

# Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



March 2026

## From the Pastor:

### Welcome to Lent

As I write this, I am preparing to go down the hill later for the combined Ash Wednesday service with 1<sup>st</sup> UMC and Hope UCC, our two most consistent partners for worship in the DeSoto Ministerial Alliance. I'm glad that we can observe the traditional beginning of Lent with this ecumenical gathering.

By the time you read this article, however, that event will be past as will the first Sunday in Lent, which I will mark with a sermon on Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, another Lenten tradition. For churches (and preachers) who stick to the lectionary in the organization of their worship services and sermons, such traditions are well-established. Of course, as you know, I don't always stick to tradition.

So, during the rest of Lent and, indeed, for the rest of the liturgical year, I'm going to be dipping in and out of "Year A," which is mandated for this year by the three-year cycle of the lectionary. I'll use Year A when it suits me but otherwise I'm going to be using a new scheme, published just five years ago: "Year W: A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church."

"Year W" is the work of Rev. Dr. Wilda "Wil" Gafney, one of the foremost proponents of womanist theology. If you are not familiar with that term, a popular web resource defines womanist theology as "a methodological approach to theology which centers the experience and perspectives of Black women." Though I am (obviously) neither Black nor a woman, I hope to apply Rev. Gafney's work to discover new meanings for us all in familiar scriptures.

I feel strongly that the "intersectionality" of womanist theology is important for all of us. Even as Rev. Gafney and other Black women experience life and God through their "intersectional" identities as both African-American and female, so each of us bring to our study of scripture our life experiences as members of different "microcultures." We come from various ethnic heritages, different genders, a mix of family sizes and educational levels. None of us is exactly alike and yet we all seek to follow Jesus and His/our Loving Parent into the way of life. How can our different backgrounds and perspectives help us all in our journey?

Our Year W journey will be focused on scriptures that deal with the experience of women in the Bible. We'll start at the very beginning, with Eve. Later sermons as I've planned them so far will feature the New Testament's "bad girl," Mary Magdalene, the anonymous women who followed Jesus, and others.

I'm glad that St. Andrew's has such a strong history of women in leadership, from the women who've served here as pastor, to those who continue to lead us on the Administrative Council and in our committees. We are blessed by our sisters in Christ!

*Rev. M. Christopher Boyer*



**Starting March 12th**

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

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

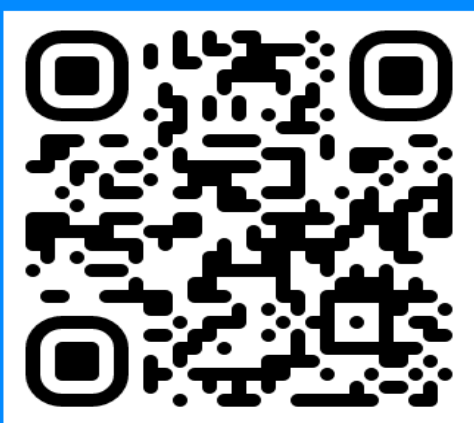
**Thanks for all your support.**

**TEXT IN CHURCH**

We are trying a new way to inform  
everyone of Church events and  
information. Please scan the QR Code  
below and fill out your  
information to start receiving  
Communications.

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

**SCAN ME**

The **Nurture Committee**  
purchased a 30-cup  
water filter for coffee,  
lemonade, tea, etc.  
Please help yourself to a  
glass of filtered water.




The **Pastor-Parish Relations Committee** reported that  
the city had been contacted  
regarding tree branches  
that were encroaching on  
Dale Street. The branches ,  
at the parsonage, were  
taken down to the trunk.

**THANK YOU CITY OF  
DESOTO!**

Don't forget:  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins March 8th**

# MARCH 2026

## Twin City Area Ministerial Association in ecumenical fellowship

### Sunday Evenings in March at 5:00 pm

| SUNDAY                                                                                                        | MONDAY                                                             | TUESDAY                                                                      | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                | FRIDAY    | SATURDAY                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>Worship 10:30am<br>Potluck Luncheon 11:30am<br>Rev. Vicky Michaels @Selma American Baptist Church | <b>2</b><br>Yoga 10am<br><br><i>Larry &amp; Frances Deaton (a)</i> | <b>3</b><br><i>Bible Study</i><br>1:30 pm<br><br><i>Hunter Guertzgen (b)</i> | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b><br><br><i>Kate Bigelow (b)</i> | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>                                 |
| <b>8</b><br>Worship 10:30am<br>Fellowship 11:30am<br>Rev. Michael Lydon @Festus First UMC                     | <b>9</b><br>Yoga 10am                                              | <b>10</b><br><i>Rotary 12pm</i><br><br><i>Bible Study</i><br>1:30 pm         | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b>                               | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>                                |
| <b>15</b><br>Worship 10:30am<br>Fellowship 11:30am<br>Rev. Bobbie Blunt @St. Andrews UMC                      | <b>16</b><br>Yoga 10am                                             | <b>17</b><br><i>St. Patrick's Day</i><br><br><i>Bible Study</i><br>1:30 pm   | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b>                               | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br><br><i>Dennis Doyle (b)</i> |
| <b>22</b><br>Worship 10:30am<br>Fellowship 11:30am<br>Rev. Leslie Limbaugh @Festus First Christian Church     | <b>23</b><br>Yoga 10am                                             | <b>24</b><br>Rotary 12pm<br><br>No Bible Study                               | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>                               | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>                                |
| <b>29</b><br>Worship 10:30am<br>Fellowship 11:30am<br>Ben Wiles @Buran Chapel AME Church                      | <b>30</b><br>Yoga 10am                                             | <b>31</b><br>Bible Study 1:30pm                                              |           |                                         |           |                                          |

### Food Pantry

We collected 73 items for the food pantry this past month. Thank you so much to all who helped make that possible!

**The month of March we will be  
collecting  
Canned Chili**

Happy St. Patrick's Day



**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 March

|         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 3/01/26 | Potluck              |
| 3/08/26 | C.J. Lindsay         |
| 3/15/26 | Birthday Celebration |
| 3/22/26 | Jan Stichling        |
| 3/29/26 | Linda Sullivan       |

Online giving



**Potluck Sunday, March 1st, will be Italian. Please bring a side or dessert to share.**

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