

Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



April 2025

From the Pastor:

Anticipation in April!

"April showers bring May flowers!" So goes the common bit of folk wisdom often heard this month. Scholars of English literature trace those words to the slightly longer phrase of Thomas Tusser, who wrote "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers" in his 1557 poem "A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry." Of course, the idea shows up as early as *The Canterbury Tales*, written by Geoffrey Chaucer in the late 1300s (it was still unfinished when he died in 1400).

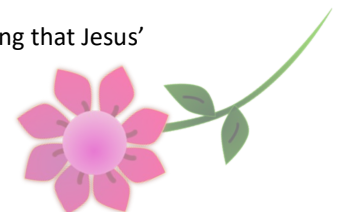
Chaucer wrote, "Whan that Aprill with his shoures soote The droghte of March hath perced to the roote, And bathed every veyne in swich licour Of which vertu engendred is the flour..." Oh, sorry, that's Middle English. Today, he would have written, "When the sweet showers of April have pierced The drought of March, and pierced it to the root, And every vein is bathed in that moisture Whose quickening force will engender the flower..." Even that old grump, T.S. Eliot, saw the promise in April when he wrote (in 1922), "April is the cruelest month breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain."

We Christians of 21st century America have our own journey of anticipation in April, as we push through the final weeks of Lent toward Easter. Our time of solemn reflection on the end of Jesus' earthly journey turns to the joy of resurrection. The "winter" in our hearts is replaced with "spring" – did you know that the word "Lent" comes from an old English word for Spring?

Because I believe in keeping the love of God ever in our minds, we've been sprinkling Good News in with the solemnity this Lent and we'll continue to do so. We'll continue our study of the Apostles' Creed with a look at forgiveness; we'll combine our look at Palm Sunday with the joyous occasion of confirmation for Marshall Bedell and Andrea (AJ) Brown; we'll celebrate "The Third Day" on Easter itself; and then look more at resurrection and life everlasting on the final Sunday of the month. We'll also have special services with our Twin Cities friends on April 6 & 13, and with our DeSoto friends on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We will make note of the darkness in the story of Jesus' passion, while always remembering that Jesus' story ends in light, life, and love.

Now, THAT'S worth anticipating! Even worth a little rain...

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer



Music Notes

I hope you have been moved by our choir selects during this Lenten season. We will be moving toward Easter soon. So very glad to have Charla back in the choir with us.
Larry, Choir Director



Mosher Bay April dates. All times are 6 to 8.

APRIL 03	LA PACHANGA	BONNE TERRE
APRIL 10	COYOL	DE SOTO
APRIL 17	EL LOBO ROJO	DE SOTO
APRIL 25	LA PACHANGA	HERCULANEUM

Missions

We will be collecting for senior students lunch accounts until the end of April. Mr. Roop said there was plenty of time to order caps and gowns for the students to be able to walk in the graduation ceremony by the first of May. We will be taking the Easter donations for the Foster Children Easter Egg Hunt over to them the first week of April. Thanks for your continuing support for all of the Mission projects that our Church supports and all the people you have Blessed!

Frances, Missions

Friends of the De Soto Library
Purse Sale
Saturday April 12
9am-1pm
Purses, wallets, jewelry and more!
All proceeds go to the library's summer reading program!

Trustee's Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 27th
9:00am

Jim, Board of Trustee's

Happy Easter



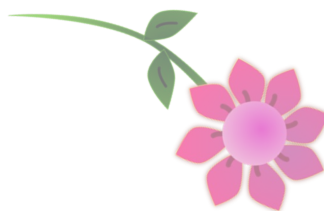
Ecumenical Worship Services During Lent

Sunday, April 6th 5:00pm— Selma Baptist Church, 1251 Dooling Hollow Rd, Festus, MO 63028.
Preaching: **Rev. Chris Boyer.**

Palm Sunday, April 13th 5:00pm— Buren Chapel AME, 435 Burris St, Herculaneum, MO 63048
Preaching: Rev. Rhonda Feurtado, UMC Chaplain

Maundy Thursday, April 17th 7:00pm— **St. Andrew's UMC**, 1004 Rock Road, DeSoto MO 63020
Preaching: **Rev. Chris Boyer**

Good Friday, April 18th 7:00pm— Hope UCC, 100 3rd St, De Soto, MO 63020
Preaching: Pastor Bruce Jovaag



Please contact the church if there are graduates that you would like to be recognized in the upcoming newsletter

Please join us April 19, 2025
2pm-4pm
Jerry & Marsha Greenstreet's 60th Wedding Anniversary
at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church
No gifts please

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 1:30pm	2	3	4 Betsy Weber (b) Jerry & Marsha Greenstreet (a)	5
6 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Mary DeClue (b)	7 Yoga 10am	8 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm	9	10	11	12
13 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Marietta Martin (b) Bella Guertzgen (b)	14 Yoga 10am	15 Bible Study 1:30pm	16	17 Maundy Thursday Bob Alexander (b) Landon Bell (b)	18 Good Friday Chuck Bigelow (b)	19
20 	21 Yoga 10am	22 Earth Day Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Steve Richardson (b)	23 Stoke & Rosemary Wischmeier (a)	24	25	26
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Food Pantry

We collected 58 canned items in March.
Thank you to everyone!
April we will be collecting
Canned Chili
Our goal is 60

There will be no Pot Luck in April



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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.

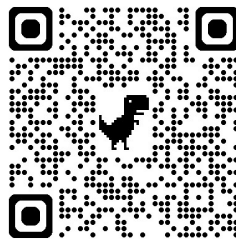
Administrative Council Meeting April 27th

Upcoming Fellowship

Hosts:

- April 6th- Marietta
- April 13th- Jackie
- April 20th- Easter
- April 27th Linda S.

Online giving



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