

Newsletter



St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

October 2025

From the Pastor:

From the Pastor's Bookshelf

As those of you who've been in my office here at St. Andrew's may have surmised, I am (and have been from a young age) a voracious reader. All those volumes in the shelves here, by the way, are only about half of my theological library – the rest remain on shelves in our basement at home. In my years as a pastor, when questioned about "continuing education," I've always pointed to the forty or so books I manage to read every year whose themes are theology, Bible study, church history, Christian living, or devotional. Yes, that's on top of "pleasure reading" of various types of literature. In fact, I got in the habit at Good Shepherd Baptist of submitting to our church board at the end of every year a list of the books I'd read for continuing ed and have continued to do the same here at St. Andrew's.

I thought I'd share information about some of the books that I've particularly enjoyed or am enjoying this year:

Some of the books I read are part of my devotional time each day. Usually, these are books with short sections or chapters that I can read in a few minutes but ponder for the rest of the day. Currently, I'm reading a modern translation of Showings, the visions experienced by the 14th century contemplative theologian, Julian of Norwich, most famous for her saying, "All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well." Sister Julian's calm approach and deep love for God encourage me in these tumultuous times. In the past year, I've also enjoyed John Donne's Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions and Death's Duel, his meditations upon his own illness and his final sermon before his death in 1631. Coincidentally, I read this book as I was recovering from my heart surgery. I've also gotten a lot out of The Backwater Sermons, a collection of poems from contemporary English Christian poet, Jay Hulme, and retired local pastor Terry Minchow-Proffit's poems, Pray Tell in the Key of Blue. Another book of devotions I highly recommend is We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign, edited by Rev. Liz Theoharis.

A Biblical studies book I can recommend from this past year is one on some of the lesser-known books of the Old Testament, The Forgotten Books of the Bible: Recovering the Five Scrolls for Today, by Robert Williamson, Jr. It covers Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, Ecclesiastes, and Lamentations. As those participating in the Tuesday Bible Study know, I'm also enjoying R.T. France's commentary on Matthew. A good book on doing ministry in the local church is Countercultural: Subversive Resistance and the Neighborhood Congregation by Methodist pastor Gil Rendle, recommended to me by our former DS, Rev. Bruce Baxter.

Finally, if you've got a taste for more difficult books of contemporary theology, I'm currently enjoying Theology in Many Voices: Baptist Vision and Intercontextual Practice, by my friend, Rev. Dr. Amy Chilton. And, although it really was a tough read, I got a lot out of Catherine Keller's The Face of the Deep: A Theology of Becoming.

Please let me know if you read any of these and happy reading!

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer

Peace, Love, Trivia benefiting Night to Shine was a great night and became our largest trivia fundraiser to date. **\$7,625.25** was raised for NTS 2026. Our sincere thanks to the event sponsors, round sponsors, trivia attendees, donors, volunteers and to the planning committee.

-Danielle Moskop

Music Notes

Our choir has been working on a special piece for our congregation and will be performing it on the 3rd Sunday in October. We have been absent due to members being out of town or unable to attend. As the fall and winter months arrive expect to see the choir more often.

-Larry Bay

Missions

Thank you everyone for your contributions to the **Festival of Sharing!** We will have the totals to share next month.

Please consider donating perishable items to the **Blessing Box** located at The First United Methodist Church, 200 Boyd St. DeSoto MO.

Also, please consider participating in the **Care Portal Program**. We would love to get an idea of who is interested in this. If you could let Frances, Pastor Chris, or Dana know we would appreciate it.

-Frances Deaton

Happy Halloween



Andrew Huffman

DHS Memorial Scholarship

Trivia Night

Saturday, November 1st 2025

Elks Lodge

1520 Clarke St, DeSoto MO

Tickets \$20

Doors open 5pm, Trivia begins 6pm

for more info email friendsofandrew@outlook.com

Mosher Bay has been busy these past few months. Please follow us on Mosher Bay Facebook to find out what we have been up to and where we will be working each week.

Donations are now being accepted for the Trunk or Treat. Bags of Candy can be placed in the basket outside the sanctuary. Cash/Check donations, please indicate "trunk or treat" in memo or on envelope. Thanks!



October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Debby Campbell (b)	4
5 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am David Duncan (b)	6 Yoga 10am	7 Bible Study 1:30pm	8	9	10	11 Charla Wilson (b)
12 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	13 Columbus Day Indigenous People's Day Yoga 10am	14 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Jan Stichling (b)	15	16 Boss's Day	17	18 Bob Payne (b)
19 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Lauren Nuckols (b)	20 Yoga 10am	21 Bible Study 1:30pm Rev. Chris Boyer (b)	22	23 Merlin Weber (b) Bryanna Alexander (b)	24 United Nations Day Erika Isaacson (b)	25 Marcie Hunt (b)
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Food Pantry

We collected 72 items for the food pantry this month.

Thank you so much to all who helped make
that possible!

**The month of October we will be
collecting**

Boxes of Hamburger Helper

Our goal is 60

We will not be having a Potluck in October

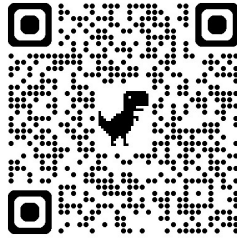
Fellowship Hosts for October

Oct. 5 Becky Bradford
Oct. 12 Marsha Greenstreet
Oct 19 Linda Sullivan
Oct 26 Rosemary Wischmeier

Thank you!

DeSoto Goes Pink Charity Walk
Saturday, October 4, 2025
VFW, 1651 Veterans Dr, DeSoto MO

Online giving



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to write, so please only contact him for
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