

Newsletter



St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

June 2025

From the Pastor:

Resources for Christian Living

Last month, I wrote about the resources for learning and encouragement to be found in the magazine rack in the hallway outside the Sanctuary at St. Andrew's. I hope that some of you are taking advantage of those periodicals! This month, I want to encourage you to connect to some online resources for Christian living that I've found helpful.

First on my list is the work of Steven Charleston. Those of you who follow me or St. Andrew's on Facebook will have seen my reposts of some of his daily meditations. Steven is an interesting guy. A citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, he was the Episcopal Bishop of Alaska from 1991 to 1996 and Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School in New York City from 1999 to 2008.

His daily meditations, shared on Facebook, are a fascinating blend of his Native American heritage and his Christian faith. I almost always find them encouraging. He's also written several books, many of which I own and which I can also recommend. Six of his books, such as Hope as Old as Fire and Spirit Wheel, are compilations of the meditations shared on Facebook. He's also written books of theology, such as Coming Full Circle: Constructing Native Christian Theology and The Four Vision Quests of Jesus, which I've also found meaningful. Finally, he's published three science-fiction novels, which I've not yet read but hope to. If you are on Facebook, you can follow him at <https://www.facebook.com/bishopstevencharleston>.

His books are available on Amazon.

Those who've been part of our Tuesday Bible Study will already know about my friend, Kathleen Kichline, as we've used two of her books, Sisters in Scripture and Why These Women? as study guides. She sends out a bi-weekly email of her ruminations on the Scriptures called "Scribbles." I've known Kathleen since 2005, when she was the parish administrator for St.

Thomas More Catholic parish in Lynnwood. Kathleen and I, along with a Presbyterian colleague, used to co-teach Bible studies that met alternately at St. Thomas More, Good Shepherd Baptist, and Maplewood Presbyterian. She's since relocated to be near family in Bella Vista, Arkansas – I'm hoping I can lure her up to DeSoto to teach some time as she is an outstanding teacher of the Bible. There's a link on her website, <https://sistersinscripture.com/>, to sign up for "Scribbles."

The Center for Action and Contemplation is an ecumenical ministry based in Albuquerque, NM.

Their founder, Fr. Richard Rohr, is a Franciscan friar and acclaimed teacher of ecumenical theology and the Scriptures. As Fr. Rohr's health has declined, other Christian leaders, such as Brian McLaren, have come alongside him to lead the Center. I've studied under Brian – he's terrific and was named one of *Time Magazine's* "25 Most Influential Evangelicals in America" in 2015. I don't always make time to read the Center's daily devotional email, "Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations," as it's on the longish side, but perhaps some of you with less hectic schedules would enjoy it. You can sign up at the Center's website: <https://cac.org/>.

Finally, I'm just beginning to enjoy a periodic devotional newsletter that Pastor Steve Richardson recommended to me. "Junkyard Wisdom" comes from Roy Goble, a Christian, author, and real estate developer, who says he learned everything he ever needed to know in his dad's junkyard. He's got some delightful observations about Jesus and the Scriptures. Sign up for his occasional emails at <https://junkyardwisdom.com/>.

Blessings,
Pastor Chris



All times are 6pm to 8pm

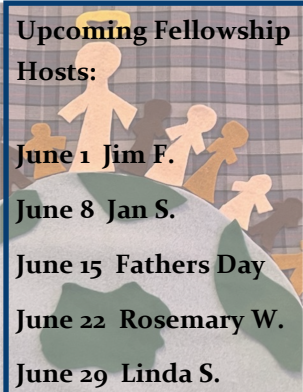
6/12	COYOL	DE SOTO
6/19	EL LOBO ROJO	DE SOTO
6/27	LA PACHANGA	HERCULANEUM



Looking for choir members.
Our choir is growing and we would like to add you. If you like to sing call me at 314-403-6564 or see me at church.

Larry

Save the date: Night to Shine Street Collection July 12th



Upcoming Fellowship Hosts:

June 1 Jim F.
June 8 Jan S.
June 15 Fathers Day
June 22 Rosemary W.
June 29 Linda S.

There will not be an
Administrative Council
Meeting this month

Thank you for everything you have donated to our mission projects!

We have collected the following donations:

Refugee/Immigrant Assistance \$630.13
Disaster Relief Trailer \$1169.56
Antioch Baptist Church \$2050.00

First UMC on Boyd Street has the structure completed for people who are in need of essentials. They will stock it with Donations, so if you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Frances

Women's luncheon
Seeing the world through the eyes of each other

June 5, 2025 11:30am-2:30pm
First Christian Church
415 North Mill, Festus MO 63028

Rev. Rhonda R. Aldridge
Guest speaker
Hawk Point Community Church

Disciples Women of FCC invite area Christian Women to share in an afternoon of ecumenism and diversity through fellowship, carry-in food and education.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Burt & Melissa McAlpine (a)	2 Yoga 10am David & Jackie Brown (a)	3 Bible Study 1:30 Chris & Connie Boyer (a)	4	5	6 Edgar & Karen Huffman (a) Isaiah Haynes (b)	7
8 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Stan & Jan Fauth (a)	9 Yoga 10am William & Emily West (a)	10 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30	11	12	13 Austin Kingsland (b)	14 Flag Day
15  Worship 10:30am	16 Yoga 10am Angela Keys (b)	17 Bible Study 1:30	18	19 Juneteenth Sharon Moore (b)	20 Summer Solstice Jerry Greenstreet (b)	21 Stan Fauth (b)
22 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	23 Yoga 10am	24 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30 Chuck & Kate Bigelow (a) Bailyn Schellert (b)	25 Marcia Wetzell (b)	26	27 Larry Bay (b)	28
29 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Amy Smith (b)	30 Yoga 10am Jim & Marsha Foster (a)					

We collected 58 boxes of cereal and oatmeal!
Thank you so much to all who helped make
that possible!

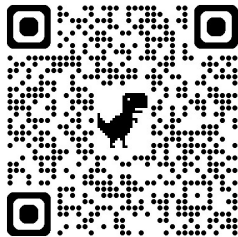
The month of June we will be
collecting boxes of
Macaroni & Cheese

Our goal is 50

**There will not
be a
potluck this
month.**

Marsha

Online giving



Happy Father's Day!



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