

A Note of Thanks

The members of St. Joseph Catholic Church would like to thank the St. Andrew's membership for allowing them to use the church's outdoor resources during their "Sunset Run" that took place on Saturday, July 21. They used our water and hose to assist runners during a very successful event again this year.

We are glad to be able to work with and help our neighbors during their annual festival.

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Kyla. A funeral service was held for Mrs. Danner on Saturday: June 30 at the Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel.

Thank You For Your Kindness

The family of David Ernst wishes to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and hugs during David's illness and death. A special thanks to Dr. Summers and Roberta Cobb for the beautiful service and to the ladies that prepared and served the lovely luncheon, also Bert and Dennis, the clean-up crew. Our church family was a great comfort during our loss.

Leola and family

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Ladies Retreat

Attention ladies! The fall retreat at Spring Hill Camp in Evart, Michigan will take place October 12-14, 2007. In the past, a number of ladies from St. Andrew's attended the retreat and a good time was had by all. If you have not attended a retreat in the past and would like more information, registration forms are available on the table outside Pati's office.

Registration forms and a schedule of events can also be found online at www.springhillcarrzps.com. In the Michigan column, click "retreats and events," then click on "Women's Fall Retreat: October 12-14."

We hope to have many new First-time attenders again this fall!

Thanks, St. Andrew's

A big thank you to our generous congregation from the Sunday School children and Youth Group. The blankets you purchased enabled us to raise \$145 for our brother Gudeta.

It was wonderful that you support our efforts to be good Christians in the world.

Dear Friends

I want to thank everyone for your visits, phone calls, and prayers during my recent recovery from knee surgery. Also, thank you to Dr. Bob for visiting me in the hospital.

Your expressions are very much appreciated.

Thelma Rice

28 - Ned Blacklaw- Jeff Van Doren

If we have forgotten your birthday, please contact the church office so we can correct our records.

Kudos

The following individuals are to be congratulated for their continued service to the church:

Ron Klumpp recently painted the parking lines in the area closest to the building and in the larger parking lot across the street. Thanks, Ron. for taking the guess work out of parking!

Now that the fellowship hall has been renovated, we were in need of window blinds to cut down on the noise and allow us to adjust the lighting. and the Piecemakers and the Funeral Luncheon Ladies came to the rescue. We want to express our sincere appreciation to the Piecemakers for their donation of \$500 from proceeds raised at the May guilt show. Also, the ladies who provide luncheons for grieving families and friends donated \$234.63 to fund the remainder of the project.

The Piecemakers also made a generous donation of \$500 to the church's general fund.

Thank you, Brandon Otto, Joe Weber, and Kevin Wheeler for maintaining the church and parsonage lawns.

Rummage Success!

Thanks to all the great volunteers and donations, the St. Andrew's Rummage Sale was once again a success. Our goal was \$4,500, which we beat by \$50. The Bake Sale and Lunch goal was \$500, which was beat by over \$100.

Thank you also for your patience while the "newbie" (Julie Summers) got her feet wet with this event.

Let's do it again next year!

Deaths

Earl Savery passed away on June 6, 2007 at the age of 95. Mr. Savery was a member and employee of St. Andrew's United Church of Christ for many years. He was survived by his two sons, Gordon Savery of South Branch, MI. and Elton ".Jim" Savery of Cocorro. NM; five grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; and his sister, Leola Ernst. Funeral services were held in the sanctuary on Monday, June 11, 2007 and were officiated by Dr. Robert Summers. Christian burial followed at the St. Andrew's cemetery where he was buried next to his wife of 61 years, Irene.

Virginia Ann Danner passed away on June 24, 2007 at her home in Pinckney at the age of 83. Mrs. Danner will never be forgotten by those who loved her, including her four children: Kathleen (William) Overkamp, Lon Danner, Carmen Danner, and Colleen Danner (partner Carol); her sister Betty Schultz of Florida (formerly of Dexter); three grandchildren: Khory, Karre, and Jacob; and one great-granddaughter

6 - Betty Davenport
7 - Steven Lynch
9 - Gale Cobb
10 - Donna Kaercher - Susan Rutkowski
11 - Veronica Buckley - Nonna McAllister
12 - Lisa Tomshany
13 - Michele Oberholtzer - Joseph Owsley
14 - Hilary Spaulding
15 - Mike Vail
21 - Glen Geer
23 - Eimily Vail
25 - Margaret Egeler - Judy Leverett - Paul Scherdt
27 - Carolyn Dancer - Bill Gilbert
18 - Bob Burby
28 - Scott Marshall
19 - Rachael Blacklaw - Ron Klumpp - Ryan Schmoekel - Betty Jo Stendel
20 - Edwin Egeler - Erwin Egeler - Kathy Koch - Marianna Leverett - Marie Proulx
29 - Larry Clark - Lindsey Cole - Maryanne Jaeger
30 - Allan Elsasser - Laura Keefer

Thank You, Piece-Makers

We wish to express our most deeply and heartfelt thanks to the members of the Piece-Makers of St. Andrew's. Thank you for the beautiful handmade quilt you provided for our Randy when he was a patient at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The Laurim Family

August Birthdays

1 - Joanne Arft- Ruth Shoop
4 - Carolyn Lowery- Paul Tomshany
5 - Clare Hampton- Audrey Marshall
6 - Janice Knope- Kristina Jaeger
8 - Bob Van Natter
9 - Marti Pons
10 - Becky Deanhofer- Doris Smith Kathryn Steinaway
13 - Judie Dioszegi- Tom Smith
14 - Julia Murphy- Karl Schillinger
21 - Jeff Smith
15 - Betty Lesser
17 - Linda Evans- Alex Hiner
19 - Sonic Hargrove
20 - Lois Ritchie- Emma Wheeler
22 - Debbie Phillips
24 - Kayla Wing - Lindsey Rettig
25 - Stephanie Mitchell
27 - Joyce Vail

High School Graduates Alyssa Knope, Annie Taylor, Brandon Wing.

Police Academy Graduate Paul Tomshany, III

2007 Confirmation Class

On Sunday, June 3, 2007, the following young adults were confirmed by Dr. Summers and welcomed into membership:

Ethan Robert Breuninger Alexander Cassidy Hiner Erika Ryan Nestor

Austin Lawrence Clark Julia Marilyn Murphy Nicole Kim Swrisher Emily Marie Vail

During the worship service, we were treated to a Power-Point presentation featuring a picture of each new member and the Bible verse each was given by the Pastor. It was a wonderful enhancement to our confirmation service.

We are very proud of these young adults for their commitment to the Lord and to St. Andrew's Church.

2007 Scholarship Award

Congratulations to Brandon Wing, who is the recipient of the 2007 St. Andrew's Scholarship award. A check was presented to Brandon at the 9 a.m. worship service on June 3.

On behalf of the congregation, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to the individuals who made monetary donations to the scholarship award. The family of Virginia Wilson donated \$300 from her memorial fund, and a private donation of \$200 was made by Cheryl Eaton in

Loving memory of her sister, Joanne Bobo.

Our Children Need Your Help

One of the most important jobs our church undertakes is the Christian education of our youngsters, but we need your help. You don't need to be a Bible scholar or have any unique skills. All you really need is a willingness to help give the children of St. Andrew's a good foundation in Christ's teachings.

We already have people to put together lessons, but we need more people to teach those lessons to the Sunday school children. We're not talking about a continuous, every-Sunday commitment. Using the Workshop Rotation curriculum, teachers serve three-week rotations, between which they're free to attend regular worship. And the more teachers we have, the more time between rotations.

Please contact Joanne Arft or the church office if you can volunteer your time and talents.

July Birthdays

1 - Ciladys Booth

3 - Amy Baldus

5 - Annie Tavlör

But I'm not talking about large changes. The changes I'm referring to, you won't hear any one asking you to dig deeper in your pocket to help fund. These changes won't even require funding. The change I'm referring to is already in us.

I was not there, but I believe back when St. Andrew's first started, the Pastor had a special hitching post just for his horse and buggy, and someone would have to clean up after his and other horses. Someone also had to come in early on Sunday mornings to light the lamps and get the heat going so the rest could be warm when they came for worship. Every Sunday the same routine. Why? Because "that's the way we've always done it". Well, if "that's the way we've always done it", why don't we do it that way now? **CHANGE!**

Now the Pastor has an asphalt parking lot to park his car on. No cleaning up now but the lines need to be periodically repainted. We now have automatic heat and the church is warm when we all get there and electric lights when you flip a switch. These are all changes made thru the years.

Change that is even less drastic and even more noticeable is the way we treat one another.

When members step in to help; we don't want to discourage them by telling them they are doing it wrong. Instead we should offer encouragement and assistance if needed. Proverbs 15:1 says, *A kind answer soothes angry, feelings, but harsh words stir them up.*

They may even have a better way.

Every one of the events held here at St. Andrew's started at some point, at that time the phrase, "we've always done it that way" did not hold true. And as the years went on something new would be added to each event. Change!

Some of these changes may not have worked for the better. So they were dropped. Then again some of them were for the better, they were kept. Not all changes work but you don't know until you try.

So the next time you are working on an event you have worked before, and you have someone helping that is new to that event, you may want to ask, do you have any ideas?

Just remember, at one time you were new to this event, and I would bet things are not the same as when you first started at them. Things change, and they need to change to keep up with the changing world.

So what I'm asking is, let us all consider a little change. We don't have to change the whole event, just be open to little changes. For example; the tables don't have to be set up a certain way, because "that's the way we've always done it". Change is necessary for a church to grow. And I believe these seven words, "that's the way we've always done it" could possibly even destroy a church.

William S Marshall

Philippians 2:13-14 God is working in you to make you willing and able to obey him. Do everything without grumbling or arguing.

Congratulations, Graduates

Congratulations to the following graduates of the St. Andrew's family that were recognized during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on June 3.

Veronika Buckley Chelsea LeMarbe

moving in the beginning of July) that I was not able to get the summer newsletter completed for July.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Ray Lowery

Ice Cream Social

It's time for our annual Ice Cream Social!

Place: St. Andrew's United Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

Date: Saturday, August 11, 2007

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Menu: Sloppy Joes, hot dogs, knock-worst and kraut, American and German potato salad, baked beans, fruit cups, beverages, and FREE cake with your meal, and of courseplenty of ice cream and toppings!

The ice cream social will take place during Dexter Daze this year. We're hoping for a big crowd! Your help is needed for this fun event. You will see sign-up sheets in the church. Don't wait to be asked. I challenge you to call us before we call you!

Reach Out to Our Shut-ins

Whether due to injuries or infirmities, some of our members aren't able to get out and about often, if at all. But these "shut-ins" need their church family, perhaps more than most members.

If you're interested in visiting or calling a shut-in, please call one of the members of the Good Shepherds Committee:

Margaret Barrett 426-5100

Virginia Weber 426-3275

Joyce Waggoner 426-4755

Barb Baldus 426-3488

Change

We are all (looking for ways to attract new members and retain the members we have, and the best way I can see to accomplish this task is with a little change.

Yes; we have just made some major changes with a new Pastor and Choir Director and with the addition of an elevator, air conditioning. New roof ceiling, windows in the fellowship hall and remodeled restrooms These changes make our building more inviting by making it accessible to all. It makes it more comfortable and appealing to have updated facilities and fresh leadership.

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Why Do I Need to Go to Church?

There once was a church member who rarely attended church. "I am a good Christian," he would tell people, "So why do I need to go to church?"

His pastor heard about what he was saying and decided to pay him a visit. It was a cold evening as the pastor approached the man's house. The moon was out, and the pastor could see the smoke of the man's fireplace rising from the chimney. The pastor smiled at the sight.

The pastor rang the doorbell. After opening the door and recognizing the pastor, the man had a surprised look on his face and simply said, "Hi." Without a word, the pastor walked in, put his coat on the back of a chair by the fireplace and sat down. The man didn't know what to say, so he silently sat down by the fire, too. After a moment, the pastor got up. He took a pair of tongs that were hanging by the fireplace and separated one of the embers from the fire. He then silently sat back down.

At first the ember was glowing red and orange. But with some time, it cooled down and lost its hot color. After quite a bit of time, the pastor said, "I don't need the fire. I am a good ember."

Then the pastor got up and put the ember back into the fire. In a short time, it began to glow again.

As the pastor got up and put his coat on to leave, the man said, "'That was the most powerful sermon I have ever heard. You will see me in church on Sunday.'"

The pastor smiled with a twinkle in his eye and, without a word, left.

Now, why did your pastor share this story with you as a hot summer is beginning? Yes, I know the church is now air conditioned, but the flame of the spirit needs rekindling all year long.

Dr Bob

Summer Worship Service

We are currently observing our summer worship service with one worship service held at 10AM. A Sunday school class for children and a staffed nursery are available during the worship service. We will continue having a coffee hour following the worship service.

We will return to two worship services on Sunday, September 4.

I'm Late! I'm Late!

I'd like to apologize for the lateness of this issue of the Chronicle. My wife and I were finally able to purchase a house in Dexter and move (hooray!) from our previous home out in Ypsilanti. Unfortunately, however, the timing was such (closing at the end of June, then