



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

March 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Church,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Lent is a season for introspection—a time for personal inventory. Lent is a time to consider how we can deny ourselves in order that we might take up a cross and follow Jesus.

It is common to “give up” something for Lent as a form of self-denial. While that practice can be helpful, I want to issue a Lenten challenge that encompasses multiple discipleship practices.

1. Be present in worship 5 out of 6 Sundays (March 1st-April 5th)
2. Invite one person or family to join you for worship during the season of Lent.
3. Read at least one chapter of Scripture 6 out of 7 days of the week. (I am recommending Ecclesiastes, as it contemplates the meaning of life.)
4. Pray for a word to guide you through the Lenten Season and use it for “centering prayer” (e.g. peace, repent, transform, etc).
5. Find one way each week to deny yourself in order to show care for someone else.

Also, during Lent, we will be doing a sermon series entitled “Roots.” The focus of the series is on the values and practices of the earliest Methodists that launched a trans-continental movement. My hope is that we will revive our Wesleyan Roots at St. Andrew in order to better fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

One of the practices of early Methodism that we will be discussing is “Class Meetings,” which translates well into the 21st century as “Small Groups.” The leadership of the church has been cultivating a small group incubator over the last two months in order to launch a well-organized small group ministry in the fall. We will meet again on Sunday, March 1st, at 6:15 in Friendship Hall. Anyone who is interested is welcome to join us.

On March 15th, we will be blessed to have with us in worship Rev. Mike Linger, the director of the House of the Carpenter. Since we are planning a mission trip to the House of the Carpenter in July, it seemed appropriate for Mike to come and share with us about the important ways we will serve while we are there. Rev. Linger will be preaching at both the 9am and 11am services and will meet in the sanctuary during the Sunday school hour to share more about the House of the Carpenter in detail.

The following Sunday, March 22nd, we will be having a meeting for anyone interested in going on the mission trip at 6:15 in Friendship Hall. The mission trip will be open to all ages; however, students who are under 13 will need to be accompanied by a legal guardian.

Finally, Sunday, March 29th at 6pm, we will gather in Friendship Hall to pray for and discuss the upcoming General Conference in May. We hope you will join us as we seek God’s grace and guidance.

Sincerely,

Jonathan

Christian Education News for March

In the midst of the dark, gloomy days of mid winter, I feel overwhelmed with thankfulness for those who share their faithfulness in giving to others through donations of snacks, food, money, time and talents. Following are some of the reasons.

I would like to express my thanks to the congregation and to the scouts who participated in this year's *Souper Bowl of Caring* to benefit Christ's Kitchen. Together we received \$41.00 and 133 food items. Others will be blessed because of these gifts.

While learning about compassion, the LOGOS children made signs to be shared with our St. Albans Police and Fire Departments, showing appreciation and giving thanks for the many ways these folks show compassion to others.

I deeply appreciate and thank ALL of the many volunteers who give of their time and love of children to help with After School and LOGOS each week! I am also very thankful for all those who are willing to serve as subs whenever needed. Special thanks to Susan Danford who coordinates all of the After School volunteers.

Individually packaged snack donations are always needed for LOGOS and After School. No nuts please! Many thanks to those who have already given donations. They are very much appreciated!

I give thanks for all who serve as volunteers on Sunday mornings in leadership positions for Children's Worship during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Thank you to Bill Clough and Amy Loftis who offer Children's Moments during the 11:00 a.m. worship service along with Pastor Jonathan. Thanks go to all those who help in the nursery each week during the 11:00 service and for Karen Bradley who coordinates these volunteers.

Many thanks to those who provide childcare during the weekly Wednesday night 6:00 p.m. Bible Study. Childcare is also provided for special occasions. More volunteers are always needed for this important ministry!

Thank you to Connie Sowards and Janell Meddings who faithfully provide weekly snacks for our youth and to Ed Pauley for providing special meals like Pizza or Tacos.

Volunteering with children or youth is one way of growing in discipleship while sharing your witness of Christ's love in your life. If you would like to help, please see Melanie Ogu for further info about ways you can serve.

Blessings, Melanie

Save the Date – 2020 VBS Art Camp – June 22-26 at St. Andrew UMC

St. Andrew Music Ministry

I want to thank everyone who bought a ticket or donated to the St. Andrew Ringers Gala Concert. With your support we were able to cover the entire cost to have the bells refurbished by Schulmerich. The refurbishment work included inspection, replacements of all minor parts, cleaning, polishing, voicing and tuning of all the handbells. It also covered inspection, repair, and cleaning of the handbell cases. Thanks to everyone who supported us, the St. Andrew Ringers will be able to continue with the handbell ministry for years to come.

The Chancel Choir has started rehearsing on a Tenebrae service for Good Friday called “We Remember Calvary” by Joel Raney. Tenebrae comes from the Latin Word for shadows and refers to a worship service designed to recreate the emotional and spiritual aspects of the passion story. “We Remember Calvary” uses both traditional and contemporary hymns, worship songs, congregational singing, scripture reading, and narration to paint a vivid picture of Christ’s last days and his journey to the cross. Overall the tone is one of reflection and worship. While the Chancel Choir is always open to anyone at any time, this would be a great opportunity for anyone who has been thinking about joining the choir to come and sing for a trial period. We will spend the first 30 minutes of rehearsal for the next 6 weeks preparing for Good Friday.

Blessings,
Craig

Meet the Musicians of St. Andrew



Susan Danford
St. Andrew Ringers

How long have you been involved?

At least 27 years. I know I began playing before our son, John, was ill for an extended time. Going to rehearsal provided a time that I needed to concentrate on the music and not think about anything else.

Why did you join?

My good friend, Barbara Moore, played and I knew how much she enjoyed it. I loved watching and

listening to the handbell choir on Sunday mornings.

What is your most memorable experience?

Going to a Handbell Festival and ringing with choirs from five states is both an awesome and a humbling experience. The sound of 700 ringers performing together resembles that of an orchestra.

What are you looking forward to in the future?

I am so happy that the congregation has been supportive and that we have been able to have our three octaves of handbells refurbished. I look forward to getting to ring them in concert and in church.

What is your favorite song?

I have always enjoyed playing “Canon in D” by Pachelbel. It is a lilting, serene piece. I also really like the song that we played for Becky Bostic's funeral, “Revelation Song”. It incorporates several different techniques, including the use of mallets, dowel sticks, and hand chimes, which add texture to the music. I think our listeners really like it when we vary the sounds this way.

Describe St. Andrew's Music Ministry in 3 words.

Dedication-Fellowship-Fun

GRIEF CARE WORKSHOP

Loren Smith will conduct a Grief Care Workshop on Sunday, March 1 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Topics such as “Stages of Grief,” “Pathologic Grief,” and “Grief with Purpose” will be discussed.

SMALL GROUP GATHERING

The Small Group Gathering will meet in Friendship Hall on Sunday, March 1 at 6:15 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEETING

St. Andrew Communications Team will meet on Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

FAMILY OUTREACH TEAM

The Family Outreach Team will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

ST. ALBANS MINISTRY ALLIANCE

SAMA has announced the schedule for the St. Albans Community Lenten Services. All services will begin at 12:05 p.m. and lunch will immediately follow the services.

March 4:	St. Paul Baptist Church	Pastor Lane Kirby
March 11:	Gateway Church	Rev. Dr. Michael Poke
March 18:	First Presbyterian	Pastor Jonathan Dierdorff
March 25	Abney St. Church of God	Pastor Chris Kilbert

BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Book Club will meet Thursday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

On Thursday, March 5 from 1:00 – 4:30 p.m. the fourth graders from Central Elementary will be in our kitchen learning to bake bread along with learning some baking skills. If you would like to volunteer to help the kids, please call Kathy Talley at 304-757-0557 with any questions. There is also a sign-up sheet in the overflow.

GRANDPARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The Grandparent Support Group meets every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., with childcare provided in the nursery. If you would like more information about the group, please call Debi Ellis at 304-546-5556.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time will begin on March 8. Don't forget to "spring forward" one hour! And for those of us that have been counting the days, the first day of Spring arrives March 20!

STAFF PARISH MEETING

The Staff Parish Meeting will be held on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor

TRUSTEE MEETING

There will be a Trustee meeting Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

SPRING BREAK

The week of March 11 is Spring Break week for Kanawha County students. St. Andrew will not have After School, LOGOS, Wonderful Wednesday Meals or Bible Study that week.

SNACK BAGS

The Mission Team invites you to join them on Sunday, March 15 from 4:00 – 5:30 in Cottrell Hall for a time of fellowship and fun to pack approximately 800 Snack Bags.

MISSION TRIP

There will be a Mission Trip meeting on Sunday, March 22 at 6:15 in Friendship Hall

FINANCE TEAM MEETING

There will be a Finance Team meeting Monday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

PHYLLIS ASHER FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The Phyllis Asher Fellowship will meet on Thursday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

PRAYER FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

Please join us on Sunday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall as we gather to pray for the General Conference that will meet in May.

CENTERING PRAYER

Be Still and Know That I am God. We know that God may speak to us in a still, small voice, but the noise of our busy lives often prevents us from hearing it. Centering Prayer is one way to make space and time to sit silently before God and listen. Several members of St. Andrew gather regularly for Centering Prayer. If you are interested in this spiritual practice, please contact Kay Rasmussen, Barbara Starling or Elizabeth Ross for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study began January 8, and this semester we are studying the Book of Revelation. Our new 1:00 p.m. class is held in the parlor on Wednesdays, and our evening study will be in Friendship Hall at 6:00 p.m. immediately following Wonderful Wednesday's meal. Childcare is provided in Room 308 for the 6:00 p.m. class. All are welcome to join us.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEALS

We are needing folks/groups to volunteer to prepare the Wonderful Wednesday Meals for the following dates: May 13 and May 20. If you are interested in signing up, please call the office at 304-727-7114, ext. 1 Monday-Thursday 8:30 – 4:30 p.m.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Joshua Pinckney	2	William Radochio
4	Sandra Mason	6	Diana Taylor
7	Patricia Boggess	8	Bonnie Sturgeon
10	Richard King	11	Savannah Ash
12	Lynn Franklin	14	Gene Thompson
16	Seth Fitzwater	23	Karen Bradley
25	Jack Brown	27	Kathy Jordan
28	Kristi Ash, Mary Mason	30	Betsy Brucker, Jessica Mason, Craig Hinchman

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1	Bill and Cindy Evans
2	Kenny and Lynn Franklin
11	Jim and Connie Winter
15	Bill and Shelley Unger
20	Brian and Jeri Alley

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Ron and Mary Baker

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SHUT-INS

Patrick Bennett Calvin Fitzwater Mary Lou Hutton Dr. & Mrs. Gordon Johnson

Paula McGraw Medley Dorothy Varner Dora Wisecup

*Please call the office for addresses.

JANUARY 2020 VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Duty Trustee:

Rich Ingram

Alternate Trustee:

James Lawson

Ushers:

Andy Theodos, Randy Robinson,
Randi Robinson, Lee Roberts, Tim Henrich

Greeters:

3/1 Randy & Kathy Talley
3/8 Randi Robinson & Lois Downey
3/15 Gary & Barbara Asbury
3/22 Robert & Kathryn Stalnaker
3/29 Roxanne Dilley & Brenda Parsons

Liturgist 9:00 a.m.:

3/1 Kathy Danberry
3/8 David Hollingsworth
3/15 Norma King
3/22 Loren Smith
3/29 Kathy Danberry

Liturgist 11:00 a.m.:

3/1 LOGOS 1 & 2
3/8 Roxanne Dilley

3/15 Claire Fitzwater

3/22 Bill Clough

3/29 David Duncan

Children's Message

3/1 No Children's Message

3/8 Pastor Jonathan

3/15 Bill Clough

3/22 Amy Loftis

3/29 Pastor Jonathan

Children's Worship:

3/1 Family Worship

3/8 Kelsey Clough & Leslie Lynch

3/15 Tina Suchy

3/22 Jamie Christie & Connie Sowards

3/29 Jessica Franklin & Kathy Smith

Acolyte:

3/1 David Bradley

3/8 Cayden Sturm

3/15 Will Clough

3/22 Claire Fitzwater

3/29 Addie Meade

Nursery:

3/1 Jessica Franklin

3/8 Sarah Stumpf

3/15 Mel Booth

3/22 Karen Bradley

3/29 Brad Child

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:45 Men's Breakfast Mtg-FH/Kit; 9:00 Worship-C; 9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Family Worship-S; 3:00 pm Praise Band Practice-S; 4-6:00 pm Grief Care Workshop-FH; 4-6:00 pm Youth; 6:15 pm Small Group Gathering - FH	2 1:00 pm Garden Club-P; 6:00 pm Karate; 6:30 pm Boy Scouts; 6:30 pm Communications Team Mtg - P	3 6:30 pm Family Outreach Team Mtg - P; 6:30 pm Cub Scouts and Scouts for Girls	4 1:00 pm Bible Study -P; 2:15 pm After School; 3:30 pm LOGOS; 5:30 pm Meal-FH; 6:00 pm Bible Study-FH; 6:00 pm Grandparent Support Group-P; 6:30 pm Yoga-CH	5 1-4:30 pm Kids in the Kitchen; 6:15 Bells-S; 7:00 pm Choir- Rm 210; 7:00 pm Book Club-P	6 World Day of Prayer	7 9-11:00 am Yoga-CH
8 9:00 am Worship-C; 9:45 am Sunday School; 11:00 am Worship-S; 3:00 pm Praise Band Practice-S; 4-6:00 pm Youth-K/FH Daylight Savings Time begins	9 SPRING BREAK WEEK; NO SCOUTS; 6:30 pm Staff Parish Mtg-P	10 NO SCOUTS; 6:30 pm Trustee Mtg-L	11 NO BIBLE STUDY AT 1:00 OR 6:00 PM; NO AFTER SCHOOL, NO LOGOS, NO MEAL; 6:30 pm Yoga-CH	12 9:00 am-1:30 pm SNAP-K; 6:15 pm Bells-S; 7:00 pm Choir-Rm 210	13	14 9-11:00 am Yoga-CH; 1:00-5:00 pm K. Hollingsworth-K/FH
15 9:00 am Worship-C; 9:45 am Sunday School; 11:00 am Worship-S; 3:00 pm Praise Band Practice-S; 4-6:00 pm Youth; 4:00-5:30 pm Snack Bags-CH	16 6:00 pm Karate; 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	17 6:30 pm Boy Scouts and Scouts for Girls	18 1:00 pm Bible Study -P; 2:15 pm After School; 3:30 pm LOGOS; 5:30 pm Meal-FH; 6:00 pm Bible Study-FH; 6:00 pm Grandparent Support Group-P; 6:30 pm Yoga-CH	19 9:00 am-1:30 pm SNAP-K; 4:30 pm April Newsletter Deadline; 6:15 pm Bells-S; 7:00 pm Choir-Rm 210	20 1 st Day of Spring	21 9-11:00 am Yoga-CH; 12-4:00 pm Burton Birthday Party-K/FH
22 9:00 am Worship-C; 9:45 am Sunday School; 11:00 am Worship-S; 3:00 pm Praise Band Practice-S; 4-6:00 pm Youth-K/FH; 6:15 pm Mission Trip Mtg-FH	23 6:00 pm Karate; 6:30 pm Boy Scouts; 6:30 pm Finance Team Mtg-L	24 6:30 pm Boy Scouts and Scouts for Girls	25 1:00 pm Bible Study -P; 2:15 pm After School; 3:30 pm LOGOS; 5:30 pm Meal-FH; 6:00 pm Bible Study-FH; 6:00 pm Grandparent Support Group-P; 6:30 pm Yoga-CH	26 9:00 am-1:30 pm SNAP-K; 1:00 pm Phyllis Asher Circle-P; 6:15 pm Bells-S; 7:00 pm Choir-Rm 210	27	28 9-11:00 am Yoga-CH
29 9:00 am Worship-C; 9:45 am Sunday School; 11:00 am Worship-S; 3:00 pm Praise Band Practice-S; 6:00 pm Prayer for General Conference-FH	30 6:00 pm Karate; 6:30 pm Boy Scouts	31 6:30 pm Boy Scouts and Scouts for Girls				