

Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



July 2026

From the Pastor:

Looking Back and Looking Forward

Our Ministry Assistant, the estimable Wendi Rose, is a strict taskmaster. She starts asking me for copy for this monthly newsletter almost as soon as the previous issue has been mailed. I, being a slow thinker, always complain: "How can I decide what to write for July when I haven't experienced June yet!" It's the same sort of problem I have every Easter. How can I think about what to preach on Easter Morning when I haven't processed Maundy Thursday / Good Friday yet? Ah, well, such is the life of a pastor! Which is, of course, what I signed up for. And, Wendi's great! Don't let my whining make you think otherwise.

Fortunately, things that have happened so far in June make it easy for me to be excited about July and beyond. Here are a few examples:

Once again, I was deeply inspired by sermons, prayers, music, and liturgy at the Missouri Annual Conference (June 5-7 in St. Charles). Bishop Farr reminded us to live into our identity as United Methodists. He reminded us that we are spiritual descendants of John and Charles Wesley, the preacher and the hymnodist who founded our denomination. Both the Wesleys, he said, leaned on grace as the center of the Good News from Jesus Christ, not law. If we are busy judging people instead of loving them, we're not being good Wesleyans. And Rev. Kim Jenne, our Conference Director of Connectional Ministries, raised the roof of the Convention Center with her outstanding and passionate sermon on the place of women and minorities in the Church. We've printed the weblinks to these two sermons in the Sunday bulletin of 6/28, but if you didn't see them there, Bishop Farr's address can be found at <https://vimeo.com/1198173111> (starting around 3:15 into the video) and Rev. Jenne's sermon is at <https://vimeo.com/1200205894>.

On June 21, we had a quick meeting of the Admin Council (because some had to rush off for Father's Day festivities). There were two pieces of business we HAD to get done: to approve Steve Richardson as our interim Chair of Trustees (thank you, Steve!), and to approve a contract to repave our parking lot and the parsonage driveway. Why does the latter excite me? Because it is a step for our future. Following the repaving/restriping, we will have three more handicap accessible parking spaces just across the driveway from our front door, making it easier for those with mobility issues to access our building. This not only answers the needs of current members but also sets us up for a future of growth among aging Christians, which is the national trend.

But we should not be content to serve aging, current Christians. We also, as Bishop Farr reminded us, need to be reaching those who are not in the Church. Since demographics show that those potential Christians are overwhelmingly young and interested in diverse gatherings, I have written a letter to the Jefferson County Leader, which they have published, welcoming LGBTQ+ persons who may be interested in a church to join us at St. Andrew's. Since our denomination has been officially welcoming to these siblings for two years now, I thought it was high time to publicize that in our area. I strongly suspect that there is a strong group of our neighbors who either are LGBTQ+ or who have loved ones who are. If we can be known as the church who welcomes them, while others shun them, then we are doing the Kingdom Work of welcoming the stranger. I believe God will bless us for blessing others.

Here's to the future!





Night to Shine

The rain on June 13th didn't dampen our spirit! Despite the rainy weather, and less traffic on Main Street, we still managed to collect \$1,823.20 for Night to Shine 2027.

Thanks to everyone who donated whether you dropped money in a canister, made an online donation, or dropped it in the Sunday offering.

Keep Shining! Danielle Moskop

MISSION MINUTE

Magazines to Share

We are collecting donations of magazines to go to retirement homes, nursing homes, etc. Such gifts are gladly received.

Suggestions are back issues of periodicals such as "Missouri Conservationist", "National Geographic", "Martha Stewart", and the like. Drop them off at St. Andrew's during business hours Monday-Thursday, or Sunday morning.



Please check out **Mosher Bay** on FACEBOOK. We post on Tuesday the locations, dates, and times we are playin' for the week.

You can catch us at local restaurants and The Dirty Cowboy Farm.

Come out and see us!



SAVE THE DATE

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| 9/06/2026 | Potluck (Theme to be announced at a later date) |
| 9/20/2026 | Worship at The Antioch Baptist Church |
| 9/26/2026 | NTS Trivia Night, Vineland Elementary |



St. Andrew's UMC Choir

If you like to sing, come see me. We always have a place for you in the choir.



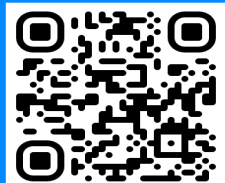
-Larry Bay



Celebrating

250 Years of Independence

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TEXT IN CHURCH



SCAN ME

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:45am Layna Richardson (b) 	6 Yoga 10am  Edgar Huffman (b)	7 Bible Study 1:30  Carrie Faust (b) 	8	9 Larry Deaton (b) 	10	11 Zachary & Krista Adams (a) 
12 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:45am Linda Sullivan (b) 	13 Yoga 10am 	14 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30  Doug & Betsy Weber (a) 	15 Mark Nickless (b) 	16	17	18
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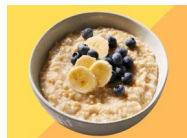
Food Pantry

We collected **64** items for the food pantry for the month of June. Thank you so much to all who helped make that possible!

The month of July we will be collecting:

Instant Oatmeal

Our goal is 50



Happy 4th of July



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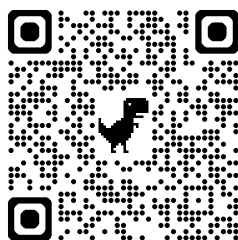
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Wendi Rose is in the office
Monday-Thursday 9-2
Pastor Chris is in the office
Tuesday-Thursday 9-3, working from home on
Fridays. Please only contact him for
emergencies on Fridays.

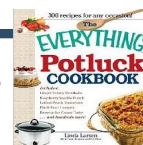
Fellowship Hosts for July

7/05/26	Barb Hoelzel
7/12/26	Paul & Becky Bradford
7/19/26	Birthday Celebration
7/26/26	Volunteer Needed

Online giving



The next Potluck will be September 6th. Theme to be announced at a later date.



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