

Newsletter



St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

March 2025

From the Pastor:

"That They Might Be One"

You'll see elsewhere in this newsletter the schedule of "special" worship services in which we are participating in the months of March and April (excluding our visit to Antioch this Sunday).

Some of you may be asking yourselves, "What's this all about?"

Why is Pastor Chris encouraging us to visit other churches?"

The simple answer is that I try to take seriously all the teachings of Jesus. In John's Gospel, we read a long description of his final meal with his friends, very different from the stories of the "Last Supper" in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In John, Jesus teaches his disciples and prays over them, praying specifically for their future unity. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you,

Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may

believe that you have sent me" (John 17:20-21).

"That they may all be one." In reality, we Christians haven't been very good at this. Since early in the history of the Church, followers of Jesus have argued over points of theology, some of which seem silly today, to the point that they refused to worship together, cursed each other, and even killed each other. We may have gotten past that last action, but there are still Christians who refuse to worship together or take Communion together for very slim reasons indeed.

That's not what Jesus intended. I'm quite sure that Jesus knew his followers wouldn't always agree – the disciples didn't always agree when he was alive! But he would have wanted us to put our differences aside and love each other. It's mighty hard to love someone you don't even know, so your pastor is encouraging you to go to these extra services at strange churches so you can get to know, and hopefully love, our sisters and brothers from other segments of Christianity.

Ecumenism (a fancy word for worshipping with Christians not of your denomination) has been of lifelong importance to me. A Southern Baptist by raising, I attended Church of England schools as a boy, counted Episcopalians, Catholics, Methodists, and members of the Community of Christ among my early friends, and even married a Catholic girl, not just because she was cute (which she is) but because we understood our Christian faith in very similar ways. My faith has been enriched by learning more about how others believe and act upon their beliefs in Christ. I have been blessed by all those connections and many more over the years. I wish for you, a

group of people I love, these same blessings!

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer

St Andrew's will be closed on Sunday, March 2nd as we travel to join the Antioch Baptist Church for worship and fellowship. If interested in joining us, please call the church.

BROKEN AND BELOVED

TCAMA Lenten Series 2025 5:00pm

March 9 First UMC Festus, Speaker Bobbie Blunt,
topic Naomi – Broken by Grief

March 16 Grace Pres, Speaker Graig Connell,
topic David – Broken by Sin

March 23 Festus First Christian, Speaker Leslie Limbaugh,
topic Elijah – Broken by Fear

March 30 St. Andrew's UMC, De Soto, Speaker Vicky Michaels,
topic The Syrophenician Woman – Broken by Desperation

April 6 Selma Baptist, Speaker Chris Boyer,
topic Mary Magdalene – Broken by Demons

April 13 Buren Chapel AME, Speaker Rhonda Feurtado,
topic Peter – Broken by Failure

Kindness is giving hope to those who think they are all alone.

We will have a Trustee's meeting
on the third Sunday of the month
at 9:00am, before Church.
Jim, Board of Trustee's

Upcoming Ministerial Alliance Services:

- March 5th (7pm), Ash Wednesday Service at First UMC, 200 Boyd St, DeSoto MO 63020
- Sunday, March 30th (6pm) Singspiration, at Luckey Baptist Church, 5252 State Rd Y, DeSoto MO 63020
- Maundy Thursday Service, April 17th (7pm) at St Andrew's UMC, 1004 Rock Rd, DeSoto MO
- Good Friday, April 18th (7pm) at Hope UCC, 100 3rd St, DeSoto MO 63020

Sound Tech operator needed for worship services.

If you may be interested, please let us know.

**We will have a Potluck on
March 16th**

We will have lasagna & bread.
Salads and desserts will be appreciated.

Marsha, Fellowship



Mosher Bay is back to work starting in March.
The March dates are:

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| March 6 | La Pachanga | Bonne Terre |
| March 13 | Coyol | De Soto |
| March 20 | El Lobo Rojo | De Soto |

All times are 6pm-8pm

We will be taking donations for seniors who have delinquent lunch accounts and will not be able to walk with their class at graduation.

Any help we can give these students will be greatly appreciated and remembered that someone cared.

Thank You

Frances, Missions

Missions

Pancake Lunch Tues, March 3rd 11:30am

The choir is looking forward to singing at Antioch Baptist Church. By the time this comes out we will have already sung. I am proud of our vocalists for their time and dedication. We will very soon start with Lenton season.

We still would like more singers for our choir.

Larry, Choir Director

Music Notes

March 2025

Fellowship Host

Sun

Mon

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Sat

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| | | | | | | 1 Wyatt Hickman (b) |
| 2 Worship at Antioch Baptist Church 9:30 am And Lunch Frank Talbert (b) Larry & Frances Deaton (a) | 3 Yoga 10am Patricia Ames (b) Hunter Guertzgen (b) | 4 Bible Study 1:30pm | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  9 Daylight Savings Time Starts Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am | 10 Yoga 10am | 11 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Emily Neckermann (b) |
| 16 Worship 10:30am Potluck Lunch 11:45am | 17 St Patrick's Day Yoga 10am | 18 Bible Study 1:30pm | 19 | 20 | 21 Dennis Doyle (b) | 22 |
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Joyce M.

Jim F.

Barbara H.



Food Pantry
We collected 48 cans of tomatoes
in February.

Thank you to everyone for your
donations!

March we will be collecting

Canned Fruit

Our goal is 60

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Night To Shine De Soto Missouri

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Dana Robinson is in the Office
Monday -Thursday, 9-2.

Pastor Chris is in the office
Tuesday-Friday, 9-3. Fridays are his day
to write, so please only contact him for
emergencies on Fridays.

Fellowship Hosts:

March 9-Joyce M.

March 23-Jim F.

March 30-Barbara H.

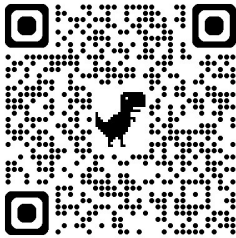
April 6-Marietta M.

April 13-Becky B.

April 27-Linda S.



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