

Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



May 2026

From the Pastor:

United We Serve

Although I'm writing this at the end of April, I've already begun to get my ducks in a row concerning my attendance at the Missouri Annual Conference meeting at the beginning of June (June 5-7). I'm registered, I've arranged for pulpit supply for the Sunday of the Conference (Rev. Dr. Bart Hildreth will be preaching for me), and I've gotten information together about the Conference offerings (see below). And although, as you all know, I've only been part of the Methodist connection for three years, I find that I am getting quite excited about attending that three-day meeting.

The reasons for my anticipation are several. I have found the worship services at the Annual Conference to be consistently inspiring. It's nice for pastors to be able to attend worship services in which we don't have a leadership role, but it's especially appreciated when the music, prayers, and preaching are of the high quality that I've experienced for the last three Junes in St. Charles. I've also been inspired, especially the last two years, by the episcopal address, given by Bishop Bob Farr. And there are people I look forward to seeing – colleagues who may serve nearby but whom I rarely get to chat with, due to the busy-ness of pastors' schedules.

I'm also looking forward to the sense of connection fostered by the offerings that are taken up during the worship services. One of the great benefits of being part of a worldwide communion such as the United Methodist Church is seeing how disparate churches and their members from all around our state, our nation, and the world can join together in service, making a difference for people all over the world in a way that a single church never could. This year, our Conference offerings will be used to fund two important initiatives: Next Generation Ministries and Global Mission Engagement.

The Next Generation Ministries offering will support the Missouri Conference Internship Program and next generation formation efforts that:

- Provide high-quality mentoring, formation and training
- Place interns in meaningful ministry and community settings
- Expand recruitment among diverse student populations
- Grow the number of interns, sites and formation experiences each year.

In other words, we are building the future of the United Methodist Church in Missouri!

As for Global Mission, this year's offering will be shared equally between the Peru partnership and the Mozambique Initiative. Our gifts will support leadership development, community partnership and sustainable mission initiatives in both contexts: 50% Peru. 50% Mozambique. So we are not only building a future in our state, but around the world. We'll be raising money for these offerings here at St. Andrew's later this month.

"United we stand; divided we fall" has been used as a motto in the United States since the Revolutionary War and is still the official motto of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. But for our United Methodist connection, I think "United we serve" fits better. When we come together, we serve our God, our denomination, and our siblings in Christ. That's worth getting excited about!

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer

We certainly had a wonderful Easter Season through Lent and then Easter Sunday.

I am very proud of our Choir. We are small in number at this time, but mighty in heart and mind. If you would like to join us, please contact me.

I would love to speak to you.

Larry, Choir Director



Please check out

Mosher Bay on Facebook.

Beginning in May, we will be playin' the first Saturday of the month at **The Dirty Cowboy Farm & Mercantile** in DeSoto, 6-8pm, thru October. A nice, family venue. Bring the kids and grandkids!!

Thanks for all your support.

St. Andrew's UMC Choir

After taking April off, the choir will resume rehearsals in May.

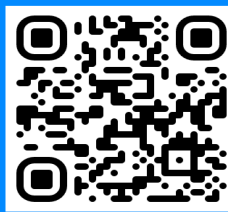
Working on the Octavo

Come to the Water.

We will present the piece to the congregation on Sunday, May 24th.



SCAN FOR
TEXT IN CHURCH



SCAN ME

- 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



a.k.a. "Those
Two Old Guys"



PECANS

We still have pecans for sale.

Whole: \$12/bag

Pieces: \$11.50/bag

MISSION MINUTE

We will be presenting information regarding apportionments and mission possibilities as the year goes on.

Be sure to check Bulletin inserts for information. Stay tuned weekly for opportunities in Mission. Any questions or ideas please call the office at 636-586-2472 or Kate Bigelow at 636-586-6508.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES !!!

COLLEGE:

Asa Faust

Hunter Guertzgen

HIGH SCHOOL:

Kaitlyn Gibson, DHS

Dylan Vollmar, DHS



Celebrating

All the incredible moms

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 National Day of Prayer <i>Galen & Dana Robinson (a)</i>	2 Mosher Bay at the Dirty Cowboy Farm 6-8 pm
3 Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	4 Yoga 10 am 	5 Cinco de Mayo Bible Study 1:30 pm <i>Connie Boyer (b)</i>	6 National Nurses Day	7	8 <i>Barb Hoelzel (b)</i>	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY  Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am <i>Lily Courtois (b)</i>	11 Yoga 10 am 	12 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30 pm 	13 <i>Jackie Brown (b)</i>	14	15 <i>Bob & Bryanna Alexander (a)</i>	16 ARMED FORCES DAY <i>Dave Loucks (b)</i>
17 Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	18 Yoga 10 am <i>Judy Doyle (b)</i>	19 Bible Study 1:30 pm <i>Jim Foster (b)</i>	20	21 <i>Alec Huffman (b)</i>	22	23 <i>Jack Robinson (b)</i>
24 Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 11:30 am	25 	26 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30 pm <i>Becky Bradford (b)</i>	27 <i>Bob & Darlene Payne (a)</i>	28 <i>Will Weber (b)</i>	29 <i>Charles & Debby Campbell (a)</i>	30 <i>Areena Smith (b)</i>
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Food Pantry

We collected **63** items for the food pantry for the month of April. Thank you so much to all who helped make that possible!

The month of May we will be

Collecting: Corn & Green Beans

Our goal is 60



Happy Memorial Day



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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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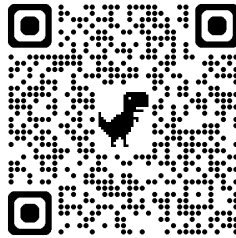
Pastor Chris is in the office

Tuesday-Thursday 9-3, working from home on
Fridays. Please only contact him for
emergencies on Fridays.

Fellowship Hosts for May

5/03/26	Laura Souders
5/10/26	Kate Bigelow
5/17/26	Birthday Celebration
5/24/26	Volunteer Needed
5/31/26	Volunteer Needed

Online giving



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



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