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# St. Andrew's Chronicle

— April, 2008 —

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## *From The Pastor's Desk*



As I write this, there is a lot of talk in the media about what Sen. Obama's pastor, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr., said in various sermons. This is important to us, not as a political issue, but rather as a church issue. You see, Dr. Wright, until his recent retirement, was the Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ; thus, this church is in our denomination.

Now, I have not seen the entire sermons from which the clips were taken, so I cannot discuss them, and yes, like Sen. Obama, I do not agree with the clips, assuming they are not taken out of context.

What I can and need to comment on is the way the media all too often misunderstands the United Church of Christ. We do not do church like a lot of other churches. A unique part of our churches is our diversity and our tolerance of that diversity. We do not agree with each other all of the time. Often times people in our churches come from very different religious backgrounds, and we do not require you to ignore your religious past. Thus, there will be differences of opinion. You may not agree with other members, and you may not even agree with your pastor.

Out of that disagreement, we can be challenged. We can grow in our understandings of faith issues. We can learn about other Christian faith journeys and be inspired. All it takes is an agreement that we can disagree.

This is much different than in many churches where you must agree to those in power above you or you are out, no longer a part of the

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The church office is open Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Our answering machine is always available to take a message.

### **Sunday Schedule**

**Worship Services** 9:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

**Sunday School** during 10:15 a.m. services

**Nursery Available** during 10:15 a.m. services

There is a Coffee Hour following both services.

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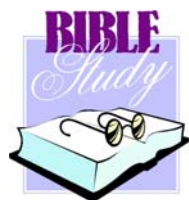
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denomination. If one assumes, as is often the case with the media, that the United Church of Christ works in this way, then one will completely misunderstand us. We do not all agree on everything. Ours is a denomination where the responsibility of one's faith rests with the individual soul, not some other person who tells us what we must believe. Ours is a challenging denomination where all are called to grow in their faith.

So, if you hear others talking about the United Church of Christ, it will be a great opportunity to speak up and share how our churches work and what we are all about.

*Dr. Bob Summers*



### *St. Andrew's Bible Study*

There are plenty of Bible Study/Discussion Group opportunities at St. Andrew's:

Women: Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. & Thursdays, 3:00 p.m.

Men & Women: Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.

Men: Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.

If your schedule does not allow you to participate in one of these current groups, and you would like to attend a study group, please let us know. Perhaps there are others who would like to start another group at a more convenient time.

Those of you who have been attending a study group can attest to the fact that this time spent in the study of the Word, fellowship and mutual support, has enriched not only our spiritual lives, but our friendships here at St. Andrew's. We invite you to join us.

## *Thanks to All of You*

Dear St. Andrew's United Church of Christ families,

I would like to extend my warmest greetings to you and your entire families. How are you doing there with your entire families? I and my family are in good health. We hope that this letter finds you and your family in the best of health.

I have received \$50 in USD that you sent me through Christian Children's Fund Ethiopia Borchota area project for the occasion of Christmas holiday. Thank you very much for your blessed provision. I have received the money and soon bought nice clothes, shoes, and other necessary good and services with the money you sent.

I am attending school in grade two and doing well in my studies.

I wish you and your families Happy New Year. Until we come in touch by next letters, goodbye.

Your sponsored child,

*Gudeta*

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## *The Rummage Sale is Coming!*

Spring is here, and it's time to start thinking about items to set aside for St. Andrew's annual Rummage Sale. The sale will be **Friday, June 6** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and **Saturday, June 7** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Starting **May 19**, you can bring your donations down to the back Sunday School room.

We need clothing in *good, clean condition*, shoes, purses, household items, dishes, books, tools, games, toys, trinkets, small working electrical appliances, yard goods, bicycles, end tables, desks, chairs, sofas, curtains, baby items, computers and printers, etc.

*No* large appliances (like stoves, refrigerators, washers, or dryers), please! Also, please *don't* donate mattresses, box springs, doors, tires, or propane tanks.

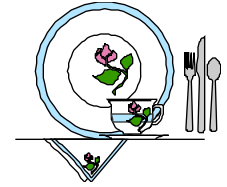
Your contributions to the rummage sale are tax-deductible. If you would like a written receipt, please jot down the items you have and make your request known when you drop the items off. We are happy to provide you with this documentation.

Our goal this year is \$5,000, with a pledge to our Relay for Life Team of \$500. Please help us meet this goal!

If you have questions, please contact the rummage sale chairperson, Julie Summers, at 253-2199 or call the Church office at 426-8610.

In addition to the rummage sale, we will also be having a bake sale on both days. So start thinking now about what you want to bake!

## *Enjoy Dinner and Fellowship*



Here come more tasty meals, sure to tempt your taste buds and satisfy your hunger for food and friends.

**April 3:** Baked Chicken and Dressing

**May 1:** Chop Suey and Egg Rolls

Serving will begin at 5 p.m. and tickets for dine-in and carry out meals will be sold at the door. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for youth ages 5-12, and free for children 4 and under.

Please join us for a tasty meal and good fellowship.

## *The Shirts Off Our Backs*

125th anniversary shirts will be on sale beginning Sunday, April 6th after the worship services in the fellowship hall. Pre-paid orders will be taken for t-shirts, sweatshirts, polo (golf) shirts, baseball caps and tote bags. Delivery should be within about two weeks, so get your orders in as soon as possible!

## *Thank You For Your Incredible Work*

Last month, a devoted volunteer crew spent a day doing a lot of hard work in the parsonage: cleaning up, replacing the linoleum in the kitchen, and other necessary maintenance. This crew, led by Jim Kaercher, donated a good chunk of time and even more elbow grease to make sure the building was ready for our new tenant. We would like to thank Jim and his crew: Joanne Arft, Jeannie Kaercher, Maggie Kaercher, and Bob and Lil Burby. Great job, all of you!

## *Your Assistance is Needed*

St. Andrew's is in great need of volunteers to staff our nursery over the summer months. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you can help out.

## *Stitching Memories: Piece-makers' Annual Quilt Show*

It is Quilt Show time again and the Piece-makers are putting together their **Fifth Annual Quilt Show**, scheduled for **Saturday, May 10th** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. here at the church.

This event draws about 300 plus folks into our church from all over southeastern Michigan and even Ohio. This year, to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Andrew's, the Piece-makers hope to gather 125 quilts from the congregation and quilters and collectors in the area. If you have a favorite (home-made, but not necessarily "hand" made) quilt or two you would like to share, please contact either: Elaine Owsley at 426-4980 or Ginny Weber at 426-3275 or catch one of them at church.

Ask your quilting friends if they would like to share their quilts also, or your sisters, cousins, aunts and even uncles. And, of course, encourage them all to attend the show, which will include baked goods and coffee along with demonstrators and vendors.

Forms are available on the table outside Pati's office and in the narthex.

Also, be sure to take a look at the raffle quilt and then buy lots of tickets. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and the money raised, from both the raffles quilt and the show, is used to purchase supplies for the quilts the Piece-makers make for Mott Hospital children.

For additional information, please contact either Elaine or Ginny at the numbers listed above.

## *April Birthdays*

- 1 - Lisa Murphy
- 2 - Elaine Owsley  
- Dorothy Schneider
- 3 - Roberta Cobb  
- Pat Schmoekel
- 4 - Megan Mosher
- 6 - Else Lutz  
- Bev Shafer
- 7 - Kevin Mors
- 9 - Lynette Lynch
- 11 - Brittany Bourdon
- 12 - Ann Schaffner  
- Chris Short
- 14 - Shirley Cobb
- 16 - Rev. Robert Summers



- 20 - Ann Egeler
- 21 - Patti Marble
- 22 - Ardis Bradbury  
- Carla Gordon  
- Julie Smith
- 25 - Bruce Breuninger
- 27 - Rick Mace
- 28 - Art Klumpp
- 29 - Leola Ernst

Please inform the church office if we have forgotten any members.

## *Thank You*

Thank you so very much for all the beautiful cards I received while recuperating from my triple bypass. It was a long stay but I am back to normal and feeling great. Thank you, Dr. Bob and Joanne for all the visits. Also thank you to the Good Shepherds and everyone that prayed for me. It is great to be home.

*Fran York*

## *American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, April 28, 2008*

The spring American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place in the fellowship hall on **Monday, April 28** from 1-7 p.m.

*Why Give?* Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. That's a lot of blood. But only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood in any given year. Healthy donors are the only source of blood; there is currently no substitute.

*For Your Convenience!* To make an appointment to donate blood, you can call 1-800-GIVELIFE (1-800-44835433).

At the last blood drive, we had 55 prospective donors and collected 45 pints of blood. The ARC was very pleased with the results. An update of the number of donations received at the April blood drive will be printed in the May, 2008 Chronicle.

## *Adult Study Retreat*

Bethlehem UCC (423 South 4th Avenue, Ann Arbor) has invited us to join in an adult study retreat on the weekend of **May 2 and 3**. The presenter will be Dr. David Greenhaw, president of Eden Theological Seminary, one of our three Midwest UCC school to train pastors. The retreat will focus on the future of mainline churches like ours. Dr. Greenhaw is completing a book on modern Protestantism. He will help us think through our history and our hopes for the future.

Participants will gather Friday evening for dessert and an introduction to the materials. Saturday we will begin at 9 and continue no later than 3. The event will include lunch (free will offering). All are invited.

You can RSVP by emailing Pastor Greg Smith (greg@bethlehem-ucc.org) or calling (734) 665-6149. They need a count ahead of time for meal and material purposes. Please RSVP no later than April 27.

## *Let's Go for a Walk!!*

*Relay for Life of Dexter* June 21st and June 22, 2008

We have signed up to participate in Relay for Life. It is a community event dedicated to celebrating survivorship and raising money for the American Cancer Society research and programs. This event will take place at the Cornerstone School grounds on Dan Hoey Road. For information log on to <http://events.cancer.org/rfldextermi>. Click on St. Andrew's, or go to our website: [www.standrewsdexter.org](http://www.standrewsdexter.org)

We will soon be signing up for walkers, donations, survivor events, etc. If you would like further information please contact: Judy Even (email to [jeven1@hotmail.com](mailto:jeven1@hotmail.com), or call 426-3796), Betty Davenport (email [bdavenport@juno.com](mailto:bdavenport@juno.com) or call 426-4093), or Donna Gregory (426-8388).

## *Attention, Graduating Seniors!*

The Scholarship Committee announced that applications for the St. Andrew's Scholarship are available in the church office, and must be submitted by 2:30 p.m. on **May 15, 2008**. The basis for selection is as follows:

1. Church membership — active, not passive
2. Character
3. Previous school record (i.e. scholarship, school citizenship, responsibility, dependability, and work habits)
4. All other things being equal, scholarships will be made to those who would make the best use of it and who, in the judgement of the committee, have the greatest need.



If you have any questions, call the church office at 426-8610.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		<b>1</b> 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	<b>2</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>3</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 3:00 p.m. Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Monthly Dinner (Chicken)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 p.m. Glen Geer Square Dancing
<b>6</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services	<b>7</b> 7:00 p.m. All-Committee Night Meetings	<b>8</b> 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. Piece-Makers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 p.m. Family Game Night
<b>13</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 p.m. 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>16</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>17</b> 9:00 a.m. Piece-Makers Quilting 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 p.m. Glen Geer Square Dancing
<b>20</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services	<b>21</b> 6:30 p.m. Elders 7:00 p.m. Consistory	<b>22</b> 7:00 p.m. Sunday School Curriculum Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bible Study	<b>23</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir	<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 3:00 p.m. Bible Study Time TBD - Wedding Rehearsal, Dinner	<b>25</b> Wedding of Donyl Salas and Andy Marshall	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Worship Services	<b>28</b> 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>29</b> 7:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study	<b>30</b> 1:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:15 p.m. Jr. Choir 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir			