

Newsletter

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church



November 2025

From the Pastor:

Happy November

Happy November, friends! As we enter into this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, there is indeed much to give thanks for! As you read this, I may well be giving thanks for my first visit to the Eternal City, Rome. As you may have heard, Connie was invited to submit a proposal for a paper to the Lipedema World Congress, which is taking place at the Fiera di Roma Pavilion, November 5-8. She will be presenting and I couldn't let her go without me! To allow for sane travel and a little sightseeing for Connie, we will be gone from November 3-10. We already have tickets to see the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, and the Vatican Museums. I'm trying to plan a trip to the Catacombs and other religious and historical sites for while she's in session. Please pray for our safe travels and for Connie as she speaks.

Since I will be absent on Sunday, November 9, our Lay Leader, Jackie Brown, and I decided that would be an excellent opportunity to give a new preacher his first sermon experience. Marshall Bedell had been asking his mother if she thought I might allow him to preach, so... Happy to turn the pulpit over to you, Marshall! I've got a lot of confidence in our young brother, so my only regret is that I won't be here to hear him! Fortunately, I'll be able to watch the service video when I return to the States. I remember with great gratitude how the saints at Kirkwood Baptist supported my earliest sermons when I was just the age Marshall is now. Please be sure to turn out to support him if you are able.

I'll be missing another event on November 9, as well. As was the procedure last year, several Southeast District churches will be gathering at 1 st UMC, Festus, for a combined charge conference. Representing St. Andrew's will be Jim Foster (Trustees), Marsha Greenstreet (Nurture), and Dana Robinson (Secretary). Please keep them in prayer as well and remember to thank them. The business to be transacted is pretty simple, but the process can be cumbersome and tedious.

If you are looking for a community worship service to celebrate Thanksgiving, we have been invited to participate in two. The Twin City Area Ministerial Alliance will have a service on Sunday, November 23, at 4:00 p.m., at Grace Presbyterian Church, 105 Bailey Road, Crystal City. The DeSoto Ministerial Alliance service will be at 6:00 p.m. that evening, at Hope United Church of Christ, 100 South Third Street. Please attend whichever is most convenient for you.

Finally, we are having a grand celebration of St. Andrew's Day on Sunday, November 30. Our sisters and brothers of The Antioch Baptist Church are travelling down from the city to be with us. Their Emanuel Ensemble will sing and Rev. Dr. F. Delano R. Benson, Jr. will be our preacher. After the service, we will have a potluck lunch for all. In a return to what I understand is an old St. Andrew's tradition, we will have chili and chicken noodle soup to anchor the meal.

Salads, sides, and desserts are up to you! Bring enough for a party and we'll have a great time of worship and fellowship.

I'm already giving thanks for November! How about you?

Rev. M. Christopher Boyer



Thank you Edgar & Karen Huffman for the update to the front of the church. The new posts are stunning! This was done **In Memory of Andrew Huffman.**

Thank You!

We will be decorating **ST. Andrew's for Advent on Monday, Nov. 24th. Pizza provided. Please join us!**



Please check out Mosher Bay on Facebook.

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

The choir will be doing a special song on November 23rd (the Sunday before Thanksgiving) called

“Simple Praise”

I hope you will be in attendance for this beautiful song.

Charge Conference Nov 9th

First Methodist Church Festus 3pm

Night to Shine volunteer registration is open now! Volunteers are crucial to the success of this event, and we need roughly 225-250 to make it happen.

Please check out our website:

standrewsumcdesoto.org/night-to-shine-2026

This is a great volunteer opportunity for all students and counts toward community service/volunteer hour requirements. If you have children in a local high school or in your family, please share this opportunity!



Thank you all for your donations to the Festival of Sharing. Pastor Chris made a trip to Dexter with the 9 Paper Product Kits (valued at \$189) for the event. Thank you so much for bringing in products and contributions!



All Saints Day
Remembrance Service
November 2nd

Missions for November will focus on the **Jefferson County Foster Children's Fund Holiday Event.** The following are items they have requested for this year:

Unwrapped toys (birth-18 years old)
Family Board Games and Card Games (toddler-adult)
Puzzles/Craft Kits for all ages
Pajamas (size preemie thru 4XL)
Sport Items (balls, skateboards, scooters, helmets, etc)
NHL, NBA, MLB, NFL, soccer & collegiate items such as:
Hats, T-shirts/Sweatshirts/Hoodies, Souvenir Cups, Pennants, etc.
They will also need cookies, snack cakes, chips, juice boxes and bottled water for the party. Monetary donations accepted also, please indicate JCFC on memo line of check.

Don't forget:

Daylight Savings Time Ends November 2nd

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 All Saints Day
2 Remembrance Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	3 Yoga 10am	4 No Bible Study	5	6	7	8 Carl Courtois (b)
9 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Lyle Bryant (b) Mike Kingsland (b)	10 Yoga 10am	11 Veterans Day Rotary 12pm No Bible Study	12	13 Isaac Faust (b)	14	15
16 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am Sebastian Smith (b)	17 Yoga 10am	18 Bible Study 1:30pm	19 Brycen Kingsland (b)	20 Leah Parkin (b)	21 Marsha Foster (b)	22 Rosemary Wischmeier (b) Dawn Hagedorn (b)
23 Worship 10:30am Fellowship 11:30am	24 Yoga 10am	25 Rotary 12pm Bible Study 1:30pm Tara Richardson (b)	26 Stokely Wischmeier (b)	27 Thanksgiving	28 CJ Lindsay (b)	29
30 Worship with Antioch 10:30am Potluck Lunch 11:30am Robert Nichols (b)						

Food Pantry

We collected 74 items for the food pantry this month.

Thank you so much to all who helped make
that possible!

**The month of November we will be
collecting
Chocolate chips and other morsels**

Our goal is 60

Happy Thanksgiving



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Dana Robinson 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 November

11/2/25	Kate Bigelow
11/9/25	Barb Hoelzel
11/16/25	Phyllis Fisher
11/23/25	Jan Stichling
11/30/25	Antioch Baptist Church - Potluck Chili & Chicken Noodle Soup

Online giving



Potluck Sunday Nov 30th, Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup. Please bring a side or dessert to share

St Andrew's UMC DeSoto

1004 Rock Road

DeSoto, MO 63020

St Andrew's Chili Recipe

2 lbs ground beef
1 med onion, chopped
1 (16 oz) cans tomatoes, undrained & chopped
(or put in a blender for a few seconds)
1 (16 oz) can water
2 (31 oz) cans Brooks chili hot beans
1 tbsp chili powder
1 tsp salt
1 tsp cumin (not necessary)
2 Tbsp sugar

Brown onion and ground beef; remove to a bowl to remove the grease. In a large pan, pour in the tomatoes along with the sugar and bring to boil for 5 minutes. Add the chili hot beans, cumin and salt. Stir and then add the ground beef and onion. Bring all this to a slow boil, stirring quite often. Then turn to medium heat and cook for another 30 minutes. Stir often.

Serves 14 (1cup) servings