

# St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

## NEWSLETTER

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Morning Worship, Sunday: 10:30 AM  
Children's Church, Sunday 10:30 AM  
Adult Bible Study, Tuesday 1:30 PM

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### Fellowship Dinner

**Corned Beef and  
Cabbage**

**March 19, 2017**



*Maundy Thursday*

**April 13, 2017**

**7:00 PM**

**At St. Andrew's**

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord:

*From the  
Pastor*



Jack, the painter, often would thin his paint so it would go further. So when the Church decided to do some deferred maintenance, Jack was able to put in the low bid, and got the job. As always, he thinned his paint way down with turpentine.

One day while he was up on the scaffolding-the job almost finished-he heard a horrendous clap of thunder, and the sky opened. The downpour washed the thinned paint off the church and knocked Jack off his scaffold and onto the lawn.

Jack knew this was a warning from the Almighty, so he got on his knees and cried: "Oh, God! Forgive me! What should I do?" And from the sky, a mighty voice thundered: "REPAINT! AND THIN NO MORE!"

Another season of Lent has started. Another opportunity for deepening our lives is being given to us. My prayer is that all of us will be able to receive the gift that God is offering to us during these special days. Well, what is that gift? What gift does God have for me, for you? More life, deeper life, a fuller life. That's a very powerful and wonderful gift, isn't it? God wants us to live with the deepest, fullest life possible. That's really what this season of Lent is all about.

We get this gift by being open to receiving it, by wanting it with all our hearts, by asking for it over and over again, by waiting in the presence of the loving Giver.

We should be very clear about one thing. Lent is not a second chance to see if we can keep our New Year's resolution. Lent is not really about giving up this or that, no matter how hard this or

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that may be. There may be a place for some kind of self-sacrifice but only if that self-sacrifice is done with an eye on receiving the gift of deeper life from God.

Giving up desserts or your favorite television show is not at the heart of this season. But if giving up something helps you to become more receptive to receiving the gift of deeper life from God, then, by all means, give it up. If television is mainly just a distraction, keeping you from spending time with others whom you love or who need your care, then give it up.

Many of us need to do one very important thing in order to ready ourselves to receive God's gift—we need to empty ourselves. We need to let go of whatever is threatening to take over our lives. That is going to be very different for each of us. Many of us have allowed ungoverned, uncontrolled and constant activity to effectively push out any empty space in our lives. Some of us are still trying to consciously fill ourselves up with too many things, too much food and drink, too much entertainment, too much work, too much shopping and so on. You can complete your own personal list.

God does want us to pay attention to our desires, but not to our superficial desires. God wants us to pay attention to our very deepest desires—for love, for compassion, forgiveness, mystery, peace, silence. In other words, God wants to give us all the gifts we really need in order to live the loving and God-filled lives all of us really want to live.

How does the story of the temptation of Jesus fit into all of this? In a nutshell, the temptations were all about one thing—trying to get Jesus to live in a worldly way instead of in a Godly way. That's not so different from our own struggle. Nothing could be easier than to live our lives totally immersed in our everyday activities with only the occasional thought of what it all really means. The spiritual aspect of our lives does not often force itself upon us. So, Lent is a time when we are asked to once again make space for what is at the heart of our lives.

Above all, Lent is a time of renewal. We call it the "springtime" of the Liturgical Year, and ask God to help us with the important task of inner renewal. Lent is the promise of a new start for all of us, not a time of discouragement or sorrow. Rather, it is a time when we rejoice that God is a God of refreshment, of new life, of new beginnings. And these promises are not empty ones but are full of the power that

comes from the Christ who comes back to life in resurrection. During Lent, we can have confidence that Christ is bringing us with him into a new and wonderful life.

-Pastor Darlene

## Prayer List

Bryanna Alexander, Pat Ames, Charlene Barr, Lorraine Bay, Mark Blake, Elmo and Ann Blum, Elaine Bone, Nick Borusiewich, Don Bourbon, Sue Bowman, Scott Boyer, Joe Brock, Glen Brod, Bill Brooking, Joe Bryant, Peggy Calhoon, Beverly Clark, Marge Cope, Rich Costello, Larry Deaton, Wanda Dillingham, Patty Donnell, Deanna Dunnegan, Karol Dunnegan, Mike Farris, Brian Fauth, Carol Fauth, Darla Finch, Bobby Fisher, Rebecca Fisher, Lori Gardner, Merrill Garland, Robin Gray, Ray & Betty Greenlee, Mary Greenstreet, Priya Grover, Hunter Guertzen, April Hale, Kimberly Hall, Barbara Hanna, Rich Hessler, Mary Jinkerson, Bob Johnson, Geraldine Johnson, Linda Keeley, Aleashia Kite, Mike Klaus, Dixie Klein, Valerie Konert, Cindy Korkhamer, Beth Land, Claudia Lawrenz, Bob LaRouche, Jackie Lewis, Earl Lintner, Milton Loessberg, Macunhe UMC and Pastor Raquel Joao Alar, Beth Mahn Ross, Danny Mahn, Irmalee Mahn, Jesse Marler, Gene Martin, Regina Martin, Ruth Martin, Sarah Martin, Joan Mason, Keith Mason, Norma McCally, Tiny Medcalf, Patty Melton, Bob Miller, Chris Miller, Margaret Morgan, Diane Naujokaitis, Thomas Estus Nicholas, Dorothy Noack, Matt Owens, Dick & Dorothy Parish, Angie Peters, Dan Poggemoeller, Joyce Pope, Connie Pouliezios, Amy Pressey, Cole Propst, the Wayne and Judy Propst family, Tom Pruitte, Zach Rasse, Elaine Rathjan, Betty Ray, Stewart Reed, Butch Renick, Jean Ann Reynolds, Marie Rhodes, Anita Robinson, Beth Mahn Ross, Kayston Salazar, Savannah Santonge, Pam Skaggs, Tommy Scharfenberger, Michelle Schott, Matthew Scott, Blanco Seibels, Jim Smith, Karen Smith, Lawrence Smith, Lucas Smith, Shawn Snider, Joe Soetebier, Ronald Speidel, Ashley Stellhorn, Dennis Sullivan, Martin Thomas, Eric Thuer, Maureen Touchstone, Butch Turek, Linda Twomey, Joann Underwood, Donna Walker, Margie Walker, Ron Walters, Jim Watson, Natalie Weiss, Barbara Weston, Megan Wheeler, John White, Mary Lou Whittemore, Addie Wiggins, Marian Willis, Joe Wilson, June Wilson, Kelton Wilson, Chuck Wintermute, Marie

Paul Case, Caleb Huskey, Kelsey Kingsland, Nick Mahn, Michael Monroe, JP Parkin & family, Clark Robinson, Ryan St. John, Sharon Snow, Bill Tucker, Keith Wakeland, Chris Weaton, Stokely Wischmeier.

## Christian Sympathy Extended

to...

The family of **Evelyn Lewis**, who passed on February 21, 2017.

The family of **Rich Costello**, who passed March 13, 2017. A Celebration of Life for Rich will be planned later.

## Children and Youth Ministries

# Save the date!

## VBS 2017

### June 28-30

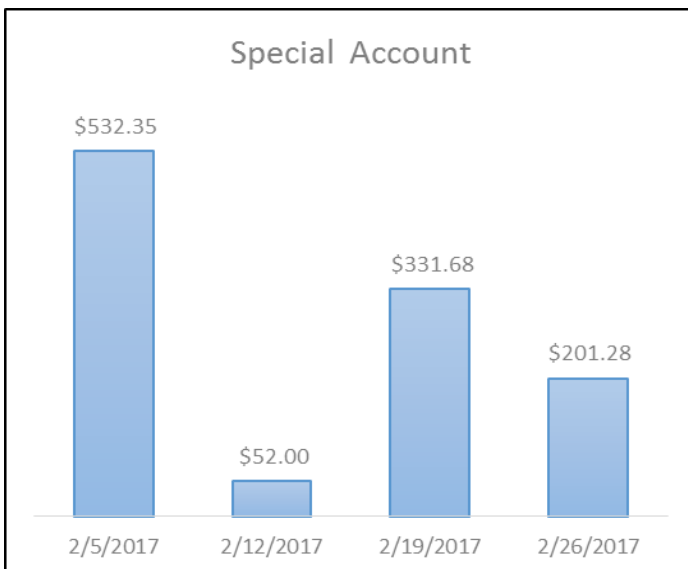
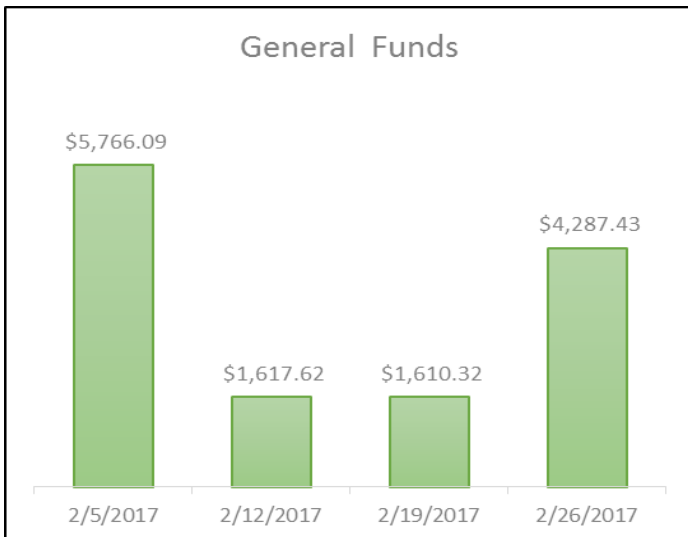
### What is your Superpower?

...With God anything is possible.

Matthew 19:26

**See hallway bulletin board for more details.**

## \$\$ Income for February \$\$



The Building Fund also received \$500 on February 5, 2017 and the Memorial Fund received \$100 on February 26, 2017.

## Conference Notes

Constitutional amendments for the Missouri Annual Conference in June!

[www.moumethodist.org/2017votingmatters](http://www.moumethodist.org/2017votingmatters)

Frances Deaton's granddaughter is helping find volunteers for the Special Olympics on April 12, 2017 that will take place at De Soto High School. **Maggie Deaton** is President of the Student Council and as such has the responsibility of recruiting volunteers to help with a myriad of different jobs that day. If you'd like to get involved, volunteers with differing abilities are needed.

## Special Olympics



If you're interested in helping out that day, contact Terry Dallas at 314-210-8760. She is going to match your level of involvement with the perfect opportunity for you.

## Special Prayers for...

The church custodian will be having knee surgery next week. Please remember Miloud in your prayers as he goes through surgery and recovery.

## Ministerial Alliance

2016 Income: \$16,504.40

2016 Expenses: \$15,953.82

An estimated **980** people were helped during 2016!

## Nurture

How quickly this first quarter is passing; it is again time for another group of our devoted folks to sign up on our volunteer sheets for next quarter.

April, May & June are approaching full speed ahead, and we could use some of you. Pray about it asking God where you can serve Him. I'm certain you will be guided to step up and give of yourself.

In Christ's Love,

Terry Neckermann, Nurture Chairman



## 2017 Spring Classes Gateway Regional District

**April 1st and April 22nd**  
from 9-3 pm at

Centenary UMC | 20 Park Ave. | Bonne Terre, MO 63628

*Please bring sack Lunch or it will be provided for \$10 .*

✝ **BASIC** - This basic course is an introductory course designed to equip new leaders and to renew current leaders. The course is foundational for other lay leadership training courses and will cover three main categories of Lay Servant Ministries: leading, caring, and communicating. This course is a prerequisite for advanced courses if you are seeking lay speaker certification.

Course Book "*Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book*" by Sandy and Brian Jackson.

✝ **Transforming Evangelism**- This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. They will discover that it not only involves sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith.

Course Book "Transforming Evangelism" by Henry H Knight and F. Douglas Powe, Jr

For more information: visit

<http://www.gatewaydistricts.org/LayServantMinistries>

## Music

### *Easter Cantata*

Presented by the Chancel Choir

### *No Greater Sacrifice*

*Remembering Christ's final days & ultimate*

*gift of love*

Music by Larry Shackley  
Lyrics by Pamela Martin



### Sugar Moon Performing

- March 24, 2017 at La Pachanga in Herculaneum  
5:00-8:30
- April 6, 2017 at Coyol's  
5:30-8:30
- April 8, 2017 at Fountain City Grille  
5:30-8:30
- April 21, 2017 at La Pachanga in Herculaneum  
5:00-8:30

### Sarah Doremus Circle

**Come one — Come all!**

Only two weeks remain to bring in your unwanted items for the church-wide spring rummage sale. You may drop them off in the room across from the Fellowship Hall Monday through Thursday and of course, on Sunday.

Your contributions will be helping others. If you have questions or need help, please call Jan at 586-4092.



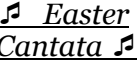




### Spring Bake Sale

**Sunday, April 2, 2017**

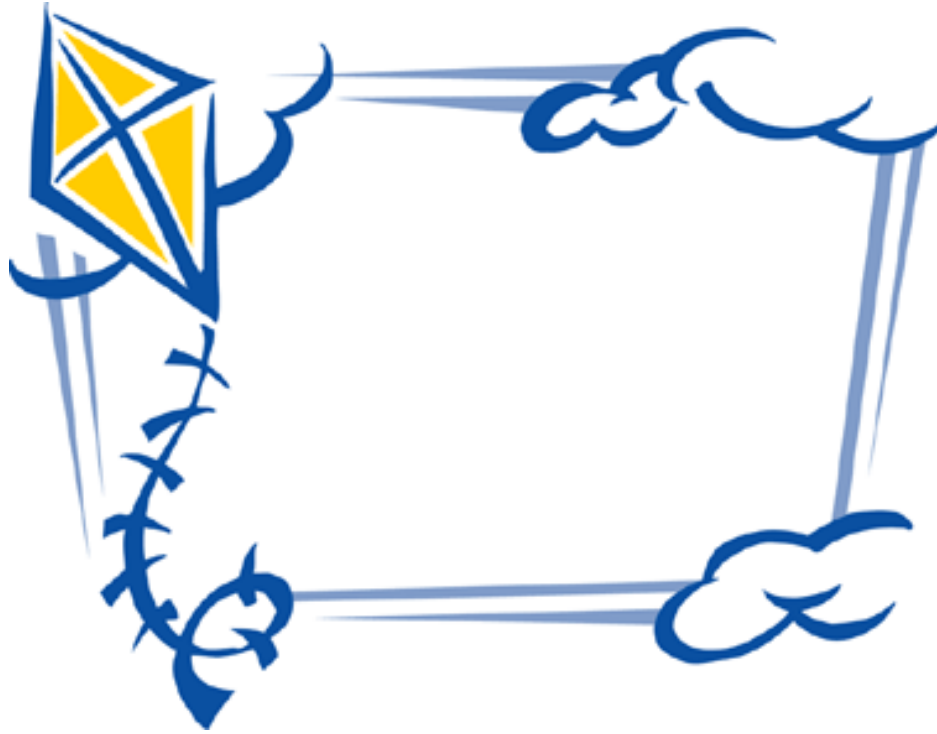
You will find some of your favorites, along with yummy Easter treats for all to enjoy.

Your donations to these fundraisers are always appreciated by us. They will help build our mission funds for those in need.

# April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Jessica Robinson (b)
2 Jenny Wurth (b) Scott Voss (b)   Bake Sale	3 Yoga 10 AM	4 Jerry & Marsha Greenstreet (a) Julianne Christopher (b) Rotary 12 PM  Bible Study 1:30 PM	5 Chancel Choir 6:30 PM	6 Margie Walker (b) DFM Vendor Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>Rummage Sale</b>	
9 Doug & Margie Urban (a)   <u>Easter Cantata</u>	10 Marietta Martin (b) Yoga 10 AM Admin. Council 6:30 PM	11 Rotary 12 PM  Bible Study 1:30 PM	12 Chancel Choir 6:30 PM	13 Bella Guertzgen (b) Charles Hoelzel (b)  Hardees Bible Study 7:30 AM *Lenten Service	14 *Lenten Service	15 JP & Leah Parkin (a) Church Breakfast 7:30- 10:30 AM ✂ Church Cleanup
16 Bob Alexander (b) *Lenten Service	17 Chuck Bigelow (b) Yoga 10 AM	18 Michelle Stephens (b) Rotary 12 PM  Bible Study 1:30 PM	19 Chancel Choir 7 PM	20	21 Steve Richardson (b)	22 James Bryant (b)
23 Stoke & Rosemary Wischmeier (a)	24 Yoga 10 AM	25 Shannon Tinsley (b) Rotary 12 PM  Bible Study 1:30 PM	26 David Nuckols (b) Chancel Choir 7 PM	27 Danielle Moskop (b) Tara Schellert (b)	28	29 Lonnie & Angie Keys (a) Clark Wischmeier (b) Betsy Weber (b)
30 Singspiration at First Methodist 6:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;">*Lenten Service Details</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maundy Thursday Services at St. Andrew's 7 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Good Friday Services at First Methodist at 7 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunrise Service at Peaceful Ridge at 6 AM</p>					

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DeSoto Farmer's Market News

**Vendor Meeting**

**April 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM**



**Tractor Parade**

**April 22, 2017 at 10 AM**

Church Breakfast & Clean-Up

**March 18, 2017**

**7:30-10:30 AM**

