



ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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December 2017-January 2018



Christmas Eve
SERVICE

St. Andrew will have their Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 pm. This is always a special service for our families. A nursery will be provided to age four. Invite your friends and family!



Advent Devotional

Together in Advent by Tim Wesemann
(for adults & youth) – one per family
Look to the Light by David Mead
(for children) – one per family

Booklets are available for your use during the Advent season

The church office will be closed:
Monday, December 25
Monday, January 1
Monday, January 15





If you would like to place a poinsettia in the church in memory or honor of a friend or loved one, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate, bring it to the church office, or mail it to the church. The last day to place your order will be **Wednesday, December 13**. We ask that you pay for your poinsettia at the time you place your order. Thank you!

POINSETTIA ORDER

\$11.00 ___Red ___White ___Pink

\$20.00 ___Red ___White ___Pink

\$30.00 ___Red ___White ___Pink

YOUR NAME _____
 (Please Print)

IN HONOR OF _____

 (Please Print)

IN MEMORY OF _____

 (Please Print)



**Preschool
 Christmas Program**

The St. Andrew Preschool Christmas Program will be **Thursday, December 14, 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary. The children have worked hard and are eager to perform, so support your preschool – come and see this special program.



CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

The church office is in need of volunteers to answer the phone on the following dates:

- Wed., Dec. 27 – 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Wed., Dec. 27 – 12:30-3:30 pm
- Thurs., Dec. 28 – 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Thurs., Dec. 28 – 12:30-3:30 pm
- Fri., Dec. 29 – 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- Fri., Dec. 29 – 12:30-3:30 pm

If you can help with any of these dates, please call the church office at 304-727-7114 or email

saintandrewumc@suddenlinkmail.com.

Thank you!!!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Amy Robinson, Nick Loftis
- 7 – Claudia Tull
- 8 – Lydia Sturm
- 9 – Dot Finn
- 10 – Dot Varner, Marcine Karcheski
- 11 – Annette Underhill
- 13 – Maddie Withrow
- 15 – Tom Tull
- 17 – Michael Quinlan, Alder Wolfe
- 20 – Randy Walker
- 22 – Pepper Harrison
- 23 – Loren Smith
- 24 – Christy Cox
- 25 – Ted Danford
- 26 – Beth Lucas, Barbara Danford
- 27 – Carole Berry, Elois Johnson



BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Sue Ann Holstein
- 4 – Louise Cunningham, Jeff Goode
Sheila Harrison
- 5 – Chuck Young
- 7 – Ed Ballard, Judi Thompson,
Nathan Hall, III
- 9 – Andrew Lawson
- 10 – Roger Rasmussen, Jim Bowles
- 12 – Peggy Allison, Aly Hoff
- 13 – David Duncan
- 15 – Maxwell Stumpf
- 21 – Hunter Easter
- 22 – Emma Ellis, Carmen Priddy,
Jeff Harrison

- 23 – Tim Priddy, Keith Asbury,
Olivia Fitzwater
- 26 – Betty Moore, Lori Counts-Smith
- 27 – Alan Sturm
- 29 – Stephen Cox
- 30 – Peggy White
- 31 – Cheryl Quinlan



**Anticipation of
Christmas**

Mark your calendar and save the date for "The Anticipation of Christmas", a Christmas variety show at St. Andrew on Saturday, December 2, 7:00 pm. This show is free and open to everyone, so invite your family, friends and neighbors to come along. You will enjoy all kinds of music of the season as well as some very special guest performers. Free refreshments will be served at intermission and donations will be received for the Jubilee Emergency Assistance Fund. JEA is a utility assistance fund housed in St. Mark's Episcopal Church. With volunteers from the St. Albans Ministerial Association, JEA helps individuals in St. Albans live with water, heating, cooling and other necessary services. 100% of donations made to the JEA go back into the community. This joyful evening will reaffirm your Christmas spirit and be a lasting holiday memory. See you there!



CHRISTMAS TEA

REMINDER TO ALL WOMEN AND YOUNG LADIES: Come share the joy of the season with fine food and friends in Christ at the **United Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Tea** on **Sunday, December 3, 2017, 12:30 pm** in **Friendship Hall**. Donations of baby diapers or small baby items are appreciated. If you have not registered, please do so by calling the church office at 304-727-7114 or Beth Lucas at 304-727-1805.



Sunday School Opportunities

Sundays – 9:45-10:45 am

For children

Preschool – Teachers: Rhodanna Hall & Brenda Parsons – Room 203

Grades K-5 – Teachers:

Bob & Becky Lilly – Room 313

For adults

Bible 101 – Teacher:

Krysta Rexrode Wolfe – Room 204

Crusaders – Teachers: Harry Davis, Don Ellis, Ron Hess – Room 100

Wesley – Teacher – Pat Hart – Room 103

Wayfarers – Teacher: Tom Tull – Room 106

Fisherman – Teacher – Betty Moore – Room 303



Christmas Basket Update

As we look ahead at the month of December, we begin thinking about wrapping up the food drive for the Christmas Baskets this year. The Missions Team would like to thank the congregation for their financial donations as well as food donations. However, that being said we are a long way from being ready to pack and distribute the baskets this year. A couple of significant dates for the congregation to add to their calendars are for the packing and distribution of the baskets. The **dates to mark are:**

Dec. 14 - 6 pm - Pack baskets in Cottrell Hall

Dec. 16 - 9 am - trip to Kroger to pick-up last minute items, **TRUCKS** are **needed**. The **actual distribution of the items will be from 10:00 am until no later than 2 pm**.

Volunteers are needed to help greet, verify individuals and assist in loading food into cars. Mark these dates and if you are able to help, please let Ernie Downey, Joe Taylor, Rich Ingram or Pepper Harrison know. We always get an excellent response from the congregation for both these events and hopefully will again this year.

Many items are still needed to complete the baskets for this year. Please check the bulletin each week as this will hopefully be changing as we complete each of the items. If you are unable to shop for food, please prayerfully consider a monetary donation to the Christmas Basket program. This can be done on Sundays during the offering (mark the envelope Christmas Baskets) or donations can also be done through the church website and the Online Giving option.



F.I.R.E. Youth Schedule

Sun. Dec. 3– *Prepare Take-Out Meals for Christ’s Kitchen* - 6:30 pm - Kitchen

Sun. Dec. 10 – *Church wide Christmas Caroling* – immediately following the 11:00 worship – pizza, hot chocolate, coffee, cookies

Sun. Dec. 17 – *Hand out Hot Chocolate at Kmart* – 6:30 pm

Sun. Dec. 24 – *Christmas Eve Service* – 6:00 pm

Sun., Dec. 31 – No youth group – New Year’s Eve

January Schedule: TBA



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 10
All ages invited

Pizza in the overflow immediately following the 11:00 am worship. Caroling to various locations throughout St. Albans
Hot chocolate, coffee and cookies served after returning

LOGOS

Theme for January:

GLOW for Jesus

Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 pm

Snacks, Music, Games, Lessons, Crafts

All children in Grades K-5 are welcome!

Thank you to the congregation for your generous donations of snacks, drinks and monetary gifts for LOGOS!

Thank you – LOGOS leadership for November

Music: Craig Hinchman

Games: Alyssa Quinlan, Emily Bowles

Crafts: Annie Fewell, Karen Bradley

Lesson/Plan Practice: Craig Hinchman

Helpers: Alice Niday, Mary Baker,

Karen Bradley, Sarah Stumpf,

Norma Bartlett



Table or Treat (Trunk or Treat)

Due to inclement weather, our 2017 *Trunk or Treat* was transformed into a *Table or Treat* event with tables being decorated in Friendship Hall. Each participant was invited to vote for their favorite table. This year’s winner was Annie Fewell. Congratulations!

Thank you to the following for assisting in this event:

Children’s Message: Krysta Rexrode Wolfe

Parking Lot Attendants: Rich & Becky Ingram,

Randy & Randi Robinson

Publicity: Kelsey Clough

Trophy: Jamie Christie

Table set up: Mission Outreach Team + more

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY & LOGOS – begin January 10

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEALS

Many thanks to the United Methodist Men, Diana Taylor and Roxanne Dilley for preparing and serving Wonderful Wednesday meals during the fall semester.



The Mission Outreach Team is collecting good used or new warm clothing for our neighbors in need from now until January! A collection box is in the overflow area and all types of warm clothing including shoes will be appreciated. Please see Lois Downey if you have any questions! Last year our church collected over 200 articles of warm clothing which were distributed in St. Albans.



YOU'RE INVITED

December 4 5:00-7:00 pm

Christ's Kitchen Spaghetti Dinner

Featuring a special visit from St. Nicholas

"Bring your camera"

405 B St., St. Albans

\$6 per person

3 & under eat free

***All proceeds benefit Christ's Kitchen
Spaghetti, salad, homemade bread,
cookie & drink**

Call 304-4913 for Takeout Orders



**ST. ALBANS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION
Wednesday's in December @12:05 pm
Lunch to Follow**

December 6

**St. Andrew United Methodist Church
815 Kanawha Terrace**

December 11

**Gateway Christian Church
422 B Street**

December 20

**St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
821 B Street**



The church office received the following request:

A young boy in Maine, who has cancer, would like to receive **homemade Christmas cards**.

His name and address:

Jacob Thompson
c/o Maine Medical Center
22 Bramhall St.
Portland, ME 04102



REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND AND/OR SHUT-INS WITH A CHRISTMAS CARD

Becky Bostic, Heartland of Riverview,
Room 406, 7743 County Rd. 1,
So. Point, OH 45680

Nancy Bright, Angel Ave. Assisted
Living, 3793 Teays Valley Rd.,
Hurricane, WV 25526

Jim Clark, Broadmore Assist. Living,
Room 123, 4000 Outlook Dr., Hurricane,
WV 25526

Bill Cochran, Canton Christian Home,
2550 Cleveland Ave., NW, Room 322,
Canton, OH 44709

Louise Cunningham, Angel Ave.
Assisted Living, 3793 Teays Valley Rd.,
Hurricane, WV 25526

Ruth Jones, 838 Observatory Dr.,
St. Albans, WV 25177

Betty Hall, Genesis Teays Valley
Center, Room 836, 590 N. Poplar Fork
Road, Hurricane, WV 25526

Phyllis Knapp, Rolling Meadows Pl.,
Room 120, 5 Rolling Meadows,
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Barbara McElhany, Genesis Health
Care, Room 306, 501 Caldwell Lane,
Dunbar, WV 25064

Paula McGraw Medley, Golden Living
Center, 120 Melrose Dr., Glasgow, WV
25086

Clarence "Bud" Thomas, Genesis Teays
Valley Center, Room 834, 590 N. Poplar
Fork Rd., Hurricane, WV 25526

Dora Wisecup, 114 Glen Oaks Ct.,
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Loretta Wood, c/o Doug Wood, 2046
Sam's Fork Road, Hurricane, WV
25526 (Loretta is at Rolling Meadow
Place)



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

"Loving Father, help us to remember the birth
of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the
angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the
worship of the wise men.

"Close the door of hate and open the door of
love all over the world. Let kindness come
with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by
the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us
to be merry with clear hearts.

"May the Christmas morning make us happy to
be thy children, and the Christmas evening
bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen!"

--Robert Louis Stevenson
The Joyful Noiseletter
December 2007



ST. ANDREW READS

516 Books!
190 Children!
35 Volunteers!

In September, October, and November thirty-five StAR volunteers read and gave 516 books to 190 children!

Over the past 18 months, we've given over 1,200 books!

But, these are just statistics.

What's really exciting is to know that the children's interest in books and reading has been stimulated, that their hearts and minds have been touched!

Please come join us in this ministry to the schoolchildren of St. Albans as we express God's love for them. We'll start reading again in January. Contact Diana Taylor at houseoftaylor@gmail.com or Elizabeth Ross at Mross25213@aol.com for information.



Kids in the Kitchen Thank You Notes From Parents

*Thank you for getting my son to
eat beans!*

And love them!

This is amazing for the kids! My child was so proud to make me dinner for the first time! And 'Wow' to all the ingredients sent home with him!!
You should charge!

*We appreciate all you do
for our kids!
Thank you!*

*Thanks so much for all your help
with our school!
It's very much appreciated!*

