

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

ST. ANDREW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

815 Kanawha Terrace

St. Albans, WV 25177

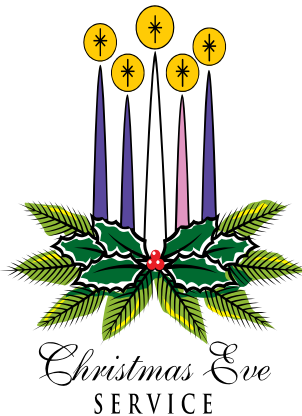
304-727-7114

Email: saintandrewumc@suddenlinkmail.com

Website: www.sasaumc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sasaumc

December 2018–January 2019



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!

The church office will be closed:
December 24 – January 1



Advent Devotional

"Savior of the Nations, Come" by Marj Maynard
– one per family

Or

Advent Activities to do with your family, "A
Mason Jar Advent" – one set per family

Booklets are available for your use during the
Advent season.





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 **Tuesday, December 18**. 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

YOUR NAME _____
 (Please Print)

IN HONOR OF _____

 (Please Print)

IN MEMORY OF _____

 (Please Print)



The St. Andrew Preschool Christmas Program will be **Tuesday, December 18, 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.



**St. Albans Historical Homes
 Holiday Tour – December 8
 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

The St. Albans Historical Homes Holiday Tour begins at the St. Albans Historical Society on Fourth Avenue.



Happy Birthday

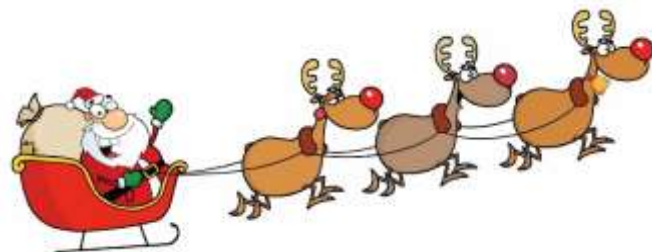
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Amy Robinson, Nick Loftis, Jeff Goode
- 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
- 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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 – Sue Ann Holstein
- 4 – Louise Cunningham, Jeff Goode, Sheila Harrison
- 5 – Chuck Young II
- 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



Thanks So Much!

To Karen Brimhall for her donation to our Christmas Basket Program. Even though she has moved, her heart is still with us at St. Andrew.



*The United
Methodist Women's
Christmas Tea*

*Will be held Sunday December 2 in
Friendship Hall immediately following the
11:00 a.m. worship. All women and young
ladies in the church are invited to attend even if
you have not made a reservation. Donations of
baby diapers or small baby items are appreciated.*



Encounter Youth Ministry Schedule

~~~For all youth in Gr. 6-12~~~

**Attend "Mary, A Rock Opera"** - presented by the Contemporary Youth Arts Co. Sunday, December 2 at 2:00 p.m.

**Pack Christmas Baskets** - Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Cottrell Hall.

**Youth Sunday** – Sunday, January 13 at 11:00 a.m. worship service.

**Sunday School** in Room 308 every Sunday from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.

For more information, contact Melanie Ogu at 304-437-2224

**After School Program and LOGOS**

After School at 2:15 p.m. and LOGOS at 3:30 p.m. will begin again on January 2 with the theme "Journey with J.W."

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

**Thank You!**

After School Coordinators: Alice Niday, Kathy Hollingsworth, Susan Danford

After School Leadership for November: Rich Ingram, Jessica Franklin, Alice Baldwin, Kathy Jordan, Diana Taylor, Claudia Tull, Lynn Franklin, Brenda Parsons, Margaret Theodos

LOGOS leadership for November:  
Bible Stories and lessons: Toni and Olivia Fitzwater

Games: Marilu Lilly, Arika Ferrell, Randy Robinson

Music: Craig Hinchman

Crafts: Annie Fewell, Tiffany Nicholson, Norma King, Carol Huffman

Shepherds: Peggy White Alice Niday, Connie Sowards, Delma Lewis

Wonderful Wednesday Meals: Diana Taylor and UMW, Missions Team, The Underhill Family, United Methodist Men, Young Families Group, the Fitzwater Family, Choir, Scouts

Trunk or Treat:

Planning Team: Jamie Christie, Karen Bradley, Kelsey Clough, Sheila Radochio

Publicity: Kelsey Clough, Karen Bradley

Trophy: Jamie Christie

Games: Karen Bradley, Melissa Booth

Parking Lot Attendants: Rich and Becky Ingram, Randy and Randi Robinson

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY** Meals at 5:30 p.m. and classes at 6:30 p.m. will begin again on January 9. The sign-up sheet for preparing meals is posted in the overflow. If anyone is interested in teaching a class, please see Melanie Ogu.



**Martin Luther King Service**  
Monday January 21 TBA

**Hanging of the Greens  
Family Worship Service  
Sunday, December 2 at 11:00 a.m.**



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

**Betty Hall**, 3 Sheridan Dr., St. Albans,  
WV 25177

**Bud Thomas**, Genesis Teays Valley Center,  
Room 204, 590 N. Poplar Fork Rd.,  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
Phone: 304-757-2062

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

**Dorothy Varner**, 118 Castaway Trail,  
 Mooresville, NC 28117

**Louise Cunningham**, Broadmore  
 Assisted Living, 4000 Outlook Drive  
 Hurricane, WV 25526

**Mary Lou Hutton**, 2307 Harrison  
 Avenue,  
 St. Albans, WV 25177-2005

**Patricia Boggess**, Genesis Teas Valley  
 Center, Room 511, 590 N. Poplar Fork Rd.,  
 Hurricane, WV 25526

**Patrick Bennett** Kanawha Place Rm 59  
 699 So. Park Road  
 Charleston, WV 25304

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



**SPAGHETTI DINNER  
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**  
**Worship and Lunch**  
**December 5**

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church  
821 B Street, St. Albans

**December 12**

Gateway Christian Church  
422 B Street

**December 19**

Coal River Coffee company  
64 Old Main Plaza



The Mission and Outreach Team will once again be collecting good, warm, used and new clothing for people in need in St. Albans, beginning immediately until the end of January. A box for clothing will be in the overflow room. Contact Lois Downey for further information or if you have questions.

\*\*\*\*\*

### **My StAR Library St. Andrew Reads**

Our dedicated St. Andrew Readers have just completed this fall's StAR Readings. They gave **522** books to second and third graders at Alban, Anne Bailey, Central, and Weimer elementary schools!

**Now, thanks to a grant from the Foresters Financial Group, each child in those grades will receive a brightly colored backpack printed with "My Library" and "St. Andrew Reads" in which to keep their new books! Each child will also receive a bookmark and an inspiring book about Katherine Johnson, West Virginia native and NASA superstar!**

These gifts help to emphasize our interest in the children and our connection with them. Our hope is that these children will feel that they are valued as we help them develop a love of reading and an appreciation for books – factors in academic and life-long success.

**Thank you for your continuing, generous support of this important outreach ministry!**

### **Disposition of City**

**Meeting:** At the City of St. Albans Zoning Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 13 the Zoning Board rejected the proposal for the cell tower construction on the tennis court at St. Andrew. This project with Shentel which was approved by the Trustees, Church Council and a Church Charge Conferences no longer an option for our community and church. Your support for this project over the last 18 months is appreciated and it is now time for us as a church to begin investigating other options for that property.



### **Loving God and Living Like Jesus**

As we look at the year past and at the year to come, we are deeply grateful for your wonderful generosity and you continuing support of our **Family Outreach ministries.**

**Thanks to you,** children in four elementary schools are read to and are given a book each month! **Thanks to you,** children are learning to cooking and life skills in our kitchen!

**Thanks to you,** children experienced the fun of being at our church during the Valentine's party! **Thanks to you,** children in need have Personal Care Kits and lice kits available to them!

**And now, thanks to you,** our congregation is extending a loving hand to grandparents and

older relatives who are parenting young children!

**You are expressing God’s love through your participation, your gifts, and your encouragement! THANK YOU for reaching out to the children and families in our community as you Love God and Live Like Jesus!**



Join Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball and Pastor Krysta Rexrode Wolfe and many other pilgrims on a trip to the Holy Land September 28-October 7, 2019. The trip will include tours of Bethlehem, the Church of the Nativity, and other important biblical sites. Visiting these sites is sure to bring scripture alive for you in a new way. Register early to save! Contact Pastor Krysta at 304-672-1019 or at [krystarexrodewolfe@gmail.com](mailto:krystarexrodewolfe@gmail.com). Signing up under Pastor Krysta ensures you will stay with her and her group throughout the tour.

\*\*\*\*\*



**The Christmas Basket Food Drive**  
**Needed as of November 27:**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Applesauce 24 oz.   | 110 |
| Canned Soup         | 58  |
| Canned Tomatoes     | 80  |
| Cereal – Cold Boxed | 8   |
| Saltine Crackers    | 47  |

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Canned Chicken 13 oz.     | 100 |
| Boxed Chicken “Helper”    | 118 |
| Jam/Jelly 32 oz. jar      | 49  |
| Canned Fruit Cocktail     | 97  |
| Flat Noodles 1 lb. bag    | 58  |
| Spaghetti Pasta 1 lb. box | 93  |
| Spaghetti Sauce 24 oz.    | 55  |
| Cake Frosting Tub         | 55  |
| Stovetop Stuffing Boxed   | 94  |
| Dry Boxed Potatoes        | 91  |
| Vegetable Oil             | 47  |

\*\*\*\*\*

As we look ahead to December, we begin thinking about wrapping up the food drive for this year’s Christmas Baskets. The Missions Team would like to thank the congregation for their food and monetary donations. However, that being said we are **a long way from being ready** to pack and distribute the baskets for 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 for the Baskets are:**

**December 13th - 6 PM** Pack Baskets in Cottrell Hall  
**December 15th - 9 AM** trip to Kroger to pick-up last-minute items, TRUCKS are needed. The **actual distribution of the items will be from 10:30 AM until about 2 PM**. Volunteers are needed to help greet recipients, check in and verify individuals and assist in loading food into cars.

Financial donations may also be made to the Christmas Basket program. If you are unable to shop for items or uncertain of what to purchase, you may make a financial donation and the Missions Team will do the shopping for you. Your check or cash offering may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or dropped by the office. Be sure to mark your donation "Christmas Baskets" either on the envelope or on your check. All food collected for this program stays in St. Albans, so this Mission and Outreach project for

our Church, is a great opportunity for us to help our brothers and sisters in Christ who may be less fortunate. Please prayerfully consider your donations and help our Church make a difference for a family this Christmas here in St. Albans.



### SNAP Happenings:

SNAP Participated in the St. Andrew Christmas Variety Show. They played "Boomwacker" to Christmas music!

This year we will be combining our annual Christmas Program and student party into one big day - December 20. Our Christmas Program will start at 11:00 a.m., immediately followed by the student's gift exchange. Light sandwiches will be served, along with punch and Christmas cookies and treats. If families want to contribute toward the luncheon, they are welcome to do so.

Starting December 3, the SNAP program will be collecting good, clean socks to donate to our local homeless shelter. We are wanting to fill up a large Christmas Stocking. All donations are very much appreciated.

\$5.00 Give Away - on December 3, each student will receive a five-dollar bill. Jean and Rene' will discuss giving to others, and each student will be asked to give this

money to someone they think needs it. Families are encouraged to discuss with your SNAP student the idea of giving to those more needy. After the money is given away the students will share with each other their efforts.

Heifer International - since 1944 Heifer International has worked to bring help, healing and hope to millions of impoverished families world-wide. This organization works in the areas of livestock and agriculture to develop programs that alleviate hunger and poverty. For more than 70 years, Heifer International has supported needy families in more than 125 countries with farm animals. The income generated by these animals is used to support families, build schools and fund small business. SNAP students have decided to send enough money to sponsor "half a cow". The other half will be supported by another group. During the month of December, we will be collecting change in the jar on our classroom table. We want to demonstrate that loose change can make a difference in someone's life.



Jean and Rene'





 **MERRY**   
**CHRISTMAS**