

Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



May 2025

From the Pastor:

Our Magazine Rack

Public places often have magazine racks, although some substitute stacks of magazines on coffee tables. Magazine racks in stores are there so that the prospective buyer can do some “prospecting,” that is, looking the magazines over before deciding what to buy – but buying, not just browsing, is the idea. Magazine racks can also be found in places where the public is forced to wait for services – doctors’ offices, auto repair shops, etc. At these places, one is encouraged to read as much as one wants but to leave the magazine for the next client.

We have a magazine rack at St. Andrew’s, right outside the doors from the hallway into the Sanctuary. These magazines are for you to read, either while you are waiting for someone or to take home, and you can take them home “for keeps” or read them and bring them back to share with others – your choice! Here are some of the things you’ll find in our rack:

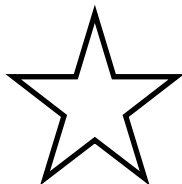
The Christian Century – This is a monthly magazine to which I’ve subscribed for about 20 years. It is widely considered to be the “flagship publication” of mainline Protestant churches (that’s us, y’all) in the United States. The Century’s contributors include some of the foremost scholars, preachers, and Christian thinkers in the world. It was the first major publication to publish Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Letter from the Birmingham Jail.” I get something out of it every month and I recommend it highly!

The Missouri Methodists – The monthly publication of our Missouri Annual Conference, this fine magazine will keep you up-to-date on what’s happening in United Methodist churches in our state and, occasionally, farther afield. I’ve learned a lot about Methodist life and polity over the last two years from reading this magazine regularly. There may be some things you can learn, too!

The Upper Room – This quarterly publication is the source for daily devotionals that many Christians find invaluable for their spiritual growth and comfort. When I was pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, we kept these in our Narthex and always ran out before the end of the quarter, often within a week of the time we received them. I was pleased to see these in the rack at St. Andrew’s when I arrived; a “familiar face” of sorts. But they don’t seem to fly out the door here. Do you need a daily boost of Scripture and Christian wisdom?

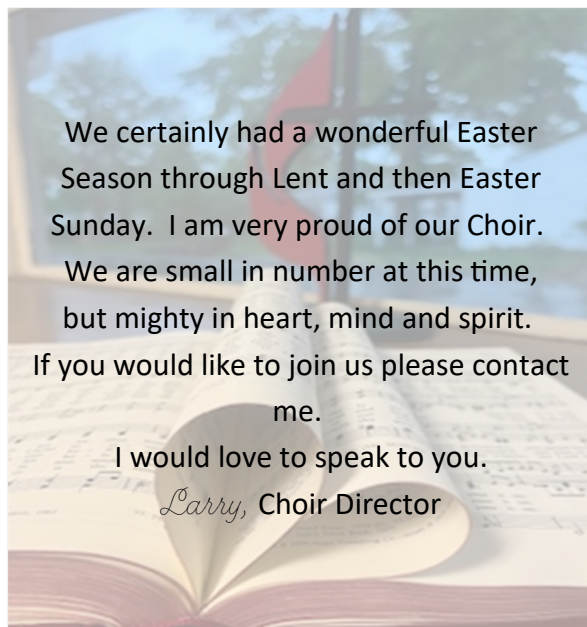
Also, in our magazine rack, you’ll find other, less frequently published items, like annual reports from organizations we support. And there is information about organizations that help in our community which you can join as a volunteer (such as CASA) or as a part-time employee (such as EZMO Transportation). Take a look next time you are in our building and feel free to take something of interest home with you.

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer



Moshier Bay dates for May: all times are 6 to 8 pm.

MAY 01	LA PACHANGA	BONNE TERRE
MAY 08	COYOL	DE SOTO
MAY 15	EL LOBO ROJO	DE SOTO
MAY 23	LA PACHANGA	HERCULANEUM

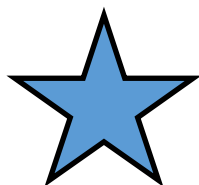


We certainly had a wonderful Easter Season through Lent and then Easter Sunday. I am very proud of our Choir. We are small in number at this time, but mighty in heart, mind and spirit.

If you would like to join us please contact me.

I would love to speak to you.

Larry, Choir Director



**St Andrew's
Rummage Sale
Returns!**

**Friday and Saturday
May 16th & 17th
8am-1pm**

**1004 Rock Road,
DeSoto MO 63020**

Donations can be brought to
the church Monday-Friday
9am-2pm (no later than
Thursday May 15th)

No Big Furniture or
Electronics. Please make sure
items are clean and in working
order. Volunteers are needed
for set up and on the day of
the event, please let Phyllis
Fisher know if you can help.

Thank You!

*Thank you Everyone!
Your donations for the
DeSoto Senior Lunches
come to a total of \$1100.
Thank you all so very much!*



In May we will be taking donations for the
Annual Conference
Special Offerings:

**Noisy Bucket Offering on Sunday, May 11th-
Support Immigration & Refugee Response**

Extend hope to immigrants and refugees through the work of Della Lamb Community Services and Lifewise STL, two United Methodist-connected organizations making a real difference. Your gift provides critical agency support — housing, job training and essential services — to those seeking safety and a new start. Partner with us in offering radical hospitality and tangible care.

**Noisy Bucket Offering on Sunday, May 18th-
Disaster Response Trailer**

Help us purchase and equip five Disaster Response Trailers for local churches with the tools needed to serve communities in crisis. From chainsaws to work gloves, every item stocked means faster, more effective relief when disaster strikes. Your generosity ensures we're ready to respond with love and practical aid when it's needed most.

Thanks for your continuing support for our
Mission Projects!
Frances, Missions

Congratulations Graduates!



Gabby Beckley

2025 Graduate
DeSoto Senior
High School



Josie Guertzgen

2025 Graduate
DeSoto Senior
High School



Carl Courtois

2025 Graduate
Jefferson College



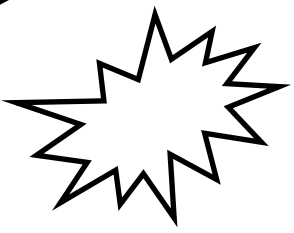
Lily Courtois

2025 Graduate
Fontbonne
University



Krista Richardson Adams

Northwest Missouri State University.
She will receive a Masters Degree
in Curriculum and Instruction
in Teaching Technology.
She is the daughter of
Deb and Steve Richardson.





Eduard Josue Gonzalez Murio

We have received a notice of a new student sponsorship with The Rainbow Network. Please meet Eduard Josue' Gonzalex Murio. He is 10 years old and in his spare time does chores and homework. He hopes to become a nurse. If you would like to send letters of encouragement, you can email them to secretary@standrewsumcdesoto.org or drop them by the office.

Free piano!

Please call the church if interested.



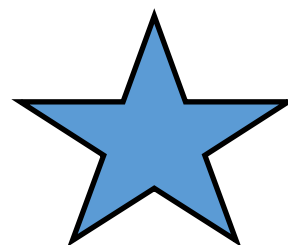
Potluck

Sunday, May 18th

The main course will be Ham.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

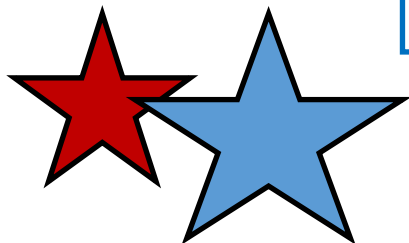
Everyone welcome!



Jefferson County Foster Children's Fund have sent a letter to St. Andrew's UMC expressing their gratitude for all of the donations received.

Thank you all for your support!

It is exam time for our college students. Please remember them in your prayers as they take their spring semester exams.



Home of the Free,
Because of the Brave.

Upcoming Fellowship

Hosts:

- May 4 Phyllis Fisher
- May 11 Becky Bradford
- May 25 Kate Bigelow
- June 1 Jim Foster
- June 8 Jan Stichling
- June 22 Rosemary Wischmeier
- June 29 Linda Sullivan

Thank you all so much!

Dear St. Andrew's,
Hello to our church family!
We will miss everyone and we only pray that we will find another church family as wonderful as you.

Love,

Glen and Joyce Marshall

132 Lakewood Dr.
Columbia, IL 62236

Administrative Council Meeting May 18th

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 National Day of Prayer Galen & Dana Robinson (a)	2	3
4 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am (Native American Ministries Sunday)	5 Cinco de Mayo Yoga 10am Connie Boyer (b)	6 National Nurses Day Bible Study 1:30pm PEO 7pm	7	8 Barbara Hoelzel (b)	9	10 Lily Courtois (b)
11 Mother's Day Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	12 Yoga 10am	13 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Jackie Brown (b)	14	15 Bob & Bryanna Alexander (a)	16 Dave Loucks (b)	17 Armed Forces Day Kent Graves (b)
18 Worship 10:30am Potluck 11:45am Judy Doyle (b) Clayton Parkin (b) Barbara Duncan (b)	19 Yoga 10am Jim Foster (b)	20 Bible Study 1:30pm	21 Alec Huffman (b)	22	23 Jack Robinson (b)	24
25 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	26 Memorial Day Becky Bradford (b)	27 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Bob & Darlene Payne (a)	28 Joe Bean (b) Will Weber (b)	29 Charles & Debby Campell (a)	30 Greg Schellert (b) Areena Smith (b)	31

Food Pantry

We collected 61 canned items in April.

Thank you to everyone!

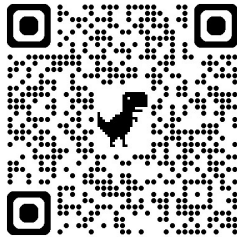
The month of May we will be collecting

Boxed Cereal and Oatmeal

Our goal is 60



Online giving



Happy Mother's Day



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www.standrewsumcdesoto.org

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.