

# Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



April 2026

## From the Pastor:

### Gossip and the Bible

"I Heard it Through the Grapevine," has been a Top-40 hit for Gladys Knight and the Pips, Marvin Gaye, and Creedence Clearwater Revival. It's a great song! But as personal policy, especially around the church, it can be bad news...

It's been brought to my attention of late, that some church members are spreading rumors about our involvement in CarePortal. "It's nothing but a scam," seems to be the most popular of these rumors.

Please allow me to set everyone's mind at ease with some actual facts. CarePortal is a national program, administered with partners in 40 states. In those states, the governmental entities equivalent to Missouri's Department of Social Services work with CarePortal to get immediate help to families and children in crisis.

Here's how it works: when schoolteachers, principals, counselors, and social workers become aware of problems that are threatening children or families, they alert the state social services department. That agency then reviews the issue, sending trained social workers to meet with the family and ascertain the real needs. The case then goes to CarePortal, so that their network of churches, organizations, and individuals can learn the basics of the problem and respond. Identifying information is only shared with those volunteers if they indicate that they can help solve the problem by delivering needed items, performing simple repairs, or the like.

When we get requests for our families in our area, it is up to our CarePortal committee to decide whether we have the funds, volunteers, time, and talents necessary to assist the family. We will never commit funds above and beyond what has been donated to our CarePortal fund.

If you have any questions about this, please talk to me. Please do not offer opinions based on hearsay.

Which brings me to the larger issue here: gossip. I'm reminded of a bit of common ethical wisdom about THINKing before you speak, in which THINK stands for "Is it True? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind?" We're all guilty, from time to time, of saying things that don't meet this standard, myself included. But we really should all strive to uphold this standard for communication.

Why? Well, at the risk of cliché, because the Bible tells us so. From Exodus ("Do not spread false reports") to James ("Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless") and many books in between, both Old and New Testament warn us about gossip. James' big brother, Jesus, warned, "I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter." Paul wrote to the Romans that gossips, along with others, "deserve death." Of course we know that Paul also wrote to the Romans that faith in Jesus saved us from death, so the case is not hopeless.

Friends, let's help each other uphold a high standard of communication here at St. Andrew's. Please ask questions before you pass on "information." And, please, prayerfully consider supporting our CarePortal ministry.

***Rev. M. Christopher Boyer***

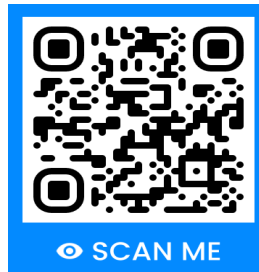
## TEXT IN CHURCH

We had a successful trial period with Text In Church.

If you haven't already, scan the QR Code below and enter your information so you receive texts and emails.



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TEXT IN CHURCH



Please check out  
**Moshier Bay**  
on Facebook.

We post every Tuesday to keep everyone updated on where we are for that week.

Thanks for all your support.

## CARE PORTAL

St. Andrew's UMC is actively involved with the **Care Portal** program. The program works with the local Foster System.

The needs are vetted through Family Services.

Families are in need of many items as small as cleaning supplies to as large as beds and dressers.

Food and housing supplements are also needed.

Donations can be made to St. Andrew's, designated for **Care Portal**.



## - SAVE THE DATE -

6/07/2026 Potluck (Theme TBA)  
6/13/2026 NTS Street Collection, Desoto  
Main Street 8am-2pm  
9/26/2026 NTS Trivia Night, Vineland  
Elementary

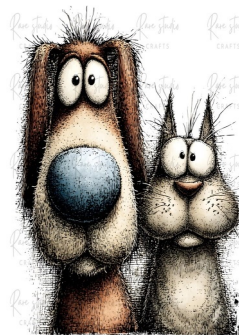
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I am really proud of  
our choir.  
They are working  
diligently for Easter.

We hope our  
anthems inspire  
you, and we  
appreciate your  
encouragement.  
-Larry



The Nurture Committee reported that Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated each month on the 3rd Sunday.



## Jefferson County Pet Food Pantry

is looking for volunteers  
and pet food recipients.

Located at 4150 Old State Rd. M,  
House Springs, MO 63051

For more information please call:

636-215-0416

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HAPPY  
April Fool's Day

# APRIL 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                | MONDAY                                                                                                         | TUESDAY                                                                                                                             | WEDNESDAY                                                                          | THURSDAY                                                         | FRIDAY                                                                  | SATURDAY                               |
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|                                                                      |                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                     | 1<br><br><i>APRIL<br/>FOOLS DAY</i>                                                | 2<br><br><i>Maundy<br/>Thursday<br/>7:00 pm</i>                  | 3<br><br><i>St. Andrew's<br/>Good Friday<br/>7:00 pm @<br/>Hope UCC</i> | 4                                      |
| 5 <i>EASTER</i><br><i>Easter Sunrise<br/>6:30 am</i><br><i>Peaceful Ridge<br/>Cemetery</i><br><i>Worship 10:30am</i><br><i>Fellowship<br/>11:30am</i> | 6<br><br>Yoga 10am<br><br>(Pastor Chris on<br>Vacation<br>4/6/26-4/15/26)                                      | 7                                                                                                                                   | 8                                                                                  | 9                                                                | 10                                                                      | 11                                     |
| 12 <i>Worship<br/>10:30am</i><br><i>Jackie Brown<br/>Preaching</i><br><i>Fellowship<br/>11:30am</i>                                                   | 13 Yoga 10am<br><br><i>Marietta<br/>Martin (b)</i><br><br><i>Bella<br/>Guertzgen (b)</i>                       | 14<br><br>Rotary 12pm                                                                                                               | 15                                                                                 | 16                                                               | 17<br><br><i>Bob<br/>Alexander (b)</i>                                  | 18<br><br><i>Chuck<br/>Bigelow (b)</i> |
| 19<br><br><i>Worship<br/>10:30am</i><br><i>Fellowship<br/>11:30am</i>                                                                                 | 20<br><br>Yoga 10am<br><br> | 21<br><br><i>Bible Study<br/>1:30 pm</i><br><br> | 22<br><br><i>Steve<br/>Richardson<br/>(b)</i>                                      | 23<br><br><i>Stoke &amp;<br/>Rosemary<br/>Wischmeier<br/>(a)</i> | 24                                                                      | 25                                     |
| 26<br><br><i>Worship<br/>10:30am</i><br><i>Fellowship<br/>11:30am</i>                                                                                 | 27<br><br>Yoga 10am<br><br><i>Danielle<br/>Moskop (b)</i>                                                      | 28<br><br>Rotary 12pm<br><br><i>Bible Study<br/>1:30pm</i>                                                                          | 29<br><br><i>Tara<br/>Schellert (b)</i><br><br><i>Clark<br/>Wischmeier<br/>(b)</i> | 30                                                               |                                                                         |                                        |

### Food Pantry

We collected **45** items for the food pantry for the month of March. Thank you so much to all who helped make that possible!

**The month of April we will be**

**Collecting:**

**TOMATO PRODUCTS**

(Stewed, Paste, Diced, Sauce, Manwich, etc.)

Happy Easter



**St. Andrew's**  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Wendi Rose is in the office

Monday-Thursday 9-2

Pastor Chris is in the office

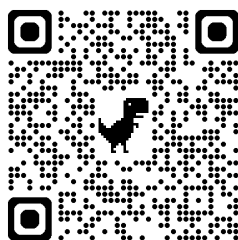
Tuesday-Friday, 9-3. Fridays are his day to write, so please only contact him for emergencies on Fridays.

### Fellowship Hosts for April

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 4/05/26 | Kate Bigelow         |
| 4/12/26 | Rosemary Wischmeier  |
| 4/19/26 | Birthday Celebration |
| 4/26/26 | Barb Hoelzel         |



Online giving



The next Potluck Sunday will be June 7th. Theme to be announced at a later date.

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