

Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



November 2024

From the Pastor:

I'm baaaack!

Earlier this afternoon (10/30), I got the glad news from my surgeon's Nurse Practitioner that I was released to go back to work and to drive. My immediate plan is to be in the office tomorrow, keeping regular office hours, and to be here again on Friday, to write. I'll be leading worship and preaching on Sunday, as usual.

But before we get there, some words of thanks are appropriate. Thank you to all of you who sent cards, emails, text messages, and Facebook messages prior to my surgery and during my convalescence. I can't tell you how much you brightened my days! Thank you to all of you who did extra duty keeping things going during my absence. Thanks to those of you who organized and contributed to the get-well / birthday / pastoral appreciation gift of dinner at Brasserie. And a very special thanks to my friend of longstanding, Rev. Dr. Bart Hildreth, for filling the pulpit at St. Andrew's while I couldn't. Didn't he do a fine job? If you weren't able to be present for his preaching and haven't yet watched the videos, I highly recommend that you go watch all four of them.

Things to know moving forward: I'm still officially recovering. I've got to be careful about lifting things and my energy isn't quite back to normal, although I'm told it will be better than before once I'm fully healed. I may come in late or go home early on some days, if I'm not feeling up to snuff. New medication is keeping my BP relatively low, so I can get a little dizzy sometimes. Therefore, I'll be preaching from the flat Chancel level rather than from the elevated pulpit and Larry Bay has kindly leant me a stool, just in case.

I've got some catching up to do with required Conference paperwork that I'd planned to work on in the month of October, so please understand if I don't respond as quickly as usual to messages.

My sermon planning, deo gratia, was already done for the rest of 2024 prior to the crisis, although I will be preaching a rather different sermon than I'd initially planned this Sunday – a very personal take on the raising of Lazarus. Also coming up, a “fortunate mistake” sermon from Haggai, a consideration of Christ the King Sunday (11/24), and an Advent series focusing primarily on the Old Testament passages in the lectionary.

It was so, so good to be with you all this past Sunday, even as a “civilian.” So good to see so many of the faces I've missed for the last five weeks! I'm excited to be back with you in my usual guise and excited for the Church Year ahead and what God has in store for St. Andrew's.

Deo Gratia!

Pastor Chris

Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrews' on Sunday November 24th at 6pm

Missions

The month of November we will be accepting offerings for the Foster Children of Jefferson County Holiday Event. There will be a list on the bulletin board if you prefer to purchase gifts or we will be taking monetary donations also. There is a request for donations of cookies, snack cakes, chips, juice boxes and bottled water for refreshments at the party. This is a way to show these beautiful children how much they are loved and cared for at this special time of the year.

Frances Deaton



All Saints Day
Remembrance Service
November 3rd



Mosher Bay dates for November. All times are 6 to 8.

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| 11/07 | La Pachanga | Bonne Terre |
| 11/14 | Coyol | De Soto |
| 11/21 | El Lobo Rojo | De Soto |
| 11/22 | La Pachanga | Herculaneum |

We will be decorating church for
Advent on Monday, Nov. 25th.

Please come help!



Potluck

The November Potluck will be on November 17th & we will have soup as the main course & sandwiches. Please bring sides & desserts to share. Everyone is welcome!

Marsha Greenstreet

Music Notes

St. Andrews is hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service this year and the Choir will be singing. I hope all our congregation will attend. The Holiday Season is approaching, but the choir will not be doing any special services this year due to Nancy's medical issues. There will be a Christmas Eve service.

Larry Bay

**It is Important that
Trustee Committee
meet after church on November 9th. We
have many matters to discuss.
Please plan to attend. Thank you!
Marietta Martin, DeSoto**

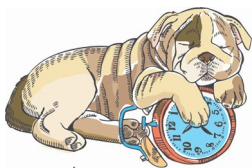
Night to Shine

The yearly trivia fundraiser benefiting Night to Shine raised \$6,722! This is by far our most successful trivia night yet for Night to Shine. Huge thanks to the generous sponsors, donors, players, volunteers, and the NTS planning committee!

Planning for Night to Shine 2025 is already underway. Mark your calendars for Friday, February 7, 2025! Guest and volunteer registration forms will be ready soon. Look for updates from the church and on our new public Facebook group "Night to Shine-De Soto Missouri." Please ask to join this group!

Our greatest need for Night to Shine is volunteers and we have many roles that need to be filled. Student volunteers must be 14 yrs old. Adult volunteers must have a current background check (St. Andrew's handles the paperwork and associated fee). Please consider joining us and spread the word!

Danielle Moskop



Daylight-Saving Time Ends

Sunday, Nov. 3rd

November 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 All Saints Day | 2 |
| 3 Daylight Savings Time Ends Remembrance Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am | 4 Yoga 10am | 5 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Election Day | 6 | 7 | 8 Carl Courtois (b) | 9 Lyle Bryant (b) Mike Kingsland (b) |
| 10 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Caylie Ray (b) | 11 Veterans Day Yoga 10am | 12 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm | 13 Isaac Faust (b) | 14 | 15 | 16 Sebastian Smith (b) |
| 17 Worship 10:30am Potluck Lunch | 18 Yoga 10am | 19 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Brycen Kingsland (b) | 20 Leah Parkin (b) | 21 Marsha Foster (b) | 22 Rosemary Wischmeier (b) Dawn Hagedorn (b) | 23 |
| 24 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Community Thanksgiving Service 6pm | 25 Yoga 10am Church Deco- rating Tara Richardson (b) | 26 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Stokely Wischmeier (b) | 27 Community Thanksgiving Service at St. Andrew's UMC | 28 Thanksgiving Day CJ Lindsay (b) | 29 | 30 St Andrew's Day Robert Nichols (b) |

Food Pantry

We collected 30 boxes of cereal, 24 containers of oatmeal, and 48 misc items in October. Thank you to everyone who donated!

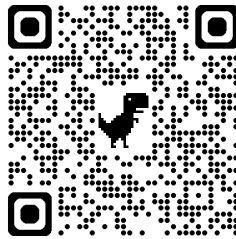
**November we will be collecting
Chocolate Chips, White Chocolate Chips,
Butterscotch Chips, and Peanut Butter Chips
for the Christmas Boxes.
Our goal is 60**



Online giving now available



Happy Thanksgiving



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to write, so please only contact him for
emergencies on Fridays.