers and bless our homes on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

A little boy was asked if he loved God. The little boy said, "Oh yes". Then he was asked why? The little lad replied, "Guess it just runs in the family."

Does it run in your family too?

In His Service,  
Terry Phillips

**FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS**

**MAY 10TH**  
**LUNCH AT DOUG'S IN EMERSON**  
**AND TRIP TO A LOCAL GARDEN**

**WE WILL MEET AT 10AM IN THE CHURCH**  
**PARKING LOT AND CARPOOL**

CONTACT MARY PHILLIPS FOR DETAILS AT  
MEPTLP@HOTMAIL.COM

ADULTS 50 AND OLDER ARE INVITED

ST. ANDREW  
UNITED  
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## From the Associate Pastor's Desk

### *The Many Layers of Mother's Day*

In just a little less than two weeks the calendar marks Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12. I am grateful to God for my mother. She has been one of my biggest encouragers throughout my life. She was the first one rooting for me as I began answering a call to ministry ten years ago. She has prayed for me far more than I will ever know. And she's loved me through more seasons than I can count where I know I was hard to love. My mom, Sandra, has been the biggest inspiration to me about what it means to take our faith seriously, deeply, and thoughtfully. She's taught me so much, loved me so much, and supported me so much.

I'm also acutely aware that Mother's Day can be a hard and complex day for many of us. For those of us who were close with our mothers and they are no longer living, Mother's Day can be a hard day. For those of us estranged from our mothers - or us mothers estranged from children or grandchildren - Mother's Day can be a hard day. Some of us had mothers who were absent, abusive, or largely unavailable. Mother's Day can be a hard day. Some of us desperately want to be mothers and aren't yet, or aren't able to be in the ways we had hoped. And Mother's Day can be a hard day.

Our God is the God who comes to us because we experience pain, loss, loneliness, and brokenness. He comes to hold it, heal it, and redeem it in the person of Jesus Christ. And so, if this Mother's Day is a hard one, a messy one, a strange one for you, receive a prayer especially for you:

*Loving and Tender God,  
You love us and gather us into your heart  
As a mother hen gathers her chicks into safety and care  
Hold us especially in the complexity, the grief, and the messiness of relationships  
Soothe the pain of hurt feelings  
Mend the wounds that are raw and open  
Be a space of refuge to receive the questions, anger, and tears  
And then wash over us with peace  
Resting  
And healing  
In the love you have for us  
Amen*

In Christ,  
Beth+

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*Curious to learn more about spiritual formation? Curious about what spiritual formation even is and why it matters as a follower of Jesus?! Come join us for Soul Care the first Monday of every month. We will meet **Monday evening, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the labyrinth**. Please bring a camping/folding chair to sit in outside. The labyrinth is located on the plane above the mailbox by the main church parking area. Just look for Rev. Beth - she'll be there! All are welcome*



H A P P Y  
*Mother's Day*  
—♥—



# ST. ANDREW UMC Children's Ministry



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL– June 24-27

**9:00am—Noon**

Age 4 years (by Sept. 1st and potty trained)– 6th grade

Join us for a VBS Summer Camp Adventure!  
Registration fee is \$40 per child which covers  
snacks, crafts, activities and t-shirt!

Register at: [www.myvbs.org/tandrewumc2024](http://www.myvbs.org/tandrewumc2024)

**Please register by May 20th!**

## What's Happening

May 12- Children's Choir singing at 11:00am Service

May 26– 10am One Service in the Keheley Center.

June-July 10am Children's Summer Sunday School P3!

June 21 & 22– 10am-3pm VBS decorating downstairs  
Keheley Center

June 23– Noon-3pm VBS Volunteer meeting, lunch  
and setup upstairs Keheley Center

June 24-27– VBS! Camp Firelight!

June 30– Sunday Morning VBS Celebration at 10am  
in the Sanctuary (VBS children sing at the service)

July 28– Blessing of the Backpacks at the 11am service



**NEW THIS YEAR: Camp Firelight S'more Fun (extended day)**

**June 24-27 Noon-3pm Monday-Thursday cost \$120**

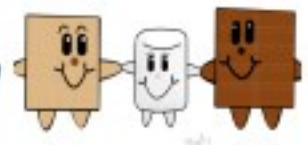
Children registered for VBS can stay for S'more fun at VBS extended day  
camp.

Children will participate in s'more games, outdoor fun, crafts, music and science. Space is limited.  
For children staying after VBS please send a lunch and water bottle.

Register with your VBS registration by **May 20th** at : [www.myvbs.org/standrewumc2024](http://www.myvbs.org/standrewumc2024)

Payment is due at time of registration please.

*If minimum enrollment is not met, we reserve the right to cancel a camp session  
and issue a full refund.*



For more information about our Children's activities and ministries please contact :

Ms. Regina –Children's Ministry Director at [Regina@thepumpkinchurch.org](mailto:Regina@thepumpkinchurch.org)



## News from the St. Andrew Preschool Director

\*The preschool earned their accreditation through the North Georgia United Methodist Program of Excellence. Congratulations on an outstanding job by our director, Ms. Kim, and her staff!\*



\*We still have openings for the Fall in our 4's and young 5's classes. Please tell your family and friends\*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



**Adults and Youth (rising 7th grade and older)**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP AT VBS! June 24-27**

Please see where you can help and register to volunteer by going to: [www.myvbs.org/standrewumc2024](http://www.myvbs.org/standrewumc2024) or contact Regina at [regina@thepumpkinchurch.org](mailto:regina@thepumpkinchurch.org) for more information!



## **HAITI SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

**AUGUST 18**

**FREE CARIBBEAN LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION**

Now accepting items for the Silent Auction. Please consider donating gift baskets, trips, gift cards, services, event tickets, etc. Contact Carol Haisten for more details at [chaisten1@hotmail.com](mailto:chaisten1@hotmail.com).





STEPPING OUT  
with JESUS

# St. Andrew UMC Women's Retreat October 4-6, 2024

*As you received Christ Jesus  
the Lord, so walk in him.  
Colossians 2:6*



## Forrest Hills Resort, Dahlonega, GA

All women are invited to enjoy a beautiful Fall weekend in North Georgia. There will be time to replenish and recharge along with time for fun, fellowship and Spiritual Growth.



### Registration

# \$360 per person



Includes 2 nights lodging

Dinner Friday & Saturday - Breakfast Saturday & Sunday

Wonderful Retreat with Amazing Women!

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Register by August 1. A \$50 nonrefundable deposit requested to secure your spot. (This deposit will be applied to the registration fee)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Lisa Springer, [lisa.o.springer@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.o.springer@gmail.com) with any questions



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

**MAKE 2024 THE YEAR THAT YOU JOIN YOUR BROTHERS IN CHRIST IN THE UMM**

**MEET EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH @ 9:00AM IN THE KEHELEY CENTER**

**MAY 11TH, 2024**

### WAYS UMM SERVES OUR COMMUNITY:

- MONTHLY MUST MINISTRY LUNCHEES FOR OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS
- THANKSGIVING FOOD FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED
- CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED
- EASTER FOOD FOR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED
- LUNCH MONEY HELP FOR BLACKWELL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
- SUPPORT TO BLACKWELL ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT OUR UMM CHAPTER PRESIDENT: BRUCE FUERSTENBERG - BFBFUERST@GMAIL.COM**



ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# THE PAINE - KRUPILIS OPEN

*SPONSORED BY ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST MEN*

**May 13, 2024 - 9:00am**

**Eagle Watch Golf Club  
Woodstock, Georgia**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL MISSIONS**



**Format: Four-Man Scramble**

You can also help by sponsoring a hole or flag as well as by donating door prizes



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS SEE DIANE WOODS IN THE CHURCH OFF ICE OR CALL BRUCE FUERSTENBERG AT (678) 371-6613

St. Andrew United Methodist Church  
Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

**FLORAL CARD MAKING  
MONDAY, MAY 6TH**



**MARY PHILLIPS**  
MEPTLP@HOTMAIL.COM

**WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES**

**Save the Date!**  
**Bunco Night**  
**June 28**



**WOMEN'S  
BOOK CLUB**

**FRIDAY  
MAY 3  
NOON**

*ALL WOMEN INVITED!*

It's clear from Scripture that God desires unity for His Church. If unity is so important to the heart of God, why is the Church one of the most divided groups on earth? Chan argues that the problem is the shallowness of our love for each other—rooted in a shallowness in our understanding of the gospel. *Until Unity* shows us:

- +God grieves the division in the Church, so we can't remain indifferent
- +Unity demands a level of humility only possible by the Spirit
- +The power and witness of the Church hinges on our oneness
- +Unity comes at a cost, but it commands a blessing



**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**  
**EDNA FELMLEE**  
FELMLEEE@GMAIL.COM



**UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH**

**UPCOMING GATHERINGS**

**RUTH CIRCLE - MAY 20 AT NOON**

Keheley Center Fellowship Hall  
  
Rev. Bass of Shady Grove Baptist Church will share information about their health clinic.  
  
Bring your lunch.  
  
For more information contact Edna Felmlee at felmlee@gmail.com

**ESTHER GATHERING - JUNE 9 AT NOON**

Keheley Center Fellowship Hall  
Lunch and Program - \$10  
  
Register online through Sign Up Genius  
  
**SAVE THE DATES! SEPTEMBER 15, DECEMBER 8**

**BUNCO NIGHT!**  
**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 28**

**BLACKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
SNACK DONATIONS**

Help us support the snack room by donating the following items:

- Cereal bars
- Granola bars
- Mini muffins
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Cheese crackers
- Pretzels
- Chips
- Chex Mix
- Fruit Cups
- Fruit snacks





**"I'll bring the light!"**

*... let your light shine before others ... --Matthew 5:16*



**SAUMC ANNUAL ST. SIMONS ISLAND BEACH TRIP  
41ST ANNIVERSARY JUNE 15 - 18, 2024  
REGISTRATION**

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE & EMAIL (HIS): \_\_\_\_\_

MOBILE & EMAIL (HERS): \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM RATES INCLUDE LODGING & MEALS SATURDAY EVENING THRU TUESDAY LUNCH EXCLUDING SUNDAY  
EVENING DINNER. A NON-REFUNDABLE \$70 PROGRAM FEE PER FAMILY & A NON-REFUNDABLE  
\$20 PER PERSON DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

PLEASE CHECK DESIRED RESERVATION TYPE FOR ADULTS:

REYNOLDS ROOMS:

1 ADULT	\$433.32	2 ADULTS	\$605.22	
3 ADULTS	\$773.64	4 ADULTS	\$942.00	ROOM RATE:

REYNOLDS APARTMENTS:

1 ADULT	\$538.95	2 ADULTS	\$717.90	
3 ADULTS	\$900.36	4 ADULTS	\$1,110.96	APARTMENT RATE:

BOOTH ADJOINING ROOMS (4 BEDS):

1 ADULT	\$538.95	2 ADULTS	\$717.90	
3 ADULTS	\$900.36	4 ADULTS	\$1,110.96	ADJOINING ROOM RATE:

BOOTH MOTEL SINGLE ROOM

1 ADULT	\$486.15	2 ADULTS	\$661.56	
3 ADULTS	\$826.47	4 ADULTS	\$1,012.44	ROOM RATE:

CHILDREN & TEEN RESERVATIONS:

NUMBER OF CHILDREN AGES 3-12 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$85.95 = \_\_\_\_\_

NAME, DOB, & GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TEENS AGES 13-18 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$189.51 = \_\_\_\_\_

NAME, DOB, & GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE) = \$70.00

BIKES: MENS: \_\_\_\_\_ LADIES: \_\_\_\_\_ KIDS: \_\_\_\_\_ BIKES: TOTAL # \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

LOW COUNTRY BOIL: ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 KIDS: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10 LOW COUNTRY BOIL TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUTERS (STAYING OFF-SITE): # COMMUTERS = \_\_\_\_\_ x \$26.96 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL RETREAT COST \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ ATTENDEES = \_\_\_\_\_ + \$70 PROGRAM FEE = TOTAL NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**BALANCE DUE BY 6-1-24 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

PLEASE CONTACT JULIE PEEL AT [julie.peel@gmail.com](mailto:julie.peel@gmail.com) or 678-480-4595 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## St. Andrew's Stephen Ministry

Since 1975, well over a half-million laypeople from all walks of life have trained and served as Stephen Ministers, and most any one of them would be quick to tell you that becoming a Stephen Minister has been a powerful experience.

Stephen Minister training is an enriching, enjoyable, spiritual experience, possibly unlike any other training people have participated in before. The purpose of the training is to equip Stephen Ministers with essential caring and relating skills to provide high-quality, one-on-one, Christian care to individuals who are hurting. In addition to becoming better caregivers, everything learned in Stephen Minister training enhances relationships with family, friends, coworkers, and others they meet in everyday life.

If you feel you are called and are interested in learning more about Stephen Ministry, please contact Rev. Terry Phillips or Lee Dowdy through the church office at (770) 926-3488.



**MUST MINISTRIES  
HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

INTERESTED IN PREPPING AND SERVING  
MONTHLY LUNCHES AT MUST MINISTRIES?

CONTACT BILL LANE  
LANEPARTYOF9@COMCAST.NET

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

**UPCOMING DATES:  
MAY 21 JUNE 18**

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**MUST  
MINISTRIES**

**KNITTING  
& CRAFT  
GROUP**

FRIDAY 10:00AM-1:00PM  
**ROOM 132-133**

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME  
BRING YOUR SELF-CONTAINED  
CRAFT PROJECTS (DOES NOT HAVE TO BE KNITTING)  
FOR ADULTS, HOWEVER, CHILDREN 10 AND UP ARE WELCOME.

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**CONTACT  
CHURCH OFFICE  
FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

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**IF YOU HAVE NOT DOWNLOADED OUR APP ON YOUR PHONE, SEE BELOW INSTRUCTIONS:**

To add a [churchlife.mobi](https://churchlife.mobi) shortcut (Android)

1. On your mobile device, open the Chrome browser.
2. In the Search or type web address field, enter [churchlife.mobi](https://churchlife.mobi).
3. When the website displays, tap Ellipsis.
4. Tap Add to Home screen.
5. In the Add to Home screen field, enter [churchlife.mobi](https://churchlife.mobi), then tap Add.
6. To manually place your shortcut on the Home Screen, touch and hold the icon, then place it in a convenient spot.  
Or, tap Add automatically.

To add a [churchlife.mobi](https://churchlife.mobi) bookmark (iOS)

1. On your mobile device, open the Safari app.
2. In the Search or enter website name field, enter [churchlife.mobi](https://churchlife.mobi), then tap Go.
3. When the website displays, tap Share.
4. Tap Add to Home Screen.
5. Under Add to Home Screen, enter [churchlife.mobi](https://churchlife.mobi), then tap Add. When finished, the link button displays on your Home screen.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Griffin at [Sharon@saumcmarietta.org](mailto:Sharon@saumcmarietta.org)