

Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



June 2026

From the Pastor:

God, Faith, and Rock and Roll

I meet with several groups of pastors and other ministers on a regular basis. I developed this habit early in my pastoral career for a couple of reasons. First, after nearly thirty years making all or part of my living in professional theatre and the arts, there were things I simply didn't know about being a pastor, my seminary degree notwithstanding. So I looked to my more experienced colleagues for advice. But second and just as importantly, I discovered that I needed the prayerful companionship of my fellow clergy to support and encourage me in the often-demanding, sometimes-draining, but always-fulfilling role of pastor.

These days, I meet in person with four groups. There's the DeSoto Ministerial Alliance which, faced with declining membership and wanting to address a host of issues, is trying to redefine itself. Please pray for that group! There's also the Twin City Area Ministerial Alliance, which seems to have found its niche in bringing Christians together across denominational and theological lines for meaningful worship. A new group is the "hub" of UMC pastors in this area, which is very much about sharing ideas and encouragement. Members include the pastors of First UMC DeSoto, First UMC Festus, Hillsboro UMC, New Hope UMC Arnold, Wesley UMC Festus, Transformation UMC House Springs, and Zion UMC Mapaville. I also continue to meet with St. Louis area American Baptist pastors, simply because they are my friends and I don't get to see them otherwise.

But I meet with one group via Zoom, except for very rare occasions when a few of us find ourselves in the same city. It's a group of pastors who mostly serve in the Presbyterian Church, USA, and the ministry of bringing us together is partly funded by that denomination. I got involved by being "the friend of a friend." It's called "Our Selah," based on the obscure Hebrew word found in some of the Psalms, which scholars believe is a musical term equivalent to "rest."

Rest is a pretty good term for what we do as we engage in a litany of worship together and are encouraged to share our burdens and our delights in ministry with God and with each other. The leaders of the group design a theme for each meeting (every two weeks), often inspired by the seasons of the Christian year (Advent, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and Ordinary Time). In our 90-minute meetings, we read and meditate on Scripture and that Scripture is paired with something from the world of the arts: poetry, visual arts, or music.

The founder and leader of the group recently invited me to help her design a series of sessions focused on how popular musicians express their religious faith or lack thereof in their music. Many of you will have noticed that this is a recurring feature of my own preaching, so I was delighted to accept the challenge. I've been working through my large collection of Rock & Roll CDs, to identify songs of interest. Some of the artists whose music I love have been easy choices, such as Bruce Springsteen and U2. Others might be more surprising: Eric Clapton, Coldplay, Death Cab for Cutie, the Grateful Dead, and more...

Just as I turn to my fellow pastors for advice and encouragement regarding our shared paths in ministry, so I look to "secular" artists for encouragement and insight into the shared human experience of encountering God and life. I am often reminded of the wisdom that "all truth is God's truth," usually attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo.

What truth have you learned from the world lately?

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer





Please check out **Moshers Bay** on Facebook. We post every Tuesday the dates, locations, and times of where we are playing that week.

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

Come out and see us.

Bring the kids and grandkids!!



St. Andrew's UMC Choir

We are working on the
anthem,

Come To The Water

We will present the piece
on Sunday, June 7th.

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



Celebrating

All the incredible dads



Happy Retirement Miloud!

St. Andrew's UMC would like to thank Miloud Atchi for 25 years of service. It has been a pleasure having Miloud take care of our church. He will definitely be missed.

If you would like to thank him, cards can be sent to him c/o St. Andrew's UMC.



- SAVE THE DATE -

6/07/2026	Potluck/Picnic Dinner
6/13/2026	NTS Street Collection, Desoto Main Street 8am-2pm
9/26/2026	NTS Trivia Night, Vineland Elementary



Night to Shine

Night to Shine is doing our annual street collection on Desoto Main St. on Saturday, June 13th, and we are looking for volunteers!

Shifts are 2 hours long. The 8-10 am spots are filled. We still need volunteers for 10 am-12 pm, and 12-2 pm. We supply safety vests, flyers, collection canisters, sunscreen, cold water and Gatorade. All we need are your smiling faces!

If you are interested in volunteering, contact
Danielle Moskop at 314-609-6395.

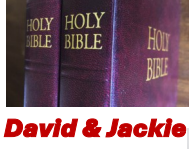
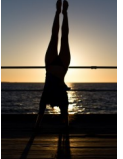
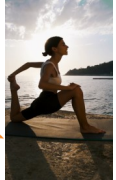
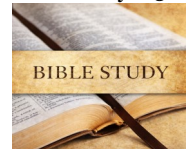


SCAN FOR
TEXT IN CHURCH



SCAN ME

June 2026

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

Food Pantry

We collected **56** items for the food pantry for the month of May. Thank you so much to all who helped make that possible!

**The month of June we will be collecting:
DRY GOODS**

(Jiffy, Mac & Cheese, Noodles, Just-Add-Water Potatoes/Knorr, etc.)



Our goal is 50



Happy Flag Day



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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 June

6/07/26	Potluck/Picnic Dinner
6/14/26	Volunteer Needed
6/21/26	Birthday Celebration
6/28/26	Kate Bigelow

Online giving



The next Potluck/Picnic Dinner will be June 7th. Fried Chicken will be provided. Picnic sides are needed.



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